



Considerations for Birds and Wildlife on Your Woodland

What have you already done to support birds on your land? What do you plan to do and when? Use this checklist to organize your next steps in providing birds and other wildlife what they need to thrive in your woods. To learn more, consult our fact sheet, consider working with a professional to implement these practices on the ground, or visit our website at www.mymainewoods.org.

TASK	ALREADY DONE?	WILL DO?	IF YES, WHEN?
Read informational materials on enhancing habitat for birds and other wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Inventory and map your land for important habitat features	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Consult a forester or other natural resources professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Manage for a variety of tree and shrub species, ages and sizes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Leave dead and dying wood standing for food and nesting, and leave other dead woody material on the forest floor for food and shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Grow native trees and shrubs that are suited to the site, including those that produce fruits, seeds, or nuts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Restore and maintain habitat around wetlands and along streams and creeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Identify and maintain unique habitats such as wetlands, vernal pools, rare animal sites, old growth stands, and deer wintering areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Create a small forest opening where young trees, shrubs and grasses provide cover, nesting sites and food sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Create piles of brush and branches to shelter and feed birds and other wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Remove invasive plants because they don't support native wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Where possible, create and enhance large (at least 250 acres) forest blocks with unbroken canopy cover and minimal roads	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Thin your woods or conduct a harvest to enhance bird and other wildlife habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Create transition zones (soft edges) to avoid drastic changes between wooded and non-wooded habitat using vegetation that gradually increases in size	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Conduct harvests during winter or dry soil conditions to avoid disturbing amphibian and bird breeding seasons (April to mid-July)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Learn to identify Maine's 20 priority birds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Create a forest management plan that includes activities to improve habitat for birds and other wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Talk with your neighbors about working together for birds and other wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	