

Forest Preserves of Cook County, IL USA Selected Shrubland Birds of Orland Grassland with The Bird Conservation Network's Bird of Concern Level

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The Birds of Concern (BOC) in the Chicago Wilderness (CW) region is a list of species needing priority attention and management. This BOC list was developed using numerous national and state conservation organizations' lists of species of conservation concern.



1 *Empidonax traillii*
WILLOW FLYCATCHER

Small slender, brownish olive overall, slight yellow wash to belly, two whitish wingbars, white throat. **N LVL 2**



2 *Geothlypis trichas*
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

Small songbird, round belly, long tail, males have black mask, yellow throat and under tail converts. **N**



3 *Melospiza lincolnii*
LINCOLN'S SPARROW

Medium-sized with small bill, neat appearance with crisp streaks, gray face, pale eye ring, buffy breast. **M**



4 *Mimus polyglottos*
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD

Medium-sized slender songbird with long tail, grayish above and whitish below, mimics other songbirds. **N**



5 *Passerina cyanea*
INDIGO BUNTING

Sparrow-sized, stocky, short tail, conical bill, males are bright blue overall, richer blue on head. **N**



6 *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
EASTERN TOWHEE

A strikingly marked, oversized sparrow, feathered in bold black and warm reddish-browns. **N LVL 3**



7 *Setophaga petechia*
YELLOW WARBLER

Small, round-headed, black eye, stout bill, bright yellow, yellow-green back, chestnut streaks on breast. **N**



8 *Spinus tristis*
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

Small finch with short conical bill, short notched tail, bright yellow, black forehead, black wings. **N**



9 *Spizella pallida*
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW

Petite, trim, small bill, slender body, long notched tail, pale, tan and gray, pale gray collar. **M**



10 *Spizella pusilla*
FIELD SPARROW

Small, slender sparrow with pink conical bill, rounded head, white eyeing and rusty crown and eyeline. **N LVL 2**



11 *Toxostoma rufum*
BROWN THRASHER

Large songbird, long, sturdy legs, long tail, curved bill, reddish brown above, black and white wing bars. **N LVL 2**



12 *Tyrannus tyrannus*
EASTERN KINGBIRD

Large-headed flycatcher, upright posture, white-tipped square tail, blackish above, white below. **N**