

North America's Boreal Forest A Global Treasure and Haven for Birds



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Swainson's Hawk
Buteo swainsoni



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Pacific Loon
Gavia pacifica



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Whooping Crane
Grus americana



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Barrow's Goldeneye
Bucephala islandica



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Blackpoll Warbler
Dendroica striata



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Bay-breasted Warbler
Dendroica castanea



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Cape May Warbler
Dendroica tigrina



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Hudsonian Godwit
Limosa haemastica



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Smith's Longspur
Calcarius pictus

Stretching from Alaska across Canada, the vast Boreal Forest is one of the largest unspoiled forest ecosystems remaining on Earth. Many of the birds that migrate through or winter in our yards and neighborhoods breed in North American Boreal Forest.

- The Boreal supports over 300 species of birds - that's nearly 50% of the species found in the U.S. and Canada! And over 90% of those species migrate to or through the continental U.S. for the winter.
- Up to 3 billion warblers, thrushes, sparrows, flycatchers, hawks and other land birds breed in the Boreal and up to 5 billion - adults and their new young - migrate south from the Boreal each fall. Of these almost 1 billion stay in the U.S. for the winter.
- 30% of North America's landbirds (3 billion) 40% of North America's waterfowl (26 million) and 30% of its shorebirds (seven million) nest in the wetlands of the Boreal Forest.

