HOW BIRDS USE THE FOREST

Each layer of a healthy forest feeds and shelters different birds.

FOREST LAYER	FEEDS HERE	NESTS HERE
TREETOPS	**FOLIAGE GLEANER** Picks insects off leaves & needles. **e.g.** Blackburnian & Magnolia warblers, kinglets, Red-eyed Vireo	**TREE NESTER** Cup nests in forks & on branches. **e.g.** Golden-crowned Kinglet, Blue Jay, American Robin, **Evening Grosbeak***
TRUNKS & SNAGS Dead & living trees	**BARK FORAGER** Creeps along trunks, probing bark. Black-and-white Warbler, Red-breasted Nuthatch,Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **AERIAL FORAGER** Snaps up flying insects from a perch. Tree Swallow, **Eastern Wood-Pewee***, **Olive-sided Flycatcher***	**CAVITY NESTER** Holes in dead trees & old stumps. **e.g.** Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Tree Swallow, Winter Wren **Tip:** Leave dead trees standing. A snag is a bird's feeding station and front door.
SHRUB LAYER	**FOLIAGE GLEANER (LOW)** Hunts insects &buds in low growth. **e.g.** Common Yellowthroat, Mourning Warbler, **Canada Warbler***, Ruffed Grouse	**SHRUB NESTER** Hidden low in thick shrubs & grass. Song Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat
FOREST FLOOR	**GROUND FORAGER** Flips leaf litter for insects & seeds. **e.g.** Ovenbird, Hermit Thrush, Dark-eyed Junco, American Robin, Blue Jay	**GROUND NESTER** Hidden under leaves, ferns & logs. **e.g.** Ovenbird, Hermit Thrush, Ruffed Grouse, **Canada Warbler***
WATER'S EDGE Streams & wetlands	**GROUND FORAGER (WADING)** Wades shallows, flipping soggy leaves. **Northern Waterthrush***, Common Grackle **AERIAL DIVER** Plunges headfirst to catch fish. Belted Kingfisher	**BURROW NESTER** Digs a tunnel into a steep dirt bank. Belted Kingfisher **SHRUB NESTER (MARSH)** Builds close to water, often in cattails. Red-winged Blackbird

*** Species at risk**

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