The Birds of Beverly Shores

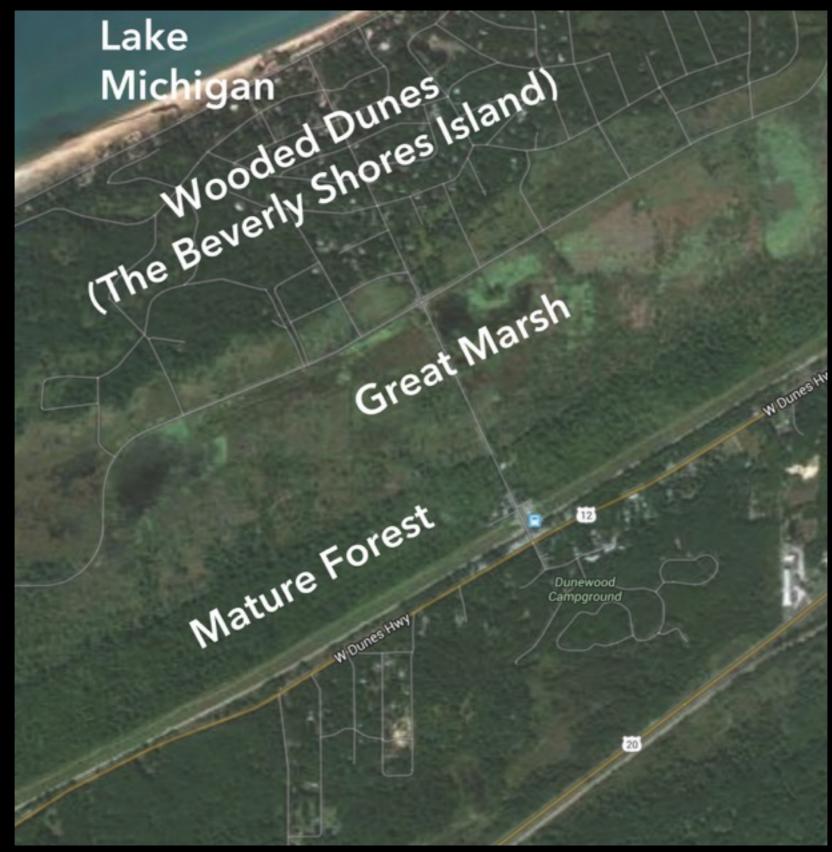
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Beverly Shores Avian Habitats

In Order of Decreasing Importance

- Lake Michigan
- The Great Marsh
- Wooded Dunes (The Beverly Shores Island)
- Mature Forest

Beverly Shores Avian Habitats



Birds of Mature Forests

Cerulean Warbler



Louisiana Waterthrush



American Redstart



Barred Owl



Scarlet Tanager



Birds of the Wooded Dunes Habitat

Most of Beverly Shores consists of this habitat

Summer Tanager

Adult Male

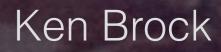


Summer Tanager

Adult Female

Summer Tanager First-year Male

Whip-poor-will



Brown Thrasher



Eastern Towhee

Carolina Wren



Indigo Bunting



Eastern Screech

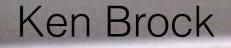
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Birds of the Wooded Dunes Habitat

The previous birds are summer residents, but many migrants occur in spring (May) and fall (September). Winter visitors also visit feeding stations.

Evening Grosbeak



Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Spring Blackpoll Warbler

Fall Blackpoll Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler



Black-throated Blue Warbler

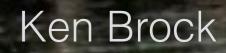
The Great Marsh Habitat

Beverly Drive transits this habitat

Virginia Rail



Sandhill Crane



Red-shouldered Hawk

Yellow Warbler



Common Yellowthroat



Northern Shrike



Blue-winged Teal



Sedge Wren



Marsh Wren



Green Heron



Great Egret





Northern Saw-whet Owl

Lakefront Habitat

- Lakefront: Longshore Flights
- Lake Michigan Beach: Primarily Shorebirds
- Lake Michigan: Offshore Waterfowl

Spring Longshore Flights

- Most songbirds migrate at night.
- Come daybreak, nocturnal migrants often find themselves over Lake Michigan.
- Needing rest and food, they head for shore.
- Upon reaching the beach, they often fly along the shoreline, creating longshore flights.

Longshore Flight Watchers

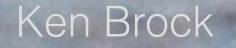
Cedar Waxwing (13,800)

Blue Jay (7,264)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (2,881)

Ruddy Turnstone

Adult Sanderling



Juvenile Sanderling



Willet Flock

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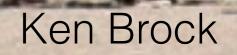
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American Avocet



Black & Forster's Terns



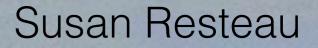
Snowy Owl



Common Loon Ken Brock 5777

Red-throated Loon

Surf Scoters



Adult Parasitic Jaeger Ken Brock