



# Birds of the Rouge

There are so many different types of beautiful birds in the Rouge Valley! Find out what they eat and where you can spot them! When you are finished try to find them in the word search attached.

## Red winged blackbird



During breeding season the red winged blackbird can be found in wet areas like wetlands, cattail marshes, or along roadsides. In fall and winter, they can be found in agricultural areas, meadows, or grasslands. They like to

eat insects, seeds, and crops including corn and wheat.

## Eastern bluebird



These birds like open areas with little ground plants. They can be found in pastures, fields, parks, and golf courses. They mainly eat insects like crickets, spiders, beetles, caterpillars,

and grasshoppers, as well as fruits such as sumac and blueberries. Some have even been recorded eating small amphibians and reptiles!

## Trumpeter swan



The trumpeter swan prefers open bodies of shallow, undisturbed water such as ponds, lakes, marshes, or rivers. In winter, they migrate to areas without ice that have vegetation like rivers or springs, or even croplands.

They mostly eat aquatic plants like pondweed, but may also eat aquatic insects, small fish, or fish eggs. In winter they eat land plants, berries, and grain crops.

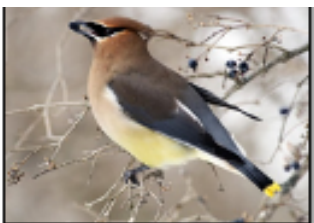
## House sparrow



Different than most of these birds, house sparrows are found around people or buildings, in cities, towns, and farms. These birds eat mostly seeds and grains like corn, wheat, and oats, as well as

seeds from birdfeeders. In summer they eat and feed their chicks insects.

## Cedar waxwing



The cedar waxwing lives in woodlands, typically along streams, or in fields or grasslands. They mainly eat fruits such as serviceberry, strawberry, and raspberry. In summer they eat protein-rich

insects like mayflies, dragonflies, and leaf beetles.

## Killdeer



These birds live in open areas with very short grass or plants. You can spot them on driveways, fields, parking lots, or golf courses. They can be found both in dry areas or near water. Killdeer eat

invertebrates like worms, beetles, grasshoppers, snails, and crayfish.

## White-breasted nuthatch



Often found in mature deciduous forests, along the edges of woodlands, or open areas like parks and yards. These birds eat a variety of insects like beetle larvae, ants, caterpillars, stinkbugs,

and spiders. They also love seeds and nuts like acorns and sunflower seeds.

## Starling



Usually found around buildings and structures, but need open, grassy areas to find food. Starlings are omnivores, but prefer insects. They may also eat berries.

### **Downy Woodpecker**



These birds prefer areas with lots of trees such as deciduous woods and orchards. They could also be found in open areas. Woodpeckers eat insects that live inside the bark of trees

like beetle larvae. They also eat plants, berries, and seeds.

### **Hairy woodpecker**



Found in mature forests, both deciduous and coniferous, or mixed. Also found around ponds, swamps, and orchards. A woodpecker's diet is mostly made of insects, such as beetles or

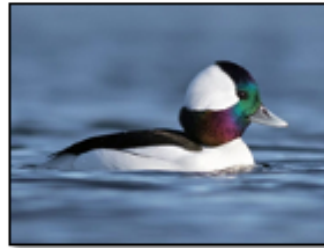
ants, found inside the bark of trees.

### **Canada goose**



These large birds can be found in many different areas close to water or in fields. They feed on grass and sedges. In the fall they eat more berries, seeds, and corn, to prepare for migration.

### **Bufflehead**



This waterfowl is found in ponds, lakes, or slow-moving rivers, or near the coast in covered areas. They dive for aquatic invertebrates such as dragonfly or mayfly larvae, snails, and clams.

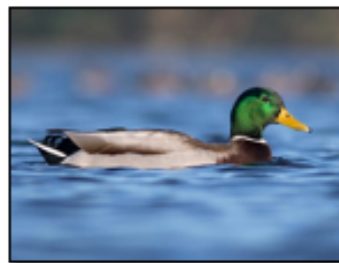
### **Chickadee**



These small birds are found in forests, parks, or even your own backyard. For most of the year they feed mostly on insects and spiders. In winter they eat insects as well as seeds, berries, and

sometimes bits of meat from dead animals.

### **Mallard**



This colourful duck can be spotted in wetland habitats like ponds, lakes, marshes and city parks. You can find them feeding in pastures and croplands. Unlike the Bufflehead, Mallards dabble instead of diving for food.

They eat seeds and aquatic plants, as well as insect larvae, worms, and grains.

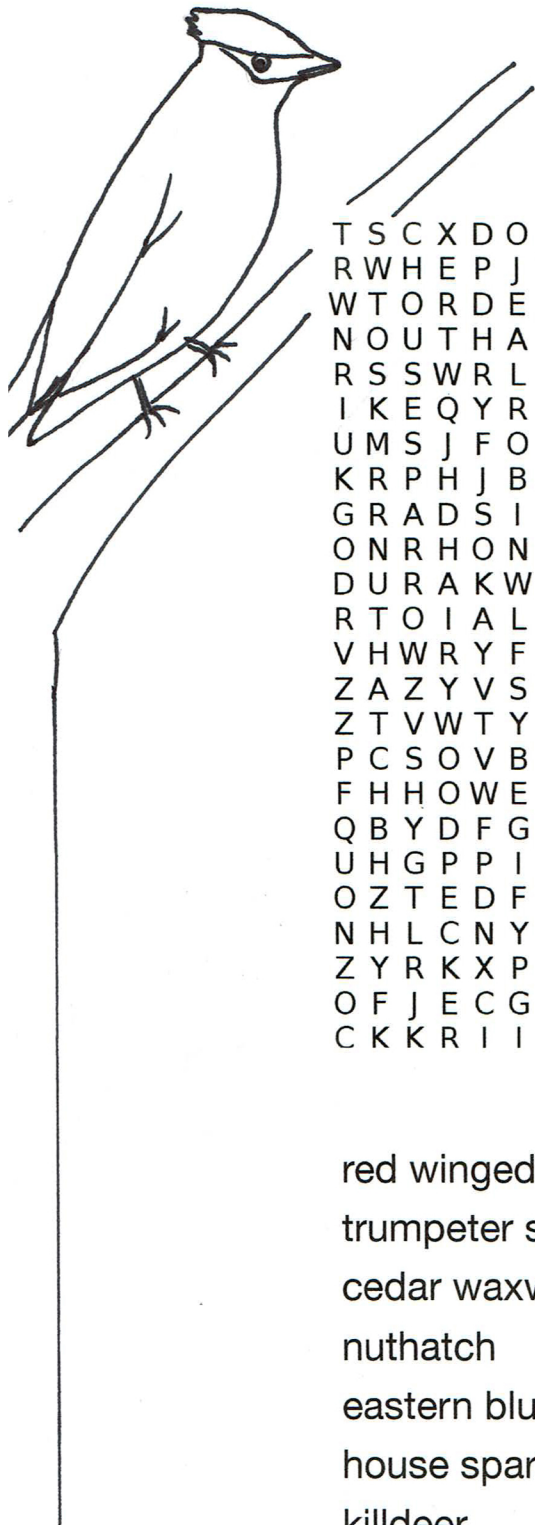
### **Robin**



Very common in the suburbs, these birds can be found in fields, parks, and backyards. In the wild they can be seen in woodlands and mountains. Robins love to eat earthworms. They also eat insects, snails, and berries.



# Bird Word Search

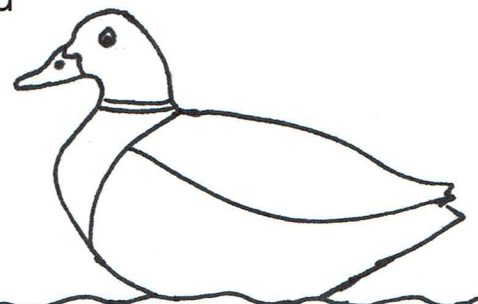
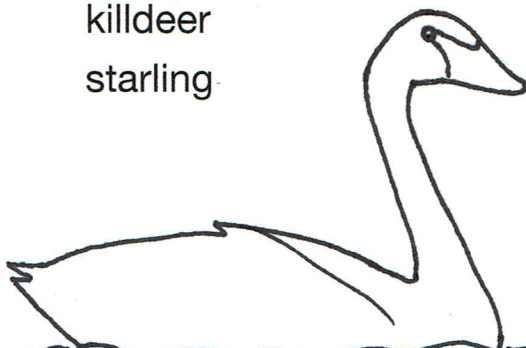


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## Bird Word Search Answers

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