

# Birds of Geneva Lake

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"Not only "once upon a time," but for a time that covered uncounted centuries together, the whole neighborhood of Geneva Lake, like many of parts of the continent for the same period was none other than a literal "hunter's paradise;" and such it's Indian residents or visitors knew it to be and prized it accordingly...But if the remaining fauna of the surrounding hills and woods are comparatively few in number, the presence of wonderful native birds in great numbers and notable variety more than make up for any deficiency of other wild life...



In the spring of 1922, in the months of April and May, 116 varieties of birds were noted along the north shore of the Lake at the points between Williams Bay and Delavan Inlet by four observers, who joined forces for the purpose of noting the birds' arrival.

Of the 116 noted, all may rightly be considered among the common birds of the Middle West, either as residents or migrant visitors, except the swans, cormorants, western meadowlarks, cardinals, and yellow-headed blackbirds.

It is quite possible that more experienced, well-informed, and scientific observers would have found in the same territory and at the same time twenty or thirty more varieties."