

The Boreal Forest: Bird Nursery of the North

Where is the Boreal Forest located?



Global Boreal Forest

Picture a giant crown that fits around the earth just below the Arctic circle – that's where you'll find the Boreal Forest.



North America's Boreal Forest

North America's Boreal Forest stretches across the continent from Newfoundland to Alaska, covering 1.5 billion acres.

What does the Boreal Forest look like?

The Boreal Forest is the largest unspoiled forest in North America. It is made up of forests, lakes, rivers, bogs, grasslands, and other habitats. It is also home to many different kinds of animals, including billions of birds.

WOODS

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WATER

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WILDLIFE



The Boreal Forest is made up of many different types of trees and plants including spruce, fir, pine, aspen, and a carpet of moss and lichen on the forest floor.



30% of the Boreal Forest is water, including 1.5 million lakes and ponds. Three of the largest lakes and one of the longest rivers in the world are found here.



The Boreal forest protects a variety of animals, including caribou, wolves, bears, moose, links, hares, butterflies, and frogs – and of course, billions of birds!

Why is the Boreal Forest so important to birds?

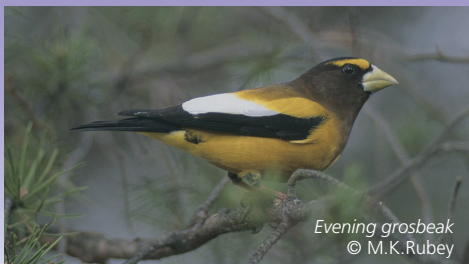
About three billion birds fly north to the Boreal Forest each spring to build nests and lay eggs. These birds arrive in the Boreal Forest after spending the winter in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the United States.



325 bird species – that's almost half of all the bird species in North America! – depend on the Boreal Forest.



Up to 5 billion birds – adults and their new babies – migrate south from the Boreal Forest each fall.



There are nearly 100 species of which 50% or more of the entire population breeds in the Boreal Forest.



About 3 billion of North America's landbirds, 26 million of its waterfowl, and 7 million of its shorebirds breed here.