

How to Use Dendroica

This resource will help you learn about birds that you may hear while volunteering with the Couchiching Conservancy. Your scores on the quizzes are not visible to others. To submit your volunteer hours for time spent learning with Dendroica, fill out [this form](#).

Click on [this link](#) to open Dendroica

NAVIGATING IN DENDROICA:

The screenshot shows the Dendroica website interface for the Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*). The page includes a navigation menu with options like 'Photo List', 'Range Map List', 'Recording List', and 'Species List'. A 'Manage List' button is highlighted with an arrow. The main content area features a large photo of the bird on a branch, with a 'View different photos' annotation. Below the photo is a 'Song' section with a description and a 'Sound' section with a list of 17 sound samples. A 'View Spectrograms' button is annotated with 'View spectrogram with sound'. A 'Quiz' button is annotated with 'Start quiz'. A 'List of birds' dropdown menu is shown on the right, listing various bird species. A 'Turn off autoplay' button is annotated with 'Turn off autoplay'. The page also includes a 'Canada' logo and a 'Share This Page' button.

Look at a different bird in the list:

1. Click on the name of the bird
2. Click 'Select'

Number of species: 439

Select a species (double-click or use 'Select' button below list):

- Rock Ptarmigan
- White-tailed Ptarmigan
- Dusky Grouse
- Sooty Grouse
- Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Wild Turkey
- Red-throated Loon
- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon
- Yellow-billed Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Western Grebe
- Clark's Grebe
- Northern Fulmar
- Manx Shearwater
- Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
- Leach's Storm-Petrel
- Northern Gannet
- Brandt's Cormorant
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Cormorant
- Pelagic Cormorant

Select

Test Your Knowledge

1. Press 'Quiz' (top left)
2. Select the bird that you think it is from the list, then press 'Select Species'

Choose # of choices for quiz

Exit quiz

Choices: [About Dendroica](#)

Quiz Score: 0 of 0

Select Species Below

Select a species (double-click or use 'Select' button below list):

- Loggerhead Shrike
- Northern Shrike
- White-eyed Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Cassin's Vireo
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Hutton's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Gray Jay
- Steller's Jay
- Blue Jay
- Clark's Nutcracker
- Black-billed Magpie
- American Crow
- Northwestern Crow
- Fish Crow

Select Species

Show Answer

Skip Question

Quiz Options

- Play Sound
- Show Photo
- Display Sound / Photo List

Choose if you want sound/photos

FILTERING THE LIST OF BIRDS

By default, the list of birds will have over 400 birds (birds in Canada). To create a shorter and more relevant list of birds, you can apply filters on the default playlist or create a custom playlist. You will need to [create an account](#) if you want to save a custom playlist.

Option 1: Apply List Filters (does not require an account)

Follow these steps to filter the default playlist. You may have to do these steps over again each time you come to the website.

1. Click **Manage Lists** (top left)



2. In the List Filters Page, select filters that make sense for your type of monitoring/your location.
 - a. Uncheck 'rare species' and 'species not breeding in region', unless you are a birding pro.
 - b. Choose **BCR 13**.
 - c. Set the nesting habitat to the type of habitat you encounter at your site (mixed woodland, open woodland, marsh, etc.). 'Early successional' has alvar species.

Example for a frog monitoring team at a marsh site:

[Click here for details on list types \(OPENS_NEW_WINDOW\)](#)

You may change the checklist authority that is used on this project: American Ornithologists Union (7-56) - Default ▼

Exclude from list: Rare species for region
 Species not breeding in region

Geopolitical: Canada ▼

BCR: BCR 13 - Lower Great Lakes/ St. Lawrence Plain ▼

Song Type: ---- None ---- ▼

Taxonomic: ---- None ---- ▼

Nesting Habitat: Marsh ▼

Load Custom List: ---- None ---- ▼ ⓘ

3. Click '**Save and Exit**'. It will take you back to the main page and you will have a shortened list of birds. You can then learn about the different birds and quiz yourself to test your knowledge.

Option 2: Create a Playlist Custom Playlist (requires an account)

You can shorten the number of birds in the list by applying some filters.

1. [Create an account](#)
 - a. Fill in the registration form then press 'Continue' (at the bottom of the page). *Make note of your username and password. You will need it to sign in in the future.*
 - b. Check your email for the confirmation email.
 - c. Click the link in the confirmation email to complete your registration

2. On the [Dendroica homepage](#), click 'Canada'

3. Click **Manage Lists** (top left)

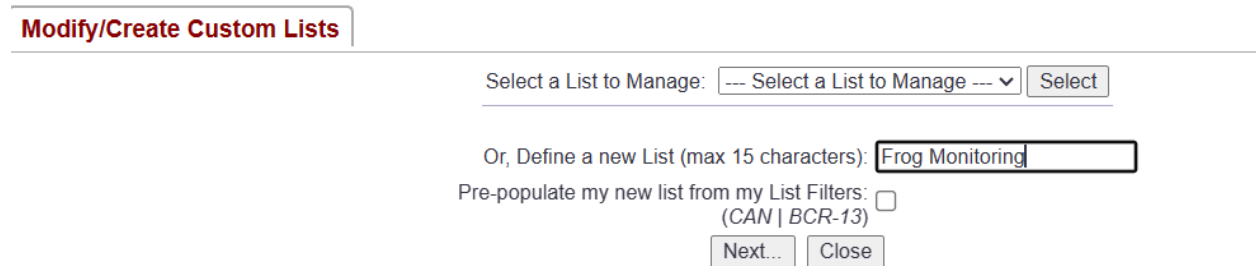


4. Go to **Modify/Create Custom Lists**



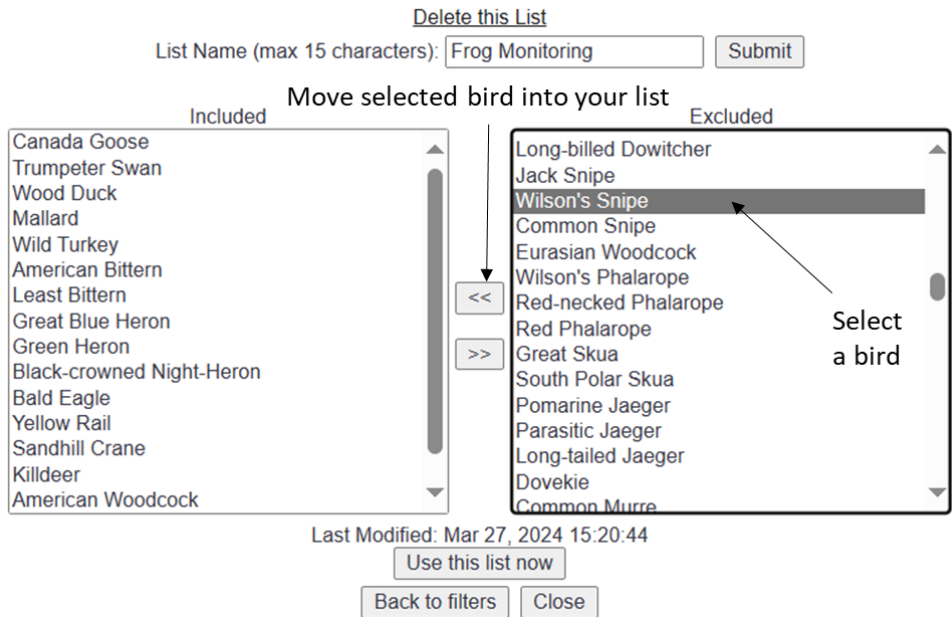
5. In the empty text box, type a name for your new list

Example: I want to create a playlist of birds I might hear while frog monitoring so I am going to name the new playlist 'Frog Monitoring':



6. Keep 'pre-populate my new list from my List Filters *unchecked*
7. Click **Next...**
8. This will bring you to a menu where you can select the birds that you want in your playlist
9. Click on the name of the bird that you want to add
10. Click <<< to move the selected bird into your playlist

Example image for steps 9 and 10:



Search for a specific bird:

i. Bring up keyword search: on your keyboard, press keys Ctrl+ f or Command+f

(press the Ctrl key on your keyboard, while holding that key down, press the 'f' key. Then release both keys. If using an Apple computer, use Command key instead of Ctrl key)

ii. Type in the name of the bird that you are looking for.

11. When done creating your list click **'Use this list now'**

12. Go back to **'List Filters'**



13. Select your new playlist in the 'Load Custom List' Setting.

14. Click 'Save and Exit'

[List Filters](#) [Modify/Create Custom Lists](#)

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Nesting Habitat: --- None --- ▾

Load Custom List: Frog Monitoring ▾ ⓘ

This will bring you to your playlist page. You can now learn about the different birds and quiz yourself on them. To return to this playlist in the future, login and follow steps 2, 3, 13 and 14.

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