

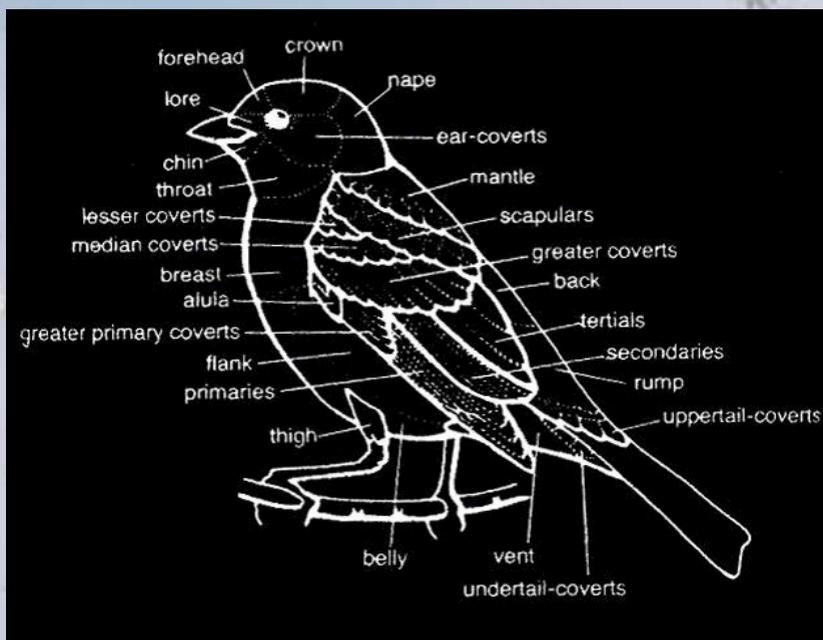
## Birdwatching

Birding or bird watching are the activity of observing wild birds in their natural habitats. It is important to learn to identify the bird and understand what they are doing. Bird watching can be done in your back yard, park, or anywhere that you travel. Birding is one of the fastest growing activities in America according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. People of all ages can watch birds anywhere in the world that you travel.

### Learn More About Birding

To learn more and get involved you can join a local bird club. Make sure that you get a good bird book for identification purposes. You can also watch videos and subscribe to magazines devoted to bird watching. But most of all get outside to see the birds.

### Parts of a Bird



See if you can find these 15 common birds

### What You Will Need:

- Binoculars
- Field Guide
- Good Pair of Walking/Hiking Shoes

### Bird Songs

Bird Songs are another way to identify birds. Although some can be difficult to learn, with the help of cds, the internet, and keen ears you can learn what they sing like. After you have learned a few songs, make a point to listen early in the morning during the hour before sunrise when most birds sing.

### Driving Directions

Located just 30 miles north of Atlanta, Allatoona is situated on the Etowah River a tributary to the Coosa River.

From interstate 75 take the 290 exit and turn right by Wendy's. Follow Hwy Spur 20 for approximately 5 miles and there will be pull-offs on the right side of the road at the trail heads. You can also proceed to the end of the road and the Visitor Center for more trails and information.

# Introduction to Bird Watching!



Allatoona Lake,  
Cartersville, GA



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of Engineers®  
Mobile District

Brown Thrasher— *Toxostoma*



*Rufum*

Northern Cardinal — *Cardinalis*



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Pileated Woodpecker -



*Dryocopus pileatus*

Bald Eagle — *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*



Black-crowned Night



Heron — *Nycticorax*

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird —



*Archilochus colubris*

Cattle Egret — *Bubulcus ibis*



Eastern Screech Owl— *Megascops*



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Blue Jay — *Cyanocitta*



*cristata*

Great Blue



American Goldfinch— *Carduelis*



*tristis*

Wild Turkey — *Meleagris gallopavo*



Red-winged Blackbird— *Agelaius*



Carolina Chickadee —



*Parus carolinensis*

American Robin —



*Turdus migratorius*