



Magee Marsh Spring Songbird Migration

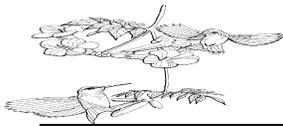
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The western basin of Lake Erie has a few forested beach ridges on its southern coast which provide good stopping grounds for songbirds in migration. Because of a reluctance to cross Lake Erie, these birds "pile in" on these forested beach ridges in large numbers and provide excellent bird watching opportunities. When the birds have regained energy by feeding and resting, they move on either by flying west around the lake or "island hopping" across the lake to Point Pelee.

This information is a **general** listing of when bird species will be present at Magee Marsh during spring migration. **The key to spectacular birdwatching is weather.** Watch for low pressure cells building up in Arkansas, good southwest winds, and a sharp increase in temperature (as a front moves in).

EARLY MIGRANTS (OVERFLIGHT SPECIES)generally last week of April to first part of May

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| Dominant: | yellow-rumped warbler (male)
white-throated sparrow (male) | hermit thrush
ruby-crowned kinglet (male) |
| Subdominants: | song sparrow
Nashville warbler (male)
western palm warbler | swamp sparrow
black and white warbler
black-throated green warbler |
| Overflight species: | worm-eating warbler
hooded warbler
Louisiana waterthrush | Kentucky warbler
yellow-throated warbler
prairie warbler |



(HIGH SPECIES VARIATION)generally 1st two weeks of May

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| Dominants: | yellow-rumped warbler (female)
Swainson's thrush
ruby-crowned kinglet (female) | magnolia warbler (male)
white-throated sparrow (female)
blue jay |
| Subdominants: | Lincoln sparrow
chestnut-sided warbler
Tennessee warbler
common yellowthroat | veery
Nashville warbler (female)
black and white warbler
yellow warbler |
| Others: | orioles, tanagers, grosbeaks | |



LATE MIGRANTS (HIGH NUMBERS MIGRATING)generally last week of May

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| Dominants: | magnolia warbler (female)
indigo bunting
cedar waxwing | American redstart
Empidonax flycatchers
red-eyed vireo |
| Subdominants: | Wilson's warbler
mourning warbler
warbling vireo | Canada warbler
bay-breasted warbler
ruby-throated hummingbird |



Spring songbird migration information for Magee Marsh Wildlife Area was developed by research conducted by **Black Swamp Bird Observatory**, Oak Harbor, Ohio.