Birding In Door County

Whether you're a seasoned expert or a budding novice, Door County's diverse array of natural habitats is sure to abound with over 300 miles of picturesque shoreline, five state parks, 19 county parks, two nature sanctuaries, and 54 Door County Land Trust locations. Discover and explore secluded forests, winding meadows and striking sites where over 300 of the 800 species of birds, or more than 1/3 of the native North American bird population, reside. Visit our designated bird cities where conservation efforts have enhanced the environment for wildlife and ensured world-class bird watching opportunities year-round.

Birding Checklist

- White-crowned Sparrow
- Baltimore Oriole
- Eastern Towhee
- Sandhill Cranes
- Downy Woodpecker
- American Robin
- Eastern Towhee
- Indigo Bunting
- Northern Cardinal
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Thrasher
- Female Common Merganser
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Tundra Swan
- Turkey Vulture
- Sandhill Cranes
- Eastern Kingsbird
- Northern Flicker
- Osprey
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Female Common Merganser
- Downy Woodpecker

SEASONALITY OF BIRDS

A great deal of wildlife watching and bird watching in particular depends upon timing. Spring is the perfect time to spot gulls, terns, cranes, pelicans, colorful waterfowl in the woodlands, and other waterfowl among flooded fields and thawing shoreline. As summer arrives, keep a watchful eye out for a sighting of the beautiful indigo bunting, scarlet tanager, and rose-breasted grosbeak. With the arrival of fall, the familiar sound of geese fills the air as they migrate south for the winter, leaving behind a variety of year-round feathered friends that include cedar waxwings, American goldfinches and bald eagles.

For more information including specific birding site maps visit DoorCounty.com/Experience/Birding

What Is A Bird City?

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BAILEYS HARBOR
The most biologically diverse municipality in the state of Wisconsin, where pristine ecosystems comprised of boreal forest, alder thicket, mixed conifer-hardwood forest, and wetland serve as home to over 90 species of birds. BaileysHarbor.com

Egg Harbor
A quiet harbor village that welcomes birders of all ages and levels of interest to a one-of-a-kind adventure along its very own Bird Trail. Hike along the marina, past orchards, open fields, and quiet countryside for a glimpse of avian arrivals both common and rare. EggHarborDoorCounty.org

Ephraim
From the meandering paths of the Ephraim Wetlands Preserve to the serene trails of Peninsula State Park and the Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond, explore and discover diversive ecosystems home to 55 nesting species of birds. EphraimDoorCounty.com

Sturgeon Bay
With more miles of accessible public shoreline than any other community, Sturgeon Bay is a great place to witness the annual migrations. Enjoy bird conservation activities and hikes at the Crossroads at Big Creek, Door County Land Trusts, local parks and more. SturgeonBay.net Washington Island
Renowned as a major birding flyway, experience an incredible variety of species in this northern natural habitat. Visit the Art and Nature Center or Jackson Harbor Ridges, a Wisconsin Scientific Area and outstanding example of beach, dune, boreal and shore meadow habitats with a maintained nature trail. Washingtonisland.com

Education & Tours

The Clearing
Week-long bird classes focusing on field trips and bird identification. TheClearing.org

Crossroads at Big Creek
A 125-acre preserve focusing on science, history and environment. www.crossroadsatbigcreek.com

Door County Land Trust
Protects and preserves over 6,500 acres of Door County's pristine natural habitats which are ideal for bird watching and wildlife study. DoorCountyLandTrust.org

Door County Tours
Embark on a variety of bird tours and outings led throughout Door County by owner and naturalist, Paul Regnier. DoorCountyTours.com

Door County State Parks
Offering a variety of bird hikes and introductory classes throughout the year. WiParks.net

Door Islands Bird Festival
Held in May on Washington Island and the surrounding northern Door County Islands. Observe, discover, and help raise funds for habitat preservation. wican.org/calendar-of-events

Nature Conservancy
International land trust preserving lands for people, wildlife and birds. Nature.org

Open Door Bird Sanctuary
The only nature center within 150 miles devoted to wild bird rehabilitation and community education in the heart of Door County. OpenDoorBirdSanctuary.org

The Ridges Sanctuary
Organizes and hosts a number of birding hikes and events throughout the year. RidgesSanctuary.org

Washington Island Art and Nature Center
Offers fun, educational bird hikes and informational classes for adults and children. WanC.org

Wisconsin Society of Ornithology (WSO)
Wisconsin’s premier bird conservation organization. Membership based with field trips, annual convention and newsletter. WSOBirds.org

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Bird City Wisconsin designation.

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For additional information and a complete review of the ABA Code of Ethics visit [www.aba.org](http://www.aba.org).

Ecosystem and wildlife preservation are imperative to the future. Set an example for others as a good steward of Mother Nature by practicing these principles from the American Birding Association when you take to the trails.

- Use restraint and caution at all times to avoid stressing or exposing birds and wildlife to danger.
- Limit use of recordings and other means of attracting birds in a heavily birded area. Never attract threatened, endangered, or rare species in your area.
- Maintain a generous distance from nests, nesting colonies, roosts, and feeding areas.
- Stay on roads and trails as much as possible to avoid habitat disturbances.
- Avoid the use of artificial light for filming and photography.

For detailed maps of these locations visit [DoorCounty.com/Experience/Birding](http://DoorCounty.com/Experience/Birding).