

# CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA

## COMMON SUMMER BIRDS OF CHICAGO

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Great Blue Heron  
*Ardea herodias*  
 ARDEIDAE



Black-crowned Night-heron  
*Nycticorax nycticorax* (adult)  
 ARDEIDAE



Black-crowned Night-heron  
*Nycticorax nycticorax* (juv.)  
 ARDEIDAE



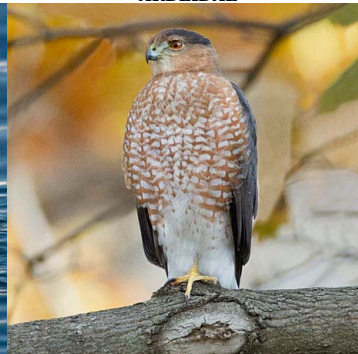
Canada Goose  
*Branta canadensis*  
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Mallard  
*Anas platyrhynchos* (male)  
 ANATIDAE



Mallard  
*Anas platyrhynchos* (female)  
 ANATIDAE



Cooper's Hawk  
*Accipiter cooperii*  
 ACCIPITRIDAE Photo: J. Goldner



Cooper's Hawk  
*Accipiter cooperii* (juv.)  
 ACCIPITRIDAE Photo: F. Morel



Red-tailed Hawk  
*Buteo jamaicensis*  
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Peregrine Falcon  
*Falco peregrinus*  
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Killdeer  
*Charadrius vociferus*  
 CHARADRIIDAE



Ring-billed Gull  
*Larus delawarensis* (adult)  
 LARIDAE



Ring-billed Gull  
*Larus delawarensis* (juv.)  
 LARIDAE Photo: J. Engel



Herring Gull  
*Larus argentatus* (adult)  
 LARIDAE Photo: A. Ayyash



Herring Gull  
*Larus argentatus* (juv.)  
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Caspian Tern  
*Hydroprogne caspia*  
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Rock Pigeon  
*Columba livia*  
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Mourning Dove  
*Zenaida macroura*  
 COLUMBIDAE



Chimney Swift  
*Chaetura pelagica*  
 APODIDAE Photo: F. Morel



Downy Woodpecker  
*Picoides pubescens*  
 PICIDAE Photo: J. Skrentny



Northern Flicker  
*Colaptes auratus*  
 PICIDAE



American Crow  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*  
 CORVIDAE



Blue Jay  
*Cyanocitta cristata*  
 CORVIDAE Photo: M. Cvetas



Barn Swallow  
*Hirundo rustica*  
 HIRUNDINIDAE



Black-capped Chickadee  
*Poecile atricapillus*  
 PARIDAE



American Robin  
*Turdus migratorius*  
 TURDIDAE



European Starling  
*Sturnus vulgaris* (adult)  
 STURNIDAE



European Starling  
*Sturnus vulgaris* (juv.)  
 STURNIDAE Photo: S. Ware



Northern Cardinal  
*Cardinalis cardinalis* (male)  
 CARDINALIDAE



Northern Cardinal  
*Cardinalis cardinalis* (female)  
 CARDINALIDAE



Red-winged Blackbird  
*Agelaius phoeniceus* (male)  
 ICTERIDAE



Red-winged Blackbird  
*Agelaius phoeniceus* (female)  
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Common Grackle

*Quiscalus quiscula* (adult)  
 ICTERIDAE Photo: J. Engel



Common Grackle

*Quiscalus quiscula* (juv.)  
 ICTERIDAE



Brown-headed Cowbird

*Molothrus ater* (adult)  
 ICTERIDAE Photo: C. Coen



Brown-headed Cowbird

*Molothrus ater* (juv.)  
 ICTERIDAE Photo: J. Bruchman



House Finch

*Haemorhous mexicanus* (male)  
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House Finch

*Haemorhous mexicanus* (female)  
 FRINGILLIDAE Photo: C. Coen



American Goldfinch

*Spinus tristis* (male)  
 FRINGILLIDAE



American Goldfinch

*Spinus tristis* (female)  
 FRINGILLIDAE



House Sparrow

*Passer domesticus* (male)  
 PASSERIDAE



House Sparrow

*Passer domesticus* (female)  
 PASSERIDAE



Montrose Beach



City Park

This guide is meant to help identify the most common birds that inhabit the Chicago area in summer. These are birds that are found in parks, neighborhoods, gardens, and beaches; even parking lots, athletic fields, and in dense urban areas. This field guide is not comprehensive, and you may see birds that are not included. In that case, it is best to consult other resources to find the correct identification.