

Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Illinois, USA

Summer Birds of Sandy Hollow 1

Vera Leopold and Phoebe Thatcher – The Wetlands Initiative

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1 *Meleagris gallopavo*

Wild Turkey: Large, plump chicken-like bird with unfeathered head. Seen on ground at forest edges; listen for gobbling.



2 *Coccyzus americanus*

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Slender, long-tailed bird. Bold white spots on tail's underside. Often sits concealed in trees.



3 *Circus hudsonius*

Northern Harrier: Flies low over open fields. Conspicuous white rump, owl-like facial disc. Males gray, females brown.



4 *Dryocopus pileatus*

Pileated Woodpecker: Very large woodpecker with red crest, black-and-white on face. Loud flicker-like call.



5 *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*

Red-headed Woodpecker: Savanna-reliant bird. "Flying checkerboard" pattern. Young have gray heads.



6 *Myiarchus crinitus*

Great Crested Flycatcher: Loud rising "wheep!" call from treetop. Lemon-yellow belly, rusty-brown in wings & tail.



7 *Cistothorus platensis*

Sedge Wren: Small and secretive. Buffy flanks, finely streaked back and crown. Often holds its short tail upright.



8 *Sitta carolinensis*

White-breasted Nuthatch: Blue-gray back, white cheeks/belly, black cap. Call nasal "yank." Hitches down branches.



9 *Sialia sialis*

Eastern Bluebird: Males bright sky-blue above, rusty orange on breast. Females dusky/gray. Sits on low, open perches.



10 *Hylocichla mustelina*

Wood Thrush: Ethereal flute-like song carries through woods. Bold spots below, bright cinnamon-brown above.



11 *Chondestes grammacus*

Lark Sparrow: Striking head pattern, streaked brown on back. Long, rounded tail with white corners. Walks on ground.



12 *Ammodramus savannarum*

Grasshopper Sparrow: Soft insect-like song. Buffy/brown bird with orange-yellow mark in front of eye.



13 *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Stocky songbird, large triangular bill. Males have red breast. Females streaked brown.



14 *Passerina cyanea*

Indigo Bunting: Males brilliant blue in sunlight, females drab brown. Often found singing at wooded edges.



15 *Spiza americana*

Dickcissel: Non-musical song given from top of vegetation. Males have black on throat, yellow breast, rusty shoulders.



16 *Icterus galbula*

Baltimore Oriole: Males bright orange-and-black, females yellow-orange. Chatter call, loud song heard from treetops.