

Look out for these migrants this spring!

Grab your binoculars, a pencil, and some patience and head out to our refuges to find these feathered folks returning from their long-distance migratory journey (or birds that are on stopover!)

To use this guide, please note:

Dates shadowed in gray are an approximation of general peak arrival times for species. Species with double asterisk (***) can be migratory or residents. Shorebirds are included on this list (+) but may not be seen at all refuges. **Bolded names** are migratory in Rhode Island only.

These are sightings within the last ~10 years. Some species may have been sighted at Audubon refuges that are not listed here.

Species are designated as “rare” when it is uncommon to see them breeding or migrating through Rhode Island.

Happy birding!



Yellow warbler by Zak Pohlen

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Early March (1st – 10th)		
	Red-winged Blackbird**	
	Common Grackle**	
	Great Egret+**	
Mid-March (10th – 20th)		
	Osprey	
	Tree Swallow	
	Brown-headed Cowbird**	
	Piping Plover+	
	Lesser Yellowlegs+	
Late March (20th – 31st)		
	Winter Wren	
	Pine Warbler**	
Rare	Wilson’s Plover+	
	Black-crowned Night Heron+**	
	Snowy Egret+	
	Double-crested Cormorant+	
Early April (1st – 10th)		
	Purple Martin	
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	
	Barn Swallow	
	Brown Thrasher**	
	Chipping Sparrow**	
	Virginia Rail+	
	Laughing Gull+	
	Gospy Ibis+	
	Tricolored Heron+**	
Rare	Western Cattle-Egret+	
Mid-April (10th – 20th)		
	Broad-winged Hawk	
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	
	House Wren	
	Hermit Thrush**	
	Eastern Towhee	
	Field Sparrow**	
	Louisiana Waterthrush	
	Upland Sandpiper+	
	Spotted Sandpiper+	
	Least Sandpiper+	
	Yellow-crowned Night Heron+	
	Little Blue Heron+	
	Green Heron+	
Late April (20th – 30th)		
	Chimney Swift	
	Eastern Whip-poor-will	
	Indigo Bunting	
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	
	Least Flycatcher	
	Great Crested Flycatcher	
	Eastern Kingbird**	
	White-eyed Vireo	
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	
	Yellow-throated Vireo	
	Blue-headed Vireo	
	Warbling Vireo	
	Red-eyed Vireo	
	Bank Swallow	
	Cliff Swallow	
	Gray Catbird**	
	Veery	
	Wood Thrush	
	Bobolink	

	Orchard Oriole	
	Baltimore Oriole	
	Ovenbird	
	Northern Waterthrush	
	Blue-winged Warbler	
	Black-and-white Warbler	
	Common Yellowthroat	
	Hooded Warbler	
	American Redstart	
	Northern Parula	
	Yellow Warbler	
	Prairie Warbler	
	Scarlet Tanager	
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	
	Short-billed Dowitcher+	
Rare	Long-billed Dowitcher+	
	Solitary Sandpiper+	
	Willet+	
	Least Tern+	
	Common Tern+	
	Least Bittern+	
Early May (1st – 10th)		
	Willow Flycatcher	
	Saltmarsh Sparrow	
	Worm-eating Warbler	
	Tennessee Warbler	
Rare	Orange-crowned Warbler	
	Nashville Warbler	
	Magnolia Warbler	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	
	Blackpoll Warbler	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Rare	Yellow-throated Warbler	
	Black-throated Green Warbler	
Rare	Summer Tanager	
	Semipalmated Plover+	
	White-rumped Sandpiper+	
	Semipalmated Sandpiper+	
Mid-May (10th – 20th)		
	Yellow-bellied Cuckoo	
	Black-bellied Cuckoo	
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	
	Acadian Flycatcher	
	Alder Flycatcher	
	Swainson’s Thrush	
Rare	Gray-Cheeked Thrush	
	Bicknell’s Thrush	
	Grasshopper Sparrow	
	Mourning Warbler	
	Cape May Warbler	
Rare	Cerulean Warbler	
	Bay-breasted Warbler	
	Blackburnian Warbler	
	Canada Warbler	
	Wilson’s Warbler	
	Common Nighthawk	
	Black Skimmer+	
	Roseate Tern+	