

Birds in the Weston Area

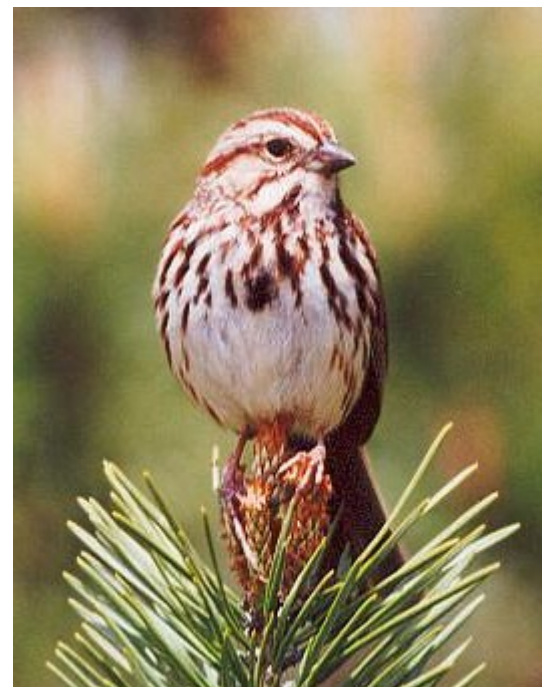
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There are a vast variety of birds that live in the town of Weston. A few of these include the White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Blue Jay, Chickadee, and the Northern Red Cardinal. These birds have distinct songs and appearances, which makes it easy to spot them.

The White-throated sparrow is a common bird found in the east and less seen in the west. It has an obvious white throat and a dark beak. Some of these sparrows have white



stripes while others have tan stripes. The calls of this bird sound like *seeet* and *chink*. The Song Sparrow is in the same group as the White-throated Sparrow, and is also found in the area of Weston. This sparrow is even more widespread and seen throughout America. It has a long tail and stripes on its face. It also has little brown streaks or stripes running down its chest. Its song is first some short notes which are then followed by *twik twik twika* and then *WEEE, trr, titititititititi*. Another local bird is the Blue



Jay. The Blue Jay is very beautiful and unique with its white tipped wings and black colored "necklace" around its throat. The chest is white and its wings have alternating bars of black and blue.



Its voice seems to shout *jayyy! jayyy! jayyy!* Also, sometimes it will imitate the call of a Red-shouldered Hawk! The fourth bird is a Black-capped Chickadee. You may have seen these visitors in your backyard on your bird feeder. They like to eat sunflower seeds and suet. They have a partially black head that looks like a cap, with a black spot on its throat that looks like a bib. They have a gray back and look a lot like the Carolina Chickadee. This bird whistles *fee bee-ee* with the first note



higher than the second. Another bird that is easy to spot is the male Cardinal. The male cardinal is bright red and has a tall crest on top of its head and is the only red bird that has one. The female also has a crest but is not as bright red, and has a larger pink bill.

This bird makes a *what-cheer* whistle.

There are so many beautiful and fascinating birds in this area. These are only a few of the many birds that live and visit Weston. Go outside today, and see what different birds *you* can find!

Photos of some "interesting" sights on our walks....

Gun Club Lane in Weston.
We had a good laugh when
we saw this sign!



This sign is located in the northwest corner of Weston (Ogilvie Forest) near the Lincoln border. The quicksand conditions are on a Lincoln trail (that connects with a Weston trail) that can be accessed from Old Sudbury Road in Lincoln. Apparently, a farmer named Hans van Leer lost a horse in the quicksand in this area many years ago.



Hiking and Outdoor Activities

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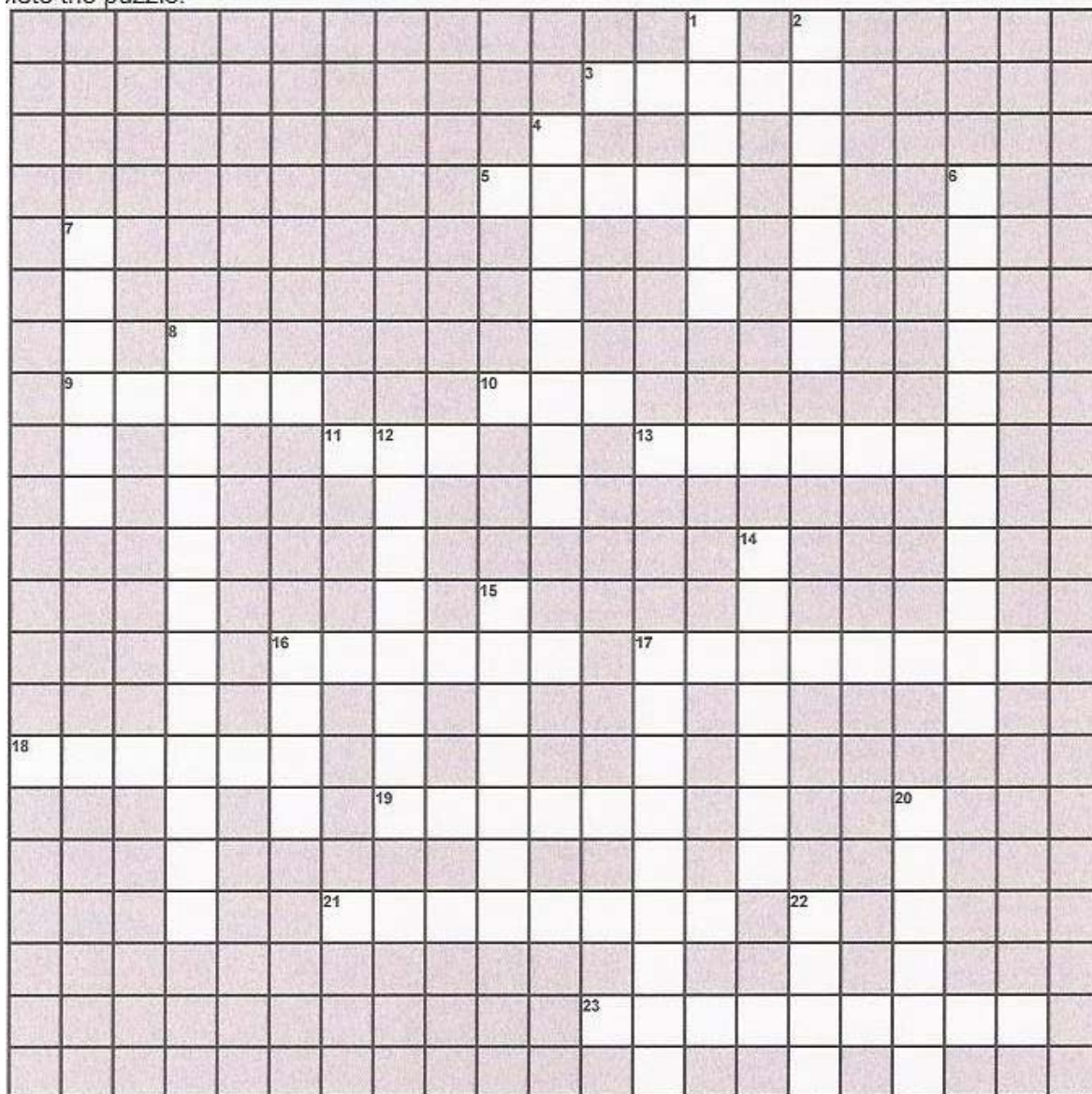
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Weston Woods

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Complete the puzzle.



1. small flowing body of water
2. a grouping of fruit trees (can be found near College Pond)
3. used to hydrate during a hike
4. something used to carry gear in
5. kind of tree used to make syrup
6. edible fruits that grow on bushes
7. the _____ positioning system helps us pinpoint our location
8. the act of protecting or saving something
9. what hikers wear on their feet
10. a paper that helps you figure out where you are going
11. covers ponds in the winter time - don't fall through!
12. red bird
13. what you might blow on to call for help
14. hill that is the highest spot in Weston
15. shows north, south, east and west
16. _____ ivy makes you itch
17. animal that collects nuts
18. town we live in
19. what falls from trees in the Autumn
20. large open grassy area
21. what you can get on your feet if your shoes rub
22. trail mix
23. large body of water used for drinking

