



Activity 1 – Go Birding

Instructions: Please review the Birds of Chicago section on the Bird's Eye View of the Chicago Migratory Route web site at www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/BirdMigration. Upon completing your review of the Birds of Chicago section, follow the steps below to begin your adventures in birding. Good luck!

1. Get a bird field guide

There are many sources of bird information available:

- The Chicago Public Library
- Local Bookstore
- Web sites

2. Locate a popular birding site in your area

Visit the Chicago Birding Locations page on the Bird's Eye View of the Chicago Migratory Route web site at www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/BirdMigration.

There are many good locations around Chicago to find many common and not so common birds, including the following:

- The Lake and its Shoreline
- Parks
- Forest Preserves
- Fields and Grassy Areas
- Your Backyard

3. Create your Chicago Bird List

1. Print out Page 1 (labeled pages 1&4) of the Chicago Bird List.
2. Re-Insert Pages 1 into your printer upside down, and proceed to print Page 2 (labeled pages 2&3) on the back side of Page 1.
3. Fold your list in half, and you are ready to go.

4. Visit one or several birding sites and log your findings

There are several ways to log your findings:

1. Take Notes (Chicago Bird List)
 - a. Where was it? (In the water, flying, tree, grass, etc.)
 - b. Was it eating?
 - c. Was it singing or calling?
 - d. How many birds did you see together?
2. Take Photographs
3. Record Sounds



✓	Date	Bird Name
		Ring-necked Pheasant
		Rock Dove
		Rose-breasted Grosbeak
		Ross's Goose
		Rough-legged Hawk
		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
		Ruby-throated Hummingbird
		Ruddy Duck
		Ruddy Turnstone
		Ruff (Reeve)
		Rusty Blackbird
		Sabine's Gull
		Sanderling
		Sandhill Crane
		Savannah Sparrow
		Scarlet Tanager
		Sedge Wren
		Semipalmated Plover
		Semipalmated Sandpiper
		Sharp-shinned Hawk
		Short-billed Dowitcher
		Short-eared Owl
		Smith's Longspur
		Snow Bunting
		Snow Goose
		Snowy Egret
		Snowy Owl
		Solitary Sandpiper
		Song Sparrow
		Sora
		Spotted Sandpiper
		Spotted Towhee
		Stilt Sandpiper
		Summer Tanager
		Surf Scoter
		Swainson's Hawk
		Swainson's Thrush
		Swamp Sparrow
		Tennessee Warbler
		Thayer's Gull
		Tree Swallow
		Tricolored Heron
		Tufted Titmouse

✓	Date	Bird Name
		Tundra Swan
		Turkey Vulture
		Upland Sandpiper
		Varied Thrush
		Veery
		Vesper Sparrow
		Virginia Rail
		Warbling Vireo
		Western Grebe
		Western Kingbird
		Western Meadowlark
		Western Sandpiper
		Western Tanager
		Whimbrel
		Whip-poor-will
		White-breasted Nuthatch
		White-crowned Sparrow
		White-eyed Vireo
		White-rumped Sandpiper
		White-throated Sparrow
		White-winged Crossbill
		White-winged Scoter
		Wild Turkey
		Willet
		Willow Flycatcher
		Wilson's Phalarope
		Wilson's Warbler
		Winter Wren
		Wood Duck
		Wood Thrush
		Worm-eating Warbler
		Yellow Rail
		Yellow Warbler
		Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
		Yellow-billed Cuckoo
		Yellow-breasted Chat
		Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
		Yellow-headed Blackbird
		Yellow-rumped Warbler
		Yellow-throated Vireo
		Yellow-throated Warbler

*Source Used to Compile the "Comprehensive List of Chicago Migrants" above: *Birds of the Greater Chicago Area: A Season Checklist* (1982, revised 1998), compiled by the Chicago Audubon Society.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Chicago Bird Checklist



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✓	Date	Bird Name
		Acadian Flycatcher
		Alder Flycatcher
		American Avocet
		American Bittern
		American Black Duck
		American Coot
		American Crow
		American Golden-Plover
		American Goldfinch
		American Kestrel
		American Pipit
		American Redstart
		American Robin
		American Tree Sparrow
		American White Pelican
		American Wigeon
		American Woodcock
		Baird's Sandpiper
		Bald Eagle
		Baltimore Oriole
		Bank Swallow
		Barn Owl

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		Barn Swallow
		Barred Owl
		Barrow's Goldeneye
		Bay-breasted Warbler
		Bell's Vireo
		Belted Kingfisher
		Black Rail
		Black Scoter
		Black Tern
		Black-and-White Warbler
		Black-bellied Plover
		Black-billed Cuckoo
		Blackburnian Warbler
		Black-capped Chickadee
		Black-crowned Night-Heron
		Black-headed Gull
		Black-legged Kittiwake
		Blackpoll Warbler
		Black-throated Blue Warbler
		Black-throated Green Warbler
		Blue Grosbeak
		Blue Jay

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		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
		Blue-headed Vireo
		Blue-winged Teal
		Blue-winged Warbler
		Bobolink
		Bohemian Waxwing
		Bonaparte's Gull
		Brant
		Brewer's Blackbird
		Broad-winged Hawk
		Brown Creeper
		Brown Thrasher
		Brown-headed Cowbird
		Buff-breasted Sandpiper
		Bufflehead
		California Gull
		Canada Goose
		Canada Warbler
		Canvasback
		Cape May Warbler
		Carolina Wren
		Caspian Tern
		Cattle Egret
		Cedar Waxwing
		Cerulean Warbler
		Chestnut-sided Warbler
		Chimney Swift
		Chipping Sparrow
		Chuck-will's-widow
		Clay-colored Sparrow
		Cliff Swallow
		Common Goldeneye
		Common Grackle
		Common Loon
		Common Merganser
		Common Moorhen
		Common Nighthawk
		Common Redpoll
		Common Snipe
		Common Tern
		Common Yellowthroat
		Connecticut Warbler
		Cooper's Hawk
		Dark-eyed Junco
		Dickcissel
		Double-crested Cormorant
		Downy Woodpecker

✓	Date	Bird Name
		Dunlin
		Eared Grebe
		Eastern Bluebird
		Eastern Kingbird
		Eastern Meadowlark
		Eastern Phoebe
		Eastern Screech-Owl
		Eastern Towhee
		Eastern Wood-Pewee
		Eurasian Wigeon
		European Starling
		Evening Grosbeak
		Field Sparrow
		Forster's Tern
		Fox Sparrow
		Franklin's Gull
		Gadwall
		Glaucous Gull
		Golden Eagle
		Golden-crowned Kinglet
		Golden-winged Warbler
		Grasshopper Sparrow
		Gray Catbird
		Gray Partridge
		Gray-cheeked Thrush
		Great Black-backed Gull
		Great Blue Heron
		Great Crested Flycatcher
		Great Egret
		Great Horned Owl
		Greater Scaup
		Greater White-fronted Goose
		Greater Yellowlegs
		Green Heron
		Green-winged Teal
		Hairy Woodpecker
		Harlequin Duck
		Harris's Sparrow
		Henslow's Sparrow
		Hermit Thrush
		Herring Gull
		Hoary Redpoll
		Hooded Merganser
		Hooded Warbler
		Horned Grebe
		Horned Lark
		House Finch

✓	Date	Bird Name
		House Sparrow
		House Wren
		Hudsonian Godwit
		Iceland Gull
		Indigo Bunting
		Kentucky Warbler
		Killdeer
		King Eider
		King Rail
		Lapland Longspur
		Lark Bunting
		Lark Sparrow
		Laughing Gull
		Le Conte's Sparrow
		Least Bittern
		Least Flycatcher
		Least Sandpiper
		Least Tern
		Lesser Black-backed Gull
		Lesser Scaup
		Lesser Yellowlegs
		Lincoln's Sparrow
		Little Blue Heron
		Little Gull
		Loggerhead Shrike
		Long-billed Dowitcher
		Long-eared Owl
		Long-tailed Jaeger
		Louisiana Waterthrush
		Magnolia Warbler
		Mallard
		Marbled Godwit
		Marsh Wren
		Merlin
		Mew Gull
		Monk Parakeet
		Mourning Dove
		Mourning Warbler
		Mute Swan
		Nashville Warbler
		Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
		Northern Bobwhite
		Northern Cardinal
		Northern Flicker
		Northern Goshawk
		Northern Harrier
		Northern Mockingbird

✓	Date	Bird Name
		Northern Parula
		Northern Pintail
		Northern Rough-winged Swallow
		Northern Saw-whet Owl
		Northern Shoveler
		Northern Shrike
		Northern Waterthrush
		Oldsquaw
		Olive-sided Flycatcher
		Orange-crowned Warbler
		Orchard Oriole
		Osprey
		Ovenbird
		Palm Warbler
		Parasitic Jaeger
		Pectoral Sandpiper
		Peregrine Falcon
		Philadelphia Vireo
		Pied-billed Grebe
		Pileated Woodpecker
		Pine Grosbeak
		Pine Siskin
		Pine Warbler
		Piping Plover
		Pomarine Jaeger
		Prairie Warbler
		Prothonotary Warbler
		Purple Finch
		Purple Martin
		Purple Sandpiper
		Red Crossbill
		Red Knot
		Red Phalarope
		Red-bellied Woodpecker
		Red-breasted Merganser
		Red-breasted Nuthatch
		Red-eyed Vireo
		Redhead
		Red-headed Woodpecker
		Red-necked Grebe
		Red-necked Phalarope
		Red-shouldered Hawk
		Red-tailed Hawk
		Red-throated Loon
		Red-winged Blackbird
		Ring-billed Gull
		Ring-necked Duck