

99commonbirds

Wells Reserve at Laudholm

SPECIES	SUMMER	SPR/FALL	WINTER
WATERFOWL			
_ Canada Goose	•	•	•
_ American Black Duck	•	•	•
_ Mallard	•	•	•
_ Common Eider	•	•	•
_ Surf Scoter		•	•
_ White-winged Scoter		•	•
_ Long-tailed Duck		•	•
_ Bufflehead		•	•
_ Common Goldeneye		•	•
_ Red-breasted Merganser		•	•
FOWL-LIKE BIRDS			
_ Ruffed Grouse	•	•	•
_ Wild Turkey	•	•	•
LOONS			
_ Common Loon		•	•
PELICANS & RELATIVES			
_ Double-crested Cormorant	•	•	
HERONS & NEW WORLD VULTURES			
_ Great Blue Heron	•	•	
_ Great Egret	•	•	
_ Snowy Egret	•	•	
_ Turkey Vulture	•	•	
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY			
_ Osprey		•	
_ Sharp-shinned Hawk	•	•	•
_ Cooper's Hawk		•	•
_ Broad-winged Hawk	•	•	
_ American Kestrel	•	•	
_ Merlin		•	
SHOREBIRDS, GULLS & RELATIVES			
_ Black-bellied Plover		•	
_ Semipalmated Plover		•	
_ Piping Plover	•	•	
_ Killdeer	•	•	
_ Greater Yellowlegs	•	•	

SPECIES	SUMMER	SPR/FALL	WINTER
_ Lesser Yellowlegs	•	•	
_ Willet	•	•	
_ Spotted Sandpiper	•	•	
_ Sanderling		•	•
_ Semipalmated Sandpiper		•	
_ Least Sandpiper		•	
_ Short-billed Dowitcher		•	
_ American Woodcock	•	•	
_ Bonaparte's Gull	•	•	•
_ Ring-billed Gull	•	•	•
_ Herring Gull	•	•	•
_ Great Black-backed Gull	•	•	•
_ Common Tern	•	•	
_ Least Tern	•	•	
PIGEONS & DOVES			
_ Rock Pigeon	•	•	•
_ Mourning Dove	•	•	•
KINGFISHERS			
_ Belted Kingfisher	•	•	
WOODPECKERS			
_ Downy Woodpecker	•	•	•
_ Hairy Woodpecker	•	•	•
_ Northern Flicker	•	•	•
PERCHING BIRDS			
_ Eastern Wood-Pewee	•	•	
_ Eastern Phoebe	•	•	
_ Great Crested Flycatcher	•	•	
_ Eastern Kingbird	•	•	
_ Blue-headed Vireo	•	•	
_ Red-eyed Vireo	•	•	
_ Blue Jay	•	•	•
_ American Crow	•	•	•
_ Tree Swallow	•	•	
_ Barn Swallow	•	•	
_ Black-capped Chickadee	•	•	•
_ Tufted Titmouse	•	•	•
_ Red-breasted Nuthatch	•	•	•
_ White-breasted Nuthatch	•	•	•
_ Brown Creeper	•	•	•

SPECIES	SUMMER	SPR/FALL	WINTER
_ House Wren	•	•	
_ Veery	•	•	
_ Hermit Thrush		•	
_ American Robin	•	•	•
_ Gray Catbird	•	•	
_ Northern Mockingbird	•	•	•
_ Brown Thrasher	•	•	
_ European Starling	•	•	•
_ Cedar Waxwing	•	•	•
_ Nashville Warbler		•	
_ Yellow Warbler	•	•	
_ Chestnut-sided Warbler	•	•	
_ Yellow-rumped Warbler		•	
_ Black-throated Green Warbler	•	•	
_ Black-and-white Warbler	•	•	
_ American Redstart	•	•	
_ Ovenbird	•	•	
_ Common Yellowthroat	•	•	
_ Eastern Towhee	•	•	
_ Chipping Sparrow	•	•	
_ Song Sparrow	•	•	•
_ White-throated Sparrow		•	•
_ White-crowned Sparrow		•	
_ Dark-eyed Junco		•	•
_ Northern Cardinal	•	•	•
_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	•	•	
_ Bobolink	•	•	
_ Red-winged Blackbird	•	•	•
_ Eastern Meadowlark	•	•	
_ Common Grackle	•	•	•
_ Brown-headed Cowbird	•	•	
_ Purple Finch	•	•	•
_ House Finch	•	•	•
_ American Goldfinch	•	•	•
_ House Sparrow	•	•	•
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Where are the birds?

Visit all the varied habitats of the Wells Reserve to find the greatest diversity of birds.

Grasslands surrounding the farm buildings are home to kingbirds, bobolinks, and meadowlarks.

Shrublands appeal to thrashers, wrens, and yellowthroats.

Mixed woodlands harbor chickadees, nuthatches, and warblers.

Edges between fields and forests attract woodcocks, phoebes, and catbirds.

Salt marshes support geese, egrets, and willets.

Beaches bring together sandpipers, plovers, and gulls.

Dunes provide nest sites for piping plovers and least terns.

Rivers draw cormorants, black ducks, and kingfishers.

On the sea rest eiders, scoters, and loons.

Overhead fly vultures, hawks, and swallows. Look everywhere. Listen carefully.

About the Wells Reserve

The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve is dedicated to protecting and restoring coastal ecosystems of the Gulf of Maine through integrated research, stewardship, environmental learning, and community partnerships. It is part of a system of reserve sites around the country and the only one in Maine.

Laudholm Trust

Laudholm Trust provides funds and services essential to the mission of the Wells Reserve. By donating to Laudholm Trust you will help to protect birds and bird habitats around southern Maine while enjoying benefits of membership, including free admission to the Wells Reserve at Laudholm (except some special events) and discounts on programs and purchases. Pick up a membership form in the Visitor Center or visit wellsreserve.org.

With more than 235 species on its bird list, the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve is an outstanding place for discovering avian wonders. But many of those species are uncommon, secretive, present only briefly, or highly localized, so we have shortened the list to make it easier for birdwatchers to know what they are most likely to see.

How did you pick 99 common birds?

We gave our complete bird list to three birders with plenty of experience at the Wells Reserve. We asked each of them to choose about 100 species that a competent birdwatcher could see with just a bit of effort. Eighty species were picked by all three of our experts and 19 more were on two lists.

What about...?

A dedicated birdwatcher, whether expert or novice, will be able to see species not in this brochure. This list is a simple starting point; a full species list is available in the Visitor Center and on our website.

What do the headings mean?

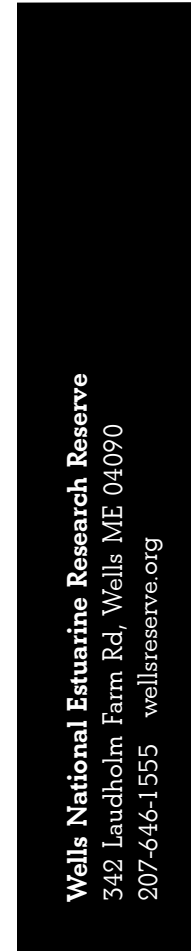
Seasonal information—summer, spring/fall, winter—tells when each species is likely to be found here. Many “summer” birds probably nest at or near the Wells Reserve, but some are simply migrants that breed elsewhere.

How do I use this list?

Place it in your bird book. It will be a handy reference for your walks at the Wells Reserve. Plan your visits well and you should see all these species in one year. Good luck and have fun!

How can I learn more about the birds at the Wells Reserve?

Join one of our guided bird walks or come to a bird-banding demonstration; see the Wells Reserve program calendar for details. Visit our website for articles on birds: wellsreserve.org/blog/tags/birds



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