

BIRD CHECK LIST



WELLFLEET BAY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



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FIELD NOTES

Date: _____







Time: _____

Weather: _____

Trails taken: _____

Observations: _____




How WELLFLEET BAY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY HELPS BIRDS

-  Our sanctuary was previously an ornithological field station. We continue that legacy by actively working to protect birds. With the help of many devoted volunteers, we maintain bird habitat, monitor bird populations, and advocate for bird conservation.
-  To protect coastal waterbirds on the Outer Cape, we use symbolic fencing, predator enclosures, and electric fencing. Populations of Piping Plovers and Least Terns have increased significantly since these protection efforts began in the 1990s, and American Oystercatchers have recently begun nesting on the sanctuary.
-  We manage two coastal heathlands for rare plants and birds. Of the twenty endangered plants and animals found on the property, half are heathland residents. Several rare and declining Massachusetts breeding birds nest in these habitats, including American Kestrels, Northern Bobwhites, and Northern Harriers. Our ongoing heathland restoration efforts include cutting, mowing, and prescribed burning.
-  We erected many Osprey poles on the Mid and Outer Cape, and our Cape Cod Osprey Project uses volunteers to map and monitor nests all across Cape Cod. The project has revealed many more nests than anyone had known for this little studied Osprey population, while involving many people in local citizen science research.
-  We conduct an annual breeding bird census, state waterfowl surveys, and summer/fall shorebird counts at the sanctuary.
-  We organize a spring hawk watch at Pilgrim Heights in Truro. We count migrants from March to the end of May.



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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.
-  This important work cannot be done alone. We depend on the support of our members and work closely with many other organizations, agencies, and landowners.

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 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

BIRD CHECKLIST FOR WELLFLEET BAY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose | <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet | <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brant | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Parasitic Jaeger | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose | <input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Razorbill | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon | <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin | <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove | <input type="checkbox"/> Veery | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush | <input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard | <input type="checkbox"/> Clapper Rail | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail | <input type="checkbox"/> Sora | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Eider | <input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surf Scoter | <input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Seaside Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Scoter | <input type="checkbox"/> Piping Plover | <input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher | <input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Scoter | <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift | <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling | <input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> American Oystercatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird | <input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead | <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper | <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite | <input type="checkbox"/> Hudsonian Godwit | <input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leach's Storm-Petrel | <input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sandpiper | <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Crossbill |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-legged Kittiwake | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Laughing Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glossy Ibis | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat | <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Black-backed Gull | <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle | <input type="checkbox"/> Least Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Roseate Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Tern | <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |