How Many Birds Can You See Around You?



Mallard A Anas platyrhynchos > Food: aquatic plants, insects Seen: year round



Killdeer A Charadrius vociferus Food: earthworms, snails, crayfish, grasshoppers Seen: year round Count the feet!



✓ Great Blue Heron Ardea herodias Food: fish, frogs, rodents Seen: year round

Do you enjoy watching birds and learning their names and habits? A few moments of observation along the Big River Estuary will reward you with a variety of bird sightings, and sounds! Here are photographs of some of the more common birds seen at different seasons in and along the river.





Belted Kingfisher

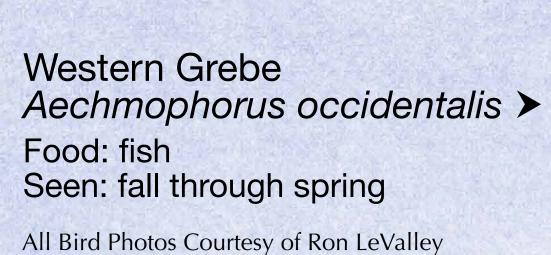
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Food: small fish,

aquatic insects

Seen: year round

Common Loon Gavia immer A Food: fish Seen fall through spring; unusual in summer

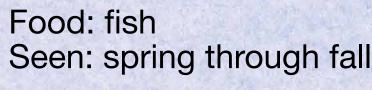


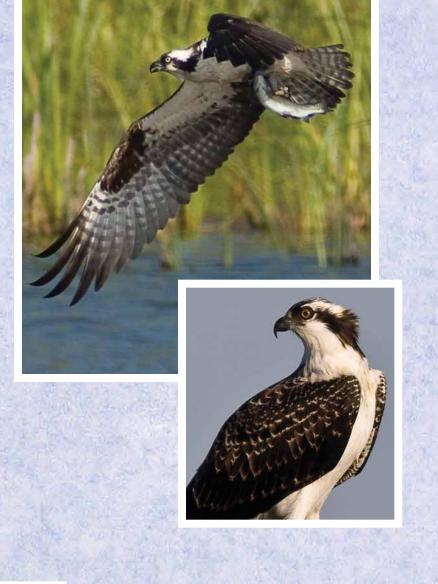


Double-crested Cormorant Phalacrocorax auritus A Food: fish Seen: fall through spring



Osprey Pandion haliaetus >





 ✓ Western Gull Larus occidentalis Food: scavenger Seen: year round



▲ Common Merganser Mergus merganser Food: small fish, insects,

mollusks, crustaceans Seen: year round

