

BIRD

CHECK LIST



FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



FIELD NOTES

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weather: _____

Trails taken: _____

Observations: _____

Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Off the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Edgartown MA
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HOW FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY HELPS BIRDS

Grasslands are Good

Four acres of rare sandplain grassland habitat is being restored through clearing, grazing, and mowing. This newly opened landscape will provide habitat for ground-nesting birds, such as bobwhite, woodcock and others. Our fields are also maintained as grasslands to encourage Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, and provide a nesting site for a pair of Osprey. Raptors use these areas to hunt for small mammals, their preferred prey.

Owls in Residence

Barn Owls, a state-listed species of special concern, live at Felix Neck. Two owl boxes, one in a field and one in a dormer of the Nature Center, provide nesting sites for these birds, which hunt mice in the sanctuary's fields.

Our Butterfly Garden is Humming


In 2009, we redesigned and replanted our butterfly garden. The metamorphosis of this space included the removal of invasive species and the planting of species that encourage both butterflies and hummingbirds to visit the garden.





CHECK IT OUT

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

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

BIRD CHECKLIST FOR FELIX NECK

- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- Wood Duck
- American Black Duck
- Mallard
- Green-winged Teal
- Common Eider
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Wild Turkey
- Northern Bobwhite
- Common Loon
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Blue Heron
- Tri-colored Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Green Heron
- Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Osprey
- Northern Harrier
- Coopers Hawk
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Virginia Rail
- Black-bellied Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer
- American Oystercatcher
- Spotted Sandpiper

- Solitary Sandpiper
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Willet
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- American Woodcock
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Laughing Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Least Tern
- Black Tern
- Roseate Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Black Skimmer
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Barn Owl
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Common Nighthawk
- Whip-poor-will
- Chimney Swift
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe

- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Tree Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged 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
- Eastern Bluebird
- Hermit Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- Northern Parula
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Pine Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
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- Palm Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Common Yellowthroat
- Canada Warbler
- Scarlet Tanager
- Eastern Towhee
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Snow Bunting
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole
- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- House Sparrow