CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA
COMMON SUMMER BIRDS OF CHICAGO

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Black-crowned Night-heron
Ardea herodias
ARDEIDAE

Great Blue Heron
Nycticorax nycticorax (adult)
ARDEIDAE

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

Canada Goose
Branta canadensis
ANATIDAE

Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos (male)
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
ACCIPITRIDAE Photo: J. Goldner

Peregrine Falcon
Falco peregrinus
FALCONIDAE Photo: S. Ware

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
LARIDAE Photo: C. Coen
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*Cardinalis cardinalis* (male)  *Cardinalis cardinalis* (female)  *Agelaius phoeniceus* (male)  *Agelaius phoeniceus* (female)
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.