

# Birds of Riverwood 2011 - 2012



### **S-System of Bird Identification**

Use these six words to help identify birds:

**Site:** Where was it seen? Was it in a field, forest, marsh, river, flying overhead, the top of a tree or on the ground?

**Sight:** What did it look like? What colour was it? What was it doing? How did it fly?

**Sound:** What sound did it make? Was it singing, chirping, cawing or quacking?

**Shape:** Compare the bird to bird shapes you know. Was it Robin shaped? Hawk shaped? Chicken or Owl shaped? Duck shaped?

**Season:** When did you see it? Spring? Summer? Fall? Winter?

**Size:** Compare the bird to other bird sizes that you know. Was it bigger or smaller than a Robin? Was it Crow sized or bigger?

The Riverwood Conservancy features birding activities in its two school programs:

**Education Naturally** (K-8)

and

**Exploration Naturally** (9-12)

**Discovery@Riverwood** offers guided birding and nature walks throughout the year for adults and families.

Group requests are welcome.

Check our website for details, times and dates.

The Riverwood Conservancy welcomes any bird sightings on Riverwood's trails.

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*Loons:*  
Common Loon

*Waterfowl:*  
Canada Goose  
Snow Goose\*  
Tundra Swan  
13 Wood Duck  
American Black Duck  
14 Mallard  
Bufflehead  
Common Goldeneye  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser



*Birds of Prey:*  
Rough-legged Hawk  
Broad-winged Hawk  
29 Turkey Vulture  
1 Osprey  
Northern Harrier  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
2 Cooper's Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
3 Red-tailed Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Merlin  
4 Bald Eagle  
Golden Eagle\*



*Wading Birds:*  
5 Great Blue Heron  
6 Green Heron  
Black-crowned Night-Heron



*Shore Birds:*  
Killdeer  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Solitary Sandpiper\*  
Greater Yellowlegs\*  
Lesser Yellowlegs\*  
American Woodcock  
Virginia Rail  
*Cormorants:*  
Double-crested Cormorant



*Game Birds:*  
15 Wild Turkey

*Gulls and Terns:*  
30 Ring-billed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Glaucous Gull  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Great Black-backed Gull  
Caspian Tern

*Doves:*  
Rock Pigeon  
31 Mourning Dove

*Owls:*  
Long-eared Owl  
Eastern Screech-Owl  
Great Horned Owl  
7 Barred Owl\*  
8 Great Gray Owl

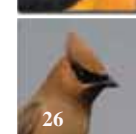
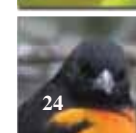
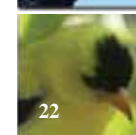


Saw-whet Owl  
*Cuckoos:*  
Black-billed Cuckoo  
*Woodpeckers:*  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
9 Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
10 Red-bellied Woodpecker\*  
Northern Flicker (*front cover*)  
11 Pileated Woodpecker

*Hummingbirds:*  
12 Ruby-throated Hummingbird

*Swifts:*  
Chimney Swift  
*Kingfishers:*  
Belted Kingfisher

*Song Birds:*  
23 Eastern Phoebe  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Alder Flycatcher  
Eastern Wood-Pee-wee  
Willow Flycatcher  
Least Flycatcher  
Great Crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Kingbird  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
Yellow-throated Vireo  
21 Blue Jay  
20 American Crow  
Tree Swallow  
N. Rough-winged Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Purple Martins  
19 Black-capped Chickadee  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
25 Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
House Wren  
Carolina Wren\*  
Winter Wren  
Sedge Wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Veery  
Swainson's Thrush  
Hermit Thrush  
Wood Thrush  
American Robin  
17 Eastern Bluebird  
Northern Mockingbird  
18 Gray Catbird  
28 Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
26 Cedar Waxwing



Blue-winged Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
27 Northern Parula  
Yellow Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Magnolia Warbler  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Bay-breasted Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
American Redstart  
Ovenbird  
Northern Waterthrush  
Mourning Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Canada Warbler  
Scarlet Tanager  
Eastern Towhee  
American Tree Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Snow Bunting  
Northern Cardinal  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Pine Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Bobolink  
16 Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Rusty Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
24 Baltimore Oriole  
Purple Finch  
House Finch  
White-winged Crossbill  
Common Redpoll  
Hoary Redpoll  
Pine Siskin  
22 American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow

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