

Birds of Mt. Folly Farm

Summer 2017



The following 37 bird species were found at Mt. Folly Farm between June 2nd and June 4th of 2017. Please note that there are many more species residing on this beautiful property, making their living and waiting to be discovered! We hope you find this small reference list useful to get you started on your birding journey!

Quails, Grouse, Pheasants, and Turkeys

Wild Turkey

Meleagris gallopavo

Vultures, Hawks, and Eagles

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis

Plovers, Sandpipers, and Auks

Killdeer

Charadrius vociferus



Killdeer, with distinctive black "double-collar" and red eye ring



Yellow-billed Cuckoo, sometimes referred to as the Rain Crow or Storm Crow

Pigeons and Doves

Mourning Dove

Zenaida macroura

Cuckoos

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Coccyzus americanus

Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Archilochus colubris

Woodpeckers

Red-headed Woodpecker

Melanerpes erythrocephalus

Downy Woodpecker

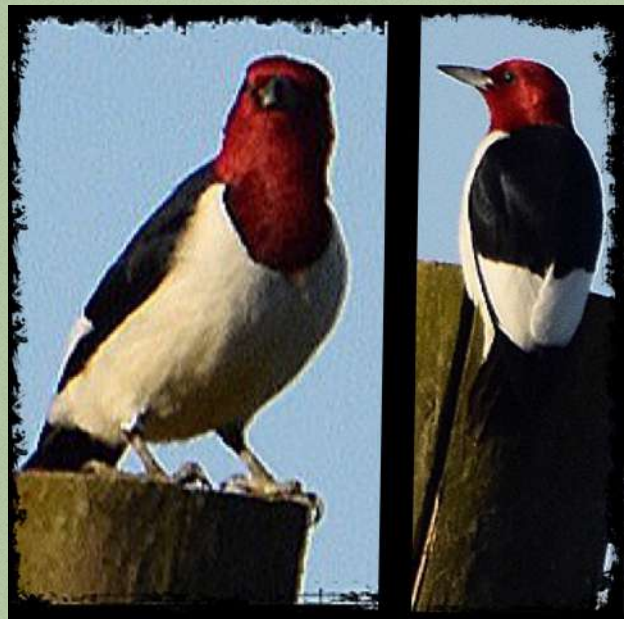
Picoides pubescens

Northern Flicker

Colaptes auratus

Pileated Woodpecker

Dryocopus pileatus



Red-headed Woodpecker, front and rear view

***When unseen, various Woodpecker species can be identified by the pitches and rhythms of their characteristic drumming patterns, which echo out from the surrounding woods.**



Eastern Kingbird and Cow

Flycatchers

Eastern Phoebe

Sayornis phoebe

Eastern Kingbird

Tyrannus tyrannus

*At Mt. Folly Farm, you can spot lots of flycatchers and members of other bird families perching on fences along the farm road, near open fields, or around the cows, looking for easy prey. Wherever there are flies, there are birds to eat them!

Jays and Crows

Blue Jay

Cyanocitta cristata

American Crow

Corvus brachyrhynchos

Swallows

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

Bank Swallow

Riparia riparia



Carolina Chickadee, with black "beard" and crown

Chickadees and Titmice

Carolina Chickadee

Poecile carolinensis

Tufted Titmouse

Baeolophus bicolor

Wrens

Carolina Wren

Thyrothorus ludovicianus



You can spot a Carolina Wren by its bold, white eyebrow and slightly hooked beak.



Field Sparrow, having a plain, tan belly and lacking significant eye stripes

American Sparrows

Field Sparrow

Spizella pusilla

Vesper Sparrow

Pooecetes gramineus

Song Sparrow

Melospiza melodia

***a note on American Sparrows...**

American Sparrow species can be difficult and even somewhat frustrating to tell apart based on their similar body shapes, coloration, and nearly identical beaks. In order to identify them, look for subtle variations in coloration on their bellies, faces, and crowns!

Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird

Sialia sialis

American Robin

Turdus migratorius

Thrashers and Starlings

Brown Thrasher

Toxostoma rufum

Northern Mockingbird

Mimus ployglottos

European Starling

Sturnus vulgaris

Wood Warblers

Common Yellowthroat Warbler

Geothlypis trichas



Song Sparrow, with black-streaked belly and signature black spot mid-breast

Cardinals and Relatives

Northern Cardinal

Cardinalis cardinalis

Blue Grosbeak

Passerina caerulea

Indigo Bunting

Passerina cyanea



Indigo Bunting

There's no mistaking a male Red-winged Blackbird, but a female can easily be confused with a Sparrow if you're not careful. Look for her thick brown-and-white striping all throughout the belly and breast, and her golden-brown eyebrow and cheek to distinguish her. Of course, her proximity to the male can also be a dead giveaway!



Female



Male

Red-winged Blackbird

For more information on the above birds and many others, visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology bird guide at: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search/>

Blackbirds

Red-winged Blackbird

Agelaius phoeniceus

Common Grackle

Quiscalus quiscula

Brown-headed Cowbird

Molothrus ater

Finches

House Finch

Haemorhous mexicanus

American Goldfinch

Spinus tristis

Thanks for viewing and enjoy your time at Mt. Folly Farm!

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