

Land Birds of the Quinnipiac



Cedar Waxwing

These small birds are one of the few birds in North America that specialize in eating fruit. They are social birds that you are likely to see in flocks year-round in the preserve either foraging for berries or hunting for insects.

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Look Closely!

If you look carefully enough, you can find birds here at Quinnipiac Meadows during every season! Here are some of the many bird species you may spot on your walk through the nature preserve.



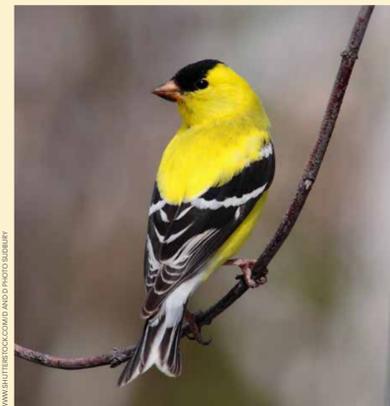
Red-tailed Hawk

These beautiful birds are commonly found year-round in the preserve. Look for them soaring above you or perched high on a pole or tree where they can easily watch for prey.



Gray Catbird

Catbirds like to stay covered in dense vegetation. You may have trouble seeing them, but you'll never mistake their calls! Their noticeable mew-like calls are the reason they are called catbirds.



American Goldfinch

Groups of American goldfinches can be found at the tops of trees in the preserve year-round. They are small, handsome birds with a distinctive undulating flight pattern.



Red-winged Blackbird

You can find many of these birds at the preserve in spring, summer, and fall. The males are easy to spot because of their bright red-and-yellow shoulder badges and their tendency to show off.



Tree Swallow

The tree swallow is another summer-breeding migratory bird you might see in the preserve. They nest in tree cavities and often show off their acrobatic skills catching insects in mid-air over the water.



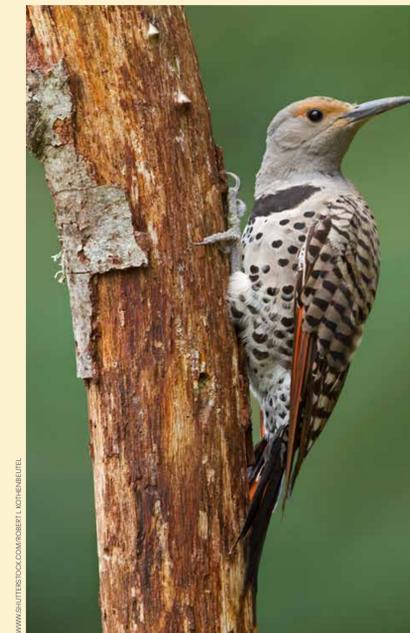
Yellow-rumped Warbler

This migrant bird travels in large flocks and comes to the preserve during the summer. They feast on summer insects, often bursting from the tree cover to catch them in midair.



Yellow Warbler

This vocal migrant bird likes to hang out at the tops of tall shrubs and small trees, hopping along branches to search for insects. Yellow warblers come here to breed during the summer.



Northern Flicker

This woodpecker can be found year-round at Quinnipiac Meadows. You may see them near the ground or perched upright on branches. You may find them with bright yellow coloring on the undersides of their wings and tails.



Downy Woodpecker

Any time of the year you might hear the drumming of a downy woodpecker in the preserve. The males have a distinctive red patch on the back of their heads.

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