



# Bird Watching in the USA

**The USA boasts some of the most diverse habitats for an incredible range of bird species.**

Incorporate spectacular bird viewing  
in your North American holiday.

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## Alaska

Nearly 430 species of birds can be found in the diverse range of habitats from rainforests to seacoasts.  
See: Bald Eagles, Arctic Warbler, Ptarmigans, Spruce Grouse, Yellow Billed and Arctic Loon, Black-legged Kittiwake.



Alaska



## Washington & Oregon

Spectacular beaches, soaring mountains and high desert are the perfect habitat for diverse species in a stunning setting.  
See: Black Rosy Finch, Veery, Northern Mockingbird.

## California

Seabirds skim the waters of San Francisco Bay and desert oasis attract vast numbers of migrating species. Excellent opportunities abound.  
See: California Gnatcatcher, Wrentit, Surfbird, Tundra Swan, California Quail.



## Utah

Northern Utah's Great Salt Lake region has outstanding bird viewing and the parks of the south are stunning.  
See: Greater Roadrunner, Inca Dove, Summer Tanager, Golden Eagle.

## Colorado

At the centre of the continent regarding migration routes this is a premier birding destination. The birds are as varied as the landscapes year round.  
See: Grace's Warblers, Gunnison Sage Grouse, Black Swift, Pinyon Jay.

## Arizona

A birder's paradise this area has exceptional viewing opportunities throughout. Hummingbirds are especially plentiful.  
See: Elf Owls, Hummingbirds, Woodpecker, Gray Hawk, Mexican Chickadee, Green Kingfisher.

## Rocky Mountain States

Wide open spaces and low human population make for an abundance of bird species.  
See: Trumpeter Swans, Mountain Plover, Northern Goshawk, Great Grey Owl.

## Texas

Without doubt one of the most exceptional areas for birding in the USA. In the confluence of three major migratory routes and with a diverse ecosystem the state is a near perfect environment.  
See: Whooping Cranes, Green Kingfisher, Painted Bunting, Black Vulture.

Washington

Oregon

Idaho

Nevada

California



## New England

Maine offers almost 400 species and makes an attractive habitat for breeding seabirds, migrating shorebirds and wintering waterfowl.

See: Atlantic Puffin, Arctic Tern, Bicknell Thrush, Black Backed Woodpecker.

## Capital Region & New York

A wide variety of habitats offer a rewarding visit. Many experienced birders head for Worcester County, Maryland.

See: Northern Lapwing, Cave Swallow, Kelp Gull, Curlew Sandpiper.



## Great Lakes

Numerous lakes and dense forests provide plenty of nesting terrain. Warblers are especially in abundance.

See: Tufted Titmouse, Blue Jay, Snowy Egret, Hairy Woodpecker.



## Colonial Coast & Carolinas

With an abundance of wildlife refuges this area boasts outstanding natural beauty. The Outer Banks provides excellent viewing during summer.

See: Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, Saw-Whet Owl, American Goldplover, Hermit Thrush.

## Deep South

A wide variety of colourful and rare birds can be seen from raptor to songbirds. See: Brown Headed Nut Hatch, Red Crossbill, Tennessee Warbler, Ivory Billed Woodpecker.

# Texas

## No other state offers such variety...

Texas and birding are synonymous. With a phenomenal 625 documented species, birders flock to this area in droves. At the confluence of three major migratory paths Texas is, arguably, the birding capital of the USA.



For the ultimate experience follow the **Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail** connecting sites along 624 miles. Easily navigated and diverse this route is unique. Travel to **Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge** and you will find thousands of wintering sandhill cranes. The endangered whooping crane resides at **Aransas National Wildlife Refuge** as well as a further 300 protected species.

**Big Bend National Park** is birding paradise. Unique species such as the Mexican duck and Lucifer hummingbird can be sighted, in addition to many other specialities that are not found anywhere else in the USA. With over 800,000 acres of mountain, river and desert environment, this is a haven for ornithology.

Visit Laguna **Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge** to observe wintering waterfowl in their thousands. Along the banks of the lower Grande lies **Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge**, considered by many to be the 'jewel' of the refuge system and definitely worth a visit.



# More hot spots in the USA...

With so many different terrains and climates to experience, it's difficult to choose from the vast range of birding locations on offer. Here we have highlighted a few of our favourites but please contact us for further information.

## **Pribilof Islands** **Alaska**

The 'Galapagos of the north' offers spectacular sights of nesting seabirds and rare, migrating Asiatic birds. St George's Island provides a seasonal home for approximately 2.8 million birds.

## **Tucson** **Arizona**

More than 500 species of birds call this area home due to warmer weather. Many species of hummingbird flock to the deserts and grasslands.

## **Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge** **Georgia**

The swamps, forests and prairie wetlands provide a habitat for over 234 species including songbirds, waterfowl, birds of prey and wading birds.

## **Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge** **Utah**

74,000 acres of marsh habitation creates an oasis for birds. Huge numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds can be seen from March to November.

## **The Outer Banks** **North Carolina**

Pea Island National Wildlife refuge is home to more than 360 species of birds. Concentrations of ducks, geese, swans, wading birds, raptors and migrants can be found.  
**See:** American Avocet, Snowy Owl, Eastern Wood Peewee.



## **Acadia National Park** **Maine**

A Mecca for sightings of rare predatory species and highly recommended for both amateur and enthusiast alike.  
**See:** Nesting Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle, Osprey.

## **Farallon Island** **California**

The rich waters support the largest colony of seabirds in the U.S and provide sustenance for flocks of migratory birds. This is home to colonies of Brown pelicans that were once facing extinction.  
**See:** Cormorants, Albatrosses, Storm Petrels.

## **Worcester County** **Maryland**

Within a few miles radius you will find a barrier island, cypress swamp, old forests, wetlands and fields; a bird watcher's paradise.  
**See:** Tree Swallows Yellow Warbler, Hooded Merganser, American Oystercatcher.

## **Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge** **Green River, Wyoming**

Thousands of migrating songbirds rely on this riparian habitat during migration. Wetlands and sagebrush provide additional terrain.  
**See:** Wilson Warbler, Rufous Hummingbird, Northern Oriole, Redheads.

## Featured accommodation

### Casa de San Pedro Arizona

This nationally acclaimed inn has been labelled as a 'world-class accommodation with a heart'. Adjacent to San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area it is a habitat for approximately 355 species of birds.



North America offers a fantastic range of activities. Wildlife can be viewed by small ship cruising, wildlife lodges, rail and fly-drive. There are many opportunities throughout North America to include bird watching in your holiday itinerary. Please contact us for further information.

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## Canada

With incomparable scenery and a wealth of diverse habitats Canada is a fantastic alternative to the USA.

From seabird colonies on the east coast to valleys and mountains to the west there are numerous birding hot spots to discover.

- Point Pelee – Ontario
- Banff & Jasper national Parks – Alberta
- Reifel Bird Sanctuary – British Columbia
- Witless Bay Islands – Newfoundland

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