

# Bird Watching Etiquette

For the best bird watching experience, please follow these tips:

- Stay on the trail or path. Going off trail can damage the habitat and nesting areas the birds need.
- Watch birds from a distance. Getting too close or following a bird can cause them stress. Stressed birds are more likely to abandon active nests.
- Consider bringing binoculars with you to safely view birds from a distance. Also try visiting our Bird Garden to watch birds at the bird feeders.

Our Bird Garden feeders are filled with wild bird seed graciously donated by preserve visitors and local businesses. We thank you for your continued support.

# Tips for a Bird Friendly Backyard

Recycle old coffee cans, milk cartons and plastic tubs—they make great bird feeders.

Brush your dog or cat and save the fur! Birds love to use animal hair and other soft materials such as natural fiber yarn for their nests.

Birds need water for drinking and bathing! An upside down trash can lid or easy to clean bird bath works great. Just make sure to change your water frequently.

Plant native trees and shrubs in your yard to provide food and shelter for visiting birds.

*For more bird gardening tips visit:*  
<http://nwf.org>.



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## Bird Checklist



Use this checklist of birds to record your own bird sightings.

If you encounter any additional birds during your visit, please let us know.



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<b>Seabirds</b>	
___ Pied-billed Grebe	- W*
___ Double-crested Cormorant	- W*
<b>Heron-like Birds</b>	
___ Great Blue Heron	- YR
___ Green-backed Heron	- SP*, S*, F*
___ Little Blue Heron	- S**, F**
___ Great Egret	- S**, F**
___ Snowy Egret	- S**, F**
___ Turkey Vulture	- YR
___ Black Vulture	- YR*
<b>Swans, Geese, Ducks</b>	
___ Canada Goose	- YR
___ Mallard Duck	- YR
___ Black Duck	- W*
___ Green-winged Teal	- W*
___ Blue-winged Teal	- F**
___ American Wigeon	- W*
___ Wood Duck	- Sp*, S*, F*, W**
___ Ring-neck Duck	- W
___ Lesser Scaup	- W*
___ Bufflehead	- W*
___ Red-breasted Merganser	- W**
___ Hooded Merganser	- W*
___ Ruddy Duck	- W**
<b>Hawk-like Birds</b>	
___ Osprey	- Sp*, S**, F*
___ Bald Eagle	- YR **
___ Northern Harrier	- F**, W**
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	- F, W
___ Cooper's Hawk	- YR *
___ Red-tailed Hawk	- YR
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	- YR
___ Broad-winged Hawk	- Sp*, F*
___ American Kestrel	- YR**
<b>Chicken-like Birds</b>	
___ Northern Bobwhite	- YR**
___ Wild Turkey	- YR**
<b>Marsh Birds</b>	
___ American Coot	- F**, W**
<b>Shorebirds</b>	
___ Killdeer	- YR*
___ Greater Yellowlegs	- SP**, F**
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	- Sp, F**
___ Solitary Sandpiper	- Sp, F*
___ Spotted Sandpiper	- Sp, F
___ Least Sandpiper	- Sp**, F**
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	- Sp**
___ American Woodcock	- YR**
___ Herring Gull	- W**
___ Ring-billed Gull	- Sp*, F*, W
<b>Pigeon-like Birds</b>	
___ Rock Dove	- YR*
___ Mourning Dove	- YR
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	- Sp*, S*, F*
<b>Owls and Other Nocturnal Birds</b>	
___ Eastern Screech Owl	- YR
___ Great Horned Owl	- YR
___ Barred Owl	- YR*
___ Common Nighthawk	- F*, W*
___ Chuck-wills-widow	- Sp**, S**
___ Whip-poor-will	- Sp**, S**

<b>Swift, Hummingbirds</b>	
___ Chimney Swift	- Sp, S, F
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	- Sp, S, F
___ Belted Kingfisher	- YR
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	- Sp*, S*, F*, W**
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	- YR
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	- Sp*, F, W
___ Downy Woodpecker	- YR
___ Hairy Woodpecker	- YR*
___ Northern Flicker	- YR
___ Pileated Woodpecker	- YR*
<b>Flycatchers</b>	
___ Eastern Wood Pewee	- Sp*, S*, F*
___ Acadian Flycatcher	- Sp, S, F
___ Least Flycatcher	- Sp**, F**
___ Eastern Phoebe	- SP, S, F, W*
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	- Sp, S, F
___ Eastern Kingbird	- Sp, S*, F
<b>Shrikes, Vireos</b>	
___ White-eyed Vireo	- Sp, S**, F
___ Blue-headed Vireo	- Sp, S**, F, W*
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	- Sp*, S**, F*
___ Red-eyed Vireo	- Sp, S, F
<b>Jays, Crows</b>	
___ Blue Jay	- YR
___ American Crow	- YR
___ Fish Crow	- Sp, Su, F*, W**
<b>Swallows</b>	
___ Purple Martin	- Sp*, S*, F*
___ Tree Swallow	- Sp*, F*
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow	- Sp*, S*, F*
___ Bank Swallow	- Sp*
___ Barn Swallow	- Sp, S*, F
<b>Chickadees, Nuthatches, Wrens</b>	
___ Carolina Chickadee	- YR
___ Tufted Titmouse	- YR
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	- F**, W**
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	- YR
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	- YR
___ Brown Creeper	- F*, W*
___ Carolina Wren	- YR
___ House Wren	- Sp*, Su*, F*
___ Winter Wren	- Sp*, F*, W
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	- Sp, F, W
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	- Sp, F, W
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	- Sp, S, F
<b>Thrushes, Mimics</b>	
___ Eastern Bluebird	- YR
___ Veery	- Sp*, F*
___ Swainson's Thrush	- Sp, F*
___ Hermit Thrush	- F, W
___ Wood Thrush	- Sp, S, F
___ American Robin	- YR
___ Gray Catbird	- Sp, S*, F
___ Northern Mockingbird	- YR
___ Brown Thrasher	- YR
___ European Starling	- YR
___ Cedar Waxwing	- Sp, S **, F, W

<b>Warblers</b>	
___ Blue-winged Warbler	- Sp**, F**
___ Northern Parula	- Sp, S**, F
___ Yellow Warbler	- Sp, F
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	- Sp*, F*
___ Magnolia Warbler	- Sp, F
___ Cape May Warbler	- Sp**, F**
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	- Sp, F
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	- Sp, F, W
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	- Sp*, F*
___ Blackburnian Warbler	- Sp*, F*
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	- Sp*, S*, F*
___ Pine Warbler	- YR
___ Prairie Warbler	- Sp*, S**, F*
___ Palm Warbler	- Sp*, F*
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	- F**
___ Blackpoll	- Sp, F*
___ Black & White Warbler	- Sp, S**, F
___ American Redstart	- Sp, S*, F
___ Prothonotary Warbler	- Sp**, S**, F**
___ Worm-eating Warbler	- Sp*, F*
___ Ovenbird	- Sp, S*, F
___ Northern Waterthrush	- Sp*, F*
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	- Sp*, S**, F*
___ Kentucky Warbler	- Sp**, S**, F**
___ Common Yellowthroat	- Sp, S*, F
___ Hooded Warbler	- Sp*, S*, F*
___ Canada Warbler	- Sp*, F*
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	- Sp*, S*, F*
<b>Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Buntings</b>	
___ Summer Tanager	- Sp, S, F
___ Scarlet Tanager	- Sp, S*, F
___ Northern Cardinal	- YR
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	- Sp, F
___ Blue Grosbeak	- Sp*, S*, F*
___ Indigo Bunting	- Sp, S, F
<b>Sparrows</b>	
___ Eastern Towhee	- YR
___ Chipping Sparrow	- Sp*, S*, F*
___ Field Sparrow	- Sp*, F*, W
___ Song Sparrow	- Sp, F, W
___ Swamp Sparrow	- Sp**, F**, W*
___ White-throated Sparrow	- Sp, F, W
___ Dark-eyed Junco	- Sp*, F, W
<b>Blackbirds, Orioles</b>	
___ Red-winged Blackbird	- Sp*, S**, F*, W*
___ Rusty Blackbird	- W**
___ Common Grackle	- YR
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	- Sp, S, F, W*
___ Orchard Oriole	- Sp*, S**, F*
___ Baltimore Oriole	- Sp, F
<b>Finches</b>	
___ Purple Finch	- Sp*, F*, W*
___ House Finch	- YR*
___ Pine Siskin	- Sp*, F*, W*
___ American Goldfinch	- YR
___ Evening Grosbeak	- Sp*, F*, W*

**KEY:** W= Winter; Sp=Spring; S=Summer;  
F= Fall; YR = Year Round  
\* = Uncommon; \*\* = Rare