

## Where to See Birds

Penn-Roosevelt State Park gives birders a unique experience due to its secluded location. Set in the middle of the vast forested tracts of Rothrock State Forest, Penn-Roosevelt is made up of varied habitat suitable for undisturbed birding. The lake is reasonably good for waterfowl viewing. Mallards and wood duck may summer in small numbers. Throughout the summer, great blue herons are commonly seen at the lake or flying slowly overhead.

Migrating spotted sandpipers feed along the lake's edge. Tree and barn swallows swoop over the water, feeding on aquatic insects during peak migration and occasionally during the summer. Stormy weather during the spring season may cause more rare waterfowl species to stop in and wait out the storm.

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.

Forested areas surrounding the park are accessible by hiking the Mid State Trail. Deciduous forests dominate. Abundant breeders are wood-pewees, red-eyed vireos, wood thrushes, ovenbirds, eastern towhees and scarlet tanagers. Year-round birds include black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, white-breasted nuthatches and five woodpecker species. In coniferous growth, acadian flycatchers, golden-crowned kinglets, black-throated green and Blackburnian warblers, and hermit thrush 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. The park may be inaccessible during winter months because the roads are not maintained and are open to joint snowmobile use.

### ♿ 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 Penn-Roosevelt 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
- Tufted Titmouse
- Black-capped Chickadee
- American Goldfinch
- Carolina Wren
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Eastern Bluebird
- Northern Cardinal
- Song Sparrow

### Spring Visitors

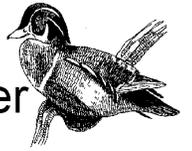
- American Robin
- Chipping Sparrow
- Eastern Phoebe
- Indigo Bunting
- Turkey Vulture
- American Tree Sparrow
- Common Yellowthroat
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- White-throated Sparrow
- Baltimore Oriole
- Common Grackle
- Gray Catbird
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Yellow Warbler

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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
- Wood Duck
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Bufflehead
- Gray Catbird
- Green-winged Teal
- Osprey
- Ring-necked Duck
- Tree Swallow

### Summer Visitors

- Acadian Flycatcher
- Barn Swallow
- Gray Catbird
- Wood Duck
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- Lesser Scaup
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Swamp Sparrow

