

# BIRD

## CHECK LIST



### ARCADIA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



## FIELD NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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## HOW ARCADIA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY HELPS BIRDS

This area was known as a “birding hot spot” long before it became a Mass Audubon Sanctuary in 1944. We continue that legacy, with the help of many devoted volunteers, by maintaining bird habitat, monitoring bird populations, and teaching about bird conservation. The sanctuary’s location has much to do with its diversity. Mill River flows through Arcadia. It is located on the Oxbow of the Connecticut River and Mt. Tom’s craggy ledges rise above us. Ibis Pool, where fish become trapped when spring floods recede, hosts an annual variety of birds, including rare species.

✎ We manage 168 acres for grassland birds, mowing late July thru late August, after nesting season is complete and before fall migration. Fields provide habitat for burrowing small mammals, which attract hawks and even owls in some seasons. The agricultural fields, Old Orchard, and early-successional areas are used by nesting species and migrants, especially warblers. Field boxes provide nesting cavities for Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows. Volunteers monitor egg laying and fledgling success May thru July. A camera in one nesting box allows visitors to view these cavity nesters.

✎ We protect the region’s largest stand of flood plain forest. Our Great Blue Heron rookery has more than 50 nests and when not flooded offers accessible wildlife viewing. Wood Ducks frequently nest here.

✎ This important work cannot be done alone. We depend on the support of our members and volunteers. Many individuals, including local college students, are involved in citizen science research, including an annual breeding bird census and annual Christmas bird count. Our most interesting bird habitats would quickly be overrun with invasive plants if it were not for the hard work of staff and many volunteers who pull plants and cut shrubs to maintain habitat variety.

## 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.

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## 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 ARCADIA

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose             | <input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock             | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet       | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet         | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon          | <input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher        | <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut Warbler    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck      | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Black-backed Gull       | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird             | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Veery                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal         | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo           | <input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush            | <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail         | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal        | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck         | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl                | <input type="checkbox"/> American Robin               | <input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye         | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl               | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser         | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk              | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird         | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse            | <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird     | <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling            | <input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher             | <input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit               | <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern         | <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing                | <input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker              | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler          | <input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret              | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler            | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker           | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron        | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee            | <input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler            | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron              | <input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher              | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula              | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler               | <input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher              | <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler       | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk            | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike               | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk        | <input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo            | <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler              | <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sora                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark                   | <input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart            | <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Moorhen           | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow                  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot            | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow                  | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                        |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo        | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch         | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs       | <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch       | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper                 | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon                   | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper          | <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren                    | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                        |   |