

WILDLIFE SEEN ON WRI's 60 ACRES SINCE 1995

Updated October 7, 2012

139 BIRD SPECIES

WATER BIRDS (34 species)

- Hooded mergansers** (nest each year)
- Mallards** (common)
- Herring gulls** (common)
- Great blue heron** (common)
- Kingfisher** (common)
- Common loon** (common)
- Wood ducks** (common)
- Common mergansers** (common)
- Ring-necked ducks** (common in migration)
- Goldeneyes** (occasional, nested 1 year)
- Ring-billed gulls** (2 on 11-04-06)
- White pelicans** (a flock flew over on 7-4-06)
- Pied-billed grebe** (occasional in migration)
- Red-necked grebe** (on ENL1 on 5-9-12)
- Black duck** (occasional in migration)
- Green-winged teal** (occasional in migration)
- Blue-winged teal** (occasional in migration)
- American Widgeon (Baldpate)**(occasional in migration)
- Gadwall** (occasional in migration)
- Greater scaup** (occasional in migration)
- Lesser scaup** (occasional in migration)
- Bufflehead** (occasional in migration)
- Shoveler** (occasional in migration)
- Coot** (occasional in migration)
- Redhead** (occasional in migration)
- Canada geese** (occasional on Woods Lake in migration)
- Cackling geese** (on Woods Lake 9-21-06)
- Snow geese** (2 juvenile blue phase on Woods Lake 9-21-06)
- Trumpeter swan** (2 by ENL1 dock 9-10-11 & Woods L 4-29-12)
- Double-crested cormorant** (occasional in migration)
- Greater yellowlegs** (occasional in migration)
- American Bittern** (Woods Lake marsh 5/2011 & 4-26-12)
- Spotted sandpiper** (occasional in migration)
- Solitary sandpiper** (photo on Woods L dock 5-11-12)

WOODPECKERS (7 species)

- Pileated woodpecker** (common year-round)
- Hairy woodpecker** (common year-round)
- Downy woodpecker** (common year-round)
- Flicker** (common in summer)
- Yellow-bellied sapsucker** (common in summer)
- Black-backed woodpecker** (uncommon)
- Red-bellied woodpecker** (female 5-22-03)

RAPTORS (14 species)

Bald eagle (common)
Osprey (common)
Turkey vulture (common)
Broad-winged hawk (common)
Sharp-shinned hawk (common in migration)
Great-horned owl (uncommon)
Barred owl (common)
Coopers hawk (common in migration)
Merlin (uncommon, 1 hit window)
Saw-whet owl (uncommon)
Rough-legged hawk (occasional during migration)
Kestrel (uncommon)
Goshawk (occasional in winter)
Great gray owl (3-26-96 and 11-28-04)

CORVIDS (4 species)

Raven (common year-round)
Gray jay (fairly common year-round)
Blue jay (common year-round)
Crow (common March to early December)

VIREO (3 species)

Red-eyed vireo (common in summer)
Blue-headed vireo (9-3-95)
Philadelphia vireo (9-3-95)

FLYCATCHERS (5 species)

Eastern phoebe (nests every year)
Least flycatcher (uncommon)
Eastern kingbird (uncommon)
Olive-sided flycatcher (uncommon)
Eastern wood pewee (heard 6-14-06)

THRUSHES (6 species)

Robin (common)
Hermit thrush (common)
Veery (common)
Swainson's thrush (common)
Eastern bluebird (4 on 5-9-03)
Varied thrush (juv. 10-5-12)

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLE, ORIOLE (5 species)

Red-winged blackbird (common in summer)
Rusty blackbird (occasional in migration)
Common grackle (common in migration)
Brown-headed cowbird (occasional in migration)
Northern oriole (uncommon)

WARBLERS (23 species)

- Chestnut-sided warbler** (common in summer)
- Mourning warbler** (common in summer)
- Magnolia warbler** (common in summer)
- Blackburnian warbler** (common in summer)
- Ovenbird** (common in summer)
- Common yellowthroat** (common in summer)
- Yellow-rumped warbler** (common in summer)
- Black-throated green warbler** (common in summer)
- Black and white warbler** (common in summer)
- American redstart** (common in summer)
- Pine warbler** (erratic, summer only)
- Canada warbler** (uncommon)
- Nashville warbler** (uncommon)
- Yellow warbler** (uncommon, nested in 2002)
- Cape may warbler** (uncommon)
- Northern Waterthrush** (uncommon)
- Bay breasted warbler** (uncommon, nested in 1998)
- Black-throated blue warbler** (adult male 8-28-98)
- Northern parula warbler** (immature 8-18-12)
- Palm warbler** (only during migration)
- Wilson's warbler** (only during migration)
- Tennessee warbler** (only during migration)
- Orange-crowned warbler** (only during migration)

SPARROWS, JUNCOS, BUNTINGS (10 species)

- Chipping sparrow** (common)
- White-throated sparrow** (common)
- Swamp sparrow** (common)
- Song sparrow** (common)
- Fox sparrow** (common in migration)
- White-crowned sparrow** (common in migration)
- Tree sparrow** (common in migration)
- Dark-eyed junco** (common in migration)
- Harris sparrow** (occasional during migration)
- Snow bunting** (occasional during migration)

FINCHES, REDPOLLS, GROSBEAKS (9 species)

- Purple finch** (variable year-round)
- American goldfinch** (common year-round)
- Pine siskin** (common year-round)
- Evening grosbeak** (erratic year-round)
- Pine grosbeak** (common in winter)
- Common redpoll** (abundant some winters)
- Hoary redpoll** (occasional in winter,
Dec 2001, 2-26-05, on my hand 2-14-09, Feb 2011)
- Rose-breasted grosbeak** (occasional in summer)
- Cardinal** (a female on 11-25-01)

OTHER BIRDS (19 species)

Black-capped chickadee (common year-round)
Red-breasted nuthatch (common year-round)
White-breasted nuthatch (common year-round)
Brown creeper (fairly common year-round)
Ruffed grouse (common year-round)
Ruby-throated hummingbird (common in summer)
Tree swallow (uncommon)
Winter wren (uncommon)
Ruby-crowned kinglet (uncommon, 9 on 10-9-11)
Golden-crowned kinglet (male, 10-9-11)
Cedar waxwing (uncommon)
Mourning dove (uncommon)
Black-billed cuckoo (uncommon)
Catbird (uncommon)
European starling (uncommon)
Northern shrike (occasional in winter)
Red crossbill (occasional in winter)
White-winged crossbill (2-20-09)
Wild turkey (photo in yard 11:49 AM, 4-28-12)

43 BIRDS SEEN NEARBY BUT NOT HERE YET

Tundra swan
Harrier
Red-tailed hawk
Spruce grouse
Killdeer
Common snipe
Woodcock
Rock dove (Pigeon)
Long-eared owl
Boreal owl
Common nighthawk
Whip-poor-will
Chimney swift
Three-toed woodpecker
Yellow-bellied flycatcher
Alder flycatcher
Great crested flycatcher
Barn swallow
Cliff swallow
Bank swallow
Boreal chickadee
House wren
Marsh wren
Sedge wren
Gray-cheeked thrush
Brown thrasher
Horned lark
American pipit
Bohemian waxwing
Golden-winged warbler

Connecticut Warbler
LeConte's sparrow
Savannah sparrow
Lincoln's sparrow
Vesper sparrow
Lapland longspur
Bobolink
Brewer's blackbird
House finch
House sparrow
Scarlet tanager
Indigo bunting
Red-headed woodpecker

MAMMALS (31 species)

Black bear

Wolf

Coyote

Red fox

Gray fox

Fisher

Pine Marten

Short-tailed weasel

(A short-tailed weasel carried 7 young in its mouth, 1 at a time, from a nest in the garage to a crevice in rocks by Woods Lake on 5-29-07. Another carried a baby in its mouth on 5-19-11)

Mink

Otter

Raccoon (uncommon, becoming more common)

Snowshoe hare

Moose

White-tailed Deer

Beaver

(The former owner said the lodge where we put a Den Cam on Woods Lake was built in 1977)

Muskrats

(On 1-28-01, a mink entered the beaver lodge and killed & ate a muskrat that lived with the beavers)

Red squirrel

Gray squirrel (1 on 9-27-99)

Flying Squirrel

Eastern Chipmunk

Least chipmunk

(Least chipmunks were as common as Easterns thru 2001, then none until Sept 2006 (6 seen), plus 1 on May 3, 2009, & occasionally since)

Porcupine (one on 8-5-96)

Deer Mouse

Meadow jumping mouse
Meadow vole
Red-backed vole
Woodchuck
Masked shrew
Short-tailed shrew
Star-nosed mole
Little brown bat (May-Sept)
(Not counted, but **bobcat tracks** came
within a few yards of the property on 4-18-11)

REPTILES (4 species)
Snapping turtles
Painted turtles
Eastern garter snake
Red-bellied snake (occasional)

AMPHIBIANS (10 species)
Blue-spotted salamander
Redback salamander
Wood frog
Spring peeper
American toad
Boreal chorus frog
Gray treefrog
Leopard frog
Green frog
Mink frog

FISH (>12 species)
Walleye
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
Northern pike
Bluegills
Pumpkinseeds
Yellow perch
Black crappie
Rock bass
White sucker
Rainbow smelt
Various minnow size fish

DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES
We have only begun identifying
dragonflies and damselflies on this property.
A regional list is at www.bearstudy.org.
Click on "About WRI" and then on "Wildlife")

BUTTERFLIES

(common larger species)

Tiger Swallowtail

Monarch

Painted Lady

American Painted Lady

Compton's Tortoise Shell

Green Comma

Atlantis Fritillary

Great Spangled Fritillary

White Admiral

Wood Nymph

Pearly Eye

Red Admiral

Fire Rim Tortoise Shell

Common Sulfur

Alfalfa

Cabbage

White Streamside

Checkerspot

Question Mark

Tawny Crescent

Orange Crescent

Harvester

MOTHS

A collection of the larger moths is in the Bear Center.