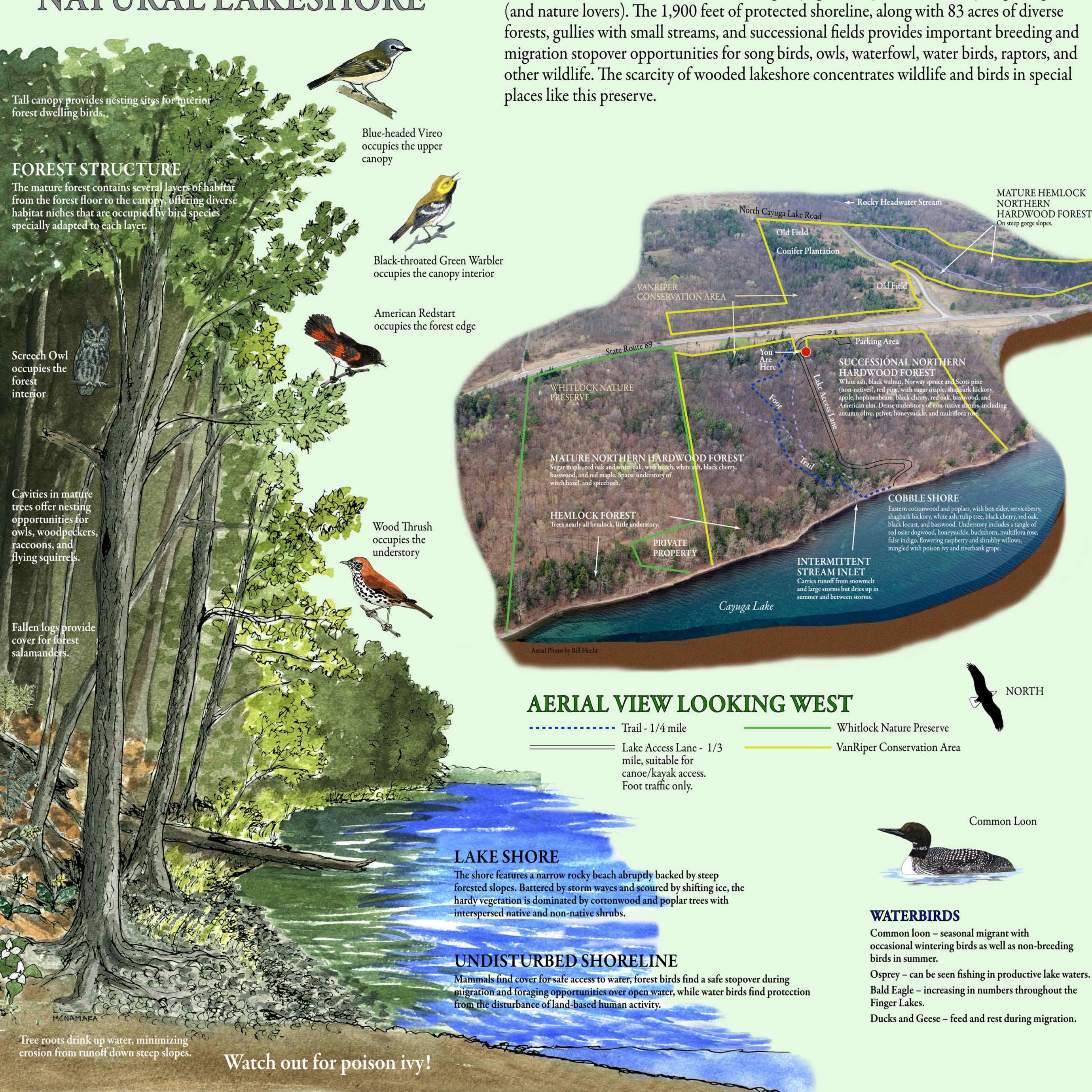


VANRIPER CONSERVATION AREA & WHITLOCK NATURE PRESERVE

Undisturbed shoreline habitat is rare along Cayuga Lake, yet in demand by migrating birds





LATE SUCCESSIONAL DIVERSITY



Mature forests on the lakeshore slopes feature diverse hardwood stands dominated by red and white oak, and sugar maple. Old forests support a diverse array of spring wildflowers including trout lily, white trillium, May apple and false Solomon seal. Ferns are abundant, especially Christmas fern and evergreen woodfern. Many layers of habitat support a diversity of mammals, birds, and amphibians.