

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
 ANATIDAE



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.)
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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.)
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Herring Gull
Larus argentatus (adult)
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Herring Gull
Larus argentatus (juv.)
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Caspian Tern
Hydroprogne caspia
 LARIDAE Photo: C. Coen

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Rock Pigeon
Columba livia
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Mourning Dove
Zenaida macroura
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Chimney Swift
Chaetura pelagica
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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)
 ICTERIDAE

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Common Grackle

Quiscalus quiscula (adult)
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Common Grackle

Quiscalus quiscula (juv.)
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Brown-headed Cowbird

Molothrus ater (adult)
 ICTERIDAE Photo: C. Coen



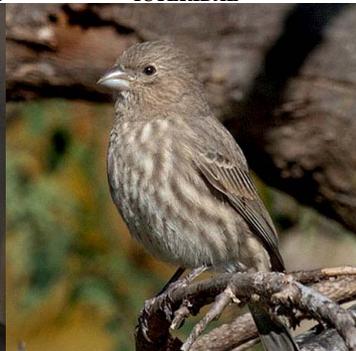
Brown-headed Cowbird

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 live in parks, neighborhoods, gardens, and beaches; even parking lots, athletic fields, and in dense urban areas. The guide is not comprehensive, and you may see birds that are not included. In that case, it is best to consult a field guide to find the correct identification.