

Birds of Whittemore Sanctuary
Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust
Woodbury, Connecticut

Occurrence

- B - Breeding Species (Known or inferred from local knowledge; most Breeding species are also Migrants)
- M - Migrant Species (Occurs during Spring and/or Fall migration periods)
- Y - Year-round Species (Present in all seasons; most are also Breeding Species)
- V - Visitor (in any season)

Abundance

- C - Common (May be seen or heard on most or all visits in the proper season)
- U - Uncommon (Seen or heard only occasionally)
- R - Rare (Seen or heard only a few times, or even less often, in any year)

Please report any additional sightings or observations to Flanders Land Trust (203) 263-3711

List compiled by Chris Wood, with help from Buzz Devine and input from the Audubon Connecticut "Forest Bird Habitat Assessment" 2015

| Species | Occurrence | Abundance | Notes |
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| Canada Goose | Y, B | C | Not around in winter if water is frozen |
| Wood Duck | B | C | Loves the holes in the bog's dead trees |
| American Black Duck | B | C | |
| Mallard | B | C | Hard to miss |
| Blue-winged Teal | M | U | Migrant stopover |
| Green-winged Teal | M | U | Migrant stopover |
| Ring-necked Duck | M | C | Migrant stopover |
| Hooded Merganser | M, B | C | Cavity nester, like Wood Duck |
| Common Merganser | V | R | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | V | R | Probably wanderers from stocked fields nearby |
| Ruffed Grouse | B | R | Declining population in Connecticut |
| Wild Turkey | Y, B | U | Surprisingly uncommon given all the acorns |
| Common Loon | M | U | Migrant fly-overs |
| Double-crested Cormorant | M | U | Migrant fly-overs |
| Great Blue Heron | B | U | Nests, but not every year |
| Green Heron | B | U | Around the bog, secretive |
| Black Vulture | Y, V | U | Probably nests in the Woodbury area |
| Turkey Vulture | Y | C | Flyover, possible nester |
| Osprey | M, V | U | Regular recently Spring and Summer; future nester? |
| Bald Eagle | Y | U | Observed along and over Lake Quassapaug |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | B | U | Probably nests in the woods |
| Cooper's Hawk | B | U | Probably nests in the woods |
| Northern Goshawk | V | R | Potential nesting habitat, but no recent evidence |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Y, B | C | Loud; hard to miss during Spring and Summer |
| Broad-winged Hawk | B | U | Probably nests in the higher woods |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Y | C | Flyover |
| American Kestrel | M | U | Generally a bird of open country |

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| Peregrine Falcon | V | U | Unlikely flyover |
| Killdeer | B | C | On the bog regularly in Summer |
| Solitary Sandpiper | M | U | On mud flats in the bog and on the Lake |
| Spotted Sandpiper | M | U | On mud flats in the bog and on the Lake |
| Least Sandpiper | M | U | On mud flats in the bog and on the Lake |
| American Woodcock | B | U | Listen for breeding display whinney around openings |
| Ring-billed Gull | W, M | U | Flyover |
| Rock Pigeon | Y | U | Flyover |
| Mourning Dove | Y, B | C | |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | B | U | More common with tent caterpillar outbreaks |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | B | U | Ditto |
| Barred Owl | Y, B | U | "Who-cooks-for-you?" hooting heard |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | Y, B | U | |
| Great-horned Owl | B | U | Once nested in a pine grove (Buss Devine) |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | B | U | |
| Common Nighthawk | V, M | R | Flyover |
| Eastern Whip-poor-will | M, B(?) | R | No recent records |
| Chimney Swift | V, M | R | Unlikely flyover |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | B | C | Several nesting locations |
| Belted Kingfisher | Y | U | May occasionally fish the Bog Pond |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | Y, B | C | Hard to miss |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | B, C | C | Hard to miss Spring and Summer |
| Downy Woodpecker | Y, B | C | Always here |
| Hairy Woodpecker | Y, B | C | Always here |
| Northern Flicker | Y, B | C | |
| Pileated Woodpecker | Y, B | C | Always here, distinctive drumming |
| American Kestrel | M | U | Occasional during migration |
| Merlin | M | U | Occasional during migration |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | B | C | Deep woods, vocal, but hard to see in summer |
| Acadian Flycatcher | B | U | Nests along streams |
| Alder Flycatcher | B | U | Most likely around the bog |
| Willow Flycatcher | B | U | Most likely around the bog |
| Least Flycatcher | B | U | "che-beck" call, hard to see |
| Eastern Phoebe | B | C | Abundant during Fall migration |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | B | C | Common, but keeps to the high canopy |

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| Eastern Kingbird | B | C | Several nesting pairs around the bog |
| White-eyed Vireo | M | R | Prefers overgrown fields |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | B | C | Also nests around the bog |
| Blue-headed Vireo | B | U | May nest, but not confirmed |
| Warbling Vireo | B | C | All around the bog, likes water edges for nest sites |
| Red-eyed Vireo | B | C | One of most common woodland songbirds |
| Blue Jay | B | C | |
| American Crow | B | C | |
| Fish Crow | Y, V | U | "Quack", not "caw", except both quack during nesting |
| Common Raven | Y, B | C | Heard or seen on about 10% of visits |
| Tree Swallow | B | C | Abundant on the bog in summer |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | V | U | Migrant pass through |
| Bank Swallow | V | U | Usually during migration |
| Cliff Swallow | V | U | Ususallu during migration |
| Barn Swallow | V | U | Migrant pass through, occasional summer visitor |
| Black-capped Chickadee | Y, B | C | Hard to miss, year round |
| Tufted Titmouse | Y, B | C | Hard to miss, year round |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | V | U | Potential breeder |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Y, B | C | Hard to miss, year round |
| Brown Creeper | B | C | Easy to miss, year round |
| House Wren | B | U | |
| Winter Wren | B | U | Along streams and around bog |
| Carolina Wren | B | U | Prefers more open areas, like yards |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | B | C | Hard to miss in breeding season |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | V, M | C | "zree" or "zee, zee, zee" calls |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | V, M | C | "jdit" calls |
| Eastern Bluebird | Y, B | C | Nests in holes in the bog's dead trees |
| Veery | B | C | Hard to miss in breeding season |
| Swainson's Thrush | M | U | |
| Hermit Thrush | B | C | Hard to miss in breeding season |
| Wood Thrush | B | C | Hard to miss in breeding season |
| American Robin | B | C | Around open areas mostly |
| Gray Catbird | B | C | |
| Northern Mockingbird | V | U | Needs open areas with edges |
| Brown Thrasher | V, M | R | Prefers hedgerows for nesting habitat |

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| European Starling | B | U | Also nests in tree holes |
| Cedar Waxwing | B | C | |
| Ovenbird | B | C | Just about everywhere in the woods |
| Worm-eating Warbler | B | C | In the deep woods on slopes |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | B | C | Along streams; loud, ringing song |
| Northern Waterthrush | B, M | U | Much less likely than Louisiana |
| Golden-winged Warbler | V, M | R | Apparently historical record, no suitable habitat |
| Blue-winged Warbler | V, M | U | |
| Black-and-white Warbler | B | C | One of the most common warblers here |
| Nashville Warbler | M | U | |
| Connecticut Warbler | M | R | Ironically, very rare in Connecticut |
| Mourning Warbler | M | U | |
| Common Yellowthroat | B | C | Around the bog edges |
| Hooded Warbler | B | U | One nest site in most years near the bog |
| American Redstart | B | U | |
| Cape May Warbler | M | U | |
| Cerulean Warbler | M | U | Similar song to Black-throated Blue Warbler |
| Northern Parula | M | C | |
| Magnolia Warbler | M | U | |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | M | U | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | B | U | High in the hemlocks |
| Yellow Warbler | B | C | Around the bog |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | M | U | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | M | C | |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | B | U | Likes mature woods with thick undergrowth |
| Palm Warbler | M | C | Abundant during migration |
| Pine Warbler | B | C | High in the pines |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | M | C | Abundant along bog edge in Fall migration |
| Prairie Warbler | M | U | Prefers early succession fields for nesting |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | B | U | High in the hemlocks |
| Canada Warbler | B | U | |
| Wilson's Warbler | M | U | |
| Eastern Towhee | B | C | "drink-your-tea", around bog edges |
| American Tree Sparrow | M, W | U | |
| Chipping Sparrow | B | C | Trill song similar to Worm-eating Warbler |

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| Field Sparrow | V | R | Unlikely |
| Savannah Sparrow | V | U | Meadow nesting bird |
| Song Sparrow | Y, B | C | |
| Swamp Sparrow | B | U | As name implies, only in the bog |
| White-throated Sparrow | W | C | Winter bird |
| White-crowned Sparrow | M | U | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | W | C | Winter bird |
| Scarlet Tanager | B | C | Dramatic red and black, but hard to spot high in trees |
| Northern Cardinal | Y | C | Bright red and easier to spot than Tanager |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | B | C | High up in the canopy |
| Indigo Bunting | B | U | Generally prefers dry overgrown fields |
| Bobolink | M | U | Migrant flyover |
| Red-winged Blackbird | B | C | Abundant breeders in the bog |
| Eastern Meadowlark | M | R | Migrant flyover |
| Common Grackle | B | C | Abundant breeders in the bog |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | B | C | More likely around open areas |
| Orchard Oriole | V | U | |
| Baltimore Oriole | B | C | Bog edge |
| House Finch | Y, B | C | |
| Purple Finch | W, B | U | |
| Pine Siskin | W | U | |
| American Goldfinch | Y, B | C | |
| House Sparrow | B | U | |
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