

Birds in Superior Township

Superior Township is one of the best places in southeast Michigan to observe birds and wildlife. Over 230 species of birds have been found in the Township. Some of the best birding locations include:

LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve

2384 N. Prospect Road



To date, 183 bird species have been identified at LeFurge Woods, due to its varied habitats that include forest, grassland, wetlands and farm fields. Habitat and season determine the species to be seen. Notable waterfowl include Trumpeter Swans, Green-winged Teals, Wood Ducks, and Pied-billed Grebes. Marsh Wrens, Soras, Virginia Rails and Red-winged Blackbirds can also be found in the wetland areas. A few of the key species more often found in the forest include Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Wood Thrush and Scarlet Tanager. In the fields, fencerows and along the forest edge can be observed Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, American Goldfinch and Indigo Buntings. A number of sparrow species can also be found in the grassland and shrubby areas; 26 species of warblers have been observed here in the spring.

Vreeland Road at Gotfredson Road

With 179 species observed, this area is a notable birding hotspot, known for the raptors seen here. Red-tailed Hawks, Rough-legged Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks, Northern Harriers, American Kestrels, Merlin, Peregrine Falcons, and Short-eared Owls often draw crowds of birders to this site; Ospreys, Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles have also been observed. Winter is a prime time to see migrating Snowy Owls, Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings. Please be respectful of the private property at this intersection.

Kosch-Headwaters Preserve

3268 N. Prospect Road

Springhill Nature Preserve

3260 Berry Road

Throughout these two adjoining nature preserves, 154 species have been observed. Eastern Kingbird, Northern Cardinal, Blue Jay, American Crow, Eastern Towhee, American Goldfinch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Mourning Dove, Black-capped Chickadee, Northern Flicker, Downy Woodpecker and Red-bellied Woodpecker are some of the more common birds found at this site. Sandhill Cranes and Canada Geese are frequently seen in the farm fields, while Wood Ducks and Mallards are often observed in the marsh at Springhill Nature Preserve.



Cherry Hill Nature Preserve

6375 Cherry Hill Road

To date, 145 species have been identified. The thick, brushy areas at the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve are a great place to find Gray Catbirds. Eastern Bluebirds are often found in the open field area, while you may also find Tree Swallows and House Wrens using some of the nest boxes. Blue Jays and American Crows are abundant, and Turkey Vultures and Red-tailed Hawks are often seen overhead. Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets and Green Herons can be found in the marsh. The primary woodpecker species are Downy Woodpeckers, Red-bellied Woodpeckers and Northern Flickers. White-breasted Nuthatches and Chickadees are common in the woods.

Conservancy Farm

8383 Vreeland Road



Of the 119 species observed here, Bobolinks are perhaps the most popular, frequenting the Conservancy Farm during the late spring and summer. Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows nest in the bird boxes and a number of Barn Swallows nest in the big red barn, which also serves as a huge bat house for Big Brown Bats! Sandhill Cranes, Red-winged Blackbirds and Eastern Meadowlarks can be seen in the fields. Turkey Vultures and Red-tailed Hawks often circle overhead and Northern Harriers visit the farm during the late fall and throughout winter.

To view the full list of birds that have been found at these sites, visit www.ebird.org. Using the names noted above, search for each site by clicking on "Explore Hotspots," to see the distribution and abundance of each species throughout the year.