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[alabamabirdingtrails.com/trails/north-alabama](http://alabamabirdingtrails.com/trails/north-alabama)

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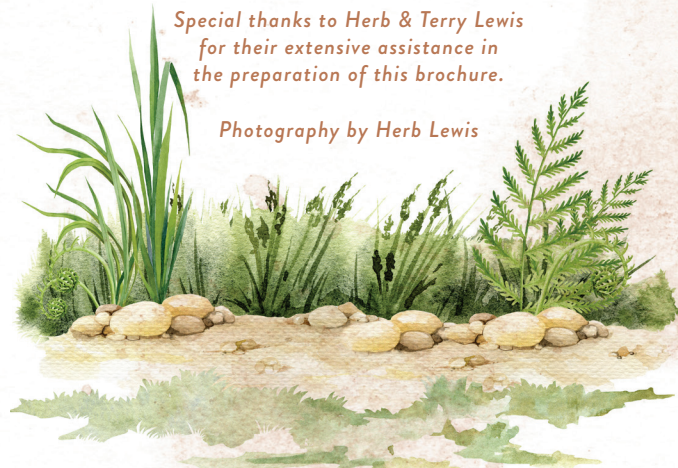
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**HUNTSVILLE/MADISON COUNTY**

# Birding Sites



**VISITOR MAP**



**Huntsville,  
 Alabama**  
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**Madison County contains exceptional birding sites providing diverse habitats of lakes, creeks, rivers, open fields, and woodlands. Within this environment resides a great diversity of bird life through all seasons.**

Each location is recognized as a Birding Hotspot by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at [eBird.org](http://eBird.org). Over 100 bird species have been recorded at each site. All sites are within a 30-minute drive from the Visitor Center in Downtown Huntsville at 500 Church Street NW.

For more information, call 256-533-5723 or visit [huntsville.org](http://huntsville.org).

## Huntsville/Madison County Birding Sites

Site	Location	Featured Birds	Habitat	Hours
1	Monte Sano State Park (*NABT #29) (Fee) <a href="http://alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/monte-sano-state-park">alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/monte-sano-state-park</a> ; <a href="http://alapark.com/MonteSano">alapark.com/MonteSano</a>	Migrating Songbirds, Pileated Woodpeckers, Thrushes, Owls, Hawks, Flycatchers, Kinglets, Indigo Buntings, Woodpeckers, Hummingbirds	5, 7	7am - Dusk
2	Chapman Mountain Nature Preserve <a href="http://landtrustna.org">landtrustna.org</a>	Migrating Songbirds, Owls, Thrushes, Cuckoos, Kinglets, Gray Catbirds, Brown Creepers, Indigo Buntings, Flycatchers, Woodpeckers, Cedar Waxwing	3, 5, 6, 7, 8	Dawn - Dusk
3	Brahan Spring Park <a href="http://huntsvilleal.gov/environment/parks-recreation/parks-and-nature/find-a-park">huntsvilleal.gov/environment/parks-recreation/parks-and-nature/find-a-park</a>	Ducks, Geese, American Kestrels, Herons, Gulls, Belted Kingfisher, Ospreys	1, 3, 4	Dawn - Dusk
4	Huntsville Botanical Garden (Fee)** <a href="http://hsvbg.org">hsvbg.org</a>	Purple Martin Colony, Killdeer, Migrating Songbirds, Hawks, Woodpeckers, Vultures, Blackbirds, Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Hummingbirds, Cedar Waxwings	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9am - 5pm Sunday 12pm - 5pm
5	Hays Nature Preserve (*NABT #30) <a href="http://alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/hays-nature-preserve">alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/hays-nature-preserve</a>	Red-headed Woodpeckers, Barred Owls, Protonotary Warblers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Great Blue Heron Rockery, Migrating Songbirds, Ducks	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	8am - 5pm
6	Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://huntsvilleal.gov/environment/green-team/nature-preserves/goldsmith-schiffman-wildlife-sanctuary">huntsvilleal.gov/environment/green-team/nature-preserves/goldsmith-schiffman-wildlife-sanctuary</a>	Migrating Songbirds, Ducks, Herons, Egrets, Swallows, Vultures, Sparrows, Owls, Kinglets	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	Dawn - Dusk
7	Aldridge Creek Greenway <a href="http://huntsville.org/listing/aldridge-creek-greenway/101">huntsville.org/listing/aldridge-creek-greenway/101</a>	Egrets, Ducks, Herons, Geese, Hawks, Belted Kingfisher, Swallows, Migrating Songbirds, Ospreys	3, 4, 5	Dawn - Dusk
8	Tennessee River Greenway (Ditto Landing) <a href="http://huntsville.org/listing/tennessee-river-greenway/109">huntsville.org/listing/tennessee-river-greenway/109</a>	Migrating Songbirds, Gulls, Herons, Shorebirds, Killdeers	2, 5, 7	Dawn - Dusk
9	Madison County Nature Trail (Green Mountain) <a href="http://huntsville.org/listing/madison-county-nature-trail/105">huntsville.org/listing/madison-county-nature-trail/105</a>	Migrating Songbirds, Ducks, Geese, Woodpeckers, Swallows	1, 5, 7	8am - 5pm
10	10a. Creekwood Park (Indian Creek Greenway) 10b. Indian Creek Greenway - Old Madison Pike <a href="http://huntsville.org/listing/indian-creek-greenway/107">huntsville.org/listing/indian-creek-greenway/107</a>	10a: Migrating Songbirds, Herons, Ducks, Thrushes, Owls, Hawks, Flycatchers, Woodcocks, Kinglets 10b: Migrating Songbirds, Herons, Ducks, Thrushes, Cuckoos, Owls, Woodcocks, Wrens, Kinglets, Sparrows	3, 5, 7	Dawn - Dusk
11	Harvest Square Nature Preserve <a href="http://landtrustna.org">landtrustna.org</a>	Herons, Shorebirds, Ducks, Killdeers, Migrating Songbirds	1, 4, 5, 7	Dawn - Dusk
12	Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station (*NABT #27) <a href="http://alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/winfred-thomas-agricultural-research-station">alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/winfred-thomas-agricultural-research-station</a>	Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, Lark Sparrow, Eastern Meadow Lark, Shorebirds, Horned Lark, Dickcissel, Northern Harriers, Migrating Songbirds	1, 4	8am - 5pm
13	Madison County Public Lake (*NABT #28) <a href="http://alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/madison-county-public-lake">alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/madison-county-public-lake</a>	Bald Eagles, Migrating Songbirds, Ducks, Herons, Egrets, Ospreys, Belted Kingfishers, Vultures, Swallows, Bluebirds, Kingbirds	1, 6, 7	Dawn - Dusk Check for closings

\*North Alabama Birding Trail Site #

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### Habitat Code

1. Lake/Pond 2. River 3. Creek 4. Fields/Meadows  
 5. Walking Trails 6. Wetlands 7. Woodlands 8. Bird Blind



Red-bellied Woodpecker



Killdeer



Eastern Bluebird



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Yellow-billed Cuckoo



Yellow-rumped Warbler



Great Egret



Red-headed Woodpecker



Great Blue Heron



American Goldfinch-male



Indigo Bunting



Mallard



**Visitor Center**  
 500 Church Street NW, Suite One  
 256-533-5723

All sites are within a 30 minutes drive from Visitor Center.

- 1. Monte Sano State Park (Fee)**  
5105 Nolen Avenue | 256-534-3757
- 2. Chapman Mountain Nature Preserve**  
1263 U.S. HWY 72 E
- 3. Braham Spring Park**  
2920 1st Street SW
- 4. Huntsville Botanical Garden (Fee)**  
4747 Bob Wallace Avenue | 256-830-4447
- 5. Hays Nature Preserve**  
7153 U.S. HWY-431 S
- 6. Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary**  
Taylor & Terry Drake Roads
- 7. Aldridge Creek Greenway**  
1100 Mountain Gap Road
- 8. Tennessee River Greenway (Ditto Landing)**  
293 Ditto Landing Road, off Hobbs Island Road
- 9. Madison County Nature Trail (Green Mountain)**  
5000 Nature Trail Road, off Shawnee Road
- 10a. Indian Creek Greenway - Creekwood Park**  
360 Harvestwood Court
- 10b. Indian Creek Greenway - Old Madison Pike**  
Old Madison Pike near Slaughter Road
- 11. Harvest Square Nature Preserve**  
111 Allyson Sadie Boulevard
- 12. Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station**  
372 Walker Lane | 256-372-4248
- 13. Madison County Public Lake**  
2501 County Lake Road | 256-776-4905