



# BIRDING GUIDE



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## 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 astound with over 300 miles of picturesque shoreline, five state parks, 19 county parks, two nature sanctuaries, and 14 Door County Land Trust locations. Discover and explore secluded forests, sweeping meadows and striking vistas where over 300 of the 800 species of birds, or more than 1/3 of the native North American bird population, have been documented. Visit our designated bird cities where conservation efforts have enhanced the environment for wildlife and ensured world-class bird watching opportunities year-round.

## SEASONALITY OF BIRDS



A great deal of wildlife watching and bird watching in particular, depends on timing. Spring is the perfect time to spot gulls, terns, cranes, pelicans, colorful warblers 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 includes cedar waxwings, American gold finches and bald eagles.

## BIRDING WITH ETHICS



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.



## WHAT IS A BIRD CITY?



Bird City recognition is received by communities that strive to educate the public and implement sound conservation practices designed to address common threats that have resulted in declining urban bird populations. Door County was designated a Bird City Wisconsin community on July 28, 2014. The following communities received their own individual Bird City Wisconsin designation: Baileys Harbor, Egg Harbor, Ephraim, Sturgeon Bay and Washington Island.



## Destination Door County

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