



HOTSPOTS



2. Pigeon Creek Bridge – The Pigeon Creek watershed contains natural areas of local significance that harbor six state listed plant species including snow trillium and twinleaf. This little oasis supports nesting Eastern Phoebes and provides excellent habitat for migrant Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers.

4. The Milwaukee River Trail Bridge provides an excellent vantage point for spotting Belted Kingfishers, Great Blue Herons, and Great Egrets, as well as migrating warblers in the wooded areas north of the river. Bald Eagles and Ospreys have passed through the area in recent years.

C. With its restrooms, play area, and picnic shelter along the Milwaukee River, **Grafton Veteran’s Memorial Park** makes a great lunch stop. In spring, waterfowl families and swooping swallows provide plentiful tableside entertainment.

Some of southeast Wisconsin’s most important natural resources are concentrated along the Milwaukee River corridor. The combination of trees, shrubs, grasses, and water make the river a natural highway for wildlife moving locally or across the continent during migration. Sandpipers, herons, and gulls are often spotted strolling along the shores. Resident waterfowl, such as Mallard and Wood Duck, raise their young along the riverbanks. Thrushes, vireos, and warblers migrate vast distances in spring and fall, and depend on the river corridor habitats to feed and rest.

In addition to providing wildlife habitat, vegetative buffers along river corridors are vital to protecting water quality and controlling flooding.

**Typical Bird Species:
(Open water and shore)**

- Bank Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Belted Kingfisher
- Cliff Swallow
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Green Heron
- Mallard
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Tree Swallow
- Wood Duck

Great Blue Heron



**Typical Bird Species:
(Woods)**

- American Redstart
- Baltimore Oriole
- Barred Owl
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Brown Creeper
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great-Crested Flycatcher
- Northern Cardinal
- Northern Flicker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Veery
- Warbling Vireo

Green Heron



Wood Duck

