

Where to See Birds

Park Office Area – The area surrounding the park office has a diversity of habitats from open grass fields and dense thickets to wooded edges and streams. This area is always teeming with bird activity. The songs of the wood thrush, ovenbird and red-eyed vireo are common throughout the spring and the summer. Eastern bluebirds are often seen throughout the nesting season, and nesting gray catbirds use our vast rows of multiflora rose. The wooded area behind the park office is the best place to catch a glimpse of one of our most fascinating residents, the pileated woodpecker.

Sycamore Mills Area – This area consists of several wetlands and a stream community, which contains Sycamore Mills Dam. This area also offers a diversity of bird species. Wood ducks can be found nesting in old tree cavities. In the spring and summer, great blue herons can be seen feeding on small fish. Yellow warblers, red-winged blackbirds and Louisiana waterthrush are also common sights and sounds.

Hidden Valley Farm and Stables – This area, directly across from the park office, consists of fields and pastures surrounded by wooded edges. Turkey vultures and American kestrels are commonly seen perching on snags and power lines, while red-tailed hawks are seen soaring above the fields. This is also a good area to observe the eastern bluebird. There are several bluebird boxes in this area, most of which are inhabited by eastern bluebirds during the spring and the summer months.

Migrations – Warblers rest at the park during spring and fall migration. Large numbers of broad-winged hawks may occasionally be seen during the peak of autumn migration. Evening

grosbeaks are quite common during the winter months.

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.

Ridley Creek State Park

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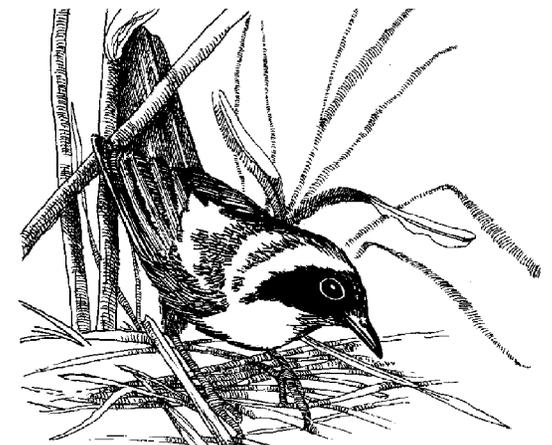
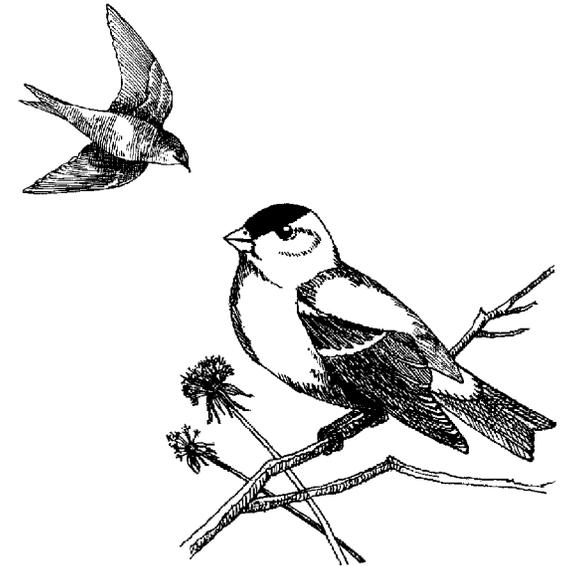


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Common Birds of Ridley Creek State Park





Forests

Year-round Residents

- _ Carolina Chickadee
- _ Cedar Waxwing
- _ Downy Woodpecker
- _ Northern Cardinal
- _ Tufted Titmouse
- _ Black-capped Chickadee
- _ White-breasted Nuthatch
- _ Carolina Wren
- _ Dark-eyed Junco
- _ Eastern Screech Owl
- _ Pileated Woodpecker
- _ Turkey Vulture

Spring Visitors

- _ Acadian Flycatcher
- _ Canada Warbler
- _ Kentucky Warbler
- _ Red-eyed Vireo
- _ Wood Thrush
- _ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- _ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- _ American Redstart
- _ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- _ Ovenbird
- _ Veery

Summer Visitors

- _ Acadian Flycatcher
- _ Chipping Sparrow
- _ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- _ Red-eyed Vireo
- _ Scarlet Tanager
- _ Wood Thrush
- _ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- _ Great Crested Flycatcher
- _ American Redstart
- _ Eastern Phoebe
- _ Ovenbird
- _ Rufous-side Towhee
- _ Veery

Autumn Visitors

- _ Acadian Flycatcher
- _ Ovenbird
- _ Scarlet Tanager
- _ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- _ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- _ Eastern Phoebe
- _ Purple Finch



Fields and Grassy Areas

Year-round Residents

- _ American Crow
- _ American Kestrel
- _ Mockingbird
- _ Northern Flicker
- _ Song Sparrow
- _ Eurasian Tree Sparrow
- _ American Goldfinch
- _ American Robin
- _ Mourning Dove
- _ Rock Dove

Spring Visitors

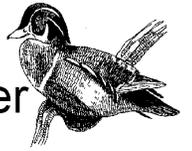
- _ Brown Thrasher
- _ Eastern Bluebird
- _ Gray Catbird
- _ Indigo Bunting
- _ Purple Martin
- _ White-eyed Vireo
- _ Chimney Swift
- _ Eastern Kingbird
- _ House Wren
- _ Prairie Warbler
- _ Tree Swallow

Summer Visitors

- _ Blue-winged Warbler
- _ Chimney Swift
- _ Eastern Kingbird
- _ Gray Catbird
- _ Prairie Warbler
- _ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- _ Brown Thrasher
- _ Eastern Bluebird
- _ Field Sparrow
- _ Indigo Bunting

Autumn Visitors

- _ Blue-winged Warbler
- _ Gray Catbird
- _ Tree Swallow
- _ Eurasian Tree Sparrow
- _ White-crowned Sparrow
- _ Common Grackle
- _ Rufous-sided Towhee



Wetlands and Water

Year-round Residents

- _ Canada Goose
- _ Wood Duck
- _ Mallard Duck

Spring Visitors

- _ Barn Swallow
- _ Tree Swallow
- _ Common Yellowthroat
- _ Red-winged Blackbird
- _ Great Blue Heron
- _ Yellow Warbler

Summer Visitors

- _ Barn Swallow
- _ Yellow Warbler
- _ Louisiana Waterthrush
- _ Red-winged Blackbird
- _ Great Blue Heron

Autumn Visitors

- _ Eastern Phoebe
- _ Yellow Warbler
- _ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- _ Red-winged Blackbird
- _ Tree Swallow

