

Blandy Birding

Over 200 species of birds have been found at Blandy. What will you find today?

Use these guidelines to explore the amazing birds at the State Arboretum of Virginia!



Birding at Blandy

Your state arboretum is an excellent place to go birding! This activity is for the whole family to get excited about birds.

Two feeder stations are marked on the map with this circle. 

One is next to the Parkfield Learning Center and the other is just beyond the stone wall as you walk to Lake Georgette from the Quarters. Choose one of these spots to start your birding expedition!

1. Watch from a bird-comfortable distance (about 15 feet).
2. Quietly wait for ~20 seconds for the birds to return to the feeders. While you are waiting, listen for bird sounds (We often hear birds before we see them!).
3. Watch: Note beak shapes and how the birds are behaving. Use the data sheet to record the TYPES and HOW MANY of each you see.
4. Once you have explored the bird feeder stations, go to Lake Georgette or Rattlesnake Springs to find more bird species.

Casual birders and scientists alike use a check list like this one to record the bird species and numbers they find when they go birding. Looking for birds can be a quick 10 minute activity or a whole day adventure! This activity is intended for use while exploring the Arboretum grounds, especially around the bird feeder stations. Get started with our most frequently seen birds in the checklist with the images. Use the list on the right for more advanced birding.

Common Blandy Birds

Mark the check box next to the birds you find. Add tallies for how many you see.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Red-bellied
Woodpecker



seen _____

White-throated
Sparrow



seen _____

Dark Eyed
Junco



seen _____

Tufted
Titmouse



seen _____

House
Finch



seen _____

American
Goldfinch



seen _____

Downy
Woodpecker



seen _____

White-breasted
Nuthatch



seen _____

Red-breasted
Nuthatch



seen _____

Blue Jay



seen _____

Northern
Cardinal



seen _____

Turkey
Vulture



seen _____

Carolina
Chickadee



seen _____

Pine
Siskin



seen _____

Black
Vulture



seen _____

Other Species	# seen
American Crow	
American Robin	
American Pipit	
Canada Goose	
Carolina Wren	
European Starling	
Evening Grosbeak	
Fox Sparrow	
Mourning Dove	
Purple Finch	
Red tailed Hawk	
Red shouldered Hawk	

Did you love birding at Blandy? Share your bird list with us on Facebook or Instagram! You can also report your results on ebird.org, look for [Christmas bird counts](#) in your area, and join the [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) in February. Learn more with a bird app (some are free!).