



# Considerations for Birds and Wildlife on Your Woodland

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What have you already done to support birds on your land? What do you plan to do and when? Use this checklist to organize your next steps in providing birds and other wildlife what they need to thrive in your woodlot. To learn more, consult our fact sheet, consider working with a professional to implement these practices on the ground, or visit our website at: [vt.audubon.org/conservation/landowner-technical-assistance-forests](http://vt.audubon.org/conservation/landowner-technical-assistance-forests)

TASK	ALREADY DONE?	WILL DO?	IF YES, WHEN?
Read informational materials on enhancing habitat for birds and wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Inventory and map your land for important habitat features	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Leave dead and dying wood standing and other woody material on the forest floor for food and shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Maintain native trees and shrubs that produce fruits, seeds, or nuts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Avoid breaking up forest patches by limiting roads and trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Consult a forester or other natural resources professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Remove invasive plants because they don't support local wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Create piles of brush and branches for wildlife shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Create a forest management plan that includes activities to improve habitat for birds and other wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Maintain a variety of tree and shrub species	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Manage for a variety of tree ages and sizes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Thin your woods or conduct a harvest to enhance bird and wildlife habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Minimize harvesting and other disruptive activities during bird breeding season (May to mid-July)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Create a small forest opening of small trees, bushes and grasses for nesting and food sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Restore and maintain areas along streams and creeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Avoid drastic changes (sharp edges) between wooded and non-wooded habitats	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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