



MAINE AUDUBON



# Maine Birds Checklist

For young birders

## Common Loon



winter plumage

Loons nest on lakes and move to open salt water in the winter.



## Common Eider



Look for these large ducks in salt water, where they dive for mussels and crabs.



## Double-crested Cormorant \*



Cormorants dive for fish, then spread their wings in the sun to dry.



## Red-Tailed Hawk



This common hawk often sits on fences and poles along roads.



## Great Blue Heron



Like other herons and egrets, these birds have long necks and legs to help them catch fish and small animals.



## Bald Eagle



Eagles catch fish, ducks, and other prey but are also scavengers that will eat dead animals.



## Canada Goose



These geese are almost always in a flock.



## GULLS

Gulls eat almost anything, which is why you can see them in many different habitats and often near people.



## Herring



## Great Black-backed



## Mallard



Female

Male

These ducks “dabble” for food by tipping upside down with their heads in the water.



What birds like to eat:



invertebrates



seeds



small animals



fish



omnivore



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## Mourning Dove



Doves look for seeds on the ground. Their wings whistle when they fly.



## Eastern Phoebe\*



Phoebes fly from their perch to catch insects in the air. When perched, they wag their tails.



## Ruby-throated Hummingbird\*



Hummingbirds use their long bills to reach flower nectar.



## Red-eyed Vireo\*



These small birds can be hard to see as they often sing from near the tops of trees.



## WOODPECKERS

Hairy Woodpeckers are larger and have bigger bills than Downy Woodpeckers. Both drill for insects in wood and bark.



### Downy



### Hairy



These woodpeckers spend time on the ground looking for ants to eat.

## Northern Flicker\*



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## Blue Jay



Jays are related to crows and ravens. They can mimic, or copy, the calls of other birds such as hawks.



## American Crow



Crows are social and smart. Groups of crows will "mob" predators to chase them away.



## Tree Swallow\*



Swallows fly in swooping movements, catching insects as they go.



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Chickadees often feed in mixed groups with other types of birds.



## American Robin



Robins eat worms, but in the winter they flock together to find fruit and berries.



## Tufted Titmouse



Listen for titmice loudly whistling "peter, peter" during spring and summer.



## Gray Catbird\*



Catbirds do make a meowing call, but also mimic other birds while singing.



## NUTHATCHES

Nuthatches walk down trees head-first looking for insects.



### White-breasted



### Red-breasted



## Cedar Waxwing



The red and yellow color on a waxwing's feathers comes from the fruit it eats.



## WARBLERS

Different warblers are found in different habitats, but they all dart around looking for insects and use their long, thin beaks to eat them.



### Black-throated Green\*



### Yellow-rumped\*



### Common Yellowthroat\*



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fruit

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## European Starling



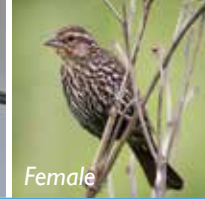
This introduced species forms large, loud flocks and will take over nest sites of other birds.



## Red-winged Blackbird\*



Male



Female

Listen for males calling "konk-a-ree" in wet, marshy areas.



## Northern Cardinal



Male



Female

Female cardinals are not as red as males, but do have some red on their wings and tail.



## Common Grackle\*



Grackles form large flocks, often with other blackbirds mixed in.



## SPARROWS

Sparrows look for seeds on the ground or in brushy, grassy areas. Different species live in different habitats.



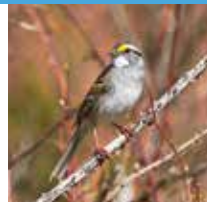
### Chipping\*



### Song



### White-throated\*



### Dark-eyed Junco



## FINCHES

Finches use their thick bills to open the seeds they eat.



### American Goldfinch



Male

Female



Winter Plumage

### House Finch



Male

Female

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| SONG SPARROW                 |      |          |       |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW       |      |          |       |
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