

PERCHING BIRDS CONTINUED

Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*): Spring, summer and fall; found in fields and wooded areas; mimics the calls of other birds. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*): Permanent resident; found in wooded areas; aggressive and vocal. 1 POINT
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*): Spring, summer, fall; found by freshwater streams, lakes, ponds; hovers over water to fish; has a loud rattling call. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*): Spring, summer and fall; occasionally winter; found in young woodlands, orchards and yards; begins nesting later than most birds. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*): Spring, summer, fall; found in swamps, wet meadows and marshes; can become very vocal and aggressive defending its nest; returns early in spring. 1 POINT
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Yellow Warbler (*Droica petechia*): Spring, summer, fall; found in swampy thickets and orchards. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*): Spring, summer, fall; found in young woodlands & open fields; NYS Bird. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*): Permanent resident; found at edges of forest and fields; often seen at feeders. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Gray Jay (*Perisoreus canadensis*): Permanent resident; found in bogs, coniferous forests; often bold when visiting campsites for a meal. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*): Spring, summer and fall; found in overgrown pastures & edges of woods. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*): Spring, summer, fall; found in open fields, woodland edges & gardens. Attracted to red flowers or feeders. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*): Permanent resident; found in coniferous woodlands; the Adirondacks are close to the southern extent of its normal range. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*): Permanent resident; found in coniferous woodlands and roadside thickets; considered by some to be the most handsome Adirondack sparrow. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*): Spring, summer, fall; found in dense wooded areas; named for its catlike call; ability to mimic calls of other birds. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Nashville Warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*): Spring, summer, fall; found in shrubby areas & swampy thickets; light gray head and a yellow throat; nests on the ground. 8 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*): Spring, summer, fall; found in fields and open areas; aggressive when defending nest; known to attack large birds that come too close; calls loudly. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*): Spring, summer, fall; found at edges of forests, open woods, fields; a distinguishable cry; nocturnal; Points can be taken if bird is either seen or heard. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*): Permanent resident; found in meadows, bushes, and overgrown pastures; associated with thistles which they use for food, nests and shelter. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*): Spring, summer and fall; found in pastures, orchards and thickets; similar to above. 4 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*): Spring, summer, fall; found in mixed deciduous/coniferous forests; eats mostly bugs. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*): Spring, summer, fall; found in woodlands and orchards; brilliantly colored; often humorously called the Black-winged red bird. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*): Permanent resident; found in mixed woodlands; often feeds in large flocks. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*): Spring and summer; found in thick evergreen bogs; tail points downward when perched. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Pine Siskin (*Carduelis pinus*): Winter; found in coniferous woodlands & thickets; identifying markings best seen in flight. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*): Spring, summer and fall; found in wooded areas; black and orange facial coloration. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Black Throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*): Spring, summer and Fall. Like young woodlands, orchards and thickets. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Black Throated Blue Warbler (*Dendroica caerulescens*): Spring, Summer and Fall. Nests found in Hemlock or yew typically close to the ground. Like mixed woodlands. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____



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BIRDS OF PREY

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*): Permanent resident; found in wooded areas near large bodies of water; largest wingspan of any bird in the Adirondacks, measuring 6 to 7 1/2 feet. 8 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*): Spring, summer and fall resident; found near rivers and lakes; dives for fish, often submerging completely. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*): Permanent resident in southern Adirondacks; spring, summer, fall in northern region; found in open woodlands/orchards. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*): Permanent resident; found in woodlands/open fields/along highways. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): Newly established resident; found in open areas & rock cliffs; endangered species. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*): Permanent resident; found in fields and open areas; the most common and smallest falcon. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*): Permanent resident; found in mixed woodlands; easily recognized by loud hooting call. Points can be taken if this bird is either seen or heard. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Barred Owl (*Strix varia*): Permanent resident; found in mixed wooded areas; call is usually 8 hoots. Points can be taken if this bird is either seen or heard. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Eastern Screech Owl (*Otus asio*): Permanent resident; found in woodlands and orchards; also known as the Mottled Owl or Little Horned Owl; bravely defends nest. Points can be taken if this bird is either seen or heard. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Northern Sawwhet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*): Permanent resident; found in forests and swampy woodlands; smallest Adirondack owl; often tolerant of people who are close by. Points can be taken if this bird is either seen or heard. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

WATERFOWL & SHORE BIRDS

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*): Observed throughout the year, mostly during migratory seasons; found near rivers, ponds, lakes and fields; flies in V-shaped patterns; mates for life. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*): Spring, summer and fall; found in bodies of water that are surrounded by woods. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Ring-Necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*): Spring, summer, fall; found near marshes, ponds and lakes; also known as Ring-billed Duck and the Ring-necked Scaup. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*): Spring, summer, fall; found in bodies of water near woodlands; smallest merganser in the Adirondacks; often seen facing upstream, fishing. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*): Spring, summer, fall; lives in ponds and marshes; can fly nearly 50 mph for short distances; seen during migratory periods. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*): Spring, summer, fall; found in rivers, ponds, lakes; tallest bird in the Adirondacks. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*): Spring, summer, fall; found in bogs and marshes; when it is not moving, difficult to distinguish from surrounding weeds. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*): Spring, summer, fall; found in open areas, commonly seen on golf courses; named for sound of its cry; pretends wing is broken when nest is approached. 3 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Common Loon (*Gavia immer*): Spring, summer, fall; found in remote lakes, large ponds; a symbol of the Adirondacks, known for its mournful cry. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*): Spring, summer, fall; found in swamps & bogs, moist field; active at dusk. 3 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

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GAMEBIRDS

Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*): Permanent resident; found in mixed woods, by roads, usually on the ground; also known as a partridge; male makes "drumming" sound by beating its wings. 3 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____
Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*): Perm. resident; found in open woods, clearings, and along roadways; roosts in trees. 2 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

WOODPECKERS

Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*): Permanent resident; Found in deciduous & mixed woods; largest Adirondack woodpecker; known for its loud "jungle-like" call. 3 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time: _____

Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*): Permanent resident; found in woodlands & orchards; smallest American woodpecker. 5 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*): Permanent resident; found in bogs and coniferous forests; has a mewling call. 3 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides tridactylus*): Perm. resident; rare and localized; found in coniferous forests and bogs. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____

PERCHING BIRDS

White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*): Permanent resident; found in mixed woods, deciduous forests; commonly seen hanging upside down on trees feeding on insects. 1 POINT
Location _____
Date & Time _____

Northern Oriole (*Icterus galbula*): Spring, summer, fall; found in open areas with large trees; brilliant orange coloration; formerly known as the *Baltimore Oriole*. 10 POINTS
Location _____
Date & Time _____