Mass Audubon’s Statewide Bird Conservation Projects

Important Bird Areas (IBAs) are sites providing essential habitat to one or more species of breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds. The statewide portfolio of 79 IBAs represents critical habitat for every bird species regularly occurring in Massachusetts.

Birds, like many Massachusetts residents, flock to the coastal areas of our state. We help protect Piping Plovers, tern species, and coastal habitat at 90 sites in southeastern Massachusetts.

This important work cannot be done alone. We depend on the support of our members and work closely with many other organizations, agencies, and landowners.

How you can help.

Turn your checklists into data and contribute to Mass Audubon’s knowledge and understanding of Massachusetts’ birdlife and the birds of our wildlife sanctuaries. Keep a list of birds on your walk and log on to www.massaudubon.org/ebird to submit your observations. Your sightings will be stored in a database that Mass Audubon scientists can use to track birds on our sanctuaries.

Help us collect important data by participating in Mass Audubon bird monitoring programs including the Oriole Project, the Whip-poor-will Survey, the second statewide Breeding Bird Atlas, or our sanctuary breeding bird surveys. You can also get involved in the annual Christmas Bird Count or our annual Bird-a-thon. For more information, visit our website: www.massaudubon.org.

Drumlin Farm is a 232 acre sanctuary in the midst of suburban Metro West. We maintain a variety of habitats; grasslands, agricultural fields, shrubs and thickets, mature forests, and wetlands including small ponds and swamps.

We are increasing our grasslands to provide critical nesting habitat for Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, and other grassland birds.

We have 38 cavity nest boxes that provide nesting sites for Eastern Bluebird, Tree Swallow, and Black-capped Chickadee. Nesting data collected by volunteer monitors is sent to Cornell University’s Lab of Ornithology, helping scientists envision nationwide trends in bird populations.

Our 15 acres of crop fields and 19 acres of hayfields are sustainably managed and provide excellent habitat for a large variety of insect eating bird species.

Our many bird walks, programs, and trips educate adults and children, providing both enjoyment of birds and an increased awareness of their needs.

Now available online - sanctuary bird checklists. Go to our website, find the sanctuary you plan to visit, and print out a checklist.

2010
Bird Checklist for Drumlín Farm

- Snow Goose
- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- American Black Duck
- Mallard
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Blue Heron
- Green Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Osprey
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Northern Goshawk
- red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Ruffed Grouse
- Wild Turkey
- Killdeer
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Spotted Sandpiper
- American Woodcock
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Eastern Screech Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl
- Common Nighthawk
- Chimney Swift
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- Northern Shrike
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Horned Lark
- Tree Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- Carolina Wren
- House Wren
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Eastern Bluebird
- Veery
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- American Pipit
- Cedar Waxwing
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- black-throated Blue Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Pine Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Common Yellowthroat
- Wilson's Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Scarlet Tanager
- Eastern Towhee
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Northern Mockingbird
- brown thrasher
- American robin
- Gray Catbird
- European Starling
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- Indigo Bunting
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Baltimore Oriole
- Pine Grosbeak
- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill
- Common Redpoll
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- Evening Grosbeak
- House Sparrow