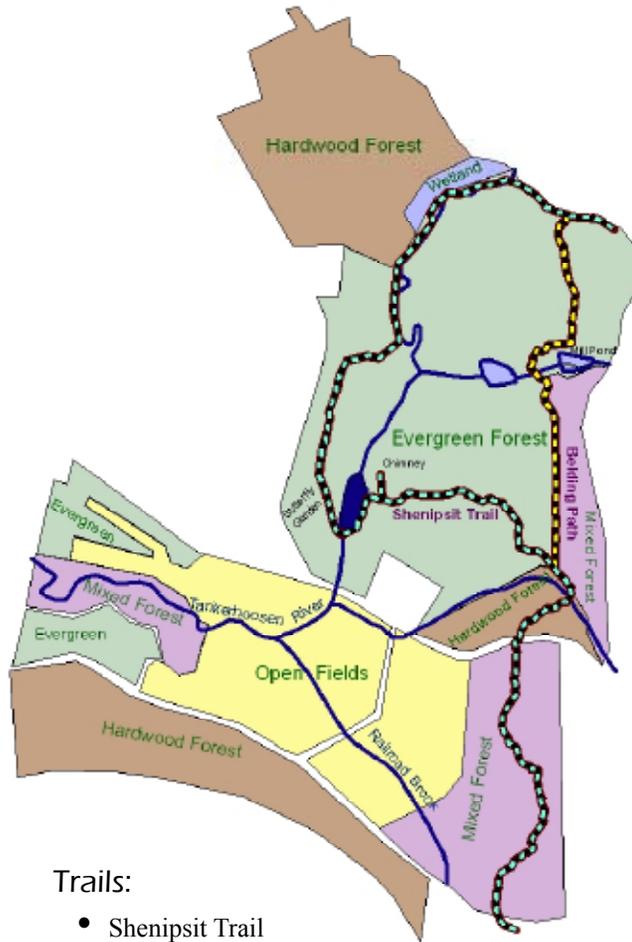


## Trails at Belding Wildlife Management Area



### Trails:

- Shenipsit Trail
- Belding Path

### Habitats:

- Open Field
- Conifer stands (evergreen forest)
- Mixed forest
- Hardwood forest
- Riparian (stream)

Please keep dogs on a leash at all times.

Poison ivy and ticks are common.

Mountain bike use is prohibited.



## Habitat Types at Belding Wildlife Management Area

**Upland Hardwood Forest** – Oak, birch, and maple trees dominate the canopy, creating filtered light for an understory of huckleberry and witch hazel. Look for migrating warblers in spring. Nesting species include vireos, tanagers, and thrushes.

**Conifer Stands** – These stands include white pine, Norway spruce, pitch pine, and hemlock. Some of the birds found in this habitat are the red-breasted nuthatch, pine warbler, black-throated green warbler, and great horned owl.

**Riparian (Streamside) Areas** – Riparian habitat along Railroad Brook and the lower section of the Tankerhoosen River, where the trail diverges from the stream, provides cover for yellow warblers, common yellowthroats, and warbling vireos.

**Open Fields** – Open fields provide good habitat for field nesting birds, such as the red-winged blackbird and field sparrow. In addition, coyotes, wild turkeys, and a variety of butterflies and dragonflies can be found in open fields.

**Standing Dead Trees (Snags)** – Woodpeckers, including pileated, red-bellied, hairy, and downy, are often found in dead tree stands. The holes they create also are used by chickadees, nuthatches, bluebirds, and great-crested flycatchers.

For more information about Belding WMA, please contact the DEP Wildlife Division at [dep.belding@ct.gov](mailto:dep.belding@ct.gov)

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# The Birds of Belding WMA



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# Checklist of Birds at Belding WMA

	Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W
_ Canada Goose			R		_ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	_ Indigo Bunting	C	C	U	
_ Wood Duck	U				_ Brown Creeper	U	U	U	R	_ Bobolink	R			
_ Mallard	C	C	C	U	_ Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C	_ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
_ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	U	_ House Wren	C	C	C		_ Common Grackle	C	C	C	
_ Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	_ Golden-crowned Kinglet				U	_ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	
_ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U				_ Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	
_ Bald Eagle	R				_ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	U	_ House Finch	C	C	C	U
_ Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	R	U		_ Veery	C	C	C		_ Pine Siskin	U		U	U
_ Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		_ Swainson's Thrush	U		U		_ American Goldfinch	A	A	A	C
_ Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	R	_ Hermit Thrush	U	R	U		_ House Sparrow	U	U	U	R
_ Broad-winged Hawk	R	R	U		_ Wood Thrush	C	C	C						
_ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	_ American Robin	C	C	C	U					
_ American Kestrel	R				_ Gray Catbird	C	C	C						
_ Killdeer	R				_ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	R					
_ American Woodcock	C	U	U	U	_ Brown Thrasher	R	R	R						
_ Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A	_ European Starling	U	U	U						
_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U			_ Cedar Waxwing	C	U	C	U					
_ Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	_ Blue-winged Warbler	C	C	U						
_ Barred Owl	C	C	C	C	_ Nashville Warbler	U								
_ Common Nighthawk			U		_ Northern Parula	U								
_ Chimney Swift	U	C	U		_ Yellow Warbler	C	C	U						
_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	C	C		_ Chestnut-sided Warbler	R								
_ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	_ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	U	U						
_ Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	U	_ Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C						
_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				R	_ Blackburnian Warbler	U								
_ Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	_ Pine Warbler	C	C	C						
_ Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	_ Prairie Warbler	U								
_ Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U	_ Palm Warbler	C								
_ Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	_ Blackpoll Warbler	U								
_ Olive-sided Flycatcher				R	_ Cerulean Warbler	U								
_ Eastern Wood-pewee	U	C	C		_ Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	U						
_ Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		_ American Redstart	C	C	U						
_ Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		_ Worm-eating Warbler	U								
_ Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		_ Ovenbird	C	C	C						
_ Northern Shrike				R	_ Northern Waterthrush	C	C	U						
_ Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		_ Louisiana Waterthrush	C	C	U						
_ Blue-headed Vireo	C	U	U		_ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C						
_ Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		_ Canada Warbler	R								
_ Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		_ Eastern Towhee	U	U	U						
_ Blue Jay	A	A	A	A	_ Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C						
_ American Crow	A	A	A	A	_ Field Sparrow	U	U	R						
_ Common Raven	C	C	C	C	_ Fox Sparrow	U		U						
_ Tree Swallow	C	C	C		_ Song Sparrow	C	C	C	U					
_ Bank Swallow	R				_ White-throated Sparrow	C	C	U	C					
_ Barn Swallow	U	U	U		_ Dark-eyed Junco	C		A	A					
_ Black-capped Chickadee	A	A	A	A	_ Scarlet Tanager	C	C	U						
_ Tufted Titmouse	A	A	A	A	_ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C					
_ Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	U		_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	U						

## Checklist Key

- A Abundant
- C Common
- U Uncommon
- R Rare

- Sp Spring: Mar-May
- Su Summer: Jun-Aug
- F Fall: Sep-Nov
- W Winter: Dec-Feb

## Other Species:

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