

BIRDING ALONG OUR CREEKS

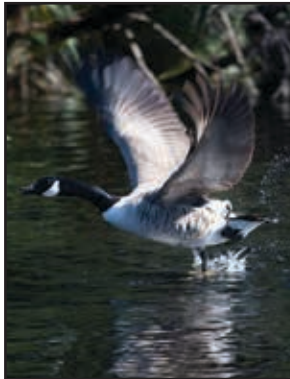
Instructions: Use binoculars to identify birds. In a notebook, write down the species of birds you see—if known. If unknown, write down a detailed description with size, color, shape, beak, and behavior. **Please do not disturb nests or birds.**

Name: **Date:**

Location: **Weather:**

Common Birds:

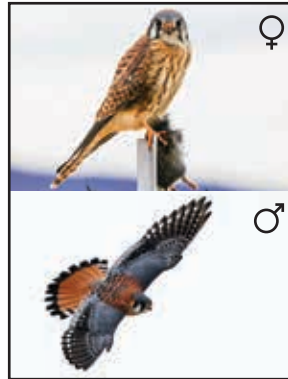
Female: ♀ Male: ♂



Canada Goose
Branta canadensis

Very common and wide-spread. Found on or near any body of water. Often seen grazing on lawns, golf courses, and farm-lands. Easily identified by long black neck.

Seen:



American Kestrel
Falco sparverius

Common in non-breed-ing season (Aug-Mar). Often seen on tall wires and fence posts. The smallest falcon in North America. Identified by boldly patterned head.

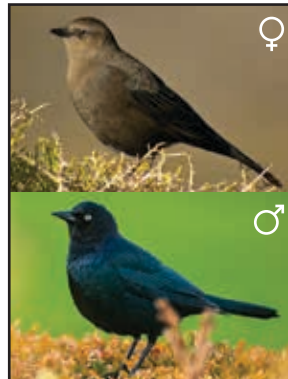
Seen:



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias

Uncommon. Forages in open habitats: grass-lands and shallow water. Usually solitary and most active at night. Identified by large body and grayish-blue hue.

Seen:



Brewer's Blackbird
Euphagus cyanocephalus

Very common and wide-spread. Often seen in parks, parking lots, and other open areas. Males are dark bluish-black with yellow eyes. Females: mostly brown.

Seen:



American Coot
Fulica americana

Common. Often seen foraging in small ponds with plants near the surface or grazing on lawns. Forms large com-pact flocks. Duck-like with stubby-white bill.

Seen:



Black-billed Magpie
Pica hudsonia

Very common and wide-spread. Often seen in urban areas, parks, and grasslands with scat-tered trees. Identified by black and white body and long black tail.

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Common Birds:



Killdeer

Charadrius vociferus

Very common and widespread. Nests and forages in parks, parking lots, and other open areas—often far from water. Easily identified by two black stripes on throat.

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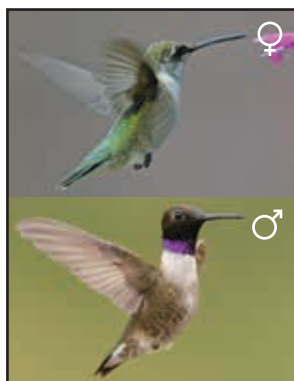


American Pelican

Pelecanus erythrorhynchos

Common in breeding season (Apr-Jul). Often in flocks, soaring high overhead. Feeds by scooping small fish in bill pouch. Identified by large yellow bill.

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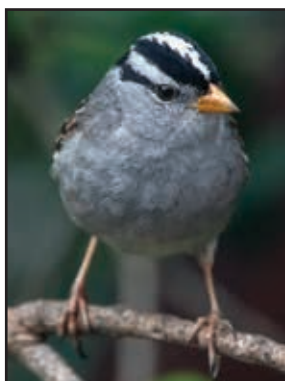


Black-chinned Hummingbird

Archilochus alexandri

Common in non-breeding season (Aug-Mar). Often seen in wooded areas. Males have black chin and purple throat.

Seen:



White-crowned Sparrow

Zonotrichia leucophrys

Common in non-breeding season (Aug-Mar). Nests in brushy areas surrounded by open habitats, like parks.

Seen:

Notes:

Questions: What birds are here? How many are there? How are they using the space?