

Where to See Birds

Whipple Dam State Park has diverse habitats. The lake at Whipple Dam is good for waterfowl viewing. It is comparatively large in the Stone Valley area. Stormy weather during the spring season may cause more rare species to stop in and wait out the storm. Ospreys and bald eagles can sometimes be seen overhead, while spotted sandpipers feed along the water's edge. Tree and barn swallows swoop over the water, feeding on aquatic insects during peak migration and occasionally during the summer.

Mallards, Canada geese, and wood ducks may summer in small numbers. Great blue herons are commonly seen at the lake, or flying slowly overhead in and out of Rothrock State Forest.

Shrubby areas bordering the lake and streams of the park are excellent habitat. Regular breeders include ruby-throated hummingbirds, eastern phoebes, Carolina wrens, American robins, eastern bluebirds, gray catbirds, common yellowthroats, chipping and song sparrows, northern cardinals, and Baltimore orioles. During migration, a great variety of flycatchers, thrushes, warblers and sparrows may be found feeding in these areas, perhaps attracted by abundant insect food. Bad weather sometimes means good birding, as birds are forced down from the sky or may feed more actively when they need calories to sustain their high metabolism on cold mornings. Often, birds are found concentrated in places where the sun strikes early in the morning.

The Whipple Lake Trail provides ample opportunities to view wetlands along its one-mile loop circling the lake. Deciduous forests dominate the landscape. Abundant breeders are wood-pewees, red-eyed vireos, wood thrushes, ovenbirds, eastern towhees and scarlet tanagers. Year-round birds include chickadees, titmice, white-breasted nuthatches and five woodpecker

species. Acadian flycatchers, golden-crowned kinglets, black-throated green and Blackburnian warblers, and hermit thrushes may be found during migration and as uncommon summer breeders.

During autumn, scan the sky overhead as raptors move south. Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, broad-winged, and red-tailed hawks are the most common raptors. In early winter, the hoots of great horned owls signal the beginning of their nesting season.

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.

Whipple Dam State Park

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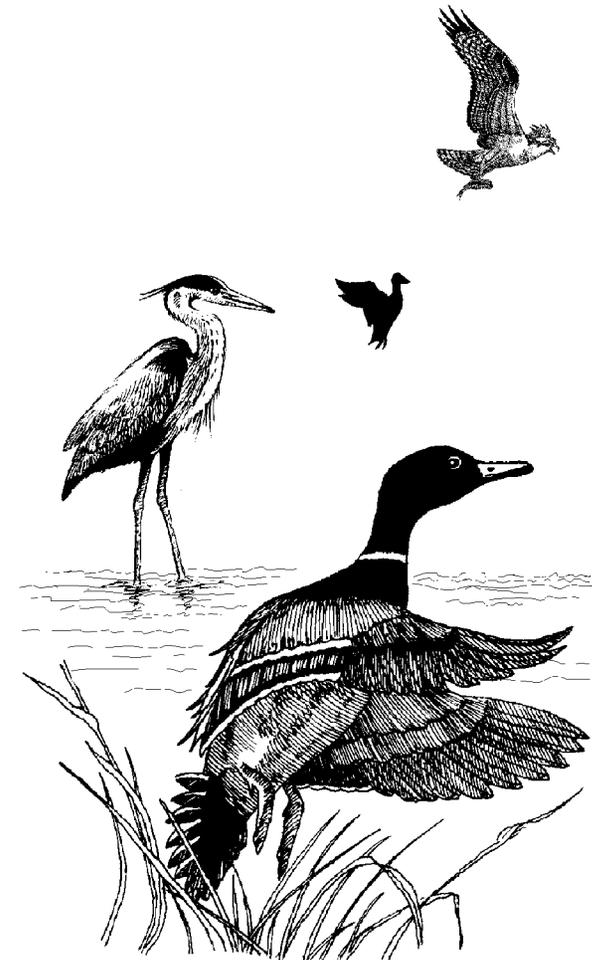


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Common Birds of Whipple Dam State Park





Forests

Year-round Residents

- Blue Jay
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Tufted Titmouse
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Cardinal
- Ruffed Grouse

Spring Visitors

- Blue-headed Vireo
- Eastern Towhee
- Ovenbird
- Scarlet Tanager
- Wood Thrush
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Whip-poor-will

Summer Visitors

- American Redstart
- Eastern Towhee
- Ovenbird
- Scarlet Tanager
- Wood Thrush
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Whip-poor-will
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Autumn Visitors

- Blue-headed Vireo
- Eastern Towhee
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Cooper's Hawk
- Ovenbird
- Scarlet Tanager
- Wood Thrush



Fields and Grassy Areas

Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Blue Jay
- Cedar Waxwing
- Downy Woodpecker
- Mourning Dove
- Northern Flicker
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- American Goldfinch
- Carolina Wren
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Eastern Bluebird
- Northern Cardinal
- Song Sparrow

Spring Visitors

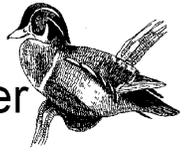
- American Robin
- Common Grackle
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Oriole
- Turkey Vulture
- American Tree Sparrow
- Common Yellowthroat
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- White-throated Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Eastern Phoebe
- Indigo Bunting
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Yellow Warbler

Summer Visitors

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- Common Grackle
- Eastern Towhee
- House Wren
- Northern Oriole
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Wetlands and Water

Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Canada Goose
- Mallard
- Belted Kingfisher
- Great Blue Heron
- Song Sparrow

Spring Visitors

- Barn Swallow
- Common Loon
- Green Heron
- Hooded Merganser
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Wood Duck
- Bufflehead
- Gray Catbird
- Green-winged Teal
- Osprey
- Ring-necked Duck
- Tree Swallow

Summer Visitors

- Acadian Flycatcher
- Barn Swallow
- Gray Catbird
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- Lessor Scaup
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Swamp Sparrow

