

# Name	Habitat	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Thrushes													
Eastern Bluebird	☼												
Veery	☼												
Gray-cheeked Thrush	☼												
Swainson's Thrush	☼												
Hermit Thrush	☼												
Wood Thrush	☼												
American Robin	★												
Mockingbirds & Thrashers													
Gray Catbird	☼												
Northern Mockingbird	☼												
Brown Thrasher	☼												
Starlings													
European Starling	★												
Pipits													
American Pipit	☼												
Waxwings													
Cedar Waxwing	☼												
Warblers & Chats													
Blue-winged Warbler	☼												
Golden-winged Warbler	☼												
Tennessee Warbler	☼												
Orange-crowned Warbler	☼												
Nashville Warbler	☼												
Northern Parula	☼												
Yellow Warbler	☼												
Chestnut-sided Warbler	☼												
Magnolia Warbler	☼												
Cape May Warbler	☼												
Black-throated Blue	☼												
Yellow-rumped Warbler	☼												
Black-throated Green Wbr	☼												
Blackburnian Warbler	☼												
Yellow-throated Warbler	☼												
Pine Warbler	☼												
Prairie Warbler	☼												
Palm Warbler	☼												
Bay-breasted Warbler	☼												
Blackpoll Warbler	☼												
Cerulean Warbler	☼												
Black-and-white Warbler	☼												
American Redstart	☼												
Prothonotary Warbler	☼												
Worm-eating Warbler	☼												
Ovenbird	☼												
Northern Waterthrush	☼												
Louisiana Waterthrush	☼												
Kentucky Warbler	☼												
Connecticut Warbler	☼												
Mourning Warbler	☼												
Common Yellowthroat	☼												
Hooded Warbler	☼												
Wilson's Warbler	☼												
Canada Warbler	☼												
Yellow-breasted Chat	☼												
Tanagers													
Summer Tanager	☼												
Scarlet Tanager	☼												
Emberizids													
Eastern Towhee	☼												
American Tree Sparrow	☼												
Chipping Sparrow	☼												
Clay-colored Sparrow	☼												
Field Sparrow	☼												
Vesper Sparrow	☼												
Savannah Sparrow	☼												
Grasshopper Sparrow	☼												
Henslow's Sparrow	☼												
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sprw	☼												
Fox Sparrow	☼												
Song Sparrow	☼												
Lincoln's Sparrow	☼												
Swamp Sparrow	☼												
White-throated Sparrow	☼												
White-crowned Sparrow	☼												
Dark-eyed Junco	☼												
Lapland Longspur	☼												
Snow Bunting	☼												

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Cardinals & Allies													
Northern Cardinal	☼												
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	☼												
Blue Grosbeak	☼												
Indigo Bunting	☼												
Dickcissel	☼												
Blackbirds													
Bobolink	☼												
Red-winged Blackbird	☼												
Eastern Meadowlark	☼												
Rusty Blackbird	☼												
Common Grackle	★												
Brown-headed Cowbird	☼												
Orchard Oriole	☼												
Baltimore Oriole	☼												
Finches & Allies													
Pine Grosbeak	☼												
Purple Finch	☼												
House Finch	★												
Red Crossbill	☼												
White-winged Crossbill	☼												
Common Redpoll	☼												
Pine Siskin	☼												
American Goldfinch	☼												
Evening Grosbeak	☼												
Old World Sparrows													
House Sparrow	☼												

■ Probably will find ■ Might find □ Lucky to find □ Never seen
 * Irruptive Visitor Breeding ☼ Water ☼ Forest ☼ Scrub - Field ★ Anywhere

Unusual Birds with a Few Sightings in the Park

Double crested cormorants - 4/15/02
White winged crossbills - Winter of 2009

Key Birding Areas and Information

"Birding by Ear" is key when among the tall, ancient pines and hemlocks of Cook Forest State Park. The park is listed as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society with many key species located within 2,000 acres of old growth forest.

Birders should find Blackburnian warblers along the Longfellow Trail within the Forest Cathedral, a registered National Natural Landmark, along with scarlet tanagers, chestnut-sided and black-throated green warblers. The threatened Swainson's thrush has also been noted here as well as the old growth forest surrounding Ridge Camp and along Fire Tower Rd.

See chimney swifts in the Forest Cathedral utilize their natural habitat, dead standing trees, not your neighbor's chimney. If you still can't find them in the woods, it's guaranteed to see them using the Ranger Station's chimney.

Woodpeckers thrive in the park. On an exceptional day a birder can see downy, hairy, red-bellied, and pileated woodpeckers, as well as common flickers, and yellow-bellied sapsuckers.

Black-throated blue warblers are often found near the Seneca Point Overlook and Fire Tower #9.

Louisiana waterthrush have been noted along Toms Run on the Liggett Trail and on Browns Run just upstream from Toms Run Road.

The Toms Run Valley is excellent for wood and hermit thrushes. Veerys can sometimes be heard along the Clarion River at dusk and dawn. Screech-owls and sometimes saw-whet owls take over the river watch at night. Great horned and barred owls have been known to keep folks up all night at Ridge Camp.

Watch for rare spring migratory waterfowl along the Clarion River. Double-crested cormorants, common terns, and common loons have been known to make a rare appearance in late March and early April. Common mergansers are truly "common" along the river, but watching them drive minnows to the shallows in echelon is quite a site. Keep an eye out for wood ducks and nest boxes along the south bank. Listen for the chatter of the belted kingfisher as they hunt from short perches along the river bank. Bufflehead show up like clockwork every spring on the river in the exact same eddies as in years past.

Cliff and barn swallows nest under the PA 36 Cooksburg Bridge. Some have noted rough-winged swallows here as well.

Bald eagles are becoming more common along the river. Osprey are much more difficult to find. Keep an eye out for nests!

The Fire Tower is a nice spot for fall migratory raptors. Take advantage of seeing many birds from their level. Parula warblers like to hang out in the emergent pines here.

Parula warblers should easily be found at the park office, as well as Baltimore orioles and American goldfinch. Rose-breasted grosbeaks sometimes show up for free seed.

Don't forget winter at Cook Forest. White-winged and red crossbills have been known to make an appearance in the pine forests. Pine siskins sometimes drop in at the park office feeder.

Birds

Cook Forest State Park



Date _____ Time _____

Weather _____

Observer _____

♿ Access for People with Disabilities

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

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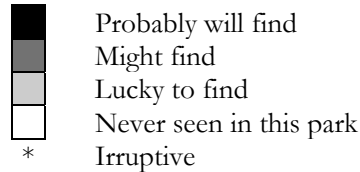


How to Use This Checklist

Carry this list when birding and write down the number of birds you see. The birds are arranged in the same order as most modern bird field guides.

The Ease of Finding Code

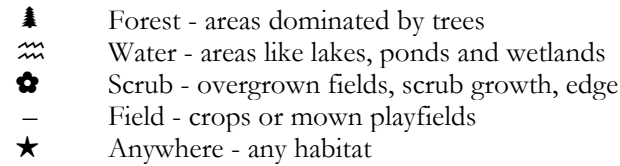
The ease-of-finding codes consider each species' abundance, frequency and conspicuousness (size, color, habits, habitats). For example, although warblers may be more numerous than hawks, the hawk is given the higher code because of its size and soaring flight. Because the warbler is small, quiet and lives in the dense treetops, it has a low code.



* Irruptive - These visitors can be seen in large numbers or be absent. Their presence varies from year to year and depends greatly on the weather in very distant parts of the continent.

Habitat Codes

Many birds will rarely be found outside of their habitat. Use the code to help you identify where the bird will likely be found.



Bold birds are known nesters in the park.

About This List

This list includes birds likely to be found in Pennsylvania, as compiled by the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee. The only birds not on this list are *casual* and *provisional* birds that are rare visitors to Pennsylvania.

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How You Can Help

- Report to the park office sightings of rare birds or unusual dates of birds.
- Do not disturb birds or harass wildlife.
- Stay on hiking trails to reduce habitat destruction.
- Do not litter.
- Respect the property rights of adjacent landowners and the privacy of others.
- Share the joy of birding with others.

#	Name	Habitat	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
	Ducks, Geese & Swans													
	Greatr White-fronted Goose	W												
	Snow Goose	W												
	Ross's Goose	W												
	Brant	W												
	Cackling Goose	W												
	Canada Goose	W												
	Mute Swan	W												
	Tundra Swan	W												
	Wood Duck	W												
	Gadwall	W												
	Eurasian Wigeon	W												
	American Wigeon	W												
	American Black Duck	W												
	Mallard	W												
	Blue-winged Teal	W												
	Northern Shoveler	W												
	Northern Pintail	W												
	Green-winged Teal	W												
	Canvasback	W												
	Redhead	W												
	Ring-necked Duck	W												
	Greater Scaup	W												
	Lesser Scaup	W												
	White-winged Scoter	W												
	Surf Scoter	W												
	Black Scoter	W												
	Long-tailed Duck	W												
	Bufflehead	W												
	Common Goldeneye	W												
	Hooded Merganser	W												
	Common Merganser	W												
	Red-breasted Merganser	W												
	Ruddy Duck	W												
	Grouse, Turkeys & Quail													
	Ring-necked Pheasant	S												
	Ruffed Grouse	S												
	Wild Turkey	S												
	New World Quail													
	Northern Bobwhite	S												
	Loons													
	Red-throated Loon	W												
	Common Loon	W												
	Grebes													
	Pied-billed Grebe	W												
	Horned Grebe	W												
	Red-necked Grebe	W												
	Eared Grebe	W												
	Pelicans													
	American White Pelican	W												
	Cormorants													
	Double-crested Cormorant	W												
	Great Cormorant	W												
	Bitterns, Herons & Allies													
	American Bittern	W												
	Least Bittern	W												
	Great Blue Heron	W												
	Great Egret	W												
	Snowy Egret	W												
	Little Blue Heron	W												
	Tricolored Heron	W												
	Cattle Egret	W												
	Green Heron	W												
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	W												
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	W												
	Ibises													
	Glossy Ibis	W												
	New World Vultures													
	Black Vulture	S												
	Turkey Vulture	S												
	Hawks & Eagles													
	Osprey	W												
	Bald Eagle	W												
	Northern Harrier	S												
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	S												
	Cooper's Hawk	S												
	Northern Goshawk	S												
	Red-shouldered Hawk	S												

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	Hawks & Eagles (cont'd)													
	Broad-winged Hawk	S												
	Red-tailed Hawk	S												
	Rough-legged Hawk	S												
	Golden Eagle	S												
	Falcons													
	American Kestrel	S												
	Merlin	S												
	Peregrine Falcon	S												
	Rails & Coots													
	Virginia Rail	W												
	Sora	W												
	Common Moorhen	W												
	American Coot	W												
	Cranes													
	Sandhill Crane	W												
	Plovers													
	Black-bellied Plover	W												
	American Golden-Plover	W												
	Semipalmated Plover	W												
	Killdeer	W												
	Avocets													
	American Avocet	W												
	Sandpipers & Phalaropes													
	Greater Yellowlegs	W												
	Lesser Yellowlegs	W												
	Solitary Sandpiper	W												
	Willet	W												
	Spotted Sandpiper	W												
	Whimbrel	W												
	Ruddy Turnstone	W												
	Red Knot	W												
	Sanderling	W												
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	W												
	Western Sandpiper	W												
	Least Sandpiper	W												
	White-rumped Sandpiper	W												
	Baird's Sandpiper	W												
	Pectoral Sandpiper	W												
	Dunlin	W												
	Stilt Sandpiper	W												
	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	W												
	Short-billed Dowitcher	W												
	Long-billed Dowitcher	W												
	Wilson's Snipe	S												
	American Woodcock	S												
	Wilson's Phalarope	W												
	Red-necked Phalarope	W												
	Gulls & Terns													
	Laughing Gull	W												
	Franklin's Gull	W												
	Little Gull	W												
	Bonaparte's Gull	W												
	Ring-billed Gull	W												
	Herring Gull	W												
	Thayer's Gull	W												
	Iceland Gull	W												
	Lesser Black-backed Gull	W												
	Glaucous Gull	W												
	Great Black-backed Gull	W												
	Caspian Tern	W	</											