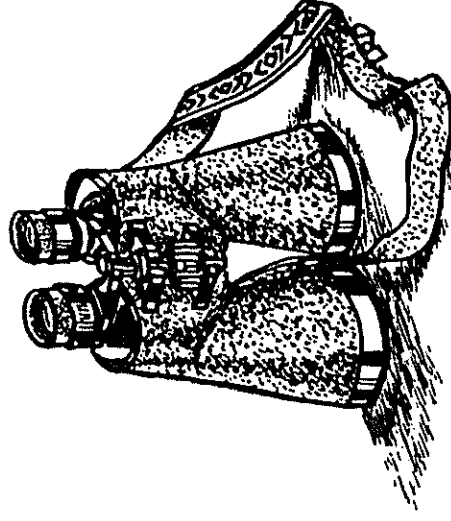


# BIRDS for KIDS



## Volo Bog State Natural Area

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### HEY KIDS!

How many kinds of birds can you observe...

- in a half hour?            in your yard?
- in an hour?                in your neighborhood?
- in a day?                    at your school?
- in a year?                    on your vacation?

How many kinds, or species, of birds can you observe in your **life time** ??? If you keep a list of the birds you have ever seen, you have a **life list**.

**Birding** (seeking out and observing birds) is a growing sport. That's right, a sport. Kind of like football or soccer - you keep score.

Most **birders** (people who enjoy birding) don't really compete against anyone except themselves. Some people feel the competitive edge just like in other sports. Some people travel to different parts of the state, country and even around the world in search of new species.

In the **sport of birding**, you never outgrow the ability to participate. You can still be a birder when you're 80 years old! Imagine that!!!

**You can start your life list** using this checklist of birds commonly seen here at Volo Bog State Natural Area. Then, join one of our bird walks!

X Species	S	S	S	F	W
Yellow Warbler	C	C		U	
Palm Warbler	C			R	
Common Yellowthroat	C	C		R	
Scarlet Tanager	U			U	
Eastern Towhee	U	U		R	
American Tree Sparrow	U			R	C
Chipping Sparrow	U	U		R	
Field Sparrow	C	C		R	
Song Sparrow	C	C		C	R
Swamp Sparrow	U	U		R	R
White-throated Sparrow	C			C	R
Dark-eyed Junco	C			C	A
Northern Cardinal	C	C		C	C
House Finch	U	U		U	U
American Goldfinch	C	C		C	C
House Sparrow	C	C		C	C
Red-winged Blackbird	A	A		A	R
Common Grackle	C	C		C	R
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		U	R
Baltimore Oriole	U	U			

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weather: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Species: \_\_\_\_\_

**The bird species on this list** include some of the easier ones to observe at Volo Bog State Natural Area, but not all are easy to find.

To find birds, look in a variety of places including Volo Bog and its surrounding marsh. Look in the woods and in the fields. **Different birds need different habitats in which to feed and nest.**

By each species is a letter code telling how frequently the bird is seen in each season - **Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.**

**The codes are:**

**A** = Abundant

**C** = Common

**U** = Uncommon

**R** = Rare

**Move very quietly** and spend some quiet time standing or sitting still. **Watch and listen** for bird songs and calls. **You will be rewarded!**

X	Species	S	S	F	W
	Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	R
	Great Egret	C	C	U	
	Green Heron	C	C	U	
	Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
	Canada Goose	A	C	A	U
	Mute Swan	U	U	U	
	Wood Duck	C	A	A	R
	Mallard	C	C	A	R
	Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C	
	Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	U
	American Kestrel	R	R	R	R
	Ring-necked Pheasant	R	R	R	R
	Virginia Rail	U	U		
	Sora	U	U	R	
	American Coot	C	R	C	U
	Sandhill Crane	C	U	C	R
	Killdeer	U	U	U	
	Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U	U
	Rock Dove (pigeon)	U	U	R	R
	Mourning Dove	C	C	C	U
	Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U
	Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
	Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	R

X	Species	S	S	F	W
	Red-headed Woodpecker	R	U	R	
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
	Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
	Northern Flicker	C	U	U	
	Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	
	Eastern Kingbird	U	U	R	
	Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
	American Crow	C	C	C	C
	Tree Swallow	A	A	R	
	Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
	Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
	White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
	House Wren	U	C	R	
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	R	
	Eastern Bluebird	C	C	U	
	American Robin	A	A	A	R
	Gray Catbird	C	C	U	
	Brown Thrasher	U	U	R	
	European Starling	C	C	C	R
	Cedar Waxwing	U	C	C	