



# the BIRDS of VERMONT MUSEUM LIBRARY DISPLAYS

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All displays include information about the museum.*

## What is a Bird?

Lots of animals have bony skeletons, lots of animals have wings to fly, and lots of animals lay eggs... so what makes a bird, a bird? This display engages and informs by featuring all the basics that define the earth's avian residents, including a bird skeleton, eggs, feathers, and Bob Spear's remarkable carvings.

## Migration

Explore migration with flyway maps, current information about bird navigation skills, dramatic images of the perils birds face on their semiannual journeys, and carvings of birds that typically journey to and from Vermont in spring and fall.

## Birding in Vermont

Inspire people to dust off their binoculars or get outdoors! This display highlights the where, what, and when of birding. We include maps, species arrival lists, and birding tips. Plan your next excursion to the Champlain Basin, the Northeast Kingdom, or the Connecticut River Valley.

## Birds in Art

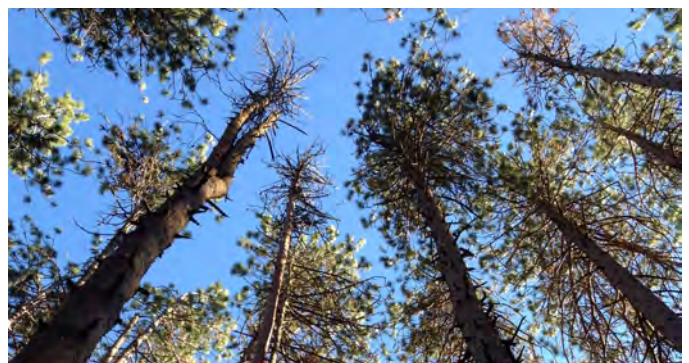
A wonderful and sometimes whimsical display of the variety, depth, scales, and even history of the art of birds. *Wall display only.*

## Carving: tools and techniques

From wood blocks and wood blanks to finished carvings, this display shows the tools and steps a wood carver uses to create lifelike birds. Carving with soap is great for beginners, so we've included all you would need to get started. Indulge inspiration and unleash your creative talents!

## Stories in the Forest

Take a walk in the woods, *look down — look up — look through*—what is the view? Forests rise and fall due to climate conditions, natural disasters, and human activity. This display illustrates how forests develop from grassland expanses into mature networks of trees with distinct profiles and layers. Forest-dwelling birds use the entire forest column to satisfy their needs. Look to the trees to find *Stories in the Forest*.



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*A lockable display case is required except for wall displays.*

### Owls

The mysteries of our nocturnal, winged hunters are explored through this enlightening collection of *objets de hibou*. A tree cavity, owl pellets, facsimile eggs, feathers, diagrams, descriptions of camouflage, flight, and vision, as well as carvings, all generate understanding of and admiration for these highly adapted birds of prey.

### Protecting Birds for 100 Years

What are the United States' conservation laws and why were they enacted? From the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 to now, wildlife laws continue to guide our actions and relationships with nature. This display helps us understand the value of exploring the outdoors with a conscience and spurs us to become advocates for nature.

### Egg-static about Eggs

We all know a bit about bird eggs, but this exhibit goes further with models, descriptions of the eggs and egg masses of fish and amphibians in spring ponds, reptile eggs in coastal or wetland habitats, insect eggs in meadowlands, and bird eggs! Compare egg structure, texture, color, size, and shape for different species to understand the evolutionary adaptations of eggs and egg layers.

### Cold Winter, Warm Birds

Engaging props and images of winter's cold challenges faced by Vermont's year-round avian residents. Learning about the physical and behavioral adaptations they employ to stay warm presents a remarkable story of perseverance and survival. Offered as either a wall display or a display case installation.

### Pollinator Gardening

Gardens are not just pretty to look at. They host and depend on an amazing array of pollinator species, from birds to bees to bats, and help us all appreciate the value of species diversity within the complexity of ecological systems. Learn to enhance your outdoor spaces and be an activist for nature.

### A Year of Birding in Vermont

"Travel" around the year with Vermont birds, discovering what to see where and when. From migration mysteries to month-by-month changes in birds' bodies and behavior, experience our four-season state from a new point of view.

### Give Them a Niche, They'll Take a Mile: invasive plants in Vermont

What are they? Where did they come from? How do they affect birds? What should you do when you find one? This display is full of fun facts, pictures, and information about invasive plants and the role they play in Vermont's ecosystems. Created in partnership with VT Forests, Parks & Recreation.

### The Coffee-Bird Connection

Did you know your love of coffee affects birds? What we do to get our favorite coffees affects both local and migratory species. This display introduces viewers to a growing field of research and action.

### Perilous Passages

"From billions to none" hints at the calamitous journey from abundance to extinction for the Passenger Pigeon. Through text, pictures, and props, this display shows us the reality of human-induced extinction and the need to actively support species diversity and conservation.

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