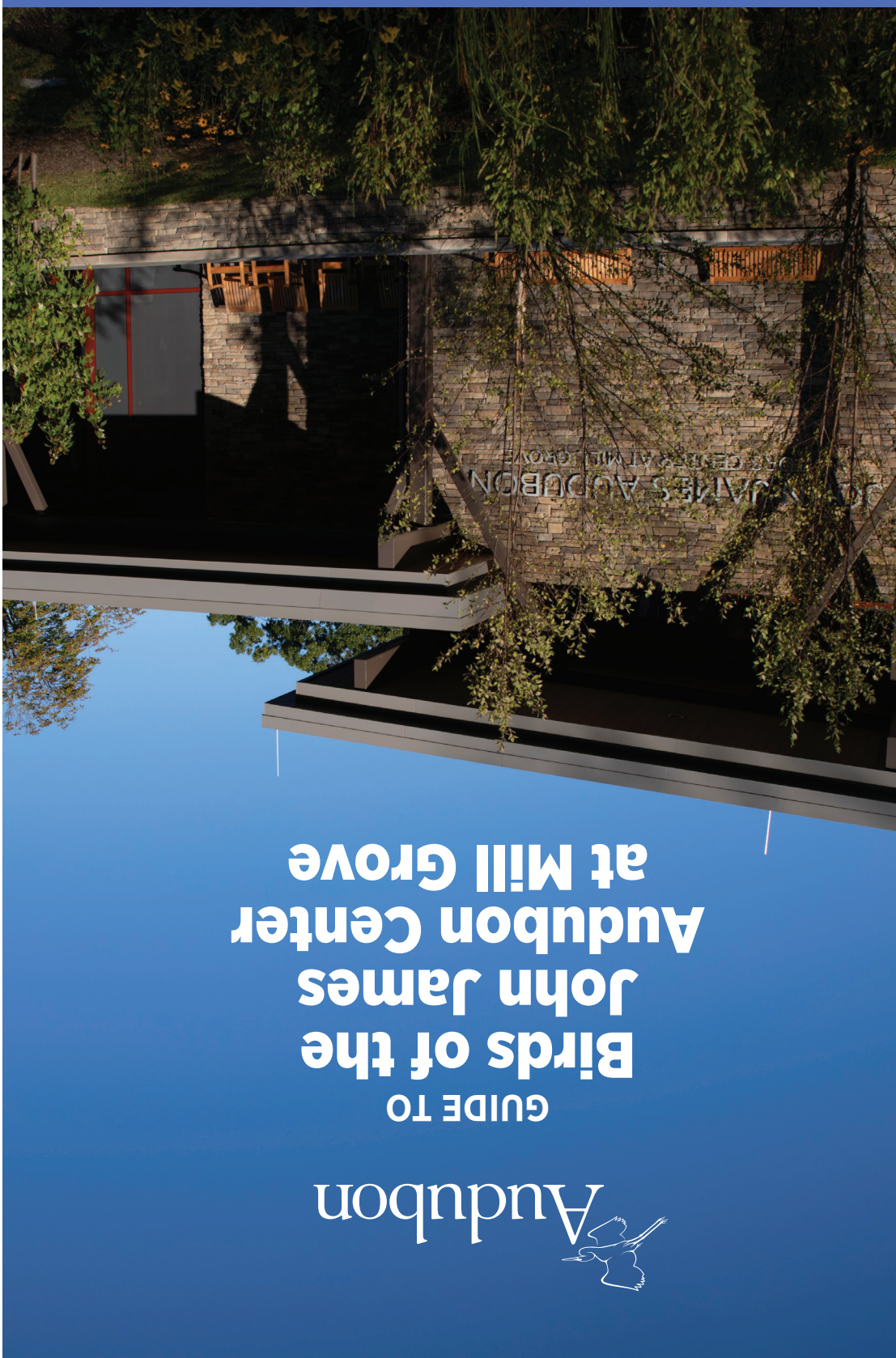




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BIRDS AT THE JOHN JAMES AUDUBON CENTER

As the seasons change in Audubon, the bird populations also vary. Summer and winter residents come and go, transients visit for short periods, and year-round residents alter their behavior.

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In **SPRING**, migratory birds return to their breeding grounds and join local residents building nests.



In the **FALL**, many birds prepare for their migration journey south. Some species begin to form flocks.



During the **SUMMER**, parent birds are busy feeding their hungry hatchlings.



WINTER residents seek energy-rich food and shelter from severe weather.



YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

Setophaga coronata
Family: Wood Warblers
Most common warbler during the spring and fall.
Status: Common

When to see: 

Photo: Mick Thompson



WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

Zonotrichia albicollis
Family: New World Sparrows
Most common sparrow during the winter.
Status: Common

When to see: 

Photo: Tim Harris/Audubon Photography Awards



CANADA GOOSE
Branta canadensis Family: Ducks and Geese
Uses a variety of habitats, including mowed lawns in parks and golf courses.
Status: Very Common

When to see: 

Photo: Tracey Paxson/Audubon Photography Awards



RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER
Melanerpes carolinus Family: Woodpeckers
Very adaptable; excavates nest holes in dead tree limbs.
Status: Common

When to see: 

Sheila Rudesill/Great Backyard Bird Count



RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

Agelaius phoeniceus
Family: Blackbirds and Orioles
Likes to breed near lakes, ponds, and marshes.
Status: Common

When to see: 

Photo: Ryan Shean/Audubon Photography Awards



BALTIMORE ORIOLE

Icterus galbula
Family: Blackbirds and Orioles
Nests in parklike areas; feeds on insects and fruit.
Status: Uncommon

When to see: 

Photo: Deborah Bifulco/Audubon Photography Awards



GRAY CATBIRD
Dumetella carolinensis
Family: Mockingbirds and Thrashers
Very adaptable; will use almost any type of leafy natural area.
Status: Common

When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon]

Photo: Katherine Sayn-Wittgenstein/ Audubon Photograph Awards



TREE SWALLOW
Tachycineta bicolor
Family: Swallows
Known to take advantage of bluebird boxes at Mill Grove, who nest in holes of the same size.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon]

Photo: Nancy Schutt/Audubon Photography Awards



CEDAR WAXWING
Bombycilla cedrorum
Family: Waxwings
Nests in park-like areas; feeds on insects and fruit.

Status: Uncommon
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon]

Photo: David Sloas/Audubon Photography Awards



YELLOW WARBLER
Setophaga petechia
Family: Wood Warblers
Nests in woods next to marshes, lakes, and ponds.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon]

Photo: Mick Thompson



RED-TAILED HAWK
Buteo jamaicensis
Family: Hawks and Eagles
Is highly adaptable; eats small birds, rodents, and reptiles and even fish.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon] [Snowflake icon]

Photo: Jeremiah Ramirez/Audubon Photography Awards



AMERICAN GOLDFINCH
Spinus tristis
Family: Finches
In most regions the American Goldfinch is a late nester, beginning to nest in midsummer.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon] [Snowflake icon]

Photo: Chris Keele/Audubon Photography Awards



BLACK-CAPPED CHICADEE
Poecile atricapillus
Family: Paridae
Incredible memory for caching thousands of seeds so they survive the winter.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon] [Snowflake icon]

Photo: Mele Avery/Audubon Photography Awards



EASTERN TOWHEE
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
Family: New World Sparrows
In some areas this bird is commonly known as ‘Chewink,’—the sound of its call. Found in open woods, undergrowth, and edges.

Status: Common, but globally at risk
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon]

Photo: Jesse Gordon/Audubon Photography Awards



BELTED KINGFISHER
Megaceryle alcyon
Family: Kingfishers
Found in streams, lakes, bays, coasts, nests in banks. During winter and migration may be found in almost any waterside habitat.

Status: Occasional
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon] [Snowflake icon]

Photo: Jerry AmEnde/Audubon Photography Awards



HOODED MERGANSER
Lophodytes cucullatus
Family: Mergansers
Found in wooded lakes, ponds, and rivers. In winter, found on ponds, swamps, fresh and brackish coastal estuaries.

Status: Occasional
When to see: [Flower icon] [Leaf icon]

Photo: Karen Bilgrai Cohen/Audubon Photography Awards



EASTERN PHOEBE
Sayornis phoebe
Family: Flycatchers
Looks for flying insects at or around streams, ponds, and lakes.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Leaf icon]

Photo: Sheen Watkins/Audubon Photography Awards



GREAT BLUE HERON
Ardea herodias
Family: Herons, Egrets. Bitterns
Adapts to many locations with water, including in urban areas.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon] [Snowflake icon]

Photo: Jeanne Church/Audubon Photography Awards



EASTERN BLUEBIRD
Sialia sialis
Family: Thrushes
A high percentage nest in boxes put up for them at Mill Grove. When they are not nesting, they roam the countryside.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon]

Photo: Brady Linkous/Audubon Photography Awards



RUBY CROWNED KINGLET
Corthylio calendula
Family: Kinglets
This tiny bird is often hard to see in summer, when it lives high in tall conifers. Found in other trees and brush in winter.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Leaf icon]

Photo: Chris Keele/Audubon Photography Awards



COOPER’S HAWK
Astur cooperii
Family: Accipiters
Feeding mostly on birds and small mammals; hunts by stealth, approaching its prey through dense cover and then pouncing.

Status: Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon] [Snowflake icon]

Photo: Brian Rusnica/Audubon Photography Awards



AMERICAN ROBIN
Turdus migratorius
Family: Thrushes
Very adaptable; eats berries, earthworms and other invertebrates found on the ground.

Status: Very Common
When to see: [Flower icon] [Sun icon] [Leaf icon]

Photo: Deklan Evans/Audubon Photography Awards