

# Be a Snow Birder on the NYS Birding Trail



Great Blue Heron

The NYS Birding Trail offers opportunities for New Yorkers to enjoy birding all winter long.



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Winter raptors including snowy owls, short-eared owls, barn owls, and hawks migrate south from Canada and can be observed near open bodies of water and

large grasslands, with snowy owls often spotted at **Washington County Grasslands in Fort Edward** and at **Buffalo Harbor State Park**. Some species of woodpeckers may be easier to hear or see in their winter homes, while black-capped chickadees remain in the north due to their ability to survive the cold weather.

Winter waterfowl including snow geese and northern harriers can be seen at places like **Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in Queens** and **Mount Loretto Unique Area on Staten Island**. Winter is also a great time to observe bald eagles, whether you're at **Onondaga Lake in Syracuse**, **Peebles Island State Park in Cohoes**, or the **Dr. Ted Kerpez Memorial Eagle Viewing Blind at Mongaup Valley WMA in Narrowsburg**.

**CLICK HERE** for a list of NYS Birding Trail locations.



Bald Eagle



Osprey



Snowy Owl



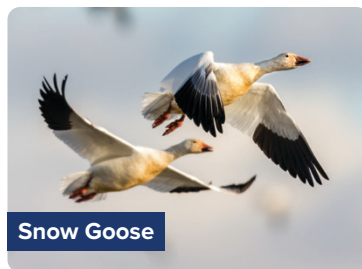
Black-capped Chickadee



Red-bellied Woodpecker



Northern Harrier



Snow Goose



Short-eared Owl



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