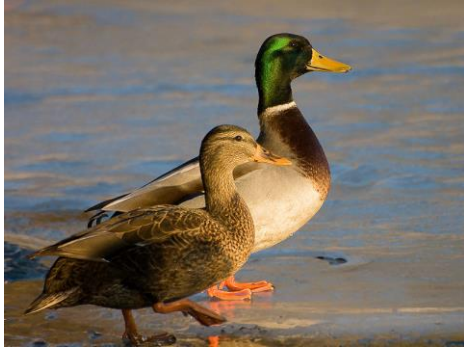


COMMON BIRDS SEEN NEAR THE BIRD BLIND



Mallard (20-28") The Mallard is the most common duck in the eastern U.S. Both the green-headed male and the brown female have bright blue, white, and black wing patches.



Great Blue Heron (39-52") The largest of the North American herons is a solitary hunter, wading and foraging for fish.



Red-shouldered Hawk (17-24") This common forest dweller favors woodlands near water while hunting for small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects.



Belted Kingfisher (11-14") The Kingfisher uses its oversized, heron-like beak to aggressively dive for fish. Only the female has the rusty-colored breast band.



Eastern Bluebird (6.5-7") Once seriously threatened by pesticides and habitat loss, the Eastern Bluebird's recovery is one of conservation's great success stories.



Song Sparrow (6") One of the many small, brown sparrows found in shrubby or grassy wet areas, the Song Sparrow is a year-round resident of North Carolina.



Duke University Wetland Center

A Checklist of the Birds of The Stream & Wetland Assessment Management Park (SWAMP)



A mother Mallard herds her brood across the SWAMP pond during a springtime swim.

Photo by Mengchi Ho

Ever since the 1962 publication of Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring*, scientists have recognized that bird populations provide an easy-to-read barometer of the pressures that human activities bring to bear on the world's biodiversity. Birds—whether in our backyards, our cities, or our parklands—are a familiar part of our daily lives. People who might not recognize other indicators of an environment in crisis will notice that the numbers and variety of birds are slipping away. Since the Duke University Wetland Center undertook the restoration of Sandy Creek and its flood plain in 1998, birders have been keeping track of the birds seen in the restoration area now known as SWAMP. If you would like to report your bird sightings at SWAMP, send an e-mail to randyn@duke.edu.

ANSERIFORMES

Canada Goose
Mallard
Hooded Merganser

PODICIPEDIFORMES

Pied-billed Grebe

COLUMBIFORMES

Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove

CUCULIFORMES

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

CAPRIMULGIFORMES

Common Nighthawk
Chuck-will's-widow

APODIFORMES

Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird

CHARADRIIFORMES

Killdeer
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Ring-billed Gull

SULIFORMES

Double-crested Cormorant

PELECANIFORMES

American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron

CATHARTIFORMES

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture

ACCIPITRIFORMES

Osprey
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk

STRIGIFORMES

Barred Owl

CORACIIFORMES

Belted Kingfisher

PICIFORMES

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

FALCONIFORMES

Merlin

PASSERIFORMES

Eastern Wood Peewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Northern Rough-Winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper

House Wren
Winter Wren
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
House Finch
Purple Finch
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Yellow-breasted Chat
Orchard Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Rusty Blackbird

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Common Grackle
Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
Louisiana Waterthrush
Northern Waterthrush
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
House Sparrow



The Red-bellied Woodpecker's barred back and red cap makes it unforgettable. Learn the Red-bellied's rolling call and you'll notice these birds everywhere.