

# Master Species List for Birds

Take a good up-to-date North American bird field guide and starting at the beginning, go through and hand-write in your journal, or type a document, every bird that may occur in your sit spot area based on the range maps. This amounts to just flipping through the pages looking only at the range maps and if the map is colored in your region and the habitat generally matches that of your sit spot, look at the bird name and write it down. If you'd like, you can list the scientific binomial name as well and organize the list by Order, Family and Genus. Whatever works for you. This will be your Master Species List for birds that you might notice at your sit spot.

We recommend you start with who you're curious to know (What owls live here? What's a Thrush?) or a very general list of families, instead of trying to make a comprehensive list from the start which may overwhelm you. Let it come from your curiosity. Have fun with it. Here is a template that you may find helpful. Enjoy!

Order: Ducks, Geese, Swans (ANSERIFORMES)

**Family (1): (ANATIDAE)**

**Genus sp. (1): Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)**

Dabbling Ducks

Diving Ducks

Geese and Swans

Order: Quail, Grouse and Allies (GALLIFORMES)

Order: Loons (GAVIIFORMES)

Order: Grebes (PODICIPEDIFORMES)

Order: Tubenoses (PROCELLARIIFORMES)

Order: Storks (CICONIIFORMES)

Order: Cormorants and Allies (SULIFORMES)

Order: Pelicans, Herons and Allies (PELECANIFORMES)

Order: Hawks, Eagles and Allies (ACCIPITRIFORMES)

Order: Cranes and Rails (GRUIFORMES)

Order: Plovers, Sandpipers and Allies (CHARADRIIFORMES)

Order: Pigeons and Doves (COLUMBIFORMES)

Order: Owls (STRIGIFORMES)

Order: Nightjars (CAPRIMULGIFORMES)

Order: Hummingbirds and Swifts (APODIFORMES)

Order: Kingfishers (CORACIIFORMES)

Order: Woodpeckers (PICIFORMES)

Order: Falcons (FALCONIFORMES)

Order: Perching Birds (PASSERIFORMES)

Family (31):

Genus sp. (16):