



Forestry for the Birds

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Birds with Silviculture in Mind

Birder's Dozen Pocket Guide
for Vermont Foresters

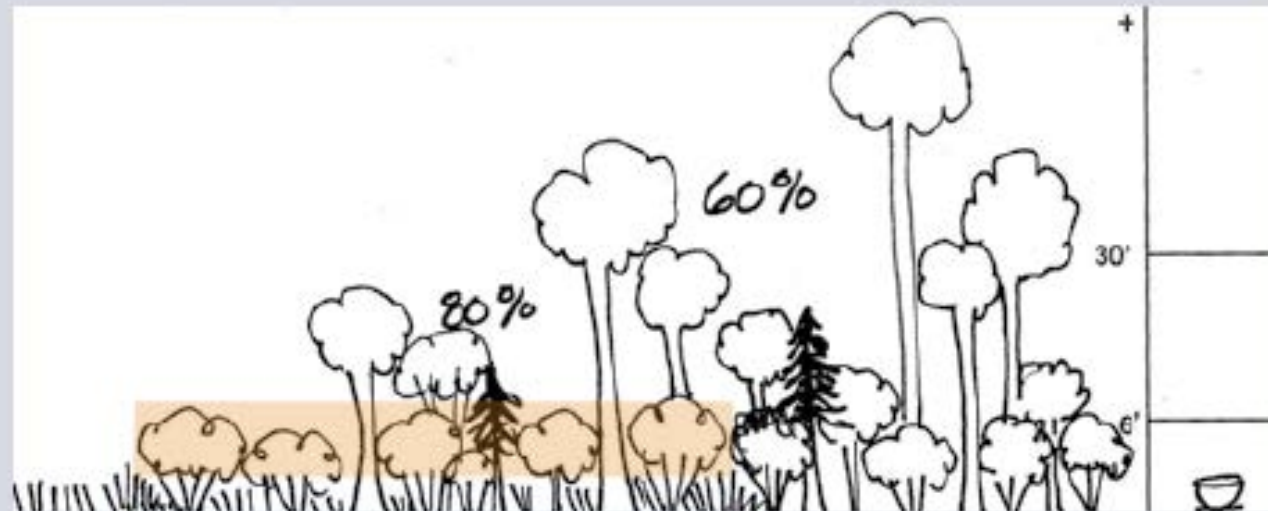
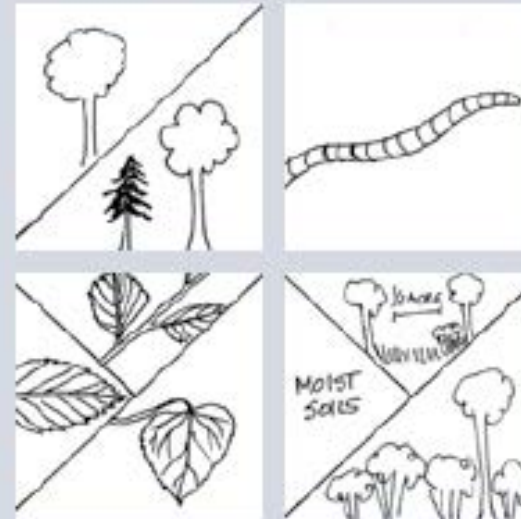
Identification and ecology of and
management for twelve priority forest birds

American Woodcock

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Scolopax minor



Three requirements for the birds selected:

- Must be in decline
 - Must benefit from silvicultural activities
 - Must be known, easily recognizable, or easily learned by sight or call to most landowners
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- Enlisted migratory bird specialist Jessica Outcalt PhD to determine the list of birds
 - Audubon chapters, regional bird biologists, and the American Bird Conservancy were engaged

Birds selected

- American Woodcock
- Yellow-billed / Black-billed Cuckoo
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Eastern Whip-poor-will
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Wood Thrush
- Cerulean Warbler
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Hooded Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Eastern Towhee
- Baltimore Oriole



Next steps

- Complete the Landowner's Guide to the 12 Birds
- Develop a Silvicultural Guide to their management for Foresters
- Publish a Series of Songbird Profiles in the *Woodland Steward* (circ. 30,000)
- Organize a Songbird Conservation and Forest Management Conf for 2022

