

# Birds of Emerson Point Preserve



**American Robin Family**  
*Turdus migratorius*

Habitat: woodlands, fields.  
Diet: mixture of wild and cultivated fruits, berries, earthworms, and insects.



**Orchard Oriole**  
*Icterus spurius*

Habitat: gardens, orchards, along streams and lakes.  
Diet: insects, fruit, spiders, nectar.



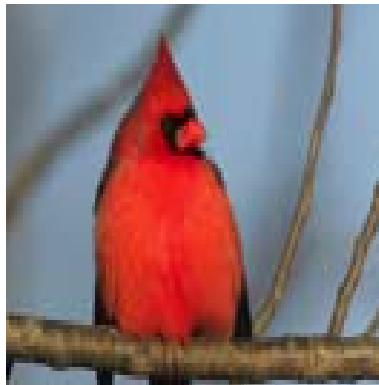
**Red Winged Blackbird**  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*

Habitat: wet meadows, cattail marshes, upland grasslands, and pastures.  
Diet: plant matter, weed seeds, sunflower and tree seeds, grain, insects



**Blue Jay**  
*Cyanocitta cristata*

Habitat: forest edges, mixed forests, woodlands.  
Diet: arthropods, acorns, nuts, fruits, seeds, small vertebrates.



**Northern Cardinal**  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*

Habitat: forest edges, hedgerows, and shrubs.  
Diet: seeds, fruit, and insects.



**Cedar Waxwings**  
*Bombycilla cedrorum*

Habitat: open woodlands, and orchards.  
Diet: mostly frugivorous, but also insects.



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**Rose Breasted Grosbeak**  
*Pheucticus ludovicianus*

Habitat: forest edge, oak and riparian, open forest.

Diet: seeds, insects, caterpillars, tree flowers, fruits, and berries.



**Downy Woodpecker**  
*Picoides pubescens*

Habitat: open deciduous forests and woodlands.

Diet: insects, fruits, seeds, sap, spiders.



**Red-bellied Woodpecker**  
*Melanerpes carolinus*

Habitat: hardwood forests, riparian forests.

Diet: omnivorous, fruits, nuts, seeds, berries, tree sap, ants, flies, grasshoppers, beetle larvae.



**Brown Pelican**  
*Pelecanus occidentalis*

Habitat: strictly marine in habitat, prefer shallow inshore waters such as estuaries and bays.

Diet: fish, mostly menhaden, but also pigfish, herring, and sheepshead.



**Royal Tern**  
*Sterna maxima*

Habitat: sandy islands and barrier beaches with sparse vegetation.

Diet: almost exclusively fish, also aquatic invertebrates.



**Laughing Gulls**  
*Larus atricilla*

Habitat: salt marshes, bays, and estuaries.

Diet: aquatic invertebrates, carrion, and fish.





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**Mallard Duck**  
*Anas platyrhynchos*

Habitat: shallow bodies of year-round freshwater.  
Diet: seeds, vegetation, insects, small fish, crawfish, and frogs.



**Mottled Duck**  
*Anas fulvigula*

Habitat: coastal marshes.  
Diet: aquatic invertebrates, seeds, fish, green plant matter.



**Wood Duck**  
*Aix sponsa*

Habitat: woodland areas along lakes, rivers, and creeks.  
Diet: omnivorous, nuts, fruits, aquatic plants, seeds, aquatic insects, and invertebrates.



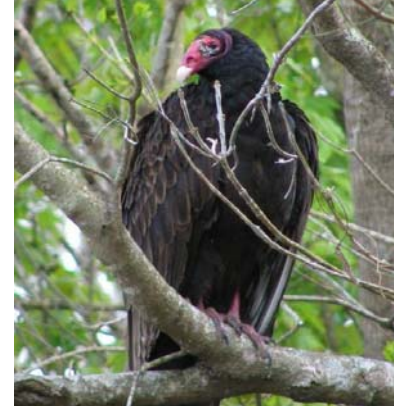
**Blue-Winged Teal**  
*Anas discors*

Habitat: wetland areas within grasslands, such as marshes, ponds, and lakes.  
Diet: seeds, green plant matter, aquatic invertebrates.



**Black Vulture**  
*Coragyps atratus*

Habitat: flat low-laying areas, especially agricultural areas with adjacent dense woodlands, grasslands, brackish or fresh water.  
Diet: mostly carrion, but they can kill small animals.



**American Turkey Vulture**  
*Cathartes aura*

Habitat: farmland, pastures with nearby forest areas, scrub vegetation, bushes, desert, forests.  
Diet: carrion, sometimes roadkill, will eat vegetables if food shortage.



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**Grey Catbird**

*Dumetella carolinensis*

Habitat: scrub, bush, thicket, open canopy forests.

Diet: spring - insects, ants, beetles, caterpillars, grasshoppers, spiders, and millipedes.  
summer - fruit.



**European Starling**

*Stumus vulgaris*

Habitat: prefer disturbed or altered habitats (farmland, urban and suburban).

Diet: insects, berries, fruits, and seeds.



**Fish Crow**

*Corvus ossifragus*

Habitat: coastal marshes, inland lakes, river banks, and the land immediately surrounding all.

Diet: fruit, seeds, insects, carrion, fish, eggs.

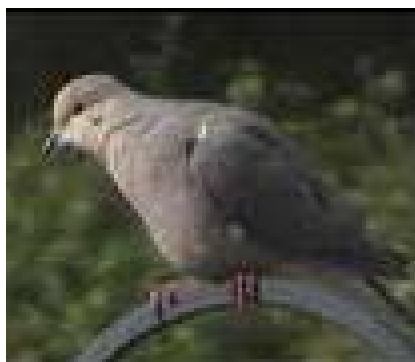


**Swainson's Thrush**

*Catharus ustulatus*

Habitat: coniferous forests, especially spruce and fir.

Diet: berries and insects.



**Morning Dove**

*Zenaida macroura*

Habitat: open woodlands and forest edges near grasslands and fields.

Diet: seeds, waste grain, fruit, and insects.



**Chimney Swift**

*Chaetura pelagica*

Habitat: grassland with scattered trees, open forest, lakes, rivers.

Diet: insects.





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**Prairie Warbler**  
*Dendroica discolor*

Habitat: shrub, scrub.  
Diet: insects.



**Palm Warbler**  
*Dendroica pamarum*

Habitat: bogs, marsh edges,  
weedy fields.  
Diet: insects and fruit.



**Hooded Warbler**  
*Wilsonia citrina*

Habitat: coniferous forest,  
broadleaf, temperate, forest  
edge, oak and riparian,  
undergrowth, freshwater  
marshes, swamps.  
Diet: insects, caterpillars,  
spiders.



**Worm-eating Warbler**  
*Helmitheros vermivorus*

Habitat: dense deciduous  
forests, usually on  
wooded slopes,  
Diet: insects



**Blue-winged Warbler**  
*Vermivora pinus*

Habitat: forest and  
field edges,  
open scrubby areas  
Diet: insects, spiders.



**Black and White Warbler**  
*Mniotilta varia*

Habitat: forest, open forest.  
Diet: insects, caterpillars,  
spiders.

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**Red-Eyed Vireo**  
*Vireo olivaceus*

Habitat: open deciduous or mixed woodlands, grasslands, forest edge.

Diet: insects, will supplement diet with berries in late summer.



**White-Eyed Vireo**  
*Virgeo griseus*

Habitat: dense scrub habitat.

Diet: insects, fruit.



**Common Yellowthroat**  
*Geothlypis trichas*

Habitat: shrub thicket, wetlands.

Diet: insects and seeds.



**Barn Swallow**  
*Hirundo rustica*

Habitat: pastures, fields, lakes, ponds, and rivers.

Diet: insects, occasionally berries and seeds.



**Indigo Bunting**  
*Passerina .cyanea*

Habitat: disturbed areas, roadsides, old fields, landfills.

Diet: insects and weed seeds are mainstay, supplemented by berries and small fruits.



**Yellow-Billed Cuckoo**  
*Coccyzus americanus*

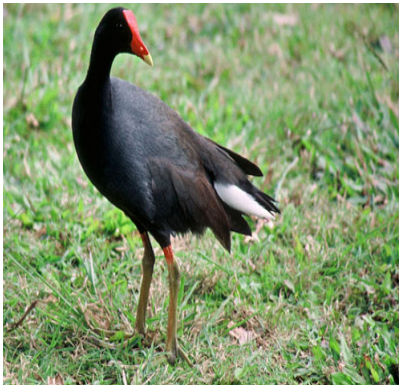
Habitat: open woodlands, dense scrubby vegetation along water.

Diet: large insects, caterpillars, fruits and seeds.





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**Common Moorhen**  
*Gallinula chloropus*

Habitat: open water, common near reservoirs, ponds, freshwater marshes, flooded grasslands.  
Diet: plant matter, aquatic invertebrates



**American Coot**  
*Fulica americana*

Habitat: ponds, lakes, marshes with large stands of tall reeds (cattails).  
Diet: largely vegetation, duckweed, algae, various pond weeds



**Little Blue Heron**  
*Egretta caerulea*

Habitat: ponds, lakes, marshes, lagoons, dry grassland areas.  
Diet: fish, frogs, lizards, snakes, turtles, crustaceans, aquatic insects, and spiders.



**Great Egret**  
*Ardea alba*

Habitat: lives along salt and freshwater marshes, marshy ponds, tidal flats.  
Diet: fish, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and small mammals.



**Cattle Egret**  
*Bubulcus ibis*

Habitat: freshwater and brackish wetlands.  
Diet: insects, small animals



**Snowy Egret**  
*Egretta thula*

Habitat: marshes, swamps, shorelines, mudflats and ponds  
Diet: aquatic insects, reptiles, amphibians, fish, small mammals