

How to Participate in the Camp Pine Blitz

When: Now through July 12; early mornings are best but birds can be active at any time of day during the nesting season.

Where: Camp Pine Woods, South side of Lake Avenue just east of the Des Plaines River and DesPlaines River Road. Note: the parking lot has been closed off due to COVID-19. If the lot is closed when you want to visit, the closest access is to park at Lake Avenue Woods West on Des Plaines River Road north of Lake and to walk across Lake to the preserve. Another option is to park at Beck Lake and take the green trail west to the yellow trail north to the site.

Why and Who: Chicago Audubon Society is partnering with the Forest Preserves of Cook County to restore shrubland bird habitat at Camp Pine Woods. We need to know how well the birds like what we're doing! You can help the stewards and bird monitors figure out where the rare birds are nesting. It's easy - use our map to explore the site. Then enter all your sightings into eBird and send us a location or map of where you see any birds of concern with notes on their nesting behavior. Can you figure out which shrub clumps we have to save for the blue-winged warblers, the field sparrows or the cuckoos? You will notice some native shrubs and native sedges, grasses and wildflowers on your visit too. We are removing buckthorn from around native plants and creating a series of "rooms" surrounded by shrubs in the shrub restoration area. We invite you to explore these and let us know what birds you find there.

How to prepare: Call a friend, go on your own or ask us to pair you with someone. Bring water, binoculars, a field guide if you use one, and a map, paper and pen or a phone to record sightings. You can get some useful information from the abandoned road and bike trail. If you choose to explore the

foot trails, be prepared for mud, mosquitoes, ticks and poison ivy. Wear long sleeves, pants, and waterproof footwear. Consider bringing a camp chair so you can sit and watch bird behavior.

How to Blitz: Explore the site, noting where you see our target species. Look for evidence of nesting by our target species.

We are most interested in data from the areas labeled CCC footprint, shrub restoration – prairie, and areas adjacent to them (see maps below).

Keep a checklist of every bird you see and hear. If you hear or see a Species of Interest (see the list below), please spend some time observing its behavior. Please note the location of the Species of Interest and note any evidence of nesting such as agitated behavior or carrying food. (See the appendix for a list of these behaviors.) You can note locations using your own phone apps or by writing on a map that you print out. In the example below, the app MotionX was used. A gray catbird was seen carrying food and two common yellowthroats displayed agitated behavior. A number of other species of interest's locations were noted.



List of Birds Observed at Camp Pine So Far This June; please send exact location for Species of

Interest (with asterisks)

Mourning Dove	Blue Jay	*Field Sparrow
*Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Black-capped Chickadee	Song Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Tree Swallow	Baltimore Oriole
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Downy Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Common Grackle
Hairy Woodpecker	House Wren	*Common Yellowthroat
*Northern Flicker	*Gray Catbird	*American Redstart
Eastern Wood-Pewee	American Robin	Northern Cardinal
Great Crested Flycatcher	Cedar Waxwing	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Red-eyed Vireo	American Goldfinch	Indigo Bunting

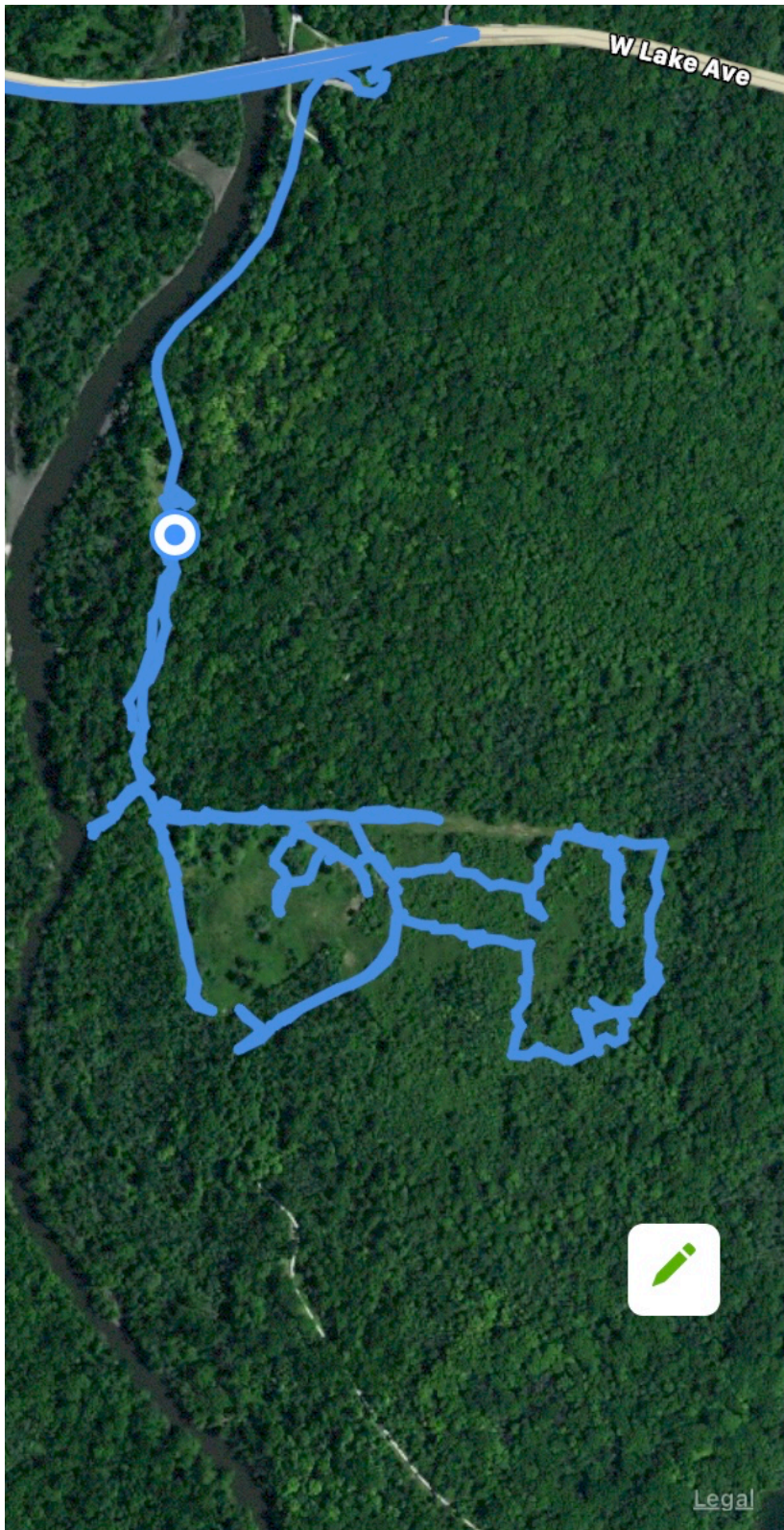
Birds of Interest Observed at Camp Pine in Nesting Season in Prior Years – if observed please send location.

*Black-billed Cuckoo	*Wood Thrush	*Yellow-Breasted Chat
*Eastern Kingbird	*Blue-winged Warbler	*Orchard Oriole
*Brown Thrasher	*Yellow Warbler	

How to submit data: Enter a checklist of every bird you see and hear into the eBird Camp Pine Woods hotspot. Email or mail us location info and breeding codes for species of interest. This can be from an app you use or a paper map (one is provided in the appendix). It can be a picture or a

spreadsheet of lat-lon info - as long as we can figure out where the bird was and what breeding behavior you observed (if any). Email to cas@chicagoaudubon.org.





Notes on the maps: The white circle at left is the location of the parking lot. The area that we are interested in is the area south and southeast of the lot - where the blue lines are. Those blue lines were the track of a recent visit. The blue lines may be either wide maintained trails, abandoned roads or narrow foot trails. The map above shows where the wide maintained trails and abandoned roads are. The other locations on the map at left are foot trails.

Appendices

BREEDING CODES

POSSIBLE

H In appropriate Habitat

S Singing male (excluding migrants)

PROBABLE

S7 Singing male heard 7+ days apart

M Multiple (7+) singing males

P Pair in suitable habitat

T Territory defense

C Courtship display/copulation

N Visiting probable Nest site

A Agitated behavior

B Woodpecker/wren nest Building/cavity excavation

CONFIRMED

CN Carrying Nest material

NB Nest Building (except woodpeckers & wrens)

DD Distraction Display

UN Used Nest (use with caution)

ON Occupied Nest

FL Recently FLedged young

CF Carrying Food

FY Feeding Young

FS Carrying Fecal Sac

NE Nest w/Eggs

NY Nest w/Young



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