

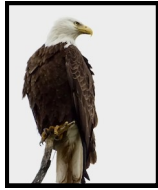
BALD EAGLE

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Length: 29–40 inches

Wingspan: 80 inches

Large bird with white head, upper neck, and tail, accompanied by dark brown body plumage and a hooked yellow bill.



BELTED KINGFISHER

Megasceryle alcyon

Length: 12 inches

Wingspan: 19–22 inches

Big-billed bird with a slate-blue head, breast band, and tail, with a white chin and white spots near lores. Hovers over water and dives headfirst in pursuit of fish.



BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

Pluvialis squatarola

Length: 11 inches

Wingspan: 23 inches

Medium-sized shorebird with a dark, short, and thick bill. It has dark legs, a white rump, and a white stripe running along its long wings.



BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

Poecile atricapillus

Length: 5 inches

Wingspan: 6–8 inches

A small bird with a black chin and cap, white belly and cheeks, and gray tail, wings, and back.



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COMMON RAVEN

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DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

Nannopterum auritum



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Larus hyperboreus



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OSPREY

Pandion haliaetus



PECTORAL SANDPIPER

Calidris melanotos



RED-THROATED LOON

Gavia stellata



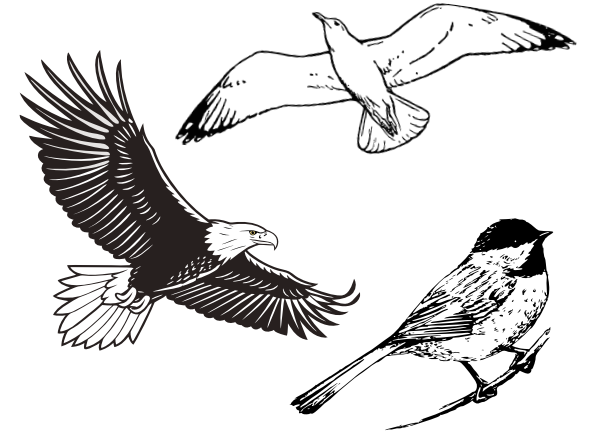
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER

Calidris pusilla



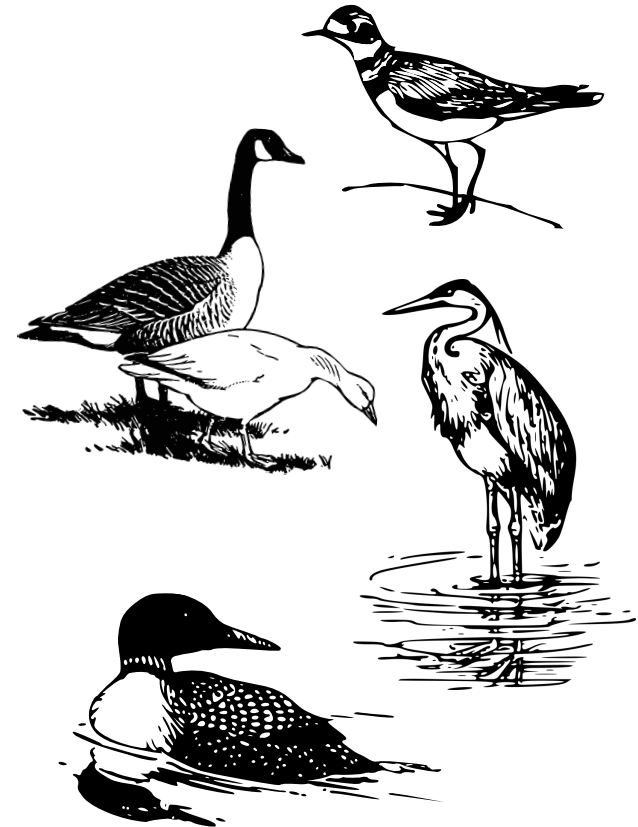
VIRGINIA RAIL

Rallus limicola



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BLACK SCOTER

Melanitta americana

Length: 17–19 inches

Wingspan: 28 inches



A medium-sized diving duck with a yellow and black bill, rounded head, and paler undersides of flight feathers contrasting with darker wing linings.

CANADA GOOSE

Branta canadensis

Length: 29–43 inches

Wingspan: 50–68 inches



A large long-necked goose with a black bill, head, neck, and tail. A white patch covers the throat and cheeks, while the breast and belly have brownish-white feathers. The rest of its plumage is brown.

COMMON RAVEN

Corvus corax

Length: 22–27 inches

Wingspan: 46 inches



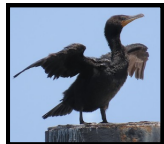
A highly intelligent bird with entirely black plumage, a wedge-shaped tail, and short legs.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

Nannopterum auritum

Length: 27–35 inches

Wingspan: 46 inches



A large dark water bird with a hooked bill, long tail, and tall thin neck that often perches with its wings spread to dry them. Its throat, lores, and gular area are orange, while the rest of its plumage is dark.

GLAUCOUS GULL

Larus hyperboreus

Length: 27 inches

Wingspan: 60–70 inches



Large white gull; its large bill has a distinct angle, and the wingtips extend beyond the tail at rest.

GREAT BLUE HERON

Ardea herodias

Length: 38–53 inches

Wingspan: 66–79 inches



Huge long-legged wader with a long and thick yellow bill. Usually holds its neck in an “S” curve.

OSPREY

Pandion haliaetus

Length: 22 inches

Wingspan: 60–70 inches



A large narrow-winged hawk with a short hooked beak that hovers, then plunges into water after fish. Plumage is mainly white, with a dark brown eye line, nape, upper wings, and tail.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

Calidris melanotos

Length: 8 inches

Wingspan: 15–18 inches



A medium-sized shorebird with a thin dark bill, streaked brown plumage, a white belly, and yellow legs. A dark patch on its back extends to the tail.

RED-THROATED LOON

Gavia stellata

Length: 25 inches

Wingspan: 36 inches



Large diving bird with a long body that rides low in the water. Its dark and thin bill is angled upwards at the tip, and its feet are set far back on the body, trailing behind in flight.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER

Calidris pusilla

Length: 6 inches

Wingspan: 14 inches



Very small shorebird, with a short, thin, dark bill.

VIRGINIA RAIL

Rallus limicola

Length: 8–10 inches

Wingspan: 14 inches



Fairly small ground-dwelling marsh bird with a long and slightly decurved bill. This short-tailed and round-winged bird rarely flies.

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