Common Feeder Birds in Eastern North America







MERLIN BIRD ID APP





















3. Common

5.Mourning

Grackle

Dove







12. House Finch 7. Northern Cardinal 13. Downy Woodpecker 8. White Breasted 14.Black Capped Nuthatch Chickadee 4. Gold Finch 9. House Sparrow 15. Northern 10. European Flicker Starling







HOW DO BIRDS GET HERE?

Many bird populations migrate twice a year using a flyway. Think of this as a sky highway for birds. Along the flyway, there are traditional stopping points where birds take a break to feed and build energy reserves. After they have fueled up on seeds, they continue their journeys. Jones Beach is located under the Atlantic Flyway and there are over 300 species of birds that pass through the island during migration season.



5 WAYS TO HELP BIRDS DURING MIGRATION

1. MAKE WINDOWS SAFER

During the day, the windows reflect foliage and the sky and at night, lighted windows attract birds. Help birds by turning off lights at night and consider window stickers or tape.

2. KEEP CATS INSIDE

Outdoor and feral cats negatively affect bird populations. ~2.6 million birds die during migration because of frisky cats attacking and eating birds.

3. PARTICIPATE IN CITIZEN SCIENCE

Citizen science is a great tool to monitor the environment and bird populations. The easiest way is to count birds and keep a bird check list. eBird is a great resource for keeping a checklist and compiling data.

4.GARDEN WITH NATIVE PLANTS

The plants we grow can make a difference for birds. Native plants support healthy insect populations. For birds, insects=food. Reduce monoculture and introduce plant diversity in your yard. Diverse plants= diverse insect population

5. INSPIRE FUTURE BIRD CONSERVATIONISTS

Introducing birds at a young age can instill a love and appreciation for wildlife and the natural world. Introducing conservation to children can develop an environmental ethic that will remain with them for life.

WHERE TO FIND BIRDS AT JONES BEACH

Below is a trail map of the West End of Jones Beach. Birds can be found all around the West End. The spots marked with a star are great areas to spot and observe birds.

