

# Birds of Mt. Folly Farm Winter 2018



The following 25 species were found at Mt. Folly Farm between February 3rd and February 4th of 2018. As with the summer edition of this list, please note that there are many more species living on this property, waiting to be discovered. It's amazing to have spotted so many in just two days!

## Ducks, Geese, and Swans

### **Green-winged Teal \*\*\***

*Anas crecca*

## Quails, Grouse, Pheasants, and Turkeys

### **Wild Turkey**

*Meleagris gallopavo*

#### Quick Key:

- \* Species pictured in the summer 2017 ed. of this list
- \*\*\* Species found in Kentucky only in winter



Wild Turkeys often travel in groups, and can run up to 25 mph!



Red-shouldered Hawk

**Vultures, Hawks, and Eagles**

**Turkey Vulture**

*Cathartes aura*

**Red-shouldered Hawk**

*Buteo lineatus*

**Red-tailed Hawk**

*Buteo jamaicensis*

**Plovers, Sandpipers, and Auks**

**Killdeer \***

*Charadrius vociferus*

**Pigeons and Doves**

**Mourning Dove**

*Zenaida macroura*

**Woodpeckers**

**Red-bellied Woodpecker**

*Melanerpes carolinus*

**Downy Woodpecker**

*Picoides pubescens*

**Northern Flicker**

*Colaptes auratus*

**Pileated Woodpecker**

*Dryocopus pileatus*



Red-bellied Woodpecker



Downy Woodpecker

The Red-bellied Woodpecker is often confused with the Red-headed Woodpecker, but its grey crown, rufous underbelly, and mottled black and white wing pattern distinguish this beautiful bird from the other species. For a picture of the Red-headed Woodpecker, see the summer 2017 ed. of this list. Unlike the Red-bellied, its head is fully covered in a dark, rich crimson!

**Jays and Crows**

**American Crow**

*Corvus brachyrhynchos*

**Chickadees and Titmice**

**Carolina Chickadee \***

*Poecile carolinensis*

**Tufted Titmouse**

*Baeolophus bicolor*

**Nuthatches**

**White-breasted Nuthatch**

*Sitta carolinensis*



**Tufted Titmouse, with characteristic rufous patches on flanks and slate grey "tuft" on crown**



**Northern Mockingbird**

**Thrushes**

**American Robin**

*Turdus migratorius*

**Thrashers and Starlings**

**Northern Mockingbird**

*Mimus ployglottos*

**European Starling**

*Sturnus vulgaris*

**Northern Mockingbirds can learn hundreds of calls, songs, and vocal imitations in their lifetimes. If you're hearing ten different birds calling from a single tree, it's probably one of these!**

**Hear a Northern Mockingbird's unique vocal abilities in the link below:**

**[https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Northern\\_Mockingbird/sounds](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Northern_Mockingbird/sounds)**

**American Sparrows**

**Song Sparrow \***

*Melospiza melodia*

**Lincoln's Sparrow**

*Melospiza lincolnii*

**White-crowned Sparrow \*\*\***

*Zonotrichia leucophrys*



Come spring, White-crowned Sparrows will migrate back towards Northwest Canada.

**Cardinals and Relatives**

**Northern Cardinal**

*Cardinalis cardinalis*

**Blackbirds and Orioles**

**Eastern Meadowlark**

*Sturnella magna*



You can spot Lincoln's Sparrows in Kentucky as they migrate between Canada and Southern USA/Mexico.



Eastern Meadowlarks

Hear the Eastern Meadowlark's wilting calls in the link below:

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/>

**Finches**

**American Goldfinch**

*Spinus tristis*

**Old World Sparrows**

**House Sparrow**

*Passer domesticus*



Green-winged Teals \*\*\* (see pg. 1)



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

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For more information on the above birds and any others that may interest you, visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology bird guide at:

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search/>