

Page 1	Name	Seasonality*	Habitat
WATERFOWL			
___	Greater White-fronted Goose <i>Anser serrirostris</i>	M,S.....	Farm fields
___	Cackling Goose <i>Branta hutchinsii</i>	M,S.....	Farm fields, Smith Lake
___	Canada Goose <i>Branta canadensis</i>	M,B.....	Farm fields, Smith Lake
___	Trumpeter Swan <i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	M,S.....	Farm fields, Smith Lake
___	Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	American Wigeon <i>Mareca americana</i>	M,S.....	Farm fields, Smith Lake
___	Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake, farm fields, garden ponds
___	Blue-winged Teal <i>Spatula discors</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	Northern Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake, farm fields, garden ponds
___	Green-winged Teal <i>Anas crecca</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Canvasback <i>Aythya valisineria</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Ring-necked Duck <i>Aythya collaris</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Lesser Scaup <i>Aythya affinis</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Surf Scoter <i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	White-winged Scoter <i>Melanitta fusca</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	Long-tailed Duck <i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	Bufflehead <i>Bucephala albeola</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Common Goldeneye <i>Bucephala clangula</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake area and nearby forests
___	Barrow's Goldeneye <i>Bucephala islandica</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
GROUSE & PTARMIGAN			
___	Ruffed Grouse <i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	R	Deciduous forests, roadsides, shrubs in garden where fruits overwinter on trees
___	Spruce Grouse <i>Falcapennis canadensis</i>	R	Coniferous forests, open shrubby areas
___	Willow Ptarmigan <i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	R	Trees with dried fruits in winter, AK state bird
___	Sharp-tailed Grouse <i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>	R	Shrublands, occasional garden visitor
LOONS			
___	Common Loon <i>Gavia immer</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	Pacific Loon <i>Gavia pacifica</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
GREBES			
___	Horned Grebe <i>Podiceps auritus</i>	M,B	Smith Lake
___	Red-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
HAWKS, EAGLES & FALCONS			
___	Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	M,B.....	Occasional visitor, flyovers in garden & farm, national emblem of the United States
___	Northern Harrier <i>Circus hudsonius</i>	M,S.....	Farm fields
___	Sharp-shinned Hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	M,B.....	Coniferous & mixed forests, shrub thickets
___	Northern Goshawk <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	M,B.....	Deciduous & coniferous forests
___	Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	M,B.....	Trees, power poles, farm fields
___	Rough-legged Hawk <i>Buteo lagopus</i>	M,S.....	Farm fields
___	American Kestrel <i>Falco sparverius</i>	M,B.....	Garden, farm fields, forest edges
CRANES			
___	Sandhill Crane <i>Grus canadensis</i>	M, B.....	Farm fields esp. during planting and harvest
SHOREBIRDS			
___	American Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	M,S.....	Farm fields
___	Semipalmated Plover <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	Lesser Yellowlegs <i>Tringa flavipes</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Solitary Sandpiper <i>Tringa solitaria</i>	M,B.....	Muskeg near Smith Lake
___	Spotted Sandpiper <i>Actitis macularius</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	Semipalmated Sandpiper <i>Calidris pulsilla</i>	M,S,F ..	Smith Lake, farm fields when wet

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Shorebirds continued:			
___	Least Sandpiper <i>Calidris minutilla</i>	M,S.....	Smith Lake
___	Pectoral Sandpiper <i>Calidris melanotos</i>	M,S,F ..	Smith Lake, farm fields when wet
___	Long-billed Dowitcher <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	M,S,F ..	Smith Lake, farm fields when wet
___	Wilson's Snipe <i>Gallinago delicata</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
___	Red-necked Phalarope <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake, wet grassy areas near lake
GULLS & TERNS			
___	Bonaparte's Gull <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake, bug eating in farm fields
___	Mew Gull <i>Larus canus</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake, bug eating in farm fields
___	Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake
PIGEONS AND DOVES			
___	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	R	Flocks near farm fields, barn, grain storage area Introduced
OWLS			
___	Great Horned Owl <i>Bubo virginianus</i>	R	Forests north of the garden, occasional farm sighting when vole populations are high
___	Northern Hawk Owl <i>Surnia ulula</i>	R	Open coniferous & deciduous forests, farm fields
___	Great Gray Owl <i>Strix varia</i>	R	Open fields near Smith Lake
___	Short-eared Owl <i>Asio flammeus</i>	M,S,F ..	Muskegs, open grassy area
___	Boreal Owl <i>Aegolius funereus</i>	R	Forests, farm fields, nest boxes
KINGFISHERS			
___	Belted Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	M,B.....	Smith Lake area, rare at garden pond
WOODPECKERS			
___	Downy Woodpecker <i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	R.....	Deciduous & mixed forests, garden
___	Hairy Woodpecker <i>Dryobates villosus</i>	R	Deciduous & mixed forests, garden
___	Northern Flicker <i>Colaptes auratus</i>	M,B.....	Deciduous & mixed forests, garden
FLYCATCHERS			
___	Alder Flycatcher <i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	M,B.....	Deciduous forests, tall shrubs near water
___	Hammond's Flycatcher <i>Empidonax hammondi</i>	M,B.....	Deciduous & mixed forests
___	Olive-sided Flycatcher <i>Contopus cooperi</i>	M,B.....	Coniferous forests
___	Western Wood-pewee <i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	M,B.....	Open coniferous & deciduous forests
SHRIKES			
___	Northern Shrike <i>Lanius borealis</i>	R	Preys on small mammals, songbirds in garden, open forests.
JAYS, MAGPIES & RAVENS			
___	Canada Jay <i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	R	Coniferous & deciduous forests
___	Black-billed Magpie <i>Pica hudsonia</i>	R	Occasional visitor in garden, attracted to roadkill
___	Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>	R	Ubiquitous. Always flying overhead, attracted to roadkill
SWALLOWS			
___	Tree Swallow <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	M,B.....	Open farm fields, nest boxes
___	Violet-green Swallow <i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	M,B.....	Open farm fields, rocky banks, nest boxes
___	Cliff Swallow <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	M,B.....	Near barns at farm
CHICKADEES			
___	Black-capped Chickadee <i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	R	Deciduous & coniferous forests
___	Boreal Chickadee <i>Poecile hudsonicus</i>	R	Coniferous & mixed forests
NUTHATCHES			
___	Red-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta canadensis</i>	R	Coniferous & mixed forests esp near Smith Lake
KINGLETS			
___	Ruby-crowned Kinglet <i>Regulus calendula</i>	M,B.....	Coniferous & mixed forests

THRUSHES

___ Gray-cheeked Thrush <i>Catharus minimus</i>	M,S,F	Shrub thickets, mixed forests
___ Swainson's Thrush <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	M,B	Mixed forests, near garden shrubs
___ Hermit Thrush <i>Catharus guttatus</i>	M,B	Deciduous forests
___ American Robin <i>Turdus migratorius</i>	M,B	Ubiquitous in forest, farm & field, congregates near crabapple & chokecherry trees
___ Varied thrush <i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	M,B	Shady, damp esp. coniferous forests

PIPITS

___ American Pipit <i>Anthus rubescens</i>	M,S,F	Farm fields
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WAXWINGS

___ Bohemian Waxwing <i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	R	Coniferous forests, garden. In winter, common near plants with dried fruit, especially mountain ash, chokecherry
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LONGSPURS & SNOW BUNTINGS

___ Lapland Longspur <i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	M, S,F	Farm fields
___ Snow Bunting <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	M,S	Farm fields especially east of children's garden

WOOD WARBLER

___ Northern Waterthrush <i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	M,B	Shrub thickets, deciduous forests near water
___ Orange-crowned Warbler <i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	M,B	Deciduous forests, shrub thickets
___ Yellow Warbler <i>Setophaga petechia</i>	M,B	Deciduous forests, shrub thickets, garden
___ Blackpoll Warbler <i>Setophaga striata</i>	M,S,F	Coniferous & mixed forests, shrub thickets
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler <i>Setophaga coronata</i>	M,B	Coniferous & mixed forests, shrub thickets
___ Townsend's Warbler <i>Setophaga townsendi</i>	M,B	Coniferous & mixed forests

___ Wilson's Warbler <i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	M,S,F.....	Shrub thickets, mixed deciduous/coniferous forests, garden shrubs
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SPARROWS

___ American Tree Sparrow <i>Spizelloides arborea</i>	M,S,F	Garden, farm field edges, shrubby areas
___ Savannah Sparrow <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	M,B	Open grassy fields, nests in garden shrubs
___ Fox Sparrow <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	M,B	Shrub thickets, deciduous forests, garden trees
___ Lincoln's Sparrow <i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>	M,B	Shrub thickets in muskeg near Smith Lake
___ White-crowned Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	M,B	Forest edges & shrub thickets, nesting in lower branches of garden shrubs
___ Dark-eyed Junco <i>Junco hyemalis</i>	M,B	Coniferous & mixed forests, farm fields

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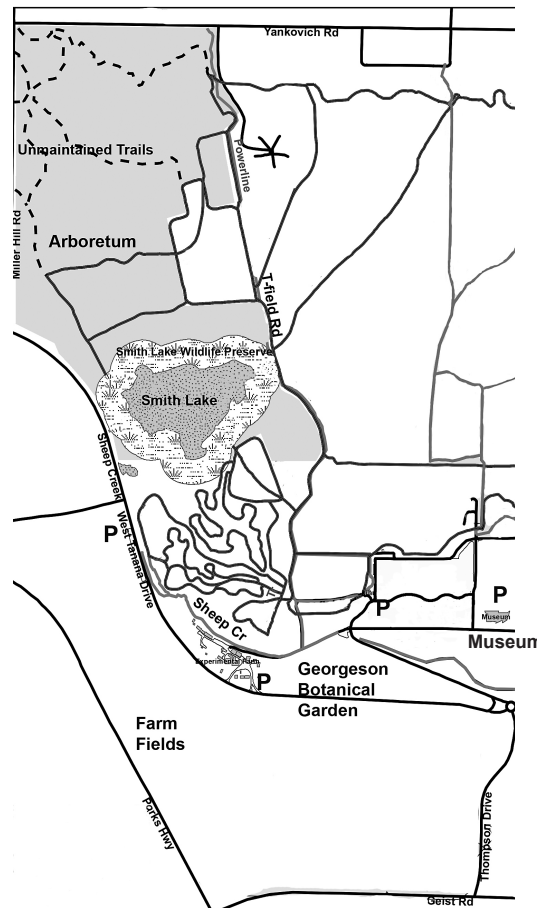
___ Red-winged Blackbird <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	M,B	Near water's edge, Smith Lake
___ Rusty Blackbird <i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	M,B	Willow/alder thickets near water, edges of coniferous forests near Smith Lake

FINCHES

___ Pine Grosbeak <i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	R	Coniferous forests. In winter near trees with overwintering fruits
___ White-winged Crossbill <i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	R	Common when spruce cones are abundant, northern edge of garden, spruce forests
___ Common Redpoll <i>Acanthis flammea</i>	R	Shrub thickets, deciduous forests
___ Hoary Redpoll <i>Acanthis hornemanni</i>	R	Shrub thickets, deciduous forests

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