

## Where to See Birds

Pymatuning Reservoir is a haven for waterfowl throughout the year. Ring-billed gull, mallard duck, and of course, the resident Canada goose can be seen all around the lake. Great blue heron can be found quietly wading in the American lotus flowers along the shore near the spillway area of the lake or near Carp Point at the southern end of the reservoir near the dam.

During peak migration – mid-November and late March, the careful observer may spot some of our interesting guests. Common loon, tundra swan, green-winged teal, common goldeneye, and bufflehead are some of the species that can be seen on the open waters of the reservoir.

The wetlands around the reservoir provide habitat for red-breasted merganser, red-winged blackbird, blue-winged teal and wood duck. Sugar Run Trail and Tamarack Trail offer easy walks to view birds throughout the seasons.

Perhaps Pymatuning State Park's best-known bird is the bald eagle. These magnificent birds can be seen throughout the year soaring above the reservoir and nearby marshes. This wasn't always the case. Between 1963 and 1980, only three bald eagle nests existed in Pennsylvania and these were all in the Pymatuning/Conneaut Marsh region.

The effects of DDT (a pesticide) and loss of habitat decimated the bald eagle population. In 1967, DDT was banned. In 1972, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act was passed. In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was passed. These three measures contributed to saving the eagles from possible extinction. From 1983 to 1989, the Pennsylvania Game Commission began a re-introduction program with 88 young eaglets brought to Pennsylvania from Northern Canada. These eaglets were raised in hacking towers with human contact kept to a minimum. The young eagles were released into the wild as soon as they were ready to fly.

From only three nesting pairs in Pennsylvania, there are now 53 nesting pairs. Crawford County has the majority of nests with 14 active nests successfully producing 15 young eagles in 2001.

A popular eagle viewing area during the spring and summer months is the PA Game Commission Wildlife Learning Center on Hartstown Road, just south of Linesville. Binoculars or a spotting scope will afford the best view of two nests on the island just to the left of the observation area. From early spring until mid-May is the prime viewing time for these nests.

### 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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# Common Birds of Pymatuning State Park





## Forests

### Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Cedar Waxwing
- Great Horned Owl
- Northern Flicker
- Tufted Titmouse
- Wild Turkey
- American Tree Sparrow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Blue Jay
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Cardinal
- Ruffed Grouse
- Turkey Vulture

### Spring Visitors

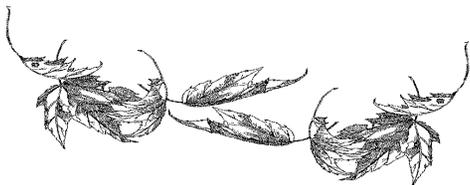
- American Robin
- Baltimore Oriole
- Downy Woodpecker
- Indigo Bunting
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Rufous-sided Towhee
- Song Sparrow
- Tree Swallow
- American Goldfinch
- Chipping Sparrow
- Eastern Phoebe
- Ovenbird
- Purple Finch
- Scarlet Tanager
- Tree Sparrow

### Summer Visitors

- American Robin
- Eastern Bluebird
- Ovenbird
- Purple Finch
- Song Sparrow
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Downy Woodpecker
- Eastern Phoebe
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Scarlet Tanager
- Turkey Vulture

### Autumn Visitors

- Chipping Sparrow
- Eastern Bluebird
- Ovenbird
- Song Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Eastern Phoebe
- Purple Finch



## Fields and Grassy Areas

### Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- European Starling
- Mourning Dove
- Blue Jay
- House Sparrow
- Red-tailed Hawk

### Spring Visitors

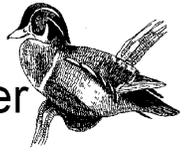
- American Goldfinch
- Cedar Waxwing
- Common Grackle
- Eastern Kingbird
- Indigo Bunting
- Tree Swallow
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- American Robin
- Chipping Sparrow
- Eastern Bluebird
- Gray Catbird
- Killdeer
- Turkey Vulture

### Summer Visitors

- American Goldfinch
- Cedar Waxwing
- Eastern Bluebird
- Gray Catbird
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Turkey Vulture
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- American Robin
- Common Grackle
- Eastern Kingbird
- Killdeer
- Tree Swallow

### Autumn Visitors

- American Goldfinch
- Eastern Kingbird
- Northern Harrier
- Common Grackle
- Gray Catbird
- Turkey Vulture



## Wetlands and Water

### Year-round Residents

- Bald Eagle
- Canada Goose
- Great Horned Owl
- Mourning Dove
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Tufted Titmouse
- American Black Duck
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Blue Jay
- European Starling
- Mallard
- Northern Cardinal
- Ring-billed Gull

### Spring Visitors

- American Goldfinch
- Barred Owl
- Common Loon
- Great Blue Heron
- Redhead
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Red-winged Blackbird
- American Woodcock
- Bufflehead
- Eastern Screech Owl
- Northern Pintail
- Turkey Vulture

### Summer Visitors

- American Bittern
- Chimney Swift
- Great Blue Heron
- Killdeer
- Northern Harrier
- Wood Duck
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Blue-winged Teal
- Common Grackle
- Green Heron
- Northern Flicker
- Tree Swallow

### Autumn Visitors

- American Coot
- Common Goldeneye
- Common Snipe
- Great Blue Heron
- Hooded Merganser
- Ring-necked Duck
- Tundra Swan
- Red-winged Blackbird
- American Wigeon
- Common Nighthawk
- Gadwall
- Green-winged Teal
- Northern Shovler
- Ruddy Duck

