



**Northern Flicker**  
A woodpecker not commonly found here – this one in the palms near the 12th tee – but mostly forages for ants on the ground



**Mottled Duck**  
The most common duck in the Park – resembles a female Mallard with more detailed brown and buff plumage.



**Mockingbird**  
Very common at Maple Leaf found foraging on the grass and nesting in the palms – white flashes on wings – a wonderful versatile singer.



**Forster's Tern**  
Regularly seen diving for fish in any of the lakes and ponds – watch closely, they are fast.



**Killdeer**  
Watch for it on the ground - when flushed, has a cry that sounds like “killdeer” – fakes injury and retreats when nest is threatened.



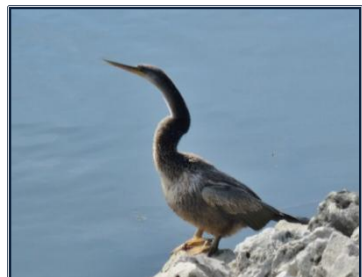
**Palm Warbler**  
Very common small green warbler – constantly wags its tail when perched – winters in Maple Leaf, summers in Canada – a real “snowbird”



**Turkey Vulture**  
Nature's garbage collection agency, vultures eat only carrion which they find with their keen vision & sense of smell – yuk.



**Red-bellied Woodpecker**  
Black & white barred back, red patch on back of neck and a reddish belly (of course)



**Anhinga**  
This common diving bird is seen in the lakes with only his neck above water or on shore drying out. Male is shown – female has brown neck.



**Brown Pelican**  
Feeds on small fish in a spectacular plunge dive – that must hurt! Look for them on the dock by the Veterans' Memorial.

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Maple Leaf is proud to be a supporter of this great program which encourages protection of our wildlife heritage through environmentally responsible management of our facilities and course maintenance activities.

This brochure illustrates 25 of the many species of birds that either are residents or visitors to Maple Leaf.

Our habitat areas, lakes, ponds and creeks make our golf course a home for both year-round species and birds that winter in Florida.

We hope you enjoy identifying the birds illustrated here – 15 would be an excellent score.



**Great Egret**  
Can be seen standing in the shallow waters hunting for lizards and minnows.



**Sandhill Crane**  
Very large birds that usually travel in pairs and with their kids, feeding on grubs in the soil – they are afraid of no-one.



**Glossy Ibis**  
A cousin of the White Ibis but with iridescent bronze plumage.



**Bald Eagle**  
A frequent visitor to Maple Leaf usually seen perched in the tall pines by the seventh tee.



**White Ibis**  
Found on the lawns and fairways digging for grubs or in the shallow waters of the creeks and lakes – look for the curved bill.



**Cormorant**  
These accomplished diving fishermen often hunt in fleets in the bigger lakes – they are feathered trawlers.



**Common Moorhen**  
Most commonly seen in the big lake near the 18<sup>th</sup> tee .



**Little Blue Heron**  
Forages along waters edge – it's blue beak and dark legs help identify this Maple Leaf resident



**Wood Stork**  
Commonly found walking the shorelines fishing. In flight, it looks like the Concorde super-sonic airplane.



**Osprey**  
Outstanding fishermen with sharp eyes and talons - they nest on tall poles or dead trees



**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**  
Travel in groups, very small, very fast, well camouflaged in thicker trees; watch for them at #8 tee and #6 habitat.



**Tricolored Heron**  
Looks like a Little Blue Heron wearing a diaper.



**Great Blue Heron**  
Residents of Maple Leaf, fishing in the creeks and ponds and nesting in the tall pines on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> fairways.



**Snowy Egret**  
Very similar to but smaller than the Great Egret with a “mullet” of white feathers and “golden slippers” (yellow feet).



**Green Heron**  
Small and stocky, it is found on the shorelines of the lakes and creeks – beautiful iridescent green brown plumage.

Watch also for: Mourning Doves everywhere, Grackles, Red-winged Blackbirds in the reeds at #3/#4 pond, and lunch-eating crows anywhere there are golf carts.