



Skokie Reservation, Glencoe, Illinois.

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| 8. English Walled Garden. | 14. Naturalistic Gardens. | 19. Turnbull Woods Nature Trail. |
| 9. Fruit and Vegetable Garden. | 15. Plant Evaluation Garden. | 20. Waterfall Garden. |
| 10. Herbaceous Trial Gardens. | 16. Prairie. | 21. Marsh Island. |
| 11. Heritage Garden. | 17. Rose Garden. | 22. Maintenance Barn |

The river itself rarely attracts birds but is scheduled for habitat enhancement.

All the lakes except the two southwesternmost are unpolluted, full of fish, and good for birds. Waterfowl are plentiful from early March to late April, with peak species diversity in the first half of April. Canvasback, Redhead, and Ruddy Duck are regular. Eared Grebe (20 March-16 April) is irregular. Some non-breeding ducks may remain into June. Carefully scan the shorelines, as pond ducks can be remarkably inconspicuous against the brown banks. Gulls, which often loaf on the south side of the Carillon island, should be scrutinized for rarities.

Fall

Most of the comments for spring hold true for fall, when 196 species have been recorded. As elsewhere in the Chicago area, migration begins in mid-July and is in full swing by the last week of August.

The best vantage for watching fall raptor migration is the north side of the highest hill in the Dwarf Conifer Garden (5), which affords a fairly unobstructed northerly view. Days with strong west or northwest winds after a period of southerly air flow are best. A scope is mandatory. Some 2,185 Sandhill Cranes were counted here on 13 November 1992.

The Canada Goose flock, which is largest in late fall, should be searched for other goose species. Late fall is the most likely time to encounter "winter finches" (see below). In dry years, beginning in late July, the lake crossed by Dundee Road sometimes has a small mudflat suitable for shorebirds.

Winter

This season has produced 69 species, but birding in most of the Garden, especially in January and February, can sometimes be bleak. The lakes usually freeze over by Christmas, although a small area at the south end of the Sensory Garden (18)