

North American Songbird Survey Results

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- This survey was conducted fall 2017 and was sent to all IRs.
- 81 responses (thank you!)
- 44.4% hold resident or migratory passerines that spend part of their annual cycle in either the US or Canada (36/81)
- 37% conduct WMBD activities (30/81)
- 61.7% work at a facility actively trying to prevent bird collisions on exhibit windows (50/81)

Over 100 species held historically with many avian mixed-species options (some listed here)

AMERICAN COOT, AMERICAN GOLDFINCH, AMERICAN REDSTART, AMERICAN ROBIN, AMERICAN WOODCOCK, BALTIMORE ORIOLE, BARN SWALLOW, BAY-BREASTED WARBLER, BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER, BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE, BLACKPOLL WARBLER, BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER, BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER, BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER, BLUE-WINGED TEAL, BLUE-WINGED WARBLER, BROWN THRASHER, BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD, CANADA WARBLER, CAPE MAY WARBLER, CAROLINA CHICKADEE, CAROLINA WREN, CEDAR WAXWING, CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER, CHIPPING SPARROW, COMMON SNIPE, COMMON YELLOWTHROAT, CONNECTICUT WARBLER, DARK-EYED JUNCO, DOWNY WOODPECKER, EASTERN BLUEBIRD, EASTERN KINGBIRD, EASTERN MEADOWLARK, EASTERN PHOEBE, EASTERN TOWHEE, EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE, EVENING GROSBEAK, FIELD SPARROW, FOX SPARROW, GRASSHOPPER SPARROW, GOLDEN PLOVER, GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET, GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH, GREATER YELLOWLEGS, GREY CATBIRD, GREY-CHEEKED THRUSH, HARRIS'S SPARROW, HOODED MERGANSER, HORNED LARK, INDIGO BUNTING, KENTUCKY WARBLER, KILLDEER, LEAST FLYCATCHER, LINCOLN'S SPARROW, MAGNOLIA WARBLER, MOURNING DOVE, MOURNING WARBLER, NASHVILLE WARBLER, NORTH AMERICAN RUDDY DUCK, NORTH AMERICAN WOOD DUCK, NORTHERN BOBWHITE, NORTHERN CARDINAL, ORCHARD ORIOLE, OVENBIRD, PALM WARBLER, PECTORAL SANDPIPER, PIED-BILLED GREBE, PINE GROSBEAK, PINE SISKIN, PROTHONOTARY WARBLER, PURPLE MARTIN, RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH, RED-EYED VIREO, REDHEAD, RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD, ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK, ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW, RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET, SCARLET Tanager, SOLITARY VIREO, SONG SPARROW, SORA, SWAINSON'S THRUSH, SWAMP SPARROW, TENNESSEE WARBLER, TREE SWALLOW, TUFTED TITMOUSE, WARBLING VIREO, WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH, WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW, WHITE-EYED VIREO, WHITE-THROATED SPARROW, WILSON'S WARBLER, WOOD THRUSH, YELLOW RAIL, YELLOW WARBLER, YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER, YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

Probably more but this is a lot!

What's next?

- Follow up surveys to gather more information
- Collaboration between holding facilities
Education, husbandry, collection planning
- World Migratory Bird Day
Help determine and remove the barriers to greater involvement of zoos
- Collision Prevention
Education, resource, and information sharing to help collection managers advocate during design of buildings or to retrofit existing structures.
- *Some of these species have bred but many more have not as of yet- ample opportunities to work together to increase our husbandry knowledge and cooperate to set up breeding pairs between holding facilities.*

Why we need your help!

- Compile comprehensive husbandry information
- Get a true picture of NA songbird management in US zoos
- Develop best practices
- Species champions needed for C2S2 portfolio



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