

BIRDS OF SASKATCHEWAN IN PICTURES

Once we set foot outside the door of our home, we enter the world of wildlife where birds are the most noticeable residents. The numerous species of birds and their varied songs soon make them a focus of our attention. For many, bird watching (birding) becomes a therapeutic outlet, something that was especially evident when COVID restrictions limited our travels to more local opportunities.

I grew up on a farm in east central Saskatchewan that was heavily treed and we only had to look out the window to connect with the local wildlife. I carried the need for this connection with me once I graduated to a more urban existence. Relaxation time then often meant hiking in the great outdoors with binoculars as part of the escape kit. I then found that my memory for detail was not the best and I graduated to cameras with telephoto lenses so I could capture details for closer inspection later.

We have many birds in Saskatchewan, but not a large number of species. Of the different species, many only stop for a short time to rest and refuel during their spring and fall migrations. Consequently, the windows of good opportunity to connect are somewhat limited. Given good light, cooperation from the birds, and a steady hand these chance photo opportunities can be recorded for future interest and enjoyment. As a bonus with pictures, there is always the prospect of a different or better shot to maintain one's interest.

Come, visit my trophy room.

Brian Fowler
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GEESE AND SWANS



Canada Goose



Cackling Goose



Snow Goose



*Snow Goose
(Dark Morph)*

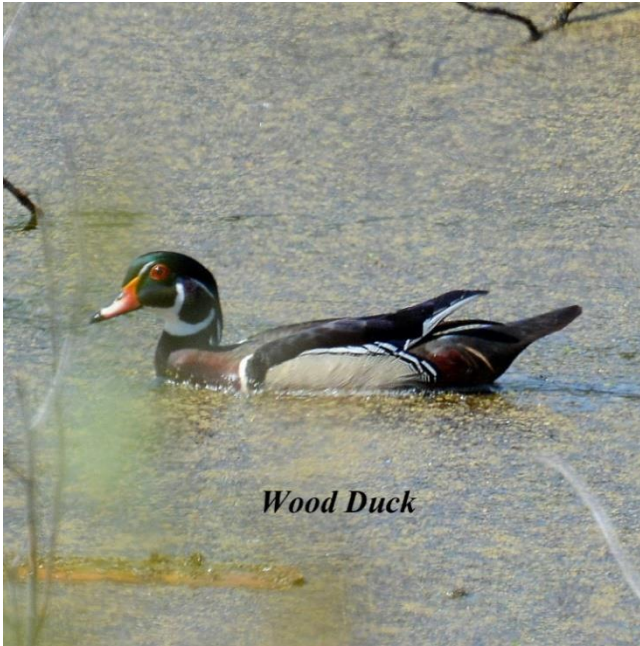


*Greater White-Fronted
Geese*



Tundra Swan

DABBLING DUCKS



Wood Duck



Gadwall



American Wigeon



Mallard



Blue-winged Teal



Northern Shoveler

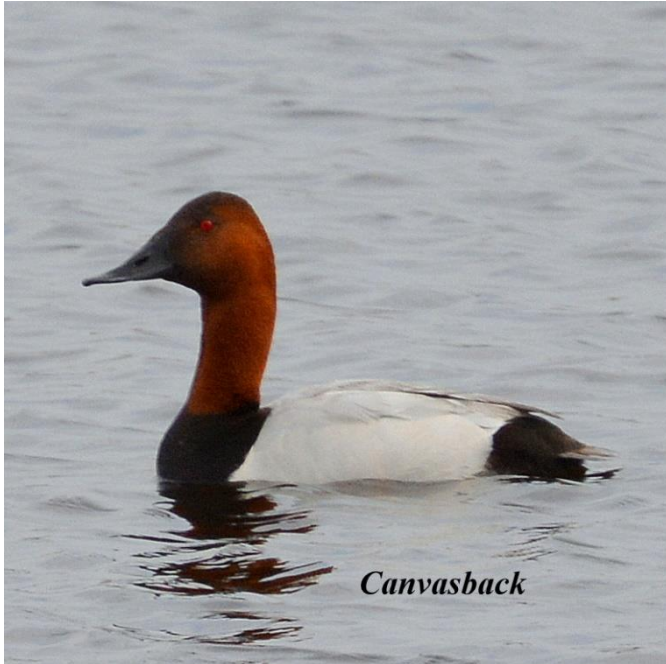


Green-winged Teal



Northern Pintail

DIVING DUCKS



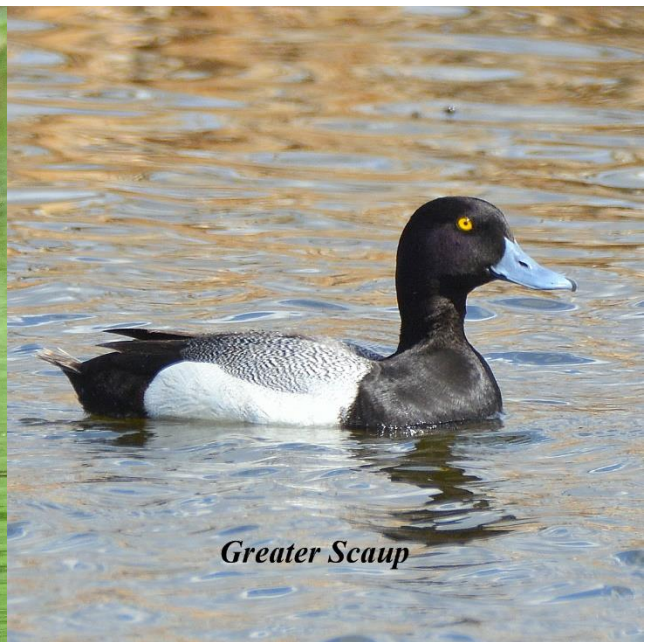
Canvasback



Redhead



Ring-necked Duck



Greater Scaup



Lesser Scaup



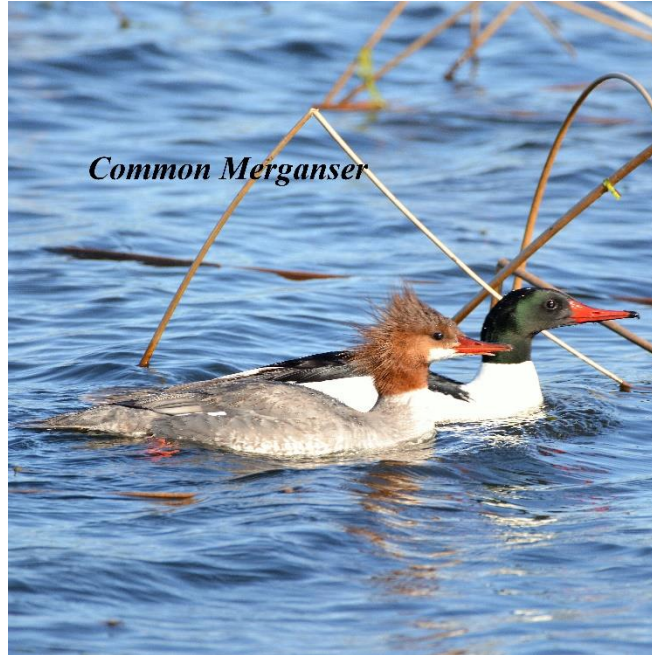
Bufflehead



Common Goldeneye



Ruddy Duck

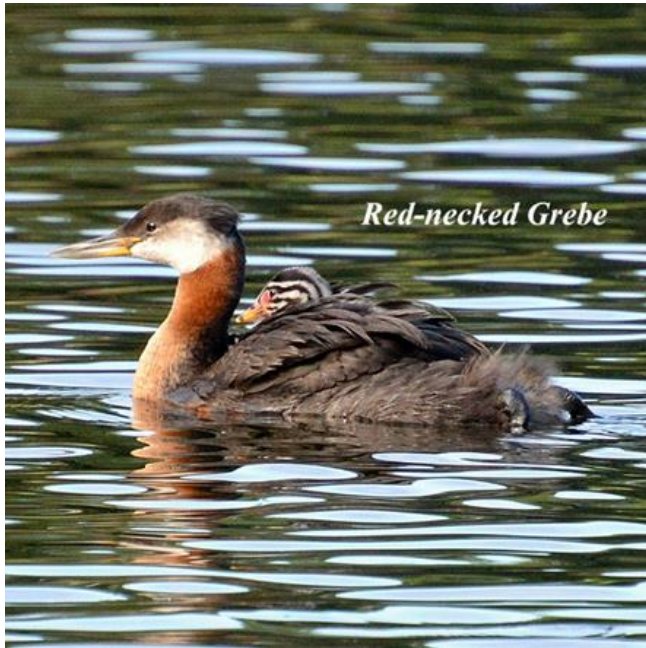


UPLAND GAME BIRDS



LOONS AND GREBES



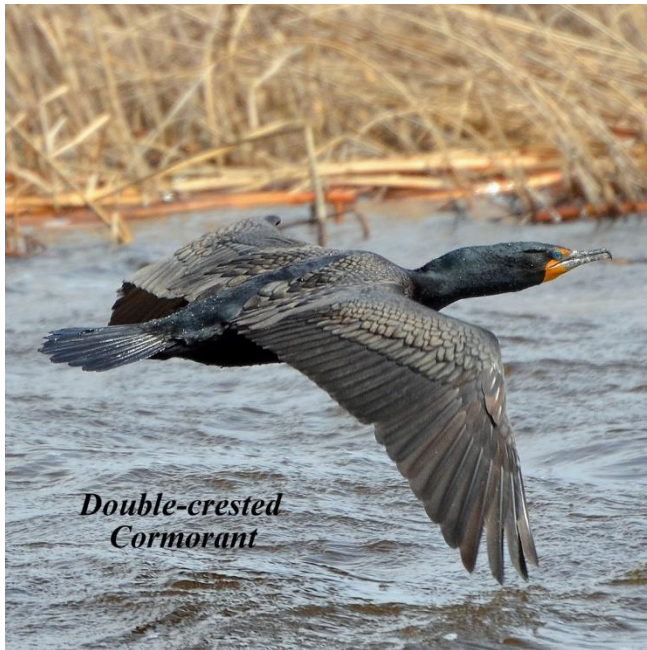


Red-necked Grebe



Western Grebe

PELICAN AND CORMORANT



*Double-crested
Cormorant*



*American
White Pelican*

BITTERNS AND HERONS





Snowy Egret



*Black-crowned
Night-Heron*

VULTURE, EAGLES, HARRIER AND HAWKS



Turkey Vulture



Osprey



Bald Eagle



Northern Harrier



*Sharp-shinned
Hawk*



Cooper's Hawk



*Broad-winged
Hawk*



*Swainson's
Hawk*



*Red-tailed
Hawk*



Ferruginous Hawk



*Rough-legged
Hawk*

FALCONS



American Kestrel



Merlin



Peregrine Falcon

RAIL, COOT AND CRANES



SHOREBIRDS



Black-bellied Plover



American Golden Plover



Semipalmated Plover



Killdeer



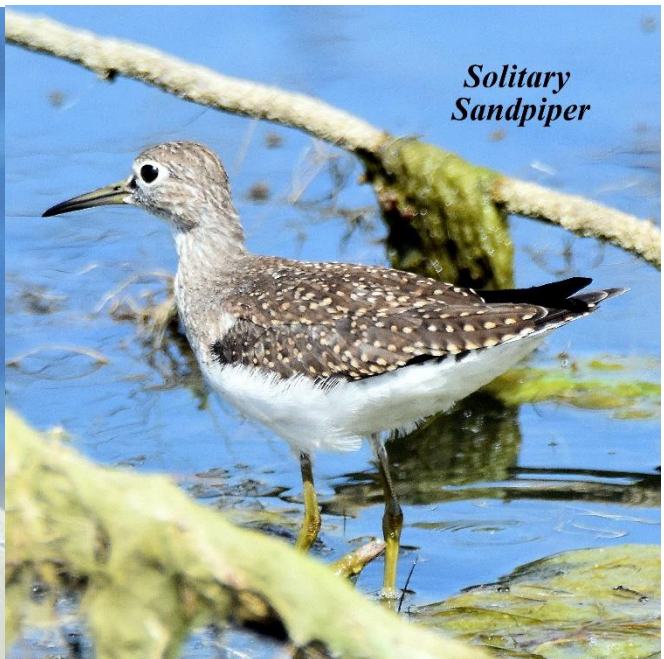
Black-necked Stilt



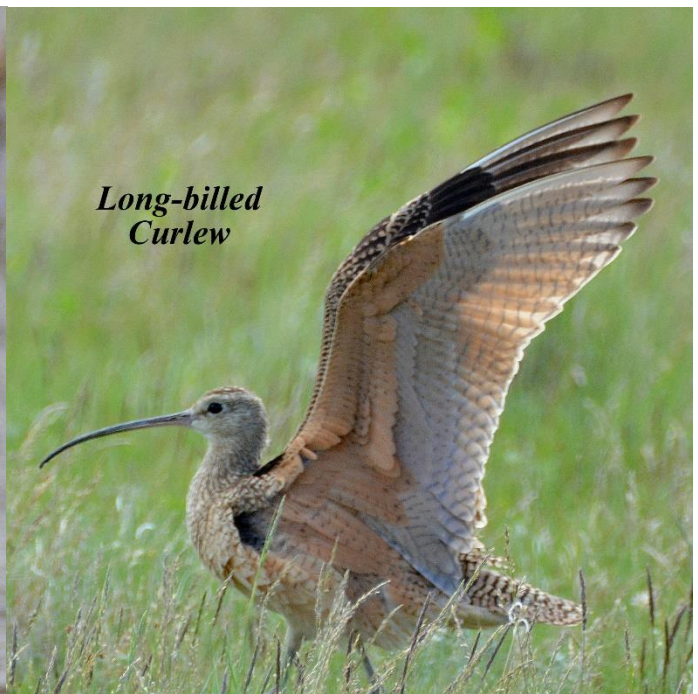
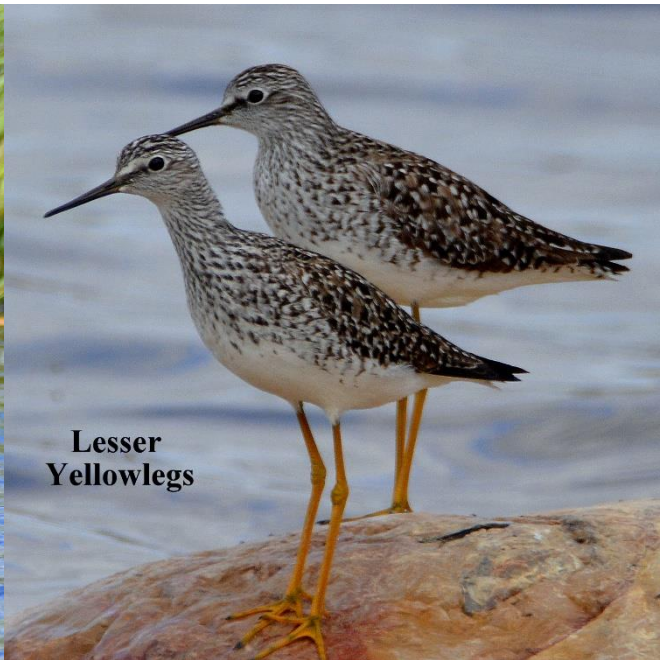
American Avocet



Spotted Sandpiper

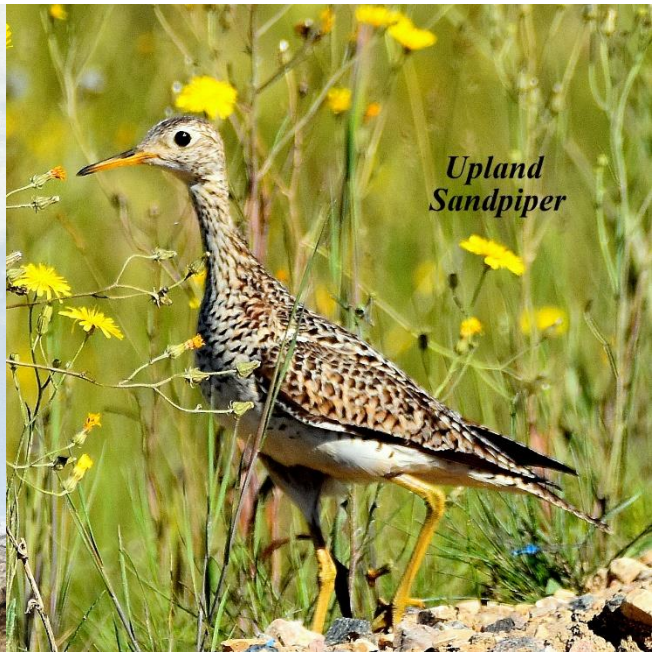


Solitary Sandpiper





MARBLED GODWIT



Upland Sandpiper



Sanderling



Ruddy Turnstone



**Semipalmated
Sandpiper**



Least Sandpiper



*White-rumped
Sandpiper*



Baird's Sandpiper



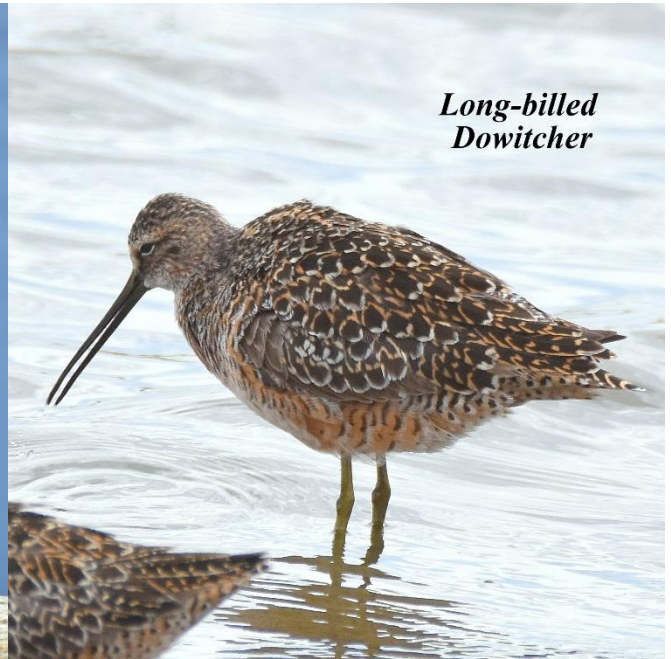
Pectorial Sandpiper



Stilt Sandpiper



**Short-billed
Dowitcher**



*Long-billed
Dowitcher*

Wilson's Phalarope



**Red-necked
Phalarope**



**Wilson's
Snipe**



GULLS AND TERNS



*Ring-billed
Gull*



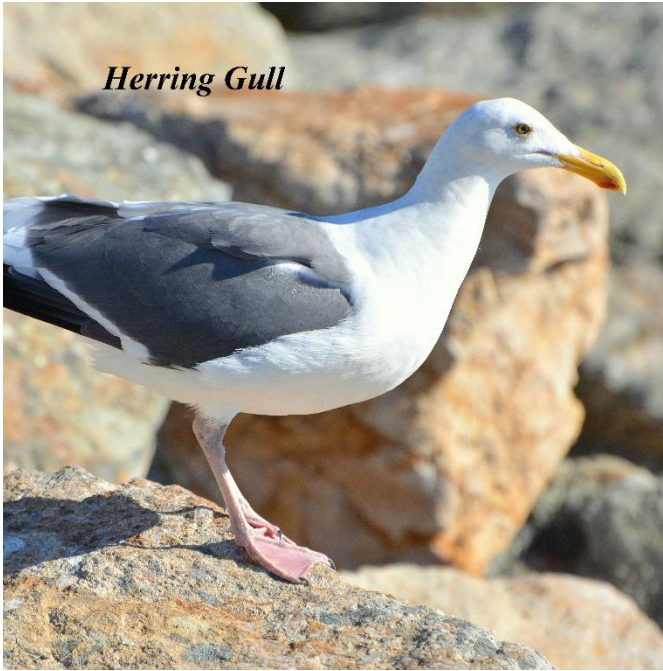
*California
Gull*



Bonaparte's Gull



Franklin's Gull



Herring Gull



Black Tern



Common Tern

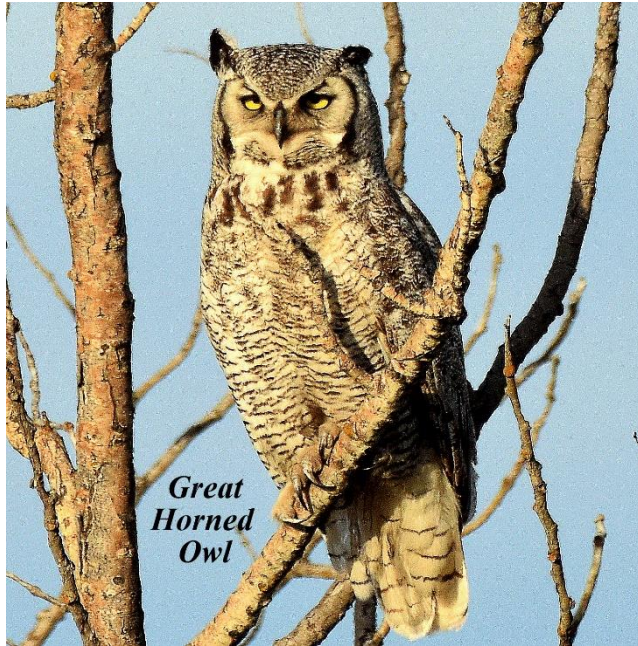


Forster's Tern

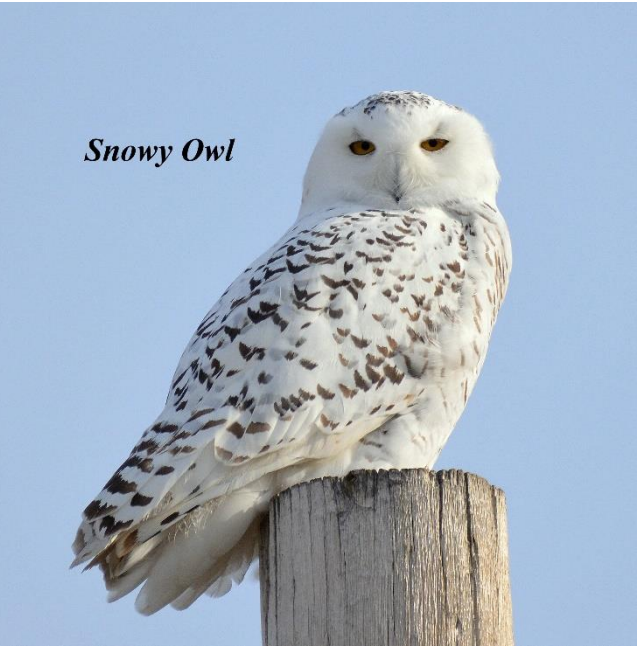
PIGEON AND DOVE



OWLS



*Great
Horned
Owl*



Snowy Owl



*Burrowing
Owl*

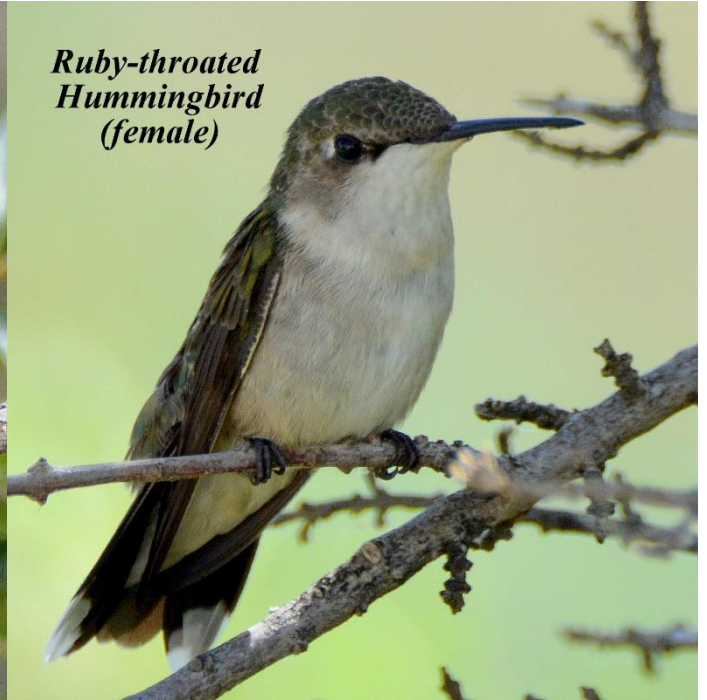


*Short-eared
Owl*

HUMMINGBIRD AND KINGFISHER



*Belted
Kingfisher*



*Ruby-throated
Hummingbird
(female)*

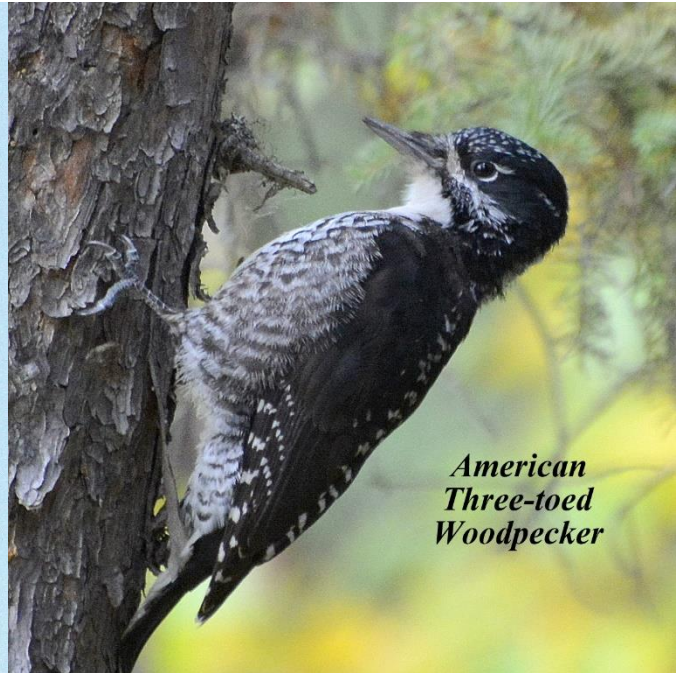
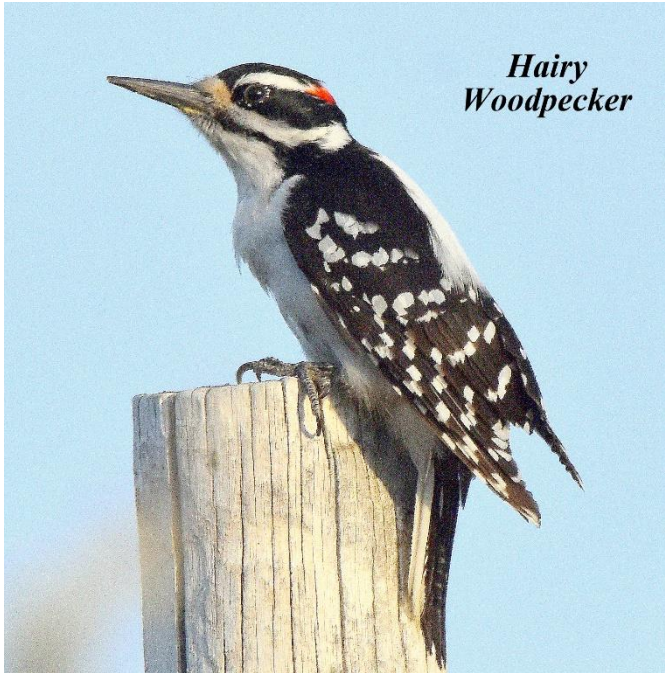
WOODPECKERS



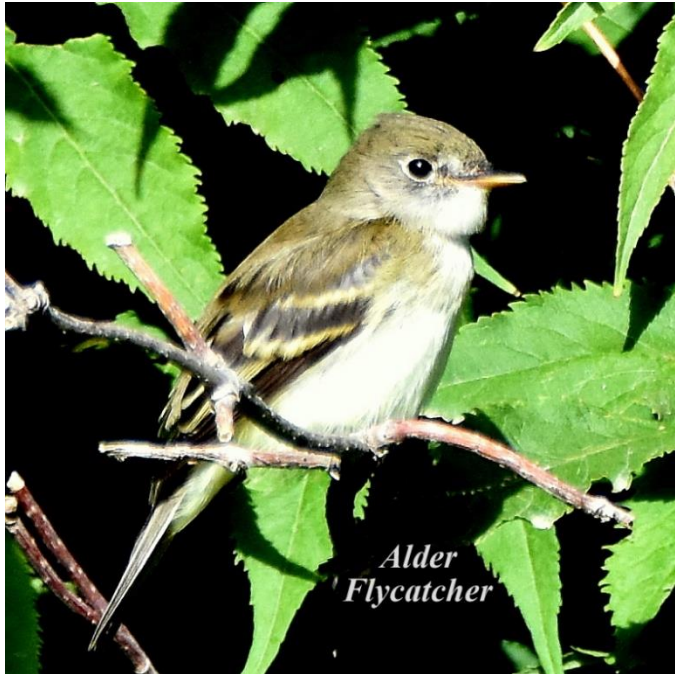
*Yellow-bellied
Sapsucker*



Downy Woodpecker



FLYCATCHERS



*Eastern
Kingbird*



*Western
Kingbird*



*Say's
Phoebe*



*Yellow-bellied
Flycatcher*





*Great Crested
Flycatcher*

SHRIKES



*Loggerhead
Shrike*



*Northern
Shrike*

VIREOS



JAYS AND CROWS



Common Raven



American Crow



*Black-billed
Magpie*



LARK AND SWALLOWS





Cliff Swallow



Barn Swallow

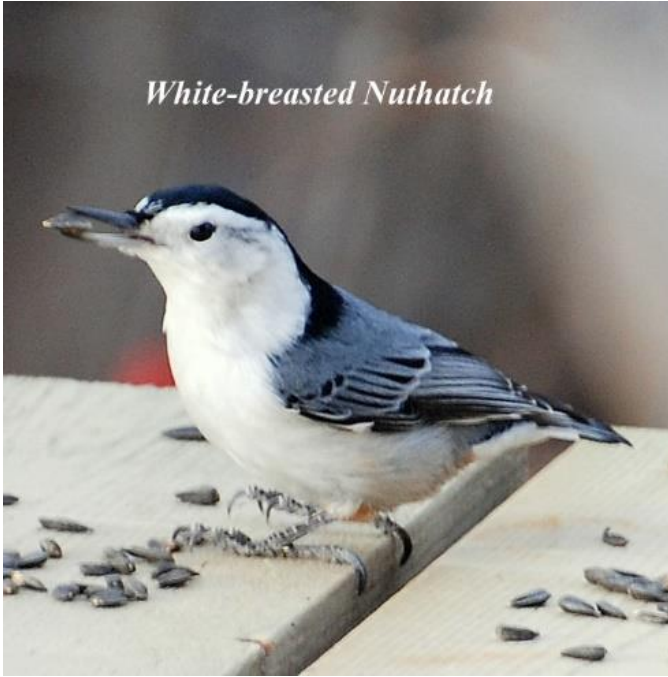
CHICKADEE, NUTHATCHES AND CREEPER



Black-capped Chickadee



Brown Creeper



White-breasted Nuthatch



Red-breasted Nuthatch

WRENS AND KINGLET



House Wren



Marsh Wren



*Ruby-crowned
Kinglet*

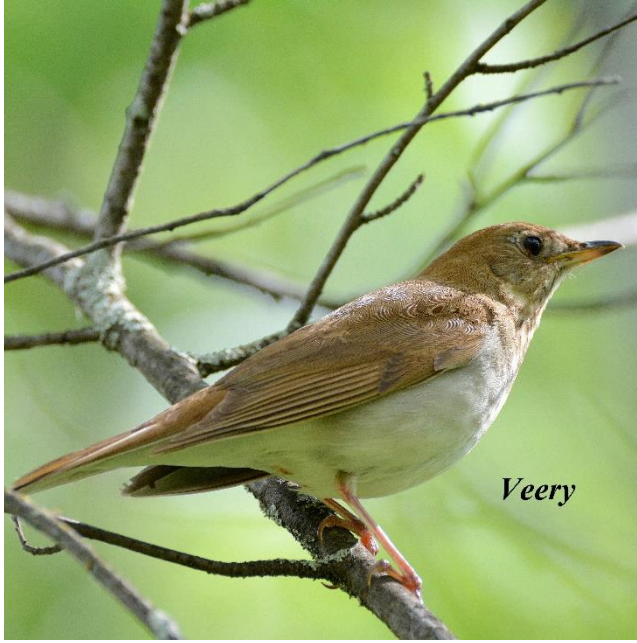
THRUSHES



*Eastern
Bluebird
(female)*



*Mountain
Bluebird*



Veery

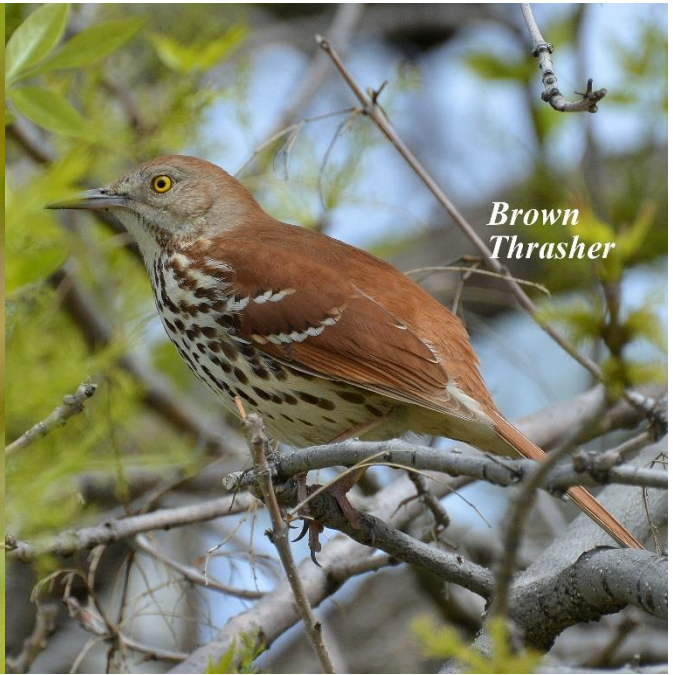


*Swainson's
Thrush*



*American
Robin*

CATBIRD AND THRASHER



STARLING AND WAXWINGS



*Bohemian
Waxwing*



*Cedar
Waxwing*



*European
Starling*

WOOD WARBLERS





*Magnolia
Warbler*



*Yellow -
rumped
Warbler*



*Black-
and-white
Warbler*



*Blackpoll
Warbler*



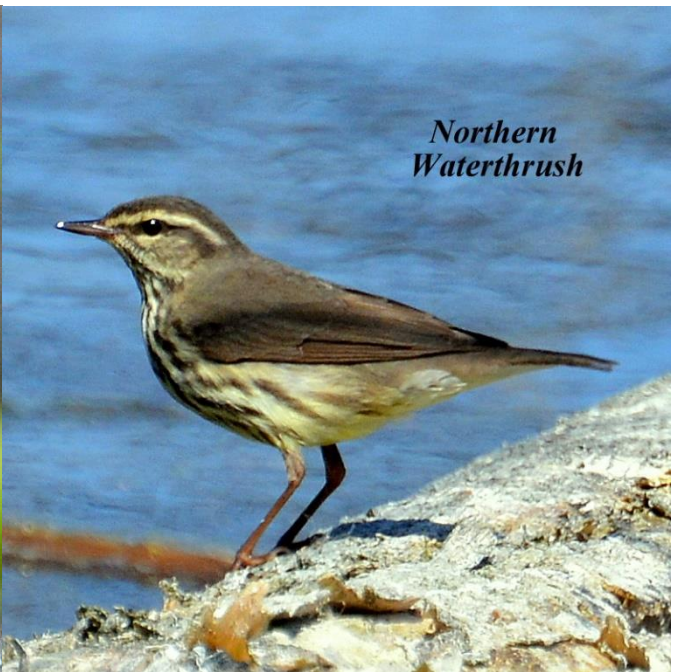
*Palm
Warbler*



*American
Redstart*



Ovenbird



*Northern
Waterthrush*



*Connecticut
Warbler*



*Common
Yellowthroat*

SPARROWS AND JUNCO



*American
Tree
Sparrow*



*Chipping
Sparrow*



Clay-colored Sparrow



Vesper Sparrow



Lark Sparrow



Lark Bunting



Savannah Sparrow



Baird's Sparrow



Le Conte's Sparrow



Song Sparrow



Lincoln's Sparrow



Swamp Sparrow



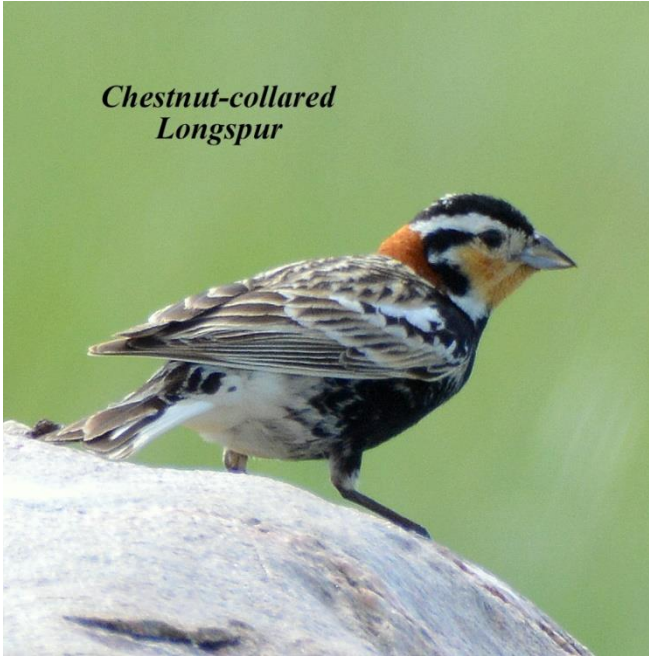
*White -
throated Sparrow*



White-crowned Sparrow



LONGSPURS



*Chestnut-collared
Longspur*



*Smith's
Longspur*

SNOW BUNTING AND SUMMER GROSBEAK



Snow Bunting



*Rose-breasted
Grosbeak*

BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES



Bobolink



*Red-winged
Blackbird*



*Western
Meadowlark*



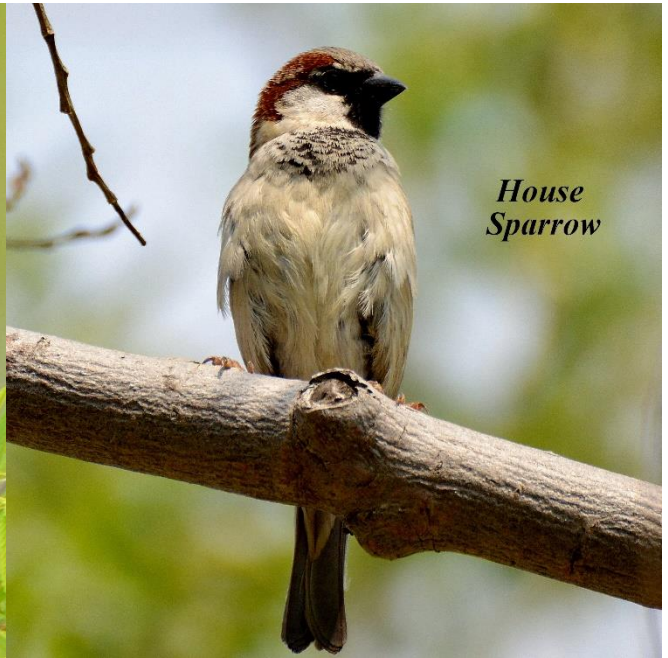
*Yellow-headed
Blackbird*



ORIOLE AND HOUSE SPARROW

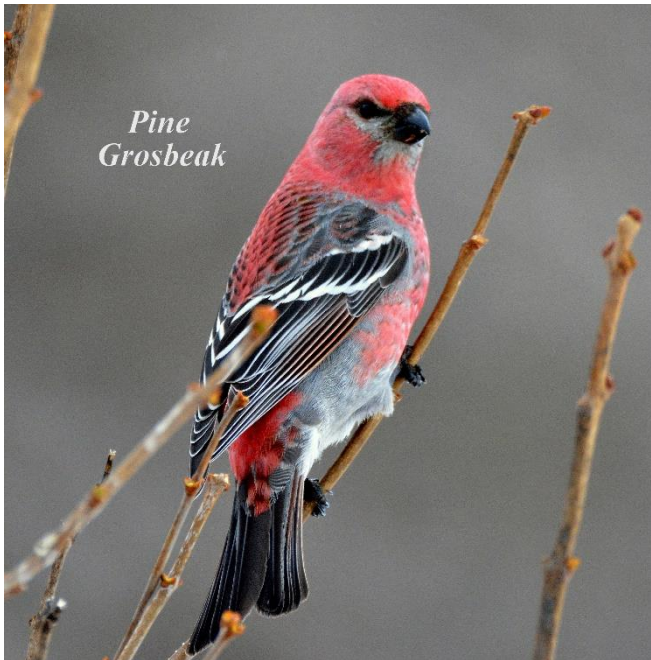


Baltimore Oriole



House Sparrow

FINCHES



Pine Grosbeak



Purple Finch



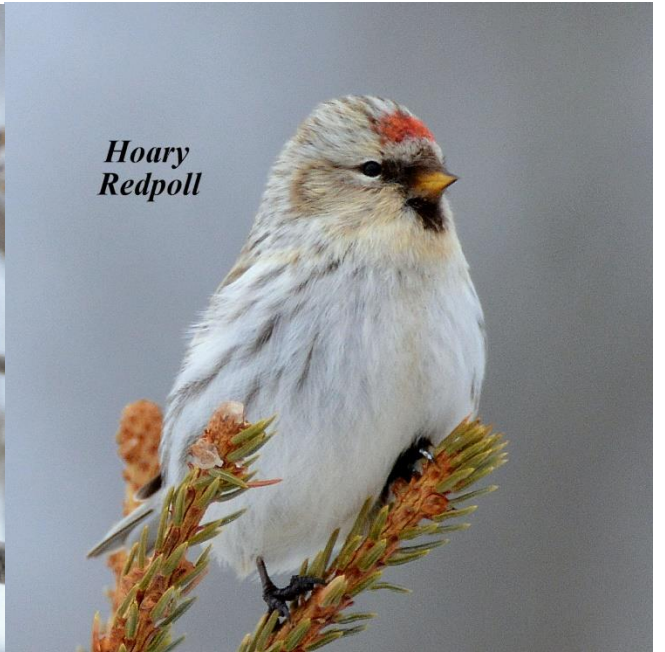
*House
Finch*



*American
Goldfinch*



*Common
Redpoll*



*Hoary
Redpoll*



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