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In early September, many birds are beginning their epic southbound migrations. They journey southwards in search of food, and some North American species will travel as far as Central and South America.

As the migration season is beginning, have you noticed any new birds around where you live or here at Baltimore Woods? This coloring page below shows a few common early fall species that can be found in Central New York. After printing the page, see if you can find any of these birds in the wild. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds website is a great resource to help you color them accurately:

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/>



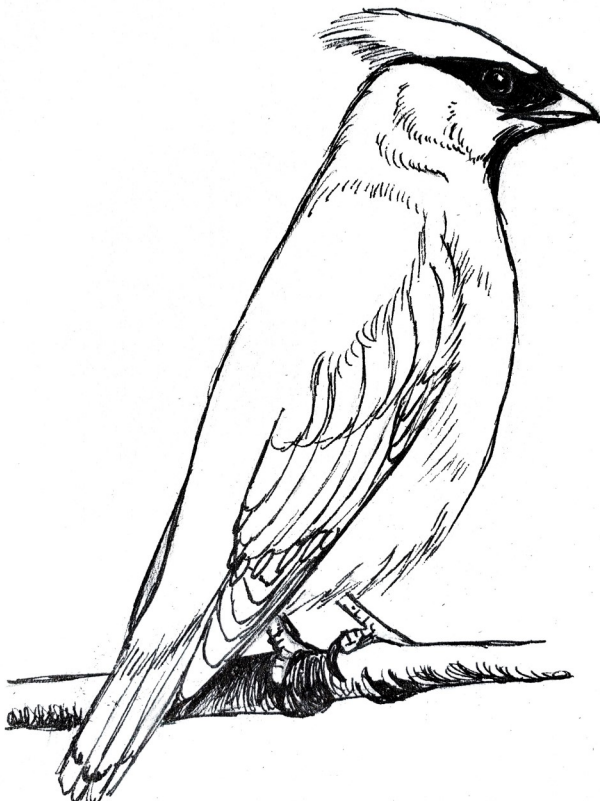
Baltimore Orioles are among the first fall migrants, sometimes beginning their southward flight as early as July. These orioles are Neotropical migrants, often flying to Central America for the winter. They enjoy eating fruits such as grapes, and you can attract orioles to your yard by putting out a small amount of grape jelly in a hanging dish or feeder each day. The male (pictured here) is bright orange with a black head and wings.



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Ruby-throated Hummingbirds zip along on their fall migration mostly during August and September, and they make an impressive trip that can involve crossing the Gulf of Mexico non-stop. Before their migratory flight, hummingbirds fuel up on nectar and insects, sometimes nearly doubling their weight! Hummingbirds love native plants such as Bee Balm and Jewelweed. The male (pictured at right) has a green back and ruby throat.



Cedar Waxwings are often found snacking on Staghorn Sumac berries around the Interpretive Center here at Baltimore Woods. Their migration patterns are somewhat irregular depending on food availability. They migrate in flocks, often departing in August. Listen for their high-pitched calls and look for their dapper light brown, yellow, and gray coloration. Waxwings are named for the waxy red tips on their secondary flight feathers; they also have a yellow or orange tail band which can change color depending on their diet.