

Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Illinois, USA
Summer Birds of the Seep Trail 1
 Vera Leopold and Phoebe Thatcher – The Wetlands Initiative

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1 *Spatula discors*
Blue-winged Teal: Small dabbling duck. Males have white crescent in front of eye, white near tail; females brown.



2 *Podilymbus podiceps*
Pied-billed Grebe: Small diving waterbird. Builds nests on floating vegetation. Short, thick two-toned bill.



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



4 *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*
American White Pelican: Huge white waterbird with black flight feathers. Long yellow bill with extendable pouch.



5 *Ardea herodias*
Great Blue Heron: Very large and tall wading bird. Grayish-blue overall, black crown and head plumes on adult.



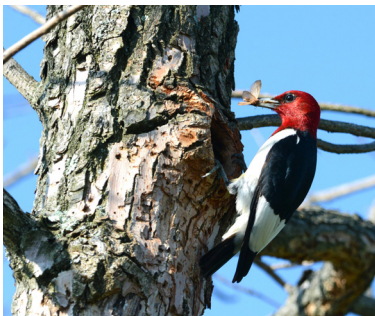
6 *Ardea alba*
Great Egret: Long-legged, elegant wading bird. All white with black legs, S-curved neck, and dagger-like yellow bill.



7 *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
Bald Eagle: Regal adults unmistakable with dark-brown body, all-white heads. Juveniles mottled brown, just as large.



8 *Strix varia*
Barred Owl: Mottled brown on upperparts, buffy below with dark streaks. Dark eyes. Sometimes active in daytime.



9 *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
Red-headed Woodpecker: Savanna-reliant bird. "Flying checker-board" pattern. Young have gray heads.



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



11 *Vireo flavifrons*
Yellow-throated Vireo: Small, chunky songbird with thick bill, yellow "spectacles." Song a burry "three-eight."



12 *Progne subis*
Purple Martin: Large swallow. Males are dark blue-purple overall. Females/immatures (pictured) browner.



13 *Sialia sialis*
Eastern Bluebird: Males bright sky-blue above, rusty orange on breast. Female duskiest/grayer. Sits on low, open perches.



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



15 *Agelaius phoeniceus*
Red-winged Blackbird: Name descriptive: Males puff out red shoulder patches when singing. Females streaked.



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