

I love wildlife and photographing them. Since moving to Milford, the Souhegan River Trail (SRT) is my favorite. It is best in early spring and fall. Challenge in summer due to high vegetation. I have logged several species of birds including a few lifers. I put this together to give you a sampling of birds observed on the trail.

Baltimore Oriole Forage in the leaves. They will come to a feeder for suet, grape jelly, and oranges.



Orchard Oriole A lifer. From last year and it was making a nest. It was along the path paralleling the river.



Yellow-Warbler Yellow with red striations. Saw them along the brush following the river.



Cedarwaxwing Saw them in various locations on the path. They will eat berries during the winter months.



Mallard The males are gorgeous with their green heads. Sometimes, a hint of blue.



Red-winged Blackbird Very common along the marsh and river areas



Bobolink This was a lifer for me last year. They will build nests in the high grassy areas. Farmers have to be on the look out.



Killdeer Belong to the Plover family. They make nests on the ground and fake a broken wing to lure predators away.



Spotted Sandpiper Along the river bed and rocky areas where there are some very small islands. They blend in well so look for movement.



American Redstart This is a type of warbler. I saw them in the forest just after entering from the ball fields. This one is a male.



Rose-breasted Grosbeak This pair was staying together. I saw them just before the bridge to the open field on the left side. The males are black with the rose emblem on their breast. The female is brown likely to blend in with coverage while on the nest.



Yellow-rumped Warbler The most common warbler that often is seen in backyards. There were several along the trail in the woods and along the marshy areas.



Gray Catbird Mockingbird family. Will mimic other birds They will come to a feeder for suet. They like the marshy areas and this one was at the small pond as you enter the woods from the fields.



Common Yellowthroat Warbler family. I saw these in the low brush on both sides of bridge connecting the first open field.



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