

This guide is a list of birds that can be found in Yonkers. Hudson River Audubon Society of Westchester members base the list on sightings since the late 1980's. There have been new sightings and changes in the population distribution of some birds. This is an updated version.

## BIRDS OF YONKERS

The City of Yonkers, despite its urban environment, is well suited for bird watching. The city lies along the Atlantic Flyway, a major route for many migrating birds. The Saw Mill and Bronx River valleys, as well as the Sprain Ridge, attract many species of birds. New York City's location to the south causes many birds to stop in Yonkers to rest or feed during their migration. Blessed with many parks, rivers and lakes, the city is an urban birder's paradise for the persistent and patient lover of nature.

The best birding areas in Yonkers are its parks, which include state, county, and city facilities. Lenoir Nature Preserve, along with Sprain Ridge and Tibbetts Brook parks, all county facilities, provide three of the largest expanses of open space along with varied habitats. Sprain Ridge, the most densely forested area, is good year round and contains many of the breeding birds during the summer. Lenoir Preserve has a nature center and is one of the best places to view migrating hawks in the fall.

Water is key to good birding and Tibbetts Brook Park along with Grassy Sprain Reservoir, Crestwood Lake, Hillview Reservoir, both Saw Mill and Bronx River provide habitat for both ducks and shorebirds during migration.

Many migrating birds use the Hudson River for a migration route and because it opens to the Atlantic Ocean a few miles south, the river provides the city with many of its unusual sightings.

Sunnybrook Park provides one of the few marshy habitats in the city and many of the smaller parks such as Henning Park, Redman and Welty fields have some excellent pockets of birding habitat.

This guide documents 258 species of birds that have been identified in the City of Yonkers during the last four decades. The names of the birds and their taxonomic arrangement in this guide follow that of the 7th Edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds and up to its 57<sup>th</sup> update (July 2016).

The following legend indicates the relative abundance of each species in each season.

**A** Abundant - seen regularly in large numbers  
**C** Common - seen regularly  
**U** Uncommon - seen infrequently, but seen every year.  
**O** Occasional - seen infrequently, not seen every year  
**R** Rare - seen only every few years.

**SP** Spring March-May  
**S** Summer June-August  
**F** Fall September-November  
**W** Winter December-February

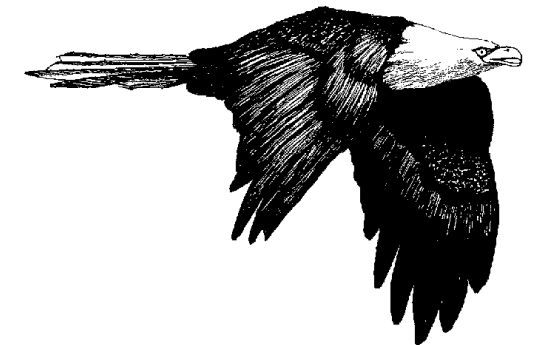
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SPECIES	Sp	S	F	W
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SPECIES	Sp	S	F	W
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	O	O

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SPECIES	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	R	C	O
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SPECIES	Sp	S	F	W
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