

# BIRD CHECK LIST



## IPSWICH RIVER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



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### FIELD NOTES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Trails taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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Observations: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOW IPSWICH RIVER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY HELPS BIRDS

This entire sanctuary is managed for birds.

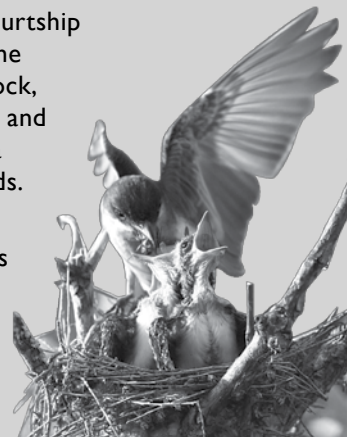
The sanctuary's large tracts of deciduous forest are major habitats in the Eastern Essex County Interior Forest Important Bird Area, providing sites for breeding forest species like the Brown Creeper, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush, Red-eyed Vireo, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Scarlet Tanager. As large woodlands continue to be cut up for a wide variety of human use, many of these interior breeders are showing significant population declines.

The freshwater marshes, swamps and floodplain forests that border the Ipswich River support a selection of bird species of high conservation priority. Wood Ducks, returning in March find wetland plants here for food and nest cavities to raise their young. Rare State-listed birds such as the Pied-billed Grebe and Least Bittern may nest here in beaver-enhanced wetlands.

Nest boxes in the fields are maintained to supplement natural cavities for Eastern Bluebirds, along with Tree Swallows. Our volunteer nest box monitors check on egg laying and fledgling success May through July.

Fields on Bradstreet Hill are mowed to maintain spring courtship display areas for the American Woodcock, along with nesting and feeding areas for a variety of songbirds.

We offer birding programs and trips throughout MA and New England highlighting birds and their habitats.



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## 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](http://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](http://www.massaudubon.org)

# BIRD CHECKLIST FOR IPSWICH RIVER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose              | <input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper               | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mute Swan                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper            | <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren                | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe                | <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Warbler       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall                   | <input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock             | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead                | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow       |
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