

Figure 2: Rauscher Farm Management Units

1 inch = 100 yards



Property lines sketched from 2009 Connorstone survey. 2009 aerial photo from MassGIS.



Key: Birds are present during nesting season, or year-round, unless otherwise specified

(M) = during migration. (W) =

present in winter only

(Recent years) = not seen this season or last

Widely Dispersed/Treetops/Soaring:

American Robin
American Goldfinch
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Blue Jay
Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-tailed Hawk
American Crow
Common Raven
Turkey Vulture

Grasslands:

Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Eastern Bluebird
Red-winged Blackbird
Canada Goose
Bobolink (recent years)
Savannah Sparrow (M)
Swamp Sparrow (M)

Northwest Meadows:

Barred Owl (recent years)
Carolina Wren
Dark-eyed Junco (W)
Northern Mockingbird
Carolina Wren
Indigo Bunting

Southwest Forest and DCR Property to Power Line Cut:

Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Great Crested Flycatcher
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Gray Catbird
Eastern Bluebird
Wood Thrush
Song Sparrow
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Ovenbird
Scarlet Tanager
Brown Creeper
Common Grackle
Black-and-white Warbler
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Pine Warbler
Blue-headed Vireo (M)
Yellow-rumped Warbler (M)

Palm Warbler (M)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (M)
Golden Crowned Kinglet (M)
Hermit Thrush
Veery (M)
Yellow-throated Vireo (recent years)
Red-shouldered Hawk

Power Line Cut and DCR Field Southwest of RF:

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
American Woodcock
Bald Eagle
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Least Flycatcher (M)
Black-capped Chickadee
Cedar Waxwing
Tree Swallow
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (M)
House Wren
Winter Wren (recent years)
Gray Catbird
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
House Finch
Purple Finch (M)
Field Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow (M)
Eastern Towhee
Baltimore Oriole
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Nashville Warbler (M)
Common Yellowthroat

American Redstart
Northern Parula (M)
Magnolia Warbler (M)
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler (M)
Pine Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Wilson's Warbler (M)
Scarlet Tanager
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting

Pond and Pond Edge

Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Belted Kingfisher
Osprey
Double Crested Cormorant (M)
Mute Swan (recent years)
Hooded Merganser (M)
Ring-necked Duck (M)
Pied-billed Grebe (M)
Common Loon (M)
Bald Eagle
Spotted Sandpiper (recent years)
Common Merganser (M)
Bufflehead (M)

Wet Meadow, Clamshell Road, Buildings:

Eastern Phoebe
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
White-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren
Carolina Wren

European Starling
Northern Mockingbird
House Sparrow
House Finch
Pine Siskin (M)
American Goldfinch
Chipping Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow (W)
Dark-eyed Junco (W)
White Crowned Sparrow (W)

Pasture and Paddock

Sharp-shinned Hawk (M)
Cooper's Hawk
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (M)
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Golden-crowned Kinglet (M)
House Wren
European Starling
Northern Mockingbird
Cedar Waxwing
House Sparrow
House Finch
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow (M)
Eastern Towhee
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Northern Waterthrush (M)
Blue-winged Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Yellow Warbler

Palm Warbler (M)
Yellow-rumped Warbler (M)
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting

Hillside Pasture and Associated Hedgerow Thickets

Downy Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
Tree Swallow
House Wren
Carolina Wren
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Cedar Waxwing
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Mourning Warbler (M)
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart (M)
Magnolia Warbler (M)
Yellow Warbler
Canada Warbler (M)
Scarlet Tanager (M)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Northern Cardinal

Northeast Forest, Marsh, Railroad Dike, Beaver Pond on North

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Hooded Merganser
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (recent years)
Black-billed Cuckoo (recent years)
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron

Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Great Crested Flycatcher
Tree Swallow
Warbling Vireo
Tufted Titmouse
Black-capped Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Cedar Waxwing
House Wren
Carolina Wren
Gray Catbird
White-throated Sparrow (M)
Savanna Sparrow (M)
Eastern Towhee
Baltimore Oriole
Orchard Oriole (M)
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Yellowthroat

General thoughts:

Many migrants depend on insects for food. Some insects winter over in thickets and other vegetation that remains standing through the winter. Brush piles are another location that can be beneficial. Thickets and brush piles also provide needed shelter and cover for the migrants who arrive before the leaves have come out on the trees. I have noticed that mature oak trees are very popular with the spring migrants, so they must harbor some insects. Evergreens, such as our White Pine and Cedar/Juniper trees provide shelter in the spring as well.

Soft berries provide food during the nesting season: Mulberry, Blackberry, Elderberry, (also invasive such as Bush Honeysuckle.)

Hard berries provide food through the fall and winter. Poison Ivy, Winterberry, Hawthorne, Pagoda Dogwood, Crabapple, (and of course our most prolific invasive, Bittersweet).

Dying and dead trees provide shelter opportunities and food for woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees and others.