

The Birds of our Woods - Connecticut



Broad-winged Hawk

Call: piercing whistle “kee-eeer” often given in flight
Habitat: Dense deciduous and mixed woods with openings such as wetlands or roads.



Ruffed Grouse

Sound: low-frequency drumming of wings that increases in tempo
Habitat: Overgrown fields, deciduous or mixed forest with dense undergrowth and scattered clearings.



Hairy Woodpecker

Song: a sharp whinny that remains on the same pitch
Habitat: mature woodlands, but also small woodlots, parks, cemeteries and neighborhoods where mature trees are present.



Great-crested Flycatcher

Song: Whee-eeep or prrrreeet
Habitat: Open deciduous and mixed woods, edges of clearings, rivers, lakes and wetlands.



Blackburnian Warbler

Song: zip zip zip zip zip zip zip zip titititi tseeeeeee (very high pitched at end)
Habitat: Mature conifer and mixed woodlands. Strongly associated with hemlock trees.



Cerulean Warbler

Song: ZEE ZEE ZEE ZIZIZI zeeet
Habitat: Mature deciduous forest with large, tall trees and horizontal variability at the canopy level. Requires expansive forested tracts.



Pine Warbler

Song: an even, steady trill
Habitat: Pines! Eats pine seeds of a variety of pines; often make nests of pine needles, woven with caterpillar silk high up in these trees, hidden behind cones and needles.



Black-and-white Warbler

Song: weesy-weesy-weesy
Habitat: Mostly deciduous and mixed forests, eating moth and butterfly larvae; nest on ground up to 6 ft high, or bushes, mossy banks, cavities in tree stumps, or in rock crevice



Ovenbird

Song: teach-er, teach-er, TEACH-ER
Habitat: Prefer mature broadleaf and mixed forests, preferring undisturbed forests for nests; nest on ground (making “ovens”) 60 to 70 ft from forest edge



Eastern Towhee

Song: Drink-your-tea-a-a!
Habitat: Thickets and forest edges, omnivores: eat mostly seeds, fruit and insects; they make neat cup nests on the ground or up to 4 ft in shrubs.



Black-billed Cuckoo

Song: Cu-cu-cu, cu-cu-cu-cu
Habitat: Deciduous woods, prefer caterpillars and cicada during breeding, make flimsy grass and twig nests high in trees (7-50 ft).



Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Song: Operatic, Robin-like song, squeaky-sneaker call.
Habitat: Deciduous or mixed woods, or semi-open. Prefers insects during breeding, make loose messy nests in trees.