

How to get a list of 200 birds in a year



There have been 408 species of birds recorded and seen in the state of Connecticut.

How would you like to be able to find 200 of them? Using this brochure and taking a few field trips, you will have a list of 200 species in Connecticut.

Resources

Earthplace - The Nature Discovery Center (203) 227-7253

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Connecticut Ornithological Association

<http://www.ctbirding.org>

Rare Bird Reports

www.virtualbirder.com/bmail/ctbird/latest.html

The Audubon Shop – equipment & trips

871 Boston Post Road, Madison CT toll free # (888) 505-9056

The Fat Robin - equipment & trips

3000 Whitney Ave., Hamden CT (203) 248-7068



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The birds listed here are animals that occur regularly and stay around long enough for many people to get a good look at them.

- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Eurasian Wigeon
- Common Eider
- King Eider
- Golden Eagle
- Common Black-headed Gull
- Iceland Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Snowy Owl
- Western Kingbird
- Northern Shrike
- Blue Grosbeak
- Red-necked Grebe
- Rufous Hummingbird

Easy Anytime

- Mute Swan
- Canada Goose
- Mallard
- Wild Turkey
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)
- American Crow
- European Starling
- House Sparrow

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- ❑ Black Vulture
by the outdoor animal enclosures
- ❑ Turkey Vulture
by the outdoor animal enclosures
- ❑ Red-shouldered Hawk
at woodland edges, noisy calls in **late winter and early spring**
- ❑ Chimney Swift
high over the fields and lawns, and in downtown in **summer**
- ❑ Common Nighthawk
heard in night sky in summer over towns, many in **fall** migration
- ❑ Northern Flicker
on lawns in **summer** eating ants
- ❑ Pileated Woodpecker
in the woods at the top of Swamp Loop Trail **all year**
- ❑ Eastern Kingbird
nests at the edge of fields in **spring**
- ❑ Carolina Wren
in shrubby tangle around building **all year**
- ❑ House Wren
nests in shrubby tangle around the building in **spring**
- ❑ Golden-crowned Kinglet
in the white pine picnic areas in **fall**
- ❑ Eastern Bluebird
nests in the edge of lawns and fields in **spring**
- ❑ American Robin
on lawns in **spring and summer**, in swamp in **winter**
- ❑ Hermit Thrush
in the woods in **winter**

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- ❑ Gray Catbird
nests in shrubby tangles around the building in **spring**
- ❑ Northern Mockingbird
nests in shrubby tangles by building in **spring**, eats wild rosehips in **winter**
- ❑ Cedar Waxwing
eats the winterberries and crabapples in **fall & winter**
- ❑ Blue-winged Warbler
nests in garden and fields in **spring**
- ❑ Yellow Warbler
nests in lower field by Stony Brook in **spring**
- ❑ Prairie Warbler
nests in fields in **spring**
- ❑ Pine Warbler
sings in white pine groves in **spring**
- ❑ Common Yellowthroat
nests by Stony Brook in the **spring**
- ❑ Indigo Bunting
nests in the edge of the field with the swings in **spring**
- ❑ Eastern Towhee
nest in shrubby tangles around the building in **spring**
- ❑ Field Sparrow
nest in the fields in **spring**
- ❑ Chipping Sparrow
nest in the fields in **spring**
- ❑ Song Sparrow
nests in shrubby tangles around the building in **spring**

Winter

Seashore, Salt Marsh and Long Island Sound

- Red-throated Loon
- Common Loon
- Horned Grebe
- Great Cormorant
- Brant
- American Black Duck
- Greater Scaup
- Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)
- White-winged Scoter
- Common Goldeneye
- Bufflehead
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Northern Harrier
- Sanderling
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- American Tree Sparrow

Ponds, Lakes and Rivers

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- American Coot

Winter

Bird Feeder

- Mourning Dove
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Blue Jay
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Northern Cardinal
- White-throated Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Common Grackle – in large flocks in late winter
- Brown-headed Cowbird – in large flocks with grackles
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch

Less common, but worth looking for

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird –feeder up late summer through November
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Fox Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Purple Finch

Spring

Migrants and Woodland Residents

- Eastern Wood Pewee
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Veery
- Wood Thrush
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Tennessee Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Northern Parula Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Hooded Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Scarlet Tanager
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Baltimore Oriole

Summer

Seashore and Salt Marsh

- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Black-crowned Night-heron
- Glossy Ibis
- Osprey
- American Oystercatcher
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Common Tern
- Fish Crow
- Marsh Wren
- Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow
- Red-winged Blackbird

Ponds, Lakes and Rivers

- Belted Kingfisher
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Wood Duck
- Green Heron
- Warbling Vireo

Late Summer and Fall

Seashore and Salt Marsh

- Merlin
- Black-bellied Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Willet
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Laughing Gull
- Forster's Tern
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Savannah Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow

Special Places at Special Times

General

- Northern Gannet – soaring over the Sound in **late fall and early winter**
- Yellow-crowned Night-heron – Milford Point back marsh in **Summer**
- Snow Goose – with flocks of migrant Canada Geese in **October**
- Bald Eagle – Shepaug Dam, Southbury in **winter** by appointment
- Red-tailed Hawk – visible along highways in trees in **winter and spring**
- Common Moorhen – White Memorial boardwalk, Litchfield in **Spring**
- Piping Plover – Sandy Point, West Haven & Milford Point in **Spring**
- Purple Sandpiper – on rocks off beaches in **winter**
- Common Snipe – displaying in open fields at dawn and dusk in **March**
- American Woodcock – open mowed hay fields in **March and April**
- Least Tern – Sandy Point and Milford Point in **spring**
- Monk Parakeet – along the coast **any time**
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – Sessions Woods, Burlington in **summer**
- Purple Martin – a colony at Byram Harbor, Greenwich in **summer**
- Worm-eating Warbler – Devil's Den, Weston in **spring**
- Boat-tailed Grackle - Stratford marshes by Sikorsky Airport in **summer**
- Orchard Oriole – Coastal parks in **spring**
- Pine Siskin – Sherwood Island S.P. in birches in **late fall and winter**
- Common Raven - listen for harsh “crac” call, **any time**

Special Places at Special Times

Fall Hawk Migration - Lighthouse Park, New Haven

- ❑ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ❑ Cooper's Hawk
- ❑ Northern Goshawk
- ❑ Broad-winged Hawk
- ❑ American Kestrel
- ❑ Peregrine Falcon

Owl Prowls

- ❑ Eastern Screech Owl – suburban woods **all year**
- ❑ Great Horned Owl - large woods **all year**, call in the **winter**
- ❑ Northern Saw-whet Owl – Sherwood Island S.P. in **fall** at full moon
- ❑ Long-eared Owl – Sherwood Island S.P. in **fall**
- ❑ Barred Owl – red maple swamps **all year**
- ❑ Short-eared Owl - Silver Sands S.P., Milford salt marsh in **winter**

Saugatuck River, Westport in spring

- ❑ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- ❑ Bank Swallow
- ❑ Tree Swallow
- ❑ Barn Swallow

Wilton High School, Wilton in spring

- ❑ Cliff Swallow

Special Places at Special Times

Hammonasset State Park, Madison in Fall & Winter

- ❑ Horned Lark – on the snowless lawns
- ❑ Ruby-crowned Kinglet – in the cedars on Willard's Island in fall
- ❑ Lapland Longspur – on the snowless lawns in fall and winter
- ❑ Snow Bunting – on the snowless lawns in fall and winter
- ❑ Red Crossbill – in pines at West Beach parking lot in winter
- ❑ White-winged Crossbill – in pines at West Beach parking lot in winter
- ❑ American Golden Plover – on lawns in fall

Gulf Pond, Milford in Fall

- ❑ Northern Pintail
- ❑ Northern Shoveler
- ❑ Blue-winged Teal

River Road, Kent in May

- ❑ Cerulean Warbler – nests here
- ❑ Yellow-throated Warbler – only known nesting site in state

Durham Meadows, Durham in Spring

- ❑ Alder Flycatcher
- ❑ Willow Flycatcher
- ❑ Bobolink
- ❑ Eastern Meadowlark

Directions

Sleeping Giant State Park, Hamden - Take Rte. 15 to exit 61 (Rte. 10). Follow Rte. 10 north to Mount Carmel Ave. Turn right and entrance will be on left across from Quinnipiac College.

Sherwood Island State Park, Westport - Take I-95 to exit 18. Head south on the Sherwood Island Connector and enter the park. Fee in summer.

Kowalsky Farm, Westport - Follow the Connector north and over I-95 to the first light. Turn right onto Nyala Farm Rd. At end turn right onto Greens Farms Rd. Take first left onto Clapboard Hill Rd. At first stop sign turn right onto Morningside Dr. Park on left.

Southport Beach, Westport – I-95 exit 18 Sherwood Island Connector take 1st right onto Nyala Farm Rd. At end turn right onto Greens Farms Rd. At fork bear right onto Beachside Ave. Follow for about 1 mile to a small beach that is right next to the road is Southport Beach.

White Memorial Foundation, Litchfield – From the center of Litchfield take Rte. 202 south-west towards Bantam. Entrance on left 2 miles from center of Litchfield. Entrance well-marked with large sign.

Devil's Den Preserve, Weston –From the south and the Merritt Parkway, take exit 42, go north on Rte. 57 for 3.8 miles to the blinking light. Continue straight on Rte. 53 (be sure not to continue on Rte. 57, which forks to the left) toward Redding 1.7 miles to the next traffic light, turn left on Godfrey Rd. Continue for a half-mile, then turn right on Pent Rd, which dead-ends at the preserve's main parking area.

Durham Meadows Wildlife Management Area, Durham – From I-95 exit 58, north on Rte. 77 to Rte. 17 & 77 in Durham. Left on Rte. 17 .4 miles. Pull off on right for flycatchers. For meadowlarks & bobolinks, go back to Rte. 77, turn right onto Rte. 17 through Durham to the light at Rte. 68 junction. Turn left, turn left again to Maple Ave. Driveway to Meadows is .2 mile on right.

Kent Road, Kent – Rte. 7 north to monument in center of Kent. Turn onto Rte. 341 towards Kent School, cross Housatonic River, first right on Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow for about 1 mile to dirt road branch off to right, River Rd. Best area is about 1.4 miles down road.

Lighthouse Park, New Haven – I-95 North to exit 50, Woodward Ave. At second stoplight, turn right on Townsend Ave. Turn right on Lighthouse Rd. Fee \$10 Memorial to Labor Day.

Directions

Byram Harbor, Greenwich - I-95 south to exit 2. At the bottom of the ramp turn left onto Delavan Ave. Go under I-95 and turn left onto Ritch Ave. Byram Park is on your right.

Holly Pond, Greenwich - I-95 south to exit 9. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Main St. (Rte. 1). Go to 3rd traffic light and turn right onto Weed Ave. There is a pull off on the left. Continue to the end of Weed Ave. and turn left to enter Cove Island Park.

Shepaug Dam, Southbury - I-84 to exit 10. Head east on Church Hill Rd. Turn left onto Glen Rd. Follow over river and turn left onto River Rd. Follow to end and watch for signs. Reservations required 1-800-368-8954

Sandy Point, West Haven - I-95 to exit 43 - 1st Ave. Head south on 1st Ave. You can check the boat launch on left. Then back on 1st Ave. Turn left into beach parking lot across from Captain's Galley Restaurant.

Hammonasset State Park, Madison - I-95 to exit 62. At the end of the ramp head south on Hammonasset Connector. At the stop light go straight into the park. Fee in summer. For a side trip after birding, go to the light at the entrance of the park and turn left on Rte. 1. Follow to Madison. Just before downtown on the right will be **The Audubon Shop**. Great birding store!! 907 Boston Post Rd. 1-203-245-9056

Milford Point, Milford - I-95 to exit 34. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Rte. 1. Follow to 2nd traffic light and turn left onto Naugatuck Ave. Follow Naugatuck Ave. to 2nd light (which is after the blinking light) and turn right onto Milford Point Rd. Follow to "T" intersection and turn right onto Seaview Ave. This will dead end into the parking lot. (CAUTION: FOLLOW SPEED LIMIT ON SEAVIEW AVE. IT IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!)

Gulf Pond, Milford - I-95 to exit 34. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Rte. 1. Follow to intersection with Rte. 162. Bear right onto Rte. 162. Follow to intersection with Buckingham Ave. Turn right onto Buckingham Ave. and follow over bridge. Park in either lot.

Lordship Marshes, Stratford - I-95 north to exit 30. **From I-95 south take exit 30 Surf Ave.** Turn onto Lordship Blvd. Follow to Access Road (3 way light). Turn right staying on Lordship Blvd. and follow through the marshes. After you cross the marshes at the stop sign turn right onto Oak Bluff Rd (Rte.113) follow to end and enter the beach, also good birding and views of the marshes.