

## Eastern Forest Priority Birds in Massachusetts



The Atlantic Flyway Eastern Forest Priority Birds Breeding in Massachusetts are 40 birds that the National Audubon Society has determined to be of conservation priority in the Northern Forest Region and the Eastern Deciduous Forest Region in the Atlantic Flyway. Massachusetts is an especially important New England state to breeding birds because it is part of both the Northern Forest Region and the Eastern Deciduous Forest Region. The forests of New England provide breeding habitat to dozens of breeding bird species. For some of these species, as much as 90% of their global population is breeding in this area. Many of these birds are seeing long-term declines that may be indicating larger ecosystem problems. These 40 species were selected from a longer list for both forest regions because they are common breeders in Massachusetts.



### Young Deciduous and Mixed Deciduous-Coniferous Forest

- American Woodcock
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Carolina Wren
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Eastern Towhee
- Least Flycatcher
- Magnolia Warbler
- Mourning Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Northern Flicker
- Ruffed Grouse
- White-eyed Vireo
- White-throated Sparrow

### Wetlands and Watercourses

- Alder Flycatcher
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Swamp Sparrow

### Boreal/High Elevation Forest

- Blackpoll Warbler
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

### Mature Deciduous and Mixed Deciduous-Coniferous Forest

- American Redstart
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Chimney Swift
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Northern Parula
- Northern Saw-whet Owl
- Ovenbird
- Purple Finch
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Scarlet Tanager
- Tufted Titmouse
- Veery
- Wood Thrush
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Pine Warbler

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To learn more about these and other bird species, check out the Massachusetts Breeding Bird Atlas 2 ([www.massaudubon.org/birdatlas/bba2](http://www.massaudubon.org/birdatlas/bba2)) and Mass Audubon's State of the Birds Reports ([www.massaudubon.org/sofb](http://www.massaudubon.org/sofb)).

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