

Bird Finder for Libby Hill Trails

Libby Hill contains a number of ecosystems that support great opportunities for bird watching. Over 50 species of birds have been spotted by trail users. You can help us find more by sharing new species you may spot. Just visit www.Libbyhill.org and email your sighting.



Birding Hotspots

School Fields – The large fields surrounding the school have a buffer of under story shrubs between the open spaces and the more mature forest uphill from the school. Walk the periphery of these ball fields and take the Turkey Trot or Lynx trails to get to the witch hazel and alder areas that have a wide variety of birds from spring to fall. Killdeer are frequently on the fields in summer as are a number of sparrows that surround the shrubs around the school.

Pond by Middle School – The pond is best accessed from the school ball field or Turkey Trot trail. There are several spots you can go the edge of the pond and have a natural “bird blind” to observe waterfowl, woodpeckers, and a number of song birds that nest in the shrubs on the shore. Also look for turtles on the dead logs and the beaver house and dam. Distance from parking lot - 10 minutes.

Cell tower- Immature young pine in the under story of older trees provides a wide variety of birds year round. In winter chickadees, nuthatches, goldfinches, and titmouse frequently follow trail users in this area. In spring and early summer a number of warblers are commonly heard and seen. Distance from parking lot - 10 minutes.

Thayer Brook – Take the Harold Libbey Trail which crosses a tributary of Thayer brook twice. These wetland sections often have thrushes, creepers, and other woodland birds. Distance from parking lot – 30 min.

Bird	Trail/Map Location	Grid Location (see Trail Map)
<u>American Redstart</u>	Small pines south of cell tower off Moose Odyssey trail	F6
<u>Barred Owl</u>	Near Porcupine Rock off Outback Trail	J1
<u>Blue Heron</u>	Turkey Trot at pond	H9
<u>Blue Jays</u>	wide spread over all trail	
<u>Catbird, Gray</u>	witch hazel thickets near school and Lynx trail	F7
<u>Cedar Waxwings</u>	Turkey Trot near and at the pond by Middle School	
<u>Chickadee</u>	widespread, usually very common in pine thickets near Harold Libbey Memorial	G4
<u>Chickadee, albino</u>	In open area on top of hill off Moose Odyssey (D4)	D4
<u>Creeper, Brown</u>	wet areas off Harold Libbey Trail	H3
<u>Crow</u>	widespread	
<u>Double Crested Cormorants</u>	Pond off Turkey Trot (H8)	H9
<u>Dove, Mourning</u>	open areas around school and ponds	H9, G8
<u>Duck, Hooded Merganser</u>	pond	H9
<u>Duck, Mallard</u>	Pond by middle school	H9
<u>Eagle, Bald</u>	Fields around Middle School	G8
<u>Eastern Towhee</u>	Moose Odyssey, near lower connector by school	G6
<u>Goose, Canada</u>	Turkey Trot at the pond	H9
<u>Goldfinch, American</u>	widespread	
<u>Grosbeak, Pine</u>	pine thickets near cell tower	F5
<u>Gull, Herring</u>	open areas around school and pond	H9
<u>Hawk, Broad Winged</u>	Open areas around school	F8
<u>Hawk, Cooper's</u>	Pine groves on top of hill	D5
<u>Hawk, Red-tailed</u>	open areas by school and beaver marshes	J3, G8
<u>Hermit Thursh</u>	Harold Libbey Trail by Thayer brook	H2
<u>Heron, Green</u>	Turkey Trot at pond near marshy area	H9
<u>Hummingbird, Ruby Throated</u>	pond and open areas with wild flowers	H9
<u>Junco, Dark Eyed</u>	Moose Odyssey going up hill from school	G5
<u>Killdeer</u>	Fields around Middle School	F8
<u>Kingfisher, Belted</u>	pond area	H9
<u>Kinglet, Ruby Crowned</u>	thickets near cell tower	F5
<u>Nuthatch, Red Breasted</u>	Widespread	

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Nuthatch, White Breasted	widespread	
Oriole	Old Libby Hill Road near stonewall.	E5
Oven Bird	Outback	I1
Raven	widespread over trails	
Red Winged Black Bird	Pond by Middle School	H9
Robin, American	widespread	
Sapsucker, Yellow bellied	Harold Libbey near culvert area	H2
Sparrow, Chipping	shrub areas on periphery of fields and Lower Moose Odyssey Trail	G7, F4
Sparrow, House	open areas around school	G8
Sparrow, Song	open areas around pond and school	H9, G8
Sparrow, White-Throated	wide spread over all trails	
Swallow, Tree	near shrub areas around pond	H9
Titmouse, tufted	widespread	
Turkey	Pond and hardwood stands	H9, H5
Vulture, Turkey	open fields by school, pond, and open areas in beaver marsh	H9, G8, J3
Warbler, Black Throated Blue	Moose Odyssey Near Cell Tower	F4
Warbler, Yellow Rumped (Myrtle)	In small pine trees by Harold Libbey Memorial	F4
Warbler, Prairie	Moose Odyssey Near Cell Tower	F5
Wood Duck	pond	H9
Wood Thrush	Turkey Trot between pond and Moose Odyssey Trail Head , Harold Libbey	H7, H3
Woodpecker , Hairy	widespread also many woodpeckers in snags in old beaver marshes	I2
Woodpecker, Downy	widespread	
Woodpecker, Pileated	widespread	C5
Yellowthroat, Common	Moose Odyssey near cell tower	F5

Other bird sites to help you ID your bird:

[Cornell's Bird Website](#)

["What bird is that" and Ibird](#)

[Derek Lovitch's blog on Birds!](#)