

# Huntsville/Madison County Birding Trail

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www.northalbirding.com

**North Alabama Birding Trail**  
www.northalabamabirdingtrail.com

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**Land Trust of North Alabama**  
www.landtrustnal.org

**Huntsville City Parks**  
www.hsvcity.com/recreation

**Huntsville Botanical Garden**  
www.hsvbg.org

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Summer Tanager

# Visitor Map



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Bald Eagle

Madison County contains exceptional birding sites providing diverse landscapes of lakes, creeks, rivers, open fields and woodlands. Within this environment resides a great diversity of bird life throughout all seasons.

All sites are within a 30 minute drive from the Visitor Center in downtown Huntsville at 500 Church Street. For more information, call 256-533-5723 or visit huntsville.org.

## Huntsville/Madison County Birding Sites

Site	Park	Featured Birds	Season	Terrain	Hours
1	<b>Big Spring International Park</b> hsvcity.com/recreation	Water Fowl, Gulls, Chimney Swift	Sp, S, F, W	1, 4	Dawn-Dusk
2	<b>Burritt on the Mountain*</b> burrittonthemountain.com	Migrating Songbirds, Juncos, Summer Tanager	Sp, S, F	5	9:00am-5:00pm
3	<b>Monte Sano State Park</b> northalabamabirdingtrail.com (**NABT #29) alapark.com/MonteSano	Pileated Woodpecker, Summer Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Migrating Songbirds	Sp, S, F	5, 7	7:00am-Dusk
4	<b>Wildflower Trail on Monte Sano Nature Preserve</b> landtrustnal.org	Migrating Songbirds, Louisiana Water Thrush	Sp, S, F	3, 5, 7	Dawn-Dusk
5	<b>Huntsville Botanical Garden*</b> hsvbg.org	Purple Martin Colony, Summer Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Bluebird	Sp, S, F	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9:00am-5:00pm
6	<b>Tennessee River Greenway at Ditto Landing</b> hsvcity.com/recreation	Migrating Songbirds, Gulls, Herons, Shorebirds	Sp, S, F, W	2, 5, 7	Dawn-Dusk
7	<b>Green Mountain Nature Trail</b> madisoncountyal.gov/services/naturetrail.shtml	Migrating Songbirds, Ducks, Canada Geese	Sp, F, W	1, 5, 7	8:00am-5:00pm
8	<b>Hays Nature Preserve</b> northalabamabirdingtrail.com (**NABT #30) hsvcity.com/recreation	Red-headed Woodpecker, Barred Owl, Prothonotary Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-Shoulder Hawk, Herons, Migrating Songbirds	Sp, S, F	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	8:00am-5:00pm
9	<b>Flint River Greenway</b> hsvcity.com/recreation	Migrating Songbirds, Herons, Red-headed Woodpecker	Sp, S, F	2, 4	Dawn-Dusk
10	<b>Madison County Public Lake</b> northalabamabirdingtrail.com (**NABT #28)	Migrating Songbirds, Ducks, Herons, Bald Eagle, Eastern Kingbird	Sp, S, F	1, 6, 7	Dawn-Dusk
11	<b>Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station</b> northalabamabirdingtrail.com (**NABT #27)	Dickcissel, Bobolink, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Lark Sparrow, Meadow Lark	Sp, S, F	1, 4	8:00am-5:00pm
12	<b>Harvest Square Preserve</b> landtrustnal.org	Black-crowned Night Heron, Hooded Warbler, Water Fowl	Sp, S, F	1, 4, 5, 6, 7	Dawn-Dusk
13	<b>Indian Creek Greenway</b> hsvcity.com/recreation	Migrating Songbirds, Herons, Ducks	Sp, S, F	3, 5, 7	Dawn-Dusk

**Terrain Code:**

- 1. Lake/Pond
- 2. River
- 3. Creek
- 4. Fields
- 5. Walking Trails
- 6. Wetlands
- 7. Woodlands
- 8. Wildflower Meadows

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\*\*North Alabama Birding Trail Site #





Green Heron



Black-crowned Night Heron



Eastern Kingbird



Hooded Warbler



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Dickcissel



Lark Sparrow



**Visitor Center**

500 Church Street NW, Suite One  
256-533-5723

Sites within **20 minutes** from Visitor Center:

- 1 Big Spring International Park**  
200 Church Street NW
- 2 Burritt on the Mountain**  
3101 Burritt Drive  
256-536-2882
- 3 Monte Sano State Park**  
5105 Nolen Avenue  
256-534-3757
- 4 Wildflower Trail on Monte Sano Nature Preserve**  
Northern end of Cleermont Drive
- 5 Huntsville Botanical Garden**  
4747 Bob Wallace Avenue  
256-830-4447

Sites within **30 minutes** from Visitor Center:

- 6 Tennessee River Greenway at Ditto Landing**  
293 Ditto Landing Road, off Hobbs Island Road
- 7 Green Mountain Nature Trail**  
5000 Nature Trail Road, off Shawdee Road  
256-883-9501
- 8 Hays Nature Preserve**  
Hays Nature Preserve Trail, off Old Hwy. 431  
256-427-5116
- 9 Flint River Greenway**  
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256-427-5116
- 10 Madison County Public Lake**  
2501 County Lake Road, Gurley  
256-776-4905
- 11 Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Center**  
Alabama A&M University  
372 Walker Lane, Hazel Green  
256-828-2100
- 12 Harvest Square Preserve**  
Highway 53 and Jeff Road
- 13 Indian Creek Greenway**  
Old Madison Pike near Slaughter Road



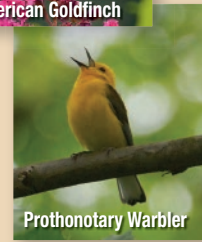
Indigo Bunting



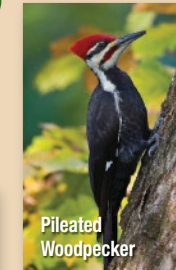
Red-shoulder Hawk



American Goldfinch



Prothonotary Warbler



Pileated Woodpecker



Barred Owl



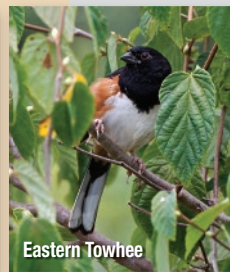
Red-headed Woodpecker



Blue Grosbeak



Great Crested Flycatcher



Eastern Towhee