



"Birds and Binocs" Wild School

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge

[American Woodcock](#)

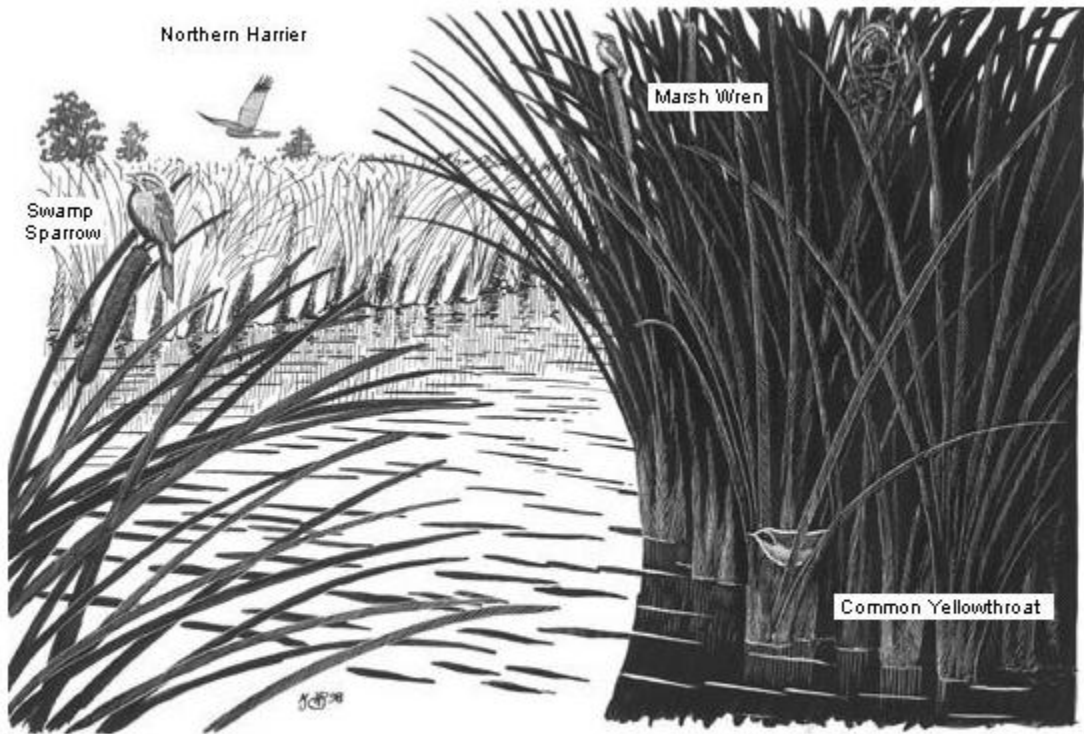
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Bird watching is an amazingly popular pastime. An estimated 85 million Americans are fascinated with bird watching, and truly anyone can take up this hobby.

'Birding' is another term for bird watching and can be as simple as putting up a backyard bird feeder, to as complex as joining bird watching tours that take place all over the world.

Outline "Birds and Binocs" Booth

- Discuss [birdwatching as recreation](#)
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- Discuss wetland functions for birds ([habitat](#), food, shelter)
- Discuss [Bird ID](#)- Sight and [Sound](#)
- Discuss some [basic features](#) (crown, wing, tail)
- [Intro to Binoculars](#)
 - Wear, not carry
 - Adjusting before Birding: Barrels; Eye Cups; Diopter
 - Focusing
 - Keep looking at subject while bringing up binoculars
 - Do not walk and look through binoculars
- Bird Walk along trail to beaver pond
 - [American Kestrel](#)
 - [Red-winged Blackbird](#)
 - [Wood Duck](#)
 - [American Bittern](#)
 - [American Woodcock](#)
 - [Belted Kingfisher](#)
 - [Common Yellowthroat](#)
 - [Northern Harrier](#)
 - [Swamp Sparrow](#)
- [Bird Field Checklist for Canaan Valley NWR – Freeland Road Tract](#)
- For more information about birding in West Virginia
 - [West Virginia Young Birders Club](#)
 - [Brooks Bird Club](#)



Likely species in a freshwater marsh. Typical sparrow: Swamp Sparrow (in the East); typical warbler: Common Yellowthroat; typical wren: Marsh Wren; typical hawk: Northern Harrier.

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