

BIRDS BY HABITAT LIST FOR CEC BIRDATHON

When you are ready to start Birdwatching, think about the habitat(s) you are going to visit and which birds are most likely to be living there.

The lists below provide some of the most commonly seen species in each of the habitat types you might visit as you search for birds.

You can study up on the field marks of the birds before you visit their habitat to help you with your ID.

IN YOUR YARD:

- Mourning Dove, Red-bellied woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Carolina Chickadee, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Robin, Catbird, Starling, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Cardinal, Common Grackle, House Sparrow.

IN FARM FIELDS AND ALONG COUNTRY ROADS:

- Killdeer, Mourning Dove, American Kestrel, Eastern Bluebird, Song Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, Common Yellowthroat [a warbler], Red-winged Blackbird, American Goldfinch.

AT LAKES: PONDS, RIVERS AND MARSHES:

- Canada Geese, Mallard, Wood Duck, Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher; Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Purple Martin, Yellow Warbler, Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird; Common Grackle.

FOREST EDGES:

- Red-tailed Hawk, Coopers Hawk, Great-horned Owl [at dusk or dawn], Northern Flicker, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, Indigo bunting.

FOREST TRAILS:

- Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Wood Pewee, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager.

FLYING OVERHEAD:

- Canada Geese, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Bald Eagle, Barn Swallow.

IN TOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT:

- Ring-billed Gull, Rock Pigeon, Crow, European Starling, House Sparrow.

ON LARGE LAWNS, OPEN PARK FIELDS OR GOLF COURSES:

- Canada Geese, Killdeer, American Robin, Starlings, Common Grackle,

But remember...birds sometimes show up in places way outside of their habitat so don't be surprised if you see some interlopers!

Happy Birding!