

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!](#)