



what is a bird city?

Bird City recognition is received by communities that strive to educate the public and implement sound conservation practices designed to address common threats that have resulted in declining urban bird populations. Door County was designated a Bird City Wisconsin community on July 28, 2014. For more information on bird cities in Wisconsin, visit BirdCityWisconsin.org.

The following communities received their own individual Bird City Wisconsin designation:

BAILEYS HARBOR

The most biologically diverse municipality in the state of Wisconsin, where pristine ecosystems comprised of boreal forest, alder thicket, mixed conifer-hardwood forest, and wetland serve as home to over 90 species of birds.

BaileysHarbor.com

EGG HARBOR

A quiet harbor village that welcomes birders of all ages and levels of experience to a one-of-a-kind adventure along its very own Bird Trail. Hike along the marina, past orchards, open fields, and quiet countryside for a glimpse of avian arrivals both common and rare.

EggHarborDoorCounty.org

EPHRAIM

From the meandering paths of the Ephraim Wetlands Preserve to the serene trails of Peninsula State Park and the Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond, explore and discover diverse ecosystems home to 31 nesting species of birds.

Ephraim-DoorCounty.com

STURGEON BAY

With more miles of accessible public shoreline than any other community, Sturgeon Bay is a great place to witness the annual migrations. Enjoy bird conservation activities and hikes at the Crossroads at Big Creek, Door County Land Trusts, local parks and more.

SturgeonBay.net

WASHINGTON ISLAND

Renowned as a major birding flyway, experience an incredible variety of species in this natural northern habitat. Visit the Art and Nature Center or Jackson Harbor Ridges, a Wisconsin Scientific Area and outstanding example of beach, dune, boreal, and shore meadow habitats with a maintained nature trail.

Washingtonisland.com

education & tours

The Clearing

Week-long bird classes focusing on field trips and bird identification. TheClearing.org

Crossroads at Big Creek

A 125-acre preserve focusing on science, history, and environment. CrossroadsAtBigCreek.com

Door County Land Trust

Protects and preserves over 6,500 acres of Door County's pristine natural habitats which are ideal for bird watching and wildlife study. DoorCountyLandTrust.org

Door County Tours

Embark on a variety of bird tours and outings led throughout Door County by owner and naturalist, Paul Regnier. DoorCountyTours.com

Door County State Parks

Offering a variety of bird hikes and introductory classes throughout the year. WiParks.net

Door Islands Bird Festival

Held in May on Washington Island and the surrounding northern Door County Islands. Observe, discover, and help raise funds for habitat preservation. Wlanc.org/calendar-of-events

Nature Conservancy

International land trust preserving lands for people, wildlife, and birds. Nature.org

Open Door Bird Sanctuary

The only nature center within 150 miles devoted to wild bird rehabilitation and community education in the heart of Door County. OpenDoorBirdSanctuary.org

The Ridges Sanctuary

Organizes and hosts a number of birding hikes and events throughout the year. RidgesSanctuary.org

Washington Island Art and Nature Center

Offers fun, educational bird hikes and informational classes for adults and children. Wlanc.org

Wisconsin Society of Ornithology (WSO)

Wisconsin's premier bird conservation organization. Membership based with field trips, annual convention, and newsletter. WSOBirds.org



Destination Door County

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birding guide



Birding In Door County

Whether you're a seasoned expert or a budding novice, Door County's diverse array of natural habitats is sure to astound with over 300 miles of picturesque shoreline, five state parks, 19 county parks, two nature sanctuaries, and 14 Door County Land Trust locations. Discover and explore secluded forests, sweeping meadows, and striking vistas where over 300 of the 800 species of birds, or more than 1/3 of the native North American bird population, have been documented. Visit our designated bird cities where conservation efforts have enhanced the environment for wildlife and ensured world-class bird watching opportunities year-round.



birding checklist



Rose-breasted Grosbeak



Eastern Towhee



Indigo Bunting



Eastern Meadowlark



Osprey



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Brown Thrasher



Downy Woodpecker



White-crowned Sparrow



Baltimore Oriole



House Finch



Great Blue Heron



Female Common Merganser

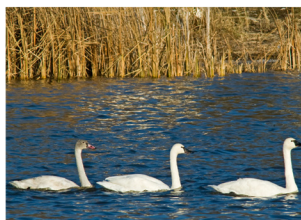


Northern Cardinal

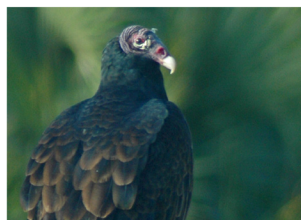
Bird photos by: Paul Regnier



Red-bellied Woodpecker



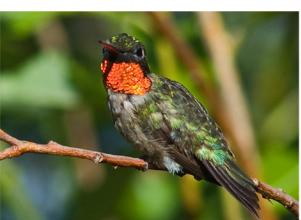
Tundra Swan



Turkey Vulture



Sandhill Cranes



Ruby-throated Hummingbird



American Robin



Eastern Kingbird



Northern Flicker

SEASONALITY OF BIRDS

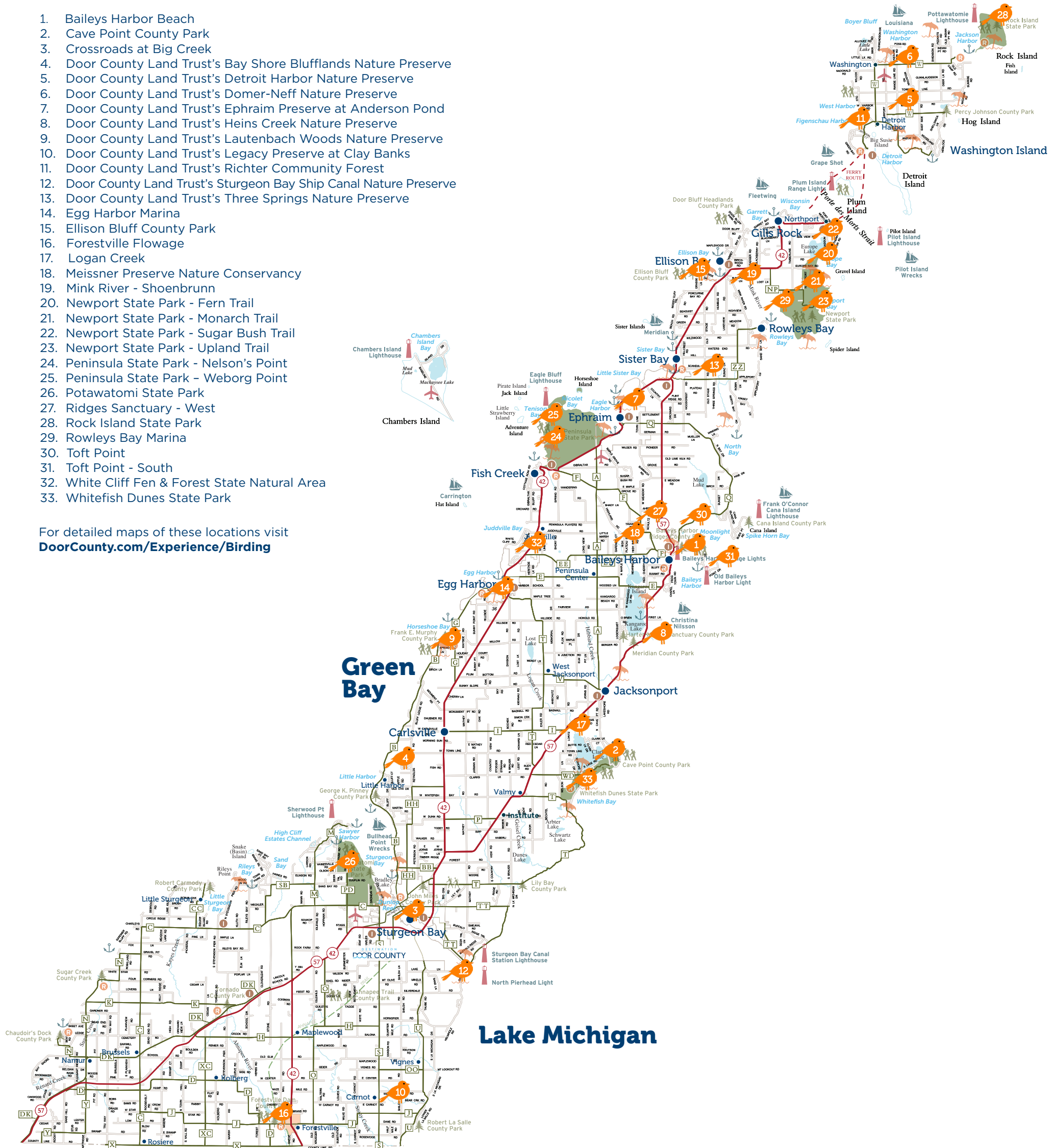


A great deal of wildlife watching and bird watching in particular, depends upon timing. Spring is the perfect time to spot gulls, terns, cranes, pelicans, colorful warblers in the woodlands, and other waterfowl among flooded fields and thawing shoreline. As summer arrives, keep a watchful eye out for a sighting of the beautiful indigo bunting, scarlet tanager, and rose-breasted grosbeak. With the arrival of fall, the familiar sound of geese fills the air as they migrate south for the winter, leaving behind a variety of year-round feathered friends that includes cedar waxwings, American goldfinches, and bald eagles. For more information including specific birding site maps, visit DoorCounty.com/Experience/Birding

Birding Locations

1. Baileys Harbor Beach
2. Cave Point County Park
3. Crossroads at Big Creek
4. Door County Land Trust's Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve
5. Door County Land Trust's Detroit Harbor Nature Preserve
6. Door County Land Trust's Domer-Neff Nature Preserve
7. Door County Land Trust's Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond
8. Door County Land Trust's Heins Creek Nature Preserve
9. Door County Land Trust's Lautenbach Woods Nature Preserve
10. Door County Land Trust's Legacy Preserve at Clay Banks
11. Door County Land Trust's Richter Community Forest
12. Door County Land Trust's Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal Nature Preserve
13. Door County Land Trust's Three Springs Nature Preserve
14. Egg Harbor Marina
15. Ellison Bluff County Park
16. Forestville Flowage
17. Logan Creek
18. Meissner Preserve Nature Conservancy
19. Mink River - Shoenbrunn
20. Newport State Park - Fern Trail
21. Newport State Park - Monarch Trail
22. Newport State Park - Sugar Bush Trail
23. Newport State Park - Upland Trail
24. Peninsula State Park - Nelson's Point
25. Peninsula State Park - Weborg Point
26. Potawatomi State Park
27. Ridges Sanctuary - West
28. Rock Island State Park
29. Rowleys Bay Marina
30. Toft Point
31. Toft Point - South
32. White Cliff Fen & Forest State Natural Area
33. Whitefish Dunes State Park

For detailed maps of these locations visit DoorCounty.com/Experience/Birding



please do not disturb | BIRDING WITH ETHICS

Ecosystem and wildlife preservation are imperative to the future. Set an example for others as a good steward of Mother Nature by practicing these principles from the American Birding Association when you take to the trails.

- Use restraint and caution at all times to avoid stressing or exposing birds and wildlife to danger.
- Limit use of recordings and other means of attracting birds in a heavily birded area. Never attract threatened, endangered, or rare species in your area.
- Maintain a generous distance from nests, nesting colonies, roosts, and feeding areas.
- Stay on roads and trails as much as possible to avoid habitat disturbances.
- Avoid the use of artificial light for filming and photography.

For additional information and a complete review of the ABA Code of Ethics, visit www.aba.org

