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## Pocket Field Guide - Landscaping for Wildlife: Common Birds of Kentucky



Northern Cardinal

## Kentucky's Birds

The state of Kentucky is an ecologically diverse state that transitions from alluvial and coastal plain soils of the Mississippi Embayment in extreme western portion of the state to the mountains of the Cumberland Plateau. Our diverse habitats include floodplain forests, upland forests, high elevation forests, grassland, riverine, and marsh habitats.

Approximately 375 species of birds have been recorded in Kentucky, and, of these, about 150 species regularly breed in the state. These species can be classified as landbirds, waterbirds, shorebirds, and waterfowl.




This guidebook is not intended to be the definitive reference book for birds found within the state. Rather, it is a general guidebook of some of the most common of Kentucky birds—those that may be seen at a backyard feeder, or those that may be seen in more 'natural' environments.



Northern Mockingbird

The list of common Kentucky birds found within this pocket guide was developed from several sources: Bird Species Listing from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count for December 2008, Touchstone Energy Environmental Education pamphlets, and "Feeder Birds of Kentucky", a publication of the Louisville/Metro Parks Department.

We would like to suggest that individuals interested in learning more specific details about birds of Kentucky visit websites devoted to that information. However, as a quick pocket guide, this booklet should be helpful as a beginner's bird-watching guide. Lastly, this booklet contains a listing of many native plant species that provide food and cover for birds, so that you may plan a bird garden or wildlife habitat, designed to attract birds to your yard and garden.

Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	
Milkvetch	<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>	
Butterfly Milkweed*	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	
Whorled Milkweed*	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	
Downy Wood Mint*	<i>Blephilia ciliate</i>	
Monkeyflower*	<i>Mimulus alatus</i>	
Garden Phlox*	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	
Smooth Phlox*	<i>Phlox amoena</i>	
White Prairie Clover*	<i>Dalea candidum</i>	
Missouri Primrose*	<i>Oenothera missouri...</i>	
Rattlesnake Master*	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	
Rose Mallow*	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	
Rosinweed	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	
Royal Catchfly*	<i>Silene rigia</i>	
Blue Sage*	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	
Wild Senna*	<i>Cassia marilandica</i>	
Autumn Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	
Purple-headed Sneezew...	<i>Helenium nudiflorum</i>	
False Solomon's Seal	<i>Maianthemum racem...</i>	
Wild Strawberry*	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	
Downy Sunflower*	<i>Helianthus mollis</i>	
Giant Sunflower*	<i>Helianthus giganteus</i>	
Narrow-leaved Sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustif...</i>	
Rough-leaved Sunflower	<i>Heliantus hirsutus</i>	
Western Sunflower*	<i>Helianthus occident...</i>	
Brown-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	
Turtlehead	<i>Chelone gabra</i>	

Butterfly Milkweed



Downy Phlox

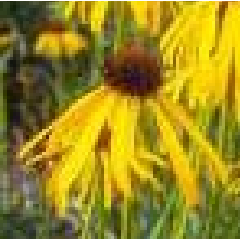

\*Attracts hummingbirds

*Remember to reduce the use of pesticides and other lawn care chemicals to insure the safety of birds!*















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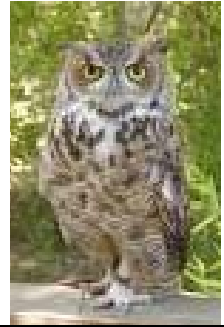
Sky Blue Aster	<i>Aster azureus</i>	
Blue Aster, Stoke's A.*	<i>Aster laevis</i>	
Swamp Aster	<i>Aster puniceus</i>	
White Wood Aster	<i>Aster divaricata</i>	
Willow Aster*	<i>Aster praealtus</i>	
Foxglove Beardtongue*	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	
Hairy Beardtongue*	<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	
Purple Beardtongue*	<i>Penstemon cobaea</i>	
Small's Beardtongue*	<i>Penstemon smalii</i>	
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	
Dense Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	
Dwarf Blazing Star*	<i>Liatris cylindracea</i>	
Prairie Blazing Star*	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	
Rough Blazing Star*	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	
Southern Blazing Star*	<i>Liatris squarosa</i>	
Tiny-headed Blazing Star*	<i>Liatris microcephala</i>	
Illinois Bundleflower	<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>	
Purple Prairie Clover	<i>Dalia Purpurea</i>	
Round-headed Bush Clover	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	
Wild Columbine*	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	
Compass Plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	
Glade Coneflower	<i>Echinacea simulate</i>	
Orange Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	
Pale Purple Coneflower*	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	
Purple Coneflower*	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	
Sweet Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia subtomen...</i>	
Yellow Coneflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	
Eared Coreopsis*	<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	
Lanceleaf Coreopsis*	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	
Tall Coreopsis*	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	
Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	
Prairie Dock	<i>Silphium terebinthin...</i>	
Gray Goldenrod	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	
Woodland Goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>	
Green Dragon	<i>Arisaema dractonium</i>	
Wild Blue Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	
Blue Flag Iris	<i>Iris virginica</i>	
Copper Iris	<i>Iris fulva</i>	

## Pocket Guide to Kentucky's Common Birds Backyard Friends

		
Brewer's Blackbird	Red-winged Blackbird	Rusty Blackbird
		
Eastern Bluebird	Indigo Bunting	Snow Bunting
		
Northern Cardinal	Black-capped Chickadee	Carolina Chickadee
		
Brown-headed Cowbird	Brown Creeper	Red Crossbill



		
American Crow	Eurasian Collared Dove	Mourning Dove
		
Rock Dove	House Finch	Purple Finch
		
Northern Flicker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	American Goldfinch
		
Common Grackle	Blue Grosbeak	Evening Grosbeak

		
Barred Owl	Eastern Screech Owl	Great Horned Owl

Landscaping to attract wild birds into your yard or onto your property involves several steps:

- ◆ Provide food that songbirds and other birds will eat;
- ◆ Provide shelter for birds to rear their young, hide from predators, or gather food; and
- ◆ Provide a source of drinking water.





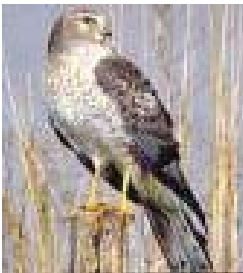







A wide variety of native wildflowers and grasses will attract birds to your yard, and help to sustain their populations. To prevent the loss of many of our songbirds, we, as property owners, need to provide an environment conducive to their survival. Remember that leaving the plants in the garden over the winter is a key portion of providing food and shelter for the birds that over-winter here in Kentucky.













The wildflowers listed below have been reported as attractive to birds, and will help to sustain their species. Wildflowers that also attract hummingbirds are marked with an asterisk, (\*). Many of these same plants are attractive to butterflies, as well.

#### Listing of Wildflowers That Attract Wild Birds







Aromatic Aster*	<i>Aster oblongifolius</i>	
Arrow-leaved Aster*	<i>Aster sagittifolius</i>	
Calico Aster*	<i>Aster laterifolius</i>	
Crooked-stemmed Aster*	<i>Aster prenanthoides</i>	
Golden Aster	<i>Chrysopsis mariana</i>	
New England Aster*	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	
Short's Aster*	<i>Aster shortii</i>	
Silky Aster*	<i>Aster sericeus</i>	
		Aromatic Aster




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Bald Eagle	American Kestrel (Falcon)	Peregrine Falcon
		
Cooper's Hawk	Northern Harrier Hawk	Red-shouldered Hawk
		
Red-tailed Hawk	Sharp-skinned Hawk	Mississippi Kite
		
Swallow-tailed Kite	Common Nighthawk	Barn Owl

		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Rufous Hummingbird
		
Blue Jay	Dark-eyed Junco	Killdeer
		
Eastern Kingbird	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Horned Lark
		
Purple Martin	Eastern Meadowlark	Northern Mockingbird













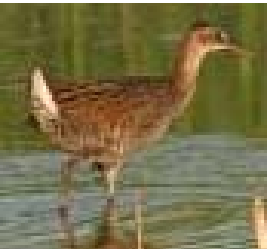
















		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	White-breasted Nuthatch	Baltimore Oriole
		
Orchard Oriole	Rock Pigeon	Common Raven
		
American Robin	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Pine Siskin
		
American Tree Sparrow	Chipping Sparrow	Field Sparrow

		
Black-necked Stilt	Black Tern	Least Tern



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Forest and Field Birds




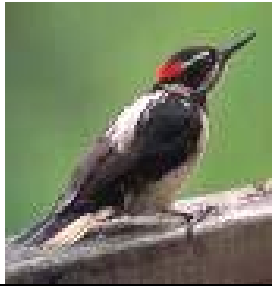




		
Northern Bobwhite, (Quail)	Ruffed Grouse	Greater Prairie Chicken
		
Wild Turkey	Turkey Buzzard	Turkey Vulture
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Black Vulture	American Woodcock	

		
Gadwall (Duck)	Mallard Duck	Northern Pintail (Duck)
		
Northern Shoveler (Duck)	Wood Duck	Canada Goose
		
Ring-billed Gull	Bonaparte's Gull	Great Blue Heron
		
Green Heron	Little Blue Heron	Belted Kingfisher
		
King Rail	Spotted Sandpiper	Upland Sandpiper

		
Fox Sparrow	House Sparrow	Lincoln's Sparrow
		
Savanna Sparrow (Bobolink)	Song Sparrow	Swamp Sparrow
		
Vesper Sparrow	White-crowned Sparrow	White-tailed Sparrow
		
White-throated Sparrow	European Starling	Barn Swallow



		
Loggerhead Strike	Chimney Swift	Scarlet Tanager
		
Summer Tanager	Brown Thrasher	Wood Thrush
		
Tufted Titmouse	Eastern Towhee	Pine Warbler
		
Prairie Warbler	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Yellow-throated Warbler

		
Cedar Waxwing	Whip-poor-will	Downy Woodpecker
		
Hairy Woodpecker	Pileated Woodpecker	Red-bellied Woodpecker
		
Red-headed Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Red-eyed Vireo

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Double-crested Cormorant	American Coot	Lesser Scaup, (Duck)