

# Flora of the Lake Erie Islands

The following is not meant to represent a complete list of island species, but rather a sampling of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses which might be found. We've also attempted to define the natural community where you might encounter these species; however, there is quite a bit of overlapping and variety between the islands.

**Sources:** Resources of the Lake Erie Islands Region," Cooper and Herdendorf, Center for Lake Erie Research, 1977; "Flora of the Lake Erie Islands," Stuckey and Duncan, Ohio Biological Survey, 1977; USDA, ARS, National Genetic Resources Program, Germplasm Resources Information Network (GRIN) [Online Database], National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland. URL: [http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/tax\\_search.pl](http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/tax_search.pl) (retrieved July 2009); Interagency Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) [Online Database], White House Subcommittee on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. URL: <http://www.itis.gov> (retrieved July 2009)

		Island Cliffs	Alvar Communities on Limestone Outcroppings	Wetlands and Ponds	Nearshore Submerged Areas	Wooded Areas	Prairies, Fields, Disturbed Areas	Shorelines, Sand or Rock
	* Non-native							
Box-elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>					x		
Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>							
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>					X		
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>		X					
Ohio Buckeye	<i>Aesculus glabra</i>					X		
Garlic Mustard *	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>					X	X	
Nodding Wild Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	X	X				X	
Wild Leek/Ramps	<i>Allium tricoccum</i>					X		
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	X	X					
Canada Anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>				X			
Thimbleweed	<i>Anemone virginiana</i>					X		
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	X	X					
Smooth Rock Cress	<i>Arabis laevigata</i>	X				X		
Southern Hairy Rockcress *	<i>Arabis hirsuta</i>	X	X					
Jack in the Pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>					X		
Short's Aster	<i>Aster shortii</i>		X			X		
Mosses	Bryophytes		X		X			
American Sea Rocket	<i>Cakile edentula</i>							X
Wild Hyacinth	<i>Camassia scilloides</i>					X		
Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	X						
Pink Spring/Purple Cress *	<i>Cardamine douglasii</i>				X			
Bristle-leaved Sedge/Longhair Sedge	<i>Carex comosa</i>		X					
Frank's Sedge	<i>Carex frankii</i>					X		
Meadow Sedge	<i>Carex granularis</i>		X		X			
Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i>					X		
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	X	X			X		
Coontail/Common Hornwort	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>			X	X			
Enchanter's Nightshade	<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>					X		
Spring Beauty	<i>Claytonia virginica</i>					X		
Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>		X					
Rough-leaved Dogwood	<i>Cornus drummondii</i>		X			X	X	
Cut-Leaved Toothwort *	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>					X		
Orchard Grass *	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>						X	

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Dutchman's Breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>					X		
Indian Strawberry *	<i>Duchesnea indica</i>					X	X	
Bottlebrush Grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>					X		
Philadelphia-Daisy	<i>Erigeron philadphicus</i>		X				X	
White Trout-Lily	<i>Erythronium albidum</i>					X		
Yellow Trout-Lily	<i>Erythronium americanum</i>					X		
Bushy Goldenrod/Common Goldentop	<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>		X					X
Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>		X					
White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>					X		
Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>					X		
Blue Ash	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>					X		
Bedstraw	<i>Galium</i> spp.		X			X		
Herb Robert *	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>		X			X		
White Avens	<i>Geum canadense</i>		X			X		
Honey-Locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>					X		
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>					X		
Narrowleaf Bluet	<i>Hedyotis nigricans</i>	X						
Orange Day-Lily *	<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>						X	
Sharp-Lobe Hepatica	<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>					X		
Dame's Rocket *	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>					X	X	
Alumroot	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	X	X			X		
Swamp Rose Mallow	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>			X				
Summer Bluet	<i>Houstonia longifolia</i>	X						
Virginia Waterleaf	<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>					X		
Appendaged Waterleaf	<i>Hydrophyllum appendiculatum</i>					X		
St. John's Wort *	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>						X	
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>					X		
Common Rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>			X				
Eastern Red-Cedar	<i>Juniperas virginiana</i>	X				X		
Duckweed	<i>Lemna minor</i>			X				
Purple loosestrife *	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>			X				
Star-flower Solomon's-Seal	<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>					X		
Solomon's-Plume	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>					X		
Liverwort	<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>		X					
Black Medic *	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>						X	
Virginia Bluebell	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>					X		
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>		X					
Red Mulberry	<i>Morus rubra</i>		X			X		
Eurasian Water Milfoil *	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>			X	X			

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Water Lotus	<i>Nelumbo lutea</i>			X				
Catnip *	<i>Nepeta cataria</i>						X	
Spatterdock/Yellow Pond-Lily	<i>Nuphar lutea</i>			X				
White Water-Lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>			X				
Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>							X
Sweet Cicely	<i>Osmorhiza berteroi</i>					X		
Smooth Sweet Cicely	<i>Osmorhiza longistylis</i>					X		
American Hop-Hornbeam/Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>					X		
Yellow Wood-Sorrel	<i>Oxalis stricta</i>					X	X	
Balsam Groundsel	<i>Packera paupercula</i>	X	X					
Woodbine/Virginia-Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>		X					
Cliffbrake	<i>Pellaea</i> spp.	X						
Hairy Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>					X		
Blue Phlox/Wild Sweet-William	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>					X		
Common Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>			X				
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	X	X					
Bluegrass *	<i>Poa annua</i>		X					
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>					X		
Clammyweed	<i>Polanisia dodecandra</i>							X
Smooth Solomon's-Seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>					X		
Hairy Solomon's-Seal	<i>Polygonatum pubescens</i>					X		
Water Smartweed	<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>			X				
Pickereel-Weed	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>			X				
Eastern Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>		X					
Curly-Leaf Pondweed *	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>			X	X			
Richardson's Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton richardsonii</i>				X			
Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>			X	X			
Self-heal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>		X					
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>					X		
Wafer-Ash/Hoptree	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>					X		
White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>							
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>					X		
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>			X		X		
Chinquapin Oak	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>					X	X	
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>					X		
Gray-headed Coneflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>		X					
Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	X						
Staghorn Sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	X					X	
Black Currant	<i>Ribes americanum</i>							

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Wild Gooseberry	<i>Ribes cynosbati</i>							
Prairie Rose	<i>Rosa arkansana</i>						X	
Smooth Rose	<i>Rosa blanda</i>		X					
Common Blackberry	<i>Rubus allegheniensis</i>		X				X	
Black Raspberry	<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>					X		
Common Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria</i> spp.			X	X			
Peach-leaf Willow	<i>Salix amygdaloides</i>		X					X
Sandbar Willow	<i>Salix exigua</i>			X				X
Black Willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>					X		
Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>					X		
Hardstem Bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus acutus</i>			X				
Soft-Stem Bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>			X				
Black Bulrush	<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>			X				
Canadian Goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>		X				X	
Johnsongrass *	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>						X	
Bur-Reed	<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i>			X				
Bladdernut	<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>					X		
Sago Pondweed	<i>Stuckenia pectinata</i>			X	X			
Lilac *	<i>Syringa</i> spp.	X						
Dandelion *	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>						X	
Lakeside Daisy	<i>Tetraneuris herbacea</i>	X						
Early Meadow-Rue	<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>					X		
Rue Anemone	<i>Thalictrum thalictroides</i>					X		
Basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>					X		
Poison-Ivy	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>		X			X	X	
Large-flowered Trillium	<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>					X		
Narrow-Leaf Cattail *	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>			X				
Broadleaf Cattail	<i>Typha latifolia</i>			X				
American Elm	<i>Ulmus Americana</i>					X		
Slippery Elm	<i>Ulmus rubra</i>							
Rock Elm	<i>Ulmus thomasii</i>					X		
Tape-Grass/Eel-Grass	<i>Vallisneria americana</i>				X			
Common Mullein *	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>						X	X
Common Periwinkle *	<i>Vinca minor</i>					X	X	
Northern Bog/Common Blue Violet	<i>Viola sororia</i>	X	X			X	X	
Downy-Yellow Violet	<i>Viola pubescens</i>					X		
Riverbank Grape	<i>Vitis riparia</i>		X			X		X
Elegant Sunburst Lichen	<i>Xanthoria elegans</i>		X					
Prickly-Ash	<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i>					X		

# Amphibians and Reptiles of the Lake Erie Islands

**Island Abbreviations:** South Bass Island (SBI), Middle Bass Island (MBI), North Bass Island (NBI), Kelleys Island (KI), Pelee Island (PI)

**Source:** Crother, B. I. (ed.). 2008. *Scientific and Standard English Names of Amphibians and Reptiles of North America North of Mexico*, pp. 1-84.

Please note that all Scientific and Common Names are in accordance with the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, Herpetological Circular No. 37, 2008. Some field guides may not reflect this nomenclature.

<b>Snakes</b>	<b>Islands</b>
Lake Erie Watersnake ( <i>Nerodia sipedon insularum</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Eastern Gartersnake ( <i>Thamnophis s. sirtalis</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Eastern Foxsnake ( <i>Pantherophis gloydi</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Eastern Hog-Nosed Snake ( <i>Heterodon platirhinos</i> )	KI
Blue Racer ( <i>Coluber constrictor foxi</i> )	SBI, KI, PI
Northern Brownsnake ( <i>Storeria d. dekayi</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Queensnake ( <i>Regina septemvittata</i> )	KI
Northern Ring-necked Snake ( <i>Diadophis punctatus edwardsii</i> )	SBI, MBI

<b>Turtles</b>	<b>Islands</b>
Eastern Snapping Turtle ( <i>Chelydra s. serpentina</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Midland Painted Turtle ( <i>Chrysemys picta marginata</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Red-eared Slider ( <i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Blanding's Turtle ( <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> )	KI, MBI, PI, NBI
Northern Map Turtle ( <i>Graptemys geographica</i> )	SBI, NBI, KI, PI

<b>Salamanders</b>	<b>Islands</b>
Marbled Salamander ( <i>Ambystoma opacum</i> )	KI
Small-mouthed Salamander ( <i>Ambystoma texanum</i> )	MBI, KI, PI
Blue-spotted Salamander ( <i>Ambystoma laterale</i> )	PI
Eastern Tiger Salamander ( <i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i> )	KI
Unisexual Salamander Hybrids ( <i>Ambystoma spp.</i> )	MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Eastern Red-backed Salamander ( <i>Plethodon cinereus</i> )	SBI, KI
Common Mudpuppy ( <i>Necturus m. maculosus</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Red-spotted Newt ( <i>Notophthalmus v. viridescens</i> )	NBI, PI

<b>Frogs</b>	<b>Islands</b>
American Bullfrog ( <i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i> )	SBI, MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Northern Green Frog ( <i>Lithobates clamitans melanota</i> )	MBI, NBI, KI, PI
Northern Leopard Frog ( <i>Lithobates pipiens</i> )	SBI, NBI, KI
Western Chorus Frog ( <i>Pseudacris triseriata</i> )	KI
American Toad ( <i>Anaxyrus americanus</i> )	SBI, MBI, KI, PI

<b>Others</b>
Eastern Spiny Softshell ( <i>Apalone s. spinifera</i> )
Northern Cricket Frog ( <i>Acris crepitans</i> )
Gray Treefrog ( <i>Hyla versicolor</i> )

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## Swallowtails

Black Swallowtail  
Giant Swallowtail  
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail  
Spicebush Swallowtail

## Whites & Sulphurs

Cabbage White  
Clouded Sulphur  
Orange Sulphur

## Gossamer Wings

Acadian Hairstreak  
Banded Hairstreak  
"Olive" Juniper Hairstreak  
Gray Hairstreak  
Eastern Tailed-Blue  
Spring Azure  
Summer "Spring" Azure

## Snouts

American Snout

## Brush-Footed

Meadow Fritillary  
Pearl Crescent  
Question Mark  
Eastern Comma  
Gray Comma  
Mourning Cloak  
Milbert's Tortoiseshell  
American Lady  
Painted Lady  
Red Admiral  
Common Buckeye

## Admirals and Relatives

Red-spotted Purple Viceroy  
Viceroy

## Emperors

Hackberry Emperor  
Tawny Emperor

## Satyrs and Wood Nymphs

Little Wood-Satyr  
Common Wood-Nymph

## Milkweed

Monarch

## Skippers

Silver-spotted Skipper  
Juvenal's Duskywing  
Horace's Duskywing  
Common Sootywing  
Least Skipper  
European Skipper  
Fiery Skipper  
Peck's Skipper  
Crossline Skipper  
Zabulon Skipper  
Dun Skipper

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## Spreadwings

Slender Spreadwing  
Lyre-tipped Spreadwing

## Pond Damsels

Powdered Dancer  
Familiar Bluet  
Marsh Bluet  
Eastern Forktail

## Darners

Common Green Darner

## Clubtails

Russet-tipped Clubtail

## Skimmers

Calico Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Four-spotted Skimmer  
Painted Skimmer  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Spot-winged Glider  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
White-faced Meadowhawk  
Ruby Meadowhawk  
Yellow-legged Meadowhawk  
Carolina Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

# Birds of the Lake Erie Islands

Official Lake Erie Islands Birding Checklists can be purchased from the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum and the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, both on South Bass Island.

*The following list was compiled using data collected and researched by numerous individuals, including H. Thomas Bartlett, Bill Whan, John Pogacnik, Stan Wulkowicz, and Lisa Brohl, and members of the Kelleys Island Audubon Club and the Pelee Island Bird Observatory. Data was collected from all United States and Canadian islands over the last 75 years.*

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## Geese, Swans, and Ducks

Greater White-fronted Goose >  
Snow Goose  
Brant >  
Canada Goose +  
Mute Swan  
Trumpeter Swan >  
Tundra Swan  
Wood Duck +  
Gadwall  
American Wigeon  
American Black Duck  
Mallard +  
Blue-winged Teal +  
Northern Shoveler  
Northern Pintail  
Green-winged Teal  
Canvasback  
Redhead  
Ring-necked Duck  
Greater Scaup  
Lesser Scaup  
King Eider >  
Harlequin Duck >  
Surf Scoter  
White-winged Scoter  
Black Scoter  
Long-tailed Duck  
Bufflehead  
Common Goldeneye  
Hooded Merganser  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Ruddy Duck

## Gallinaceous Birds

Ring-necked Pheasant >+  
Wild Turkey >+  
Northern Bobwhite >+

## Loons

Red-throated Loon  
Common Loon

## Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe +  
Horned Grebe +  
Red-necked Grebe >  
Eared Grebe >

## Cormorant

Double-crested Cormorant +

## Hérons and Bitterns

American Bittern  
Least Bittern >  
Great Blue Heron +  
Great Egret +  
Snowy Egret >+  
Little Blue Heron >+  
Black-crowned Night-Heron +  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron >+  
Tricolored Heron >+  
Cattle Egret >+  
Green Heron +

## Hawks, Falcons, and

### Vultures

Turkey Vulture +  
Osprey  
Bald Eagle +  
Northern Harrier  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk +  
Northern Goshawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk +  
Rough-legged Hawk  
Golden Eagle >  
American Kestrel +  
Merlin  
Peregrine Falcon

## Rails, Coots, and

### Cranes

Virginia Rail  
Sora  
Common Moorhen >  
American Coot +  
Sandhill Crane

## Plovers

Black-bellied Plover  
American Golden-Plover  
Semipalmated Plover  
Piping Plover >  
Killdeer +  
Black-necked Stilt >  
American Avocet >

## Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

Spotted Sandpiper +  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Great Yellowlegs  
Willet >  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Upland Sandpiper >  
Whimbrel >  
Hudsonian Godwit >  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper >  
Baird's Sandpiper >  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Purple Sandpiper >  
Dunlin  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Shot-billed Dowitcher  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Wilson's Snipe  
American Woodcock +  
Wilson's Phalarope >  
Red Phalarope >

## Gulls

Black-legged Kittiwake >  
Bonaparte's Gull  
Little Gull >  
Laughing Gull >  
Franklin's Gull >  
Ring-billed Gull +  
California Gull >  
Herring Gull +  
Thayer's Gull  
Iceland Gull  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Glaucous Gull  
Great Black-backed Gull

## Terns

Caspian Tern  
Black Tern  
Common Tern +  
Forster's Tern

## Doves, Cuckoos, and

### Pigeons

Rock Pigeon +  
Mourning Dove +  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Black-billed Cuckoo

## Owls

Barn Owl >+  
Eastern Screech-Owl >+  
Great Horned Owl +  
Snowy Owl  
Barred Owl >  
Long-eared Owl  
Short-eared Owl >  
Northern Saw-whet Owl

## Nightjars, Swifts, and Hummingbirds

Common Nighthawk +  
Chuck-will's-widow >  
Whip-poor-will  
Chimney Swift +  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird +

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## Woodpeckers, Kingfishers, and Flycatchers

Belted Kingfisher +  
Red-headed Woodpecker +  
Red-bellied Woodpecker +  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker +  
Hairy Woodpecker +  
Northern Flicker +  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Eastern Wood-Pewee +  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
Acadian Flycatcher +  
Alder Flycatcher  
Willow Flycatcher +  
Least Flycatcher  
Eastern Phoebe +  
Great Crested Flycatcher +  
Eastern Kingbird +

## Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike >  
Northern Shrike

## Vireos

White-eyed Vireo +  
Yellow-throated Vireo +  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Warbling Vireo +  
Philadelphia Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo +  
Blue Jay +  
American Crow +

## Larks and Swallows

Horned Lark +  
Tree Swallow +  
Northern Rough-winged  
Swallow +  
Bank Swallow +  
Cliff Swallow +  
Barn Swallow +

## Chickadees, Creepers, and Wrens

Black-capped Chickadee +  
Tufted Titmouse >  
Red-breasted Nuthatch +  
White-breasted Nuthatch +  
Brown Creeper  
Carolina Wren +  
House Wren +  
Winter Wren >  
Sedge Wren >  
Marsh Wren >+

## Kinglets and Gnatcatchers

Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher +

## Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird +  
Veery +  
Gray-cheeked Thrush  
Swainson's Thrush  
Hermit Thrush  
Wood Thrush +  
American Robin +

## Mimids and Starlings

Gray Catbird +  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher +  
European Starling +  
American Pipit  
Cedar Waxwing +

## Warblers

Blue-winged Warbler  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
Northern Parula  
Yellow Warbler +  
Chestnut-sided Warbler +  
Magnolia Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Black-throated Gray Warbler >  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler >  
Pine Warbler  
Kirtland's Warbler >  
Prairie Warbler >  
Palm Warbler  
Northern Waterthrush  
Louisiana Waterthrush >  
Kentucky Warbler >  
Connecticut Warbler >  
Bay-breasted Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Cerulean Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler +  
American Redstart +  
Prothonotary Warbler >  
Worm-eating Warbler >  
Ovenbird +  
Mourning Warbler +  
Common Yellowthroat +  
Hooded Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler  
Canada Warbler  
Yellow-breasted Chat +

## Tanagers

Summer Tanager  
Scarlet Tanager +

## Sparrows and Allies

Eastern Towhee +  
American Tree Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow +  
Clay-colored Sparrow  
Field Sparrow +  
Vesper Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow +  
Grasshopper Sparrow >+  
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow >  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow +  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow +  
White-throated Sparrow  
Harris Sparrow >  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Lapland Longspur  
Snow Bunting  
Northern Cardinal +  
Blue Grosbeak >  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak +  
Indigo Bunting +  
Dickcissel >

## Blackbirds and Orioles

Bobolink +  
Red-winged Blackbird +  
Eastern Meadowlark +  
Western Meadowlark >  
Yellow-headed Blackbird >  
Rusty Blackbird  
Brewer's Blackbird >  
Common Grackle +  
Brown-headed Cowbird +  
Orchard Oriole +  
Baltimore Oriole +

## Finches

Purple Finch +  
House Finch +  
Red Crossbill >  
White-winged Crossbill >  
Common Redpoll >  
Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch +  
Evening Grosbeak >

## Old World Sparrow

House Sparrow +



# Tread Lightly

Help us protect what we all treasure. Consider these guidelines for visiting our islands without harming their futures. Thank you, and enjoy your exploration.

- For your protection, as well as for the protection of the environment, always follow designated trails and paths.
- Please respect private property that may be adjacent to public lands.
- While driving a car or golf cart along island roads, be careful to avoid reptiles and amphibians which frequently cross the roads.
- To blend with the natural world, move slowly and quietly.
- Leave flowers, shells, nuts, and animals for others to enjoy. Sometimes even touching a fragile plant is enough for its demise.
- Birds and animals sense disturbances to their nesting sites and may abandon their young if a threat is perceived. Please stay a considerable distance from nests and dens.
- Use binoculars or zoom lenses to get up close and personal. Never knowingly disturb wildlife by getting too close, pointing, moving abruptly, or speaking loudly.
- Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds.
- Obey federal and state regulations. You will be prosecuted for venturing beyond signs posted "Endangered Species Nesting Area – Trespassing Unlawful."
- Migratory birds need peaceful areas to rest and refuel before continuing their journeys. Keep disturbances to a minimum. An international treaty, as well as state and federal laws, protects all migratory birds.
- Be careful not to point optics toward people or houses. Keep voices low and vehicle noise to a minimum before 9 a.m.
- Look, but never touch. The Lake Erie water snake may be fascinating and non-venomous, but they are quick to bite curious hands.
- Express gratitude to individuals and businesses that go out of their way to accommodate your interest or needs in the natural world. It's the best way to show local communities the importance of natural areas.
- Wear binoculars and carry your field identification guides everywhere! It's the best way to share the economic importance of our resources.
- Use bird calls, tape recordings of calls, or other devices sparingly. They can disturb breeding and drive birds from territories.
- Divide large groups of people into smaller groups. Smaller groups are less disturbing to wildlife.