

The Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary is an urban wildlife refuge located in north eastern Green Bay. 55 out of 600 acres of park land are water. The property was originally part of the marsh ecosystem found on the southern end of the bay at the mouth of the Fox River. For over 40 years the wetland served as a landfill site for the community and industry. The first parcel of land was set aside in 1935 for



injured waterfowl; this was the start of habitat improvement. In the succeeding years, a mixture of habitats have been encouraged: forest, wetland, and prairie.

Spring and Autumn migration bring the greatest number of birds through the Sanctuary. 265 species have been recorded in the last 40+ years. Bird walks and programs are offered throughout the year.

SEASONS KEY

SP – Spring – March, April & May
S - Summer – June, July & August
A – Autumn – September, October, & November
W – Winter – December, January, February

Nesting at the Wildlife Sanctuary

ABUNDANCE KEY

A – Abundant – Numerous
C – Common – In suitable habitat
U – Uncommon – Not always seen
O – Occasional – Several times a year
R - Rare – Intervals of 2 – 10 years



	Sp	S	A	W
Gr. White-fronted Goose	R		R	R
Snow Goose	O		O	
Canada Goose	A	A	A	A
Cackling Goose	O		O	
Tundra Swan	U		U	
Wood Duck	C	C	C	U
Gadwall	U	O	O	
American Wigeon	U	O	U	R
American Black Duck	A	O	A	A
Mallard	A	A	A	A
Blue-winged Teal	C	O	U	R
Northern Shoveler	C	U	C	O
Northern Pintail	U	O	U	R
Green-winged Teal	U	O	O	
Canvasback	O		O	
Redhead	C	U	U	O
Ring-necked Duck	U	O	U	
Greater Scaup	R		O	O
Lesser Scaup	C	U	C	O
Common Goldeneye	U		U	U
Bufflehead	U		U	O
Hooded Merganser	U	O	O	O
Common Merganser	U		O	O
Red-breasted Merganser	U		O	O
Ruddy Duck	U	O	U	R
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C
Common Loon	O		R	
Pied-billed Grebe	U	O	U	
Horned Grebe	R		R	
American White Pelican	C	C	C	R
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	
Great Blue Heron	C	C	U	R
Great Egret	U	U	U	
Snowy Egret	R	R	R	
Green Heron	U	U	U	
Black-crowned Night-heron	C	C	U	

	Sp	S	A	W
Turkey Vulture	O	U	O	
Osprey	O	O	O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	C
Northern Harrier	O		O	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	O	O	O
Cooper's Hawk	C	U	C	C
Northern Goshawk	R		R	R
Red-shouldered Hawk	R		R	
Broad-winged Hawk	R		R	
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	U
Rough-legged Hawk				R
American Kestrel	O	O	O	O
Merlin	O		O	
Peregrine Falcon	O	O	O	O
Virginia Rail	R	R	R	
Sora	O	O	O	
American Coot	O	O	O	R
Sandhill Crane	C	C	C	
Killdeer	C	C	C	
Solitary Sandpiper	O		O	
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U	
American Woodcock	U	O	U	
Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C	O
Herring Gull	U	U	U	U
Caspian Tern	U	U	U	
Forester's Tern	O	O	O	
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	O	U	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	R	O	



	Sp	S	A	W
Eastern Screech Owl	O	O	O	O
Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C
Snowy Owl				R
Barred Owl	O	O	O	O
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R		R	R
Common Nighthawk	O	O	O	
Whip-poor-will	R		R	
Chimney Swift	C	C	C	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	O	U	
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	
Red-headed Woodpecker	O	O	O	R
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C		U	
Downy Woodpecker	A	A	A	A
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	R
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		O	
Eastern Wood Pewee	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O	
Alder Flycatcher	O		O	
Willow Flycatcher	O		O	
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C	
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C	
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
Northern Shrike				R
Loggerhead Shrike	R		R	
Yellow-throated Vireo	O		O	
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C	
Philadelphia Vireo	O		O	
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	



	Sp	S	A	W
Blue Jay 🐦	C	C	C	C
American Crow 🐦	C	C	C	C
Common Raven	O	R	O	R
Purple Martin 🐦	A	A	A	
Tree Swallow 🐦	A	A	A	
N. Rough-winged Swallow 🐦	C	C	C	
Bank Swallow	C	O	U	
Cliff Swallow	U	O	U	
Barn Swallow 🐦	A	A	A	
Black-capped Chickadee 🐦	A	A	A	A
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	O	U	U
White-breasted Nuthatch 🐦	A	C	C	A
Brown Creeper	U		U	R
House Wren 🐦	C	C	C	
Winter Wren	U		U	O
Sedge Wren	R	R	R	
Marsh Wren	O	R	R	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 🐦	U	O	U	
Eastern Bluebird 🐦	O	O	O	
Veery	U		U	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O	
Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
Hermit Thrush	U		U	
Wood Thrush 🐦	C	C	C	
American Robin 🐦	A	A	A	O
Gray Catbird 🐦	C	C	C	
Brown Thrasher 🐦	U	U	U	R
European Starling 🐦	C	C	C	C
Cedar Waxwing 🐦	C	U	C	U

	Sp	S	A	W
Blue-winged Warbler	O		O	
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U	
Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		O	
Nashville Warbler	C		U	
Northern Parula	U		U	
Yellow Warbler 🐦	C	U	C	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		U	
Magnolia Warbler	C		U	
Cape May Warbler	C		U	
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	O		O	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
Black-thr. Green warbler	C		U	
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U	
Pine Warbler	U		O	
Palm Warbler	C		U	
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U	
Cerulean Warbler	R		R	
Black & White Warbler	U		U	
American Redstart 🐦	C	U	C	
Prothonotary Warbler	R		R	
Ovenbird 🐦	C	O	U	
Northern Waterthrush	C		U	
Connecticut Warbler	O		R	
Mourning Warbler 🐦	U	U	U	
Common Yellowthroat 🐦	C	C	U	
Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
Canada Warbler	U		O	
Eastern Towhee	U		U	
American Tree Sparrow	U		U	C
Chipping Sparrow 🐦	U	U	U	
Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
Field Sparrow	O		O	
Savannah Sparrow	O	O	O	
Grasshopper Sparrow	R		R	
Fox Sparrow	U		U	
Song Sparrow 🐦	A	C	C	R
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
Swamp Sparrow 🐦	U	O	O	
White-throated Sparrow	C			U
White-crowned Sparrow	O		O	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	C

	Sp	S	A	W
Scarlet Tanager	U	O	O	
Summer Tanager	R			
Northern Cardinal 🐦	A	A	A	A
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 🐦	C	C	C	
Indigo Bunting 🐦	C	U	C	
Red-winged Blackbird 🐦	A	C	C	O
Yellow-headed Blackbird	R	R	R	
Brewer's Blackbird	O	R	R	
Common Grackle 🐦	A	A	A	O
Brown-headed Cowbird 🐦	C	C	U	R
Orchard Oriole 🐦	O	R	R	
Baltimore Oriole 🐦	C	C	U	
Pine Grosbeak				R
Purple Finch	U	R	O	U
House Finch 🐦	A	A	A	A
Common Redpoll				O
Pine Siskin	O			O
American Goldfinch 🐦	A	A	A	A
Evening Grosbeak				R
House Sparrow 🐦	A	A	A	A

Rare Bird Sightings Observed 1-5 times 1971-present

Ross's Goose	Marbled Godwit	Bohemian Waxwing
Mute Swan	Ruddy Turnstone	Yellow-throated Warbler
Trumpeter Swan	Semipalmated Sand-piper	Prairie Warbler
Black-bel. Whistling Duck	Least Sandpiper	Swainson's Warbler
Eurasian Wigeon	White-rumped Sand-piper	La. Waterthrush
White-winged Scoter	Baird's Sandpiper	Kentucky Warbler
Barrow's Goldeneye	Pectoral Sandpiper	Hooded Warbler
N. Bobwhite	Dunlin	Yellow-breasted Chat
Gray Partridge	Stilt Sandpiper	Harris's Sparrow
Ring-necked Pheasant	Short-billed Dowitcher	Snow Bunting
Ruffed Grouse	Long-billed Dowitcher	Western Tanager
American Bittern	Wilson's Snipe	Dickcissel
Least Bittern	Wilson's Phalarope	Bobolink
Little Blue Heron	Laughing Gull	Eastern Meadowlark
Tricolored Heron	Franklin's Gull	Rusty Blackbird
Cattle Egret	Glaucous Gull	Red Crossbill
Yellow-cr. Night-heron	Black Tern	White-winged Crossbill
Gyrfalcon	Common Tern	Hoary Redpoll
Common Moorhen	Long-eared Owl	Worm-eating Warbler
Whooping Crane	Western Kingbird	American Pipit
Black-bellied Plover	White-eyed Vireo	Acadian Flycatcher
Semipalmated Plover	Horned Lark	
American Avocet	Tufted Titmouse	
Willet	Carolina Wren	
Greater Yellowlegs	Townsend's Solitaire	
Lesser Yellowlegs	Varied Thrush	
Whimbrel	N. Mockingbird	
Hudsonian Godwit		



Bird Checklist



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