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4. Ithaca College Natural Lands- Much of Ithaca College's 500 acres of natural lands is found directly behind the campus. A simple walk up the trail behind the terrace dormitories will lead you to an informative board describing the land. Most of this land is mature mixed deciduous woodlands. As you look into the forest, though, you will notice very few saplings, attributed to the browsing of our campus' exploding deer population. Fortunately this does not seem to have deterred the birds, as they are plentiful in the woods.



Eastern Wood-Pewee

**Winter:** Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Pileated Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch, Northern Junco

**Spring:** Various species of migratory warblers, vireos, and flycatchers.

**Summer:** Breeding American Redstart, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Wood-pewee, Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, Red-bellied Woodpecker

**Fall:** Migratory passerines, including warblers, vireos, and sparrows, Great Horned Owl, Downy Woodpecker

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5. Peggy R. Williams Building: Similar to Williams Hall, this location may not seem at first glance to be a prolific birding location. But its vantage of the western hillside and Cayuga Lake make it an ideal location for seeing migrating hawks flying south. During fall, ideal weather conditions result in the migration of neotropical migrants during the night. These birds can be heard well from this location as they fly over. The PRW building is also worth mentioning, as it was the recent nesting site of a pair of Red Tailed Hawks, which became quite famous around campus. The nest successfully fledged young, and the hope is they will nest again here in the future.



Red-tailed Hawk

**Year-round:** Panorama of surrounding area allows for views of any soaring birds, including hawks, eagles, vultures, gulls, and loons.

**Fall:** Migratory raptors, vultures, loons, and at night, neotropical songbirds.

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## Where the Birds are on Ithaca College Campus



This interactive pamphlet is a great way to learn the birds that you may see on our beautiful, environmentally-friendly campus. A few of the better birding locations around campus are mentioned in the following pages, as well as a list of some of the more common species you may expect to see or hear at these locations during all seasons. We hope that this simple pamphlet will allow all of our visitors and nature enthusiasts to take note of the diversity of birds present on our campus. We also wish to enlighten everyone on the interesting individual accounts of natural history that have been occurring right here on the College's campus.



Black-capped Chickadee

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1. **Chapel Pond**- Located in the middle of campus, this pond is a good place to look for some of the water birds that can be found in the area, either on the water or in the surrounding vegetation. In recent years, at least one pair of Canada Geese has nested on the pond during the spring. During this time of year, these geese can become very territorial, so do not attempt to approach them. During the winter, small songbirds can be found in the surrounding trees and shrubs.

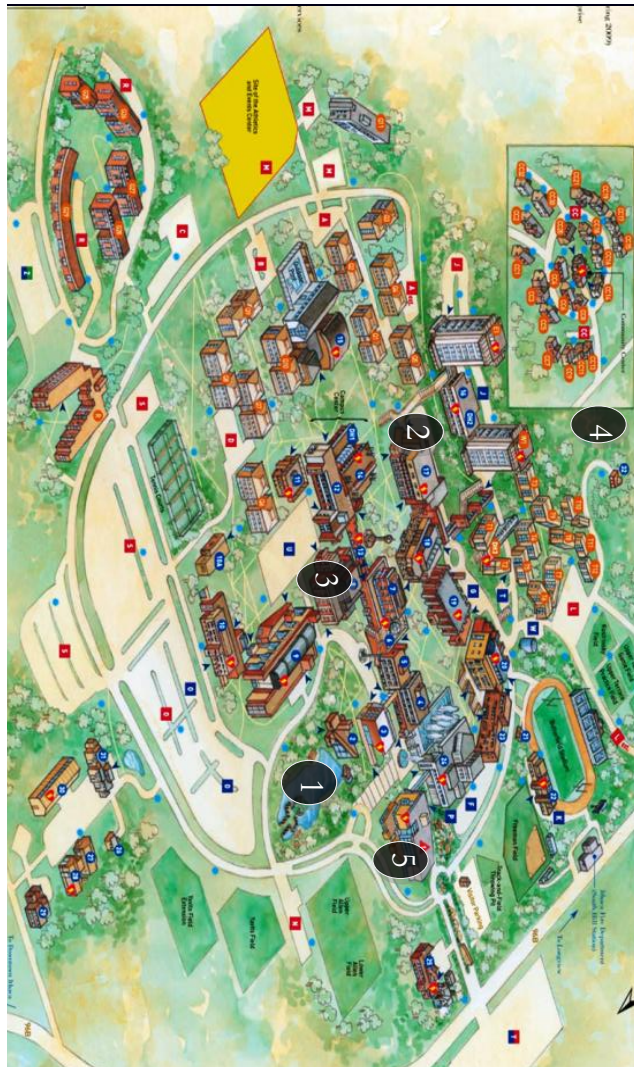


**Winter:** Birds are usually scarcer in winter than any other season, but Black-capped Chickadee, Mourning Dove, House Sparrow, and European Starling can be seen

**Spring:** Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Phoebe, Canada Goose, Mallard, Ring-billed Gull, migratory sparrows and warblers

**Summer:** Nesting Canada Goose, Mallard, Red-winged Blackbird, Song and Chipping Sparrow, Common Grackle, Red Tailed Hawk, American Robin, American Goldfinch

**Fall:** Migratory raptors can be seen high overhead, including Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red Tailed Hawk, Ring-billed Gull, Red-winged Blackbird, Black-capped Chickadee



1. Chapel Pond
2. Library Bird Feeders
3. Williams Hall
4. Ithaca College Natural Lands
5. Peggy R. Williams Building

2. **Library Bird Feeders:** Feeders located outside the library on the parking lot side of the building bring in some of the more common feeder birds that can provide fun and easy viewing during all seasons. If you are lucky, you will get to watch a bird come to a feeder, take a seed, and cache it for later feeding in a nearby tree.

**Winter:** Pine Siskin, Common Redpoll, House Finch, Purple Finch, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Sparrow

**Spring-Fall:** House Finch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Black-capped Chickadee, Mourning Dove, House Sparrow, American Goldfinch, American Robin

3. **Williams Hall:** Although not the spot to go looking for a large diversity of birds, Williams Hall holds nesting House Sparrows above its entryways, and is a favorite perching spot for the local Red Tailed Hawks. It is also the site to look for our campus flock of colorful Rock Pigeons, which use the building year-round for roosting.



Rock Pigeons

**Year-round:** Red Tailed Hawk, Rock Dove flock, House Sparrow, as well as Ring-billed and Herring Gulls overhead or in the parking lot.