



Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve Receives Important Bird Area Designation

In 2001, the National Audubon Society designated the 1,440-acre Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve an Important Bird Area (IBA).

This designation recognizes the Nature Preserve as an essential area for migrating and nesting birds.

The IBA Program is an international undertaking designed to identify essential areas for birds around the globe.

Many species are decreasing in number due in large part to destruction of habitat. North American migrants, called neotropicals, are especially vulnerable because they face challenges in both North America and their South and Central American winter habitats.

Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve is a textbook example of a Piedmont mixed forest and is permanently protected by conservation easement, making it a great place for birds and birders to enjoy for years to come.