

BACKGROUND

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Spring weather brings bird migration

Here is a sample of some of the migrating songbirds that may be seen migrating through the region. Rattray Marsh is one of the most popular birding spots in Mississauga, but migrating birds could be seen in other forested, grassy or shrubby areas along the shoreline. Download the Spring Migratory Songbird Spotter Guide at www.creditvalleyca.ca/migratory-songbirds.



Blackpoll Warbler

This bird winters in South America and travels north to breed in the boreal forest. Of the warbler family, they make one of the longest migrations. Their population has declined by about eight per cent annually over the last 40 years.



American Redstart

This bird spends winter in Central and South America and the Caribbean, and breeds throughout much of North America.



Bobolink

This bird winters in South America and breeds in eastern and central North America. It has faced a four per cent annual decline over the last 40 years. It is the only bird in North America that has a light back and dark underparts.



Canada Warbler

This bird winters in South America and breeds in eastern North America. It has faced a nearly 5 per cent annual decline over the last 40 years and is considered a threatened species in Canada. Ontario has designated the bird a Species of Special Concern.



Rose-breasted Grosbeak

This bird winters in Central and South America and the Caribbean, and breeds in eastern and central North America. It will stop at backyard bird feeders.



Olive-sided Flycatcher

Travels to western and northern parts of North America after wintering in South America.

With a nearly four per cent annual decline over the last 40 years, it is a species of special concern in Ontario and is considered threatened in Canada.



Wood Thrush

The bird spends winters in Central America and breeds in eastern North America. It is unusual for its ability to sing two notes at once.

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