Bird BINGO Facts and Hints!

Kingfisher

You will hear the kingfisher before you see them! Their chattering mechanical rattle gives them away! They like to fish at 'The Pool' and on Sagamore Creek, often perched on dock railings!

Turkey vulture

Look up! Is there a large black bird whose wings are in the shape of a 'V" soaring and sometimes wobbling? There's your turkey vulture! They can ride thermals for hours.

Gall

There are three main species of gull found here. Smallest to largest they are the ring-billed gull, herring gull, and great black backed gull. They are incredibly tough birds.

Turkev

Especially vocal and busy showing off during their spring mating season, tom turkeys (males) can often be heard before seen. They are voracious eaters of acorns!

Catbird

Often nesting in the thickets, the catbird gets their name from their common raspy mew call that sounds like a cat. They also make a chek-chek-chek call and quirt-quirt!

Tern

These small birds are given away by their forked tail and their graceful wings. One of the most significant tern breeding colonies is on Seavey Island at the Isles of Shoals!

Chickadee

The classic call of "chickadee-deedee" is well known, but they also have a "yoo-hoo" whistle spring call that is a welcome sound at the end of winter. Don't forget that black cap!





Pigeon

There is no shortage of pigeons on the seacoast. These gregarious birds do well in developed areas. They are most often seen flying in pairs or flocks, very "v" shaped wings.

Blue Jay

One of our better known local birds, if you listen for the jays alarm calls, or a bunch of them together, you may find an owl or hawk being asked to leave the area by these cheeky birds!

Tufted titmouse

If you hear a bird scolding you, it could be a tufted titmouse. These tiny, gray birds are full of spunk, as their crests show. They like to hang out on the ends of branches

American Robin

The classic robin redbreast is known as a sign of spring, however they will stay through the winter dining on berries. Watch for them hopping across the lawn at Creek Farm!

Bluebird

These beautiful songbirds are favorites of many people. They often inhabit birdhouses that are put up along open fields and are voracious eaters. At Creek Farm they like the non-mowed area along the Little Harbor Loop Trail

Canada Goose

Canada geese are strong waterfowl who often help us gauge the arrival of fall or spring with their departure or return. We do have flocks that do not migrate however.

Cormorant

You may find these fishermen in The Pool or sitting on buoys with their wings outstretched drying them off after diving for fish. They catch the fish with their sharply hooked beak.

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