

point remains open all winter and may attract unusual waterfowl. During invasion years, from November into December and sometimes later, Red Crossbills have been found in the scattered fruiting pines, White-winged Crossbills in the firs, and Pine Siskins and Common Redpolls in the birches next to the Education Center (6) and in the Sensory Garden and sometimes at the feeders outside the present cafe and in the Naturalistic Garden (14). These feeders, along with two in the Plant Evaluation Garden (15), provide the best winter birding in the Garden.

Fruiting trees throughout the grounds, but especially in the northwest corner along the service road, sometimes attract flocks of Ameri-

can Robins and Cedar Waxwings. Bohemian Waxwing was recorded once.

Summer

Because "summer," as defined for the Garden, includes half of August, some of the 96 recorded species are really fall migrants. Breeding in the Garden has been confirmed for 49 species and is considered probable or possible for 25 others. The most interesting of these are Black-crowned Night Heron (along the Skokie River in the evening and the southeasternmost lake during day), Orchard Oriole (around the maintenance barn [22] and in the

Japanese Garden [12]), Wood Duck, and Willow Flycatcher. Six species of swallows, including Cliff, occur regularly; all but Bank breed.

The Garden is deploying floating islands to attract breeding Pied-billed Grebes and night-herons and is planting emergent aquatic vegetation along some lake shores to prevent erosion. Late spring and early summer are the best times to enjoy the flowering plants.



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Visitor Information

The Chicago Botanic Garden is in Glencoe, northeastern Cook County. Owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and managed by the Chicago Historical Society, it was established in 1965 and opened to the public in 1972.

The entrance is along Lake-Cook Road 0.6 mile east of U.S. 41 (four-way interchange) and 0.5 mile west of Green Bay Road. If driving from the south, be careful to stay on U.S. 41 when I-94 branches off to the right just past Dundee Road. From the north, take U.S. 41. The Chicago and North Western Railroad, North Line, stops at the Braeside station, 0.7 mile east of the Garden.

The Garden is officially open from 8 a.m. to sunset, but the main gate is opened about sunrise, so early birders can gain access to the parking lots. A \$4 parking fee is charged for non-members. The service road encircling the grounds is closed to the

public but may be walked. A guided tram tour, which costs \$3.50 or less and is not a bird tour, follows this road.

An information desk, gift shop, cafe, and restrooms are located in a new building which opened in fall 1993. Picnic tables are located between parking lots 1 and 2. Motels, gas, and gourmet, deli, and fast-food eateries are available just west of the Garden along Old Skokie Road between Dundee and Clavey roads.

A multicolored map, similar to but larger than the one presented here, is available at the information desk. The round-trip walk from the parking lots along the west service road to the prairies and back along the east side through Turnbull Woods is about 2.5 miles.

Please stay on walks, roads, and lawns; the plants in Turnbull Woods, the prairies, and all the gardens are

fragile. Poison ivy grows in Turnbull. Feeding of wildlife is prohibited. Avoid the Japanese Garden on sunny weekends when people are numerous but birds are not.

The Garden checklist of birds (1993), which gives seasonal abundances, may be obtained at the information desk. The Garden maintains a permanent file for bird data. New species continue to be added.

Before you leave, please report directly to ecologist James Steffen (Monday through Thursday only: 708-835-8266) or to the information desk any species unrecorded on the checklist and those listed as casual or accidental, as well as nests or fledglings of species not listed and "confirmed" breeding.

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