



BIRDS & BASEBALL

Grab your binoculars and combine two great American pastimes — **birding and baseball!**

The **NYS Birding Trail** offers opportunities for New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy birding all season long. Visit stops along the **NYS Birding Trail** before or after enjoying some baseball cheering on bird-themed teams. Watch out for fowl birds!



SUMMER SPECIES HIGHLIGHT: **INDIGO BUNTING**

Don't let the name fool you. While bunting in baseball may earn players some jeers, the breeding male Indigo Bunting is a spectacular sight. Indigo Buntings return to New York in the spring and stay for the summer.

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**NEW YORK STATE
BIRDING
TRAIL**

The NYS Birding Trail highlights diverse and unique birding opportunities across the state and provides information on places anyone can go to find birds amid beautiful settings. The trail is not a physically connected or built trail, but a network of exceptional birding locations that can be accessed by car or public transportation and provide an inclusive experience for all. For more information, visit www.ibirdny.org.

ROCHESTER RED WINGS

Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area

This expanse of grasslands, marshes, and open water, just west of Rochester on the south shore of Lake Ontario, is an important stop on the Atlantic Flyway for large gatherings of migrating raptors, waterfowl, and songbirds in the spring and fall.

Hamlin Beach State Park

At the far eastern edge of Hamlin Beach sits the Yanty Marsh Trail that provides opportunity for waterfowl observation. There are several nest boxes located throughout the park where Eastern Bluebirds and Purple Martins may nest.



Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area, Rochester

LONG ISLAND DUCKS

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

A wilderness surrounded by suburbs, the preserve provides excellent opportunities to see more than 200 bird species. Waterfowl are numerous at the site, and rare nesting birds, such as osprey, are also present.

Edgewood Oak Brush Plains State Forest

The unique pitch pine-scrub barrens found here only occur in three places on Long Island and are considered a globally rare habitat that allows uncommon species of wildlife to thrive. More than 100 bird species have been sighted in the area.



Connetquot River State Park Preserve, Oakdale

Fire Island Lighthouse Tract

The tract is a barrier island ecosystem, made of sandy beaches, forests, and marshes that is located along the Atlantic Flyway. You can find shorebirds on the beach, songbirds on the boardwalk paths, and raptors flying above. More than one-third of all North American species have been recorded here!



Mt. Loretto Unique Area, Staten Island

STATEN ISLAND FERRYHAWKS

Mt. Loretto Unique Area

This gem includes 200 acres of forest, grasslands, wetlands, and coastal shoreline on the southern shore of Staten Island. In the summer, you can observe foraging wading birds, gulls, and terns, American Oystercatcher; Osprey; and migrating shorebirds.

Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve

This Bird Conservation Area offers the chance to observe nesting and foraging woodland and wetland species like the Wood Duck, Hairy Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Cedar Waxwing, Baltimore Oriole, Barn and Tree Swallows, and Chimney Swifts.



Brookfield Park, Staten Island

Brookfield Park

Here you'll find a beautiful natural environment with thousands of native plantings. More than 17,000 trees and 76,000 plants were planted before the park opened in 2017, attracting migratory birds to the area.

PLATTSBURG THUNDERBIRDS

Point Au Roche State Park

Bird enthusiasts from near and far flock to this park on northwestern shore of Lake Champlain to see the thousands of migrating snow geese stopping over for several weeks in the spring and fall. With several peninsulas, bays and nearby cornfields, this state park is a significant stop on the Atlantic flyway.

Ausable Marsh Wildlife Management Area

Wildlife habitats range from marsh and sandy dunes to floodplain forest and is part of the Lake Champlain Marshes Bird Conservation Area. The area provides breeding habitat for birds such as Wood Duck, Blue-Winged Teal, Wilson's Snipe, Virginia Rail, and American Bittern, among others.



Ausable Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Peru

Lake Alice Wildlife Management Area

Whether its waterfowl during migration, raptors in the open fields, or songbirds in the various diverse habitats present at Lake Alice, there are many varieties of bird species to be observed here. Trails within the area provide opportunities for hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing for better wildlife viewing.



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