

## Where to See Birds

Nescopeck State Park's diversity of intertwined bird habitats is best accessed from the nearly 20 miles of hiking trails and footpaths branching out from the park's eight miles of paved roads. The parking areas at the Lake Frances and Lower Day Use areas and at the numerous trailheads along Honey Hole Road and Lake Frances Road offer access to good birding habitat.

More than 170 species of birds have been documented in the park. The park has an active bluebird and wood duck monitoring program. Species diversity increases during the peak spring migration in mid May and the fall migration in early September.

The signs of less numerous and more reclusive birds are evident throughout the park. Be on the lookout for the massive tree-trunk excavations of the pileated woodpecker, the white wash (excrement) and regurgitated pellets of owl roosts, and tracks in snow, sand or mud of wild turkey, ring-necked pheasant and ruffed grouse. Late fall and early winter, after deciduous leaves have fallen, are excellent times to locate and identify the remnants of nests from the previous summer's breeding residents.

Forested areas are the dominant habitat type within Nescopeck State Park. Grouse Trail and Woodland Way, near the east end of the park, Mountain and Oak trails, off of Lake Frances Road, and Lupine Trail near the west end of the park offer access to habitat used by thrushes, upland game birds, woodpeckers, vireos, warblers and chickadees.

Although predominantly a mixed hardwood forest, sufficient stands of conifers exist, both naturally occurring and in manmade plantations, to support populations of birds normally associated with this habitat. Just west of the entrance for Nescopeck Trail, along Honey Hole Road, are two middle-aged conifer stands.

The open grasslands, fields, thickets and brushy, overgrown, old field areas preferred by sparrows, bluebirds, tree swallows and wrens are found in the Lake Frances Day Use Area and the south side of Honey Hole Road in the area of the Farmstead Trail.

The largest areas of open water can be found within the Lake Frances Day Use Area. Lake Trail around Lake Frances, Nescopeck Trail and Woodland Way best access this habitat. In addition, Dragonfly Pond, near the west end of the Park, north of Honey Hole Road, offers open water habitat.

Nescopeck Creek traverses the entire east-west length of the park, parallel to and south of Honey Hole Road. The flood plain riparian zones of the creek and its numerous spring-fed tributaries, swamps, old beaver dams and scattered vernal pools are a significant wetland habitat evenly distributed throughout the park. Nescopeck Trail, Creek Side Loop and Wood Frog Way are good access trails to Nescopeck Creek and the wetlands in the eastern and middle portions of the park, while Lupine Loop allows access near the park's west end.

### 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 Nescopeck State Park





## Forests

### Year-round Residents

- \_ Blue Jay
- \_ Eastern Screech-Owl
- \_ Hairy Woodpecker
- \_ Pileated Woodpecker
- \_ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- \_ Wild Turkey
- \_ Black-capped Chickadee
- \_ White-breasted Nuthatch
- \_ Downy Woodpecker
- \_ Great Horned Owl
- \_ Northern Cardinal
- \_ Ruffed Grouse
- \_ Tufted Titmouse

### Spring Visitors

- \_ Brown Creeper
- \_ Eastern Towhee
- \_ Purple Finch
- \_ Song Sparrow
- \_ Black-and-white Warbler
- \_ Black-throated Green Warbler
- \_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- \_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- \_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- \_ Eastern Phoebe
- \_ Ovenbird
- \_ Red-eyed Vireo

### Summer Visitors

- \_ American Redstart
- \_ Eastern Phoebe
- \_ Purple Finch
- \_ Veery
- \_ Black-and-white Warbler
- \_ Black-throated Green Warbler
- \_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- \_ Great-crested Flycatcher
- \_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- \_ Brown Creeper
- \_ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- \_ Red-eyed Vireo
- \_ Wood Thrush

### Autumn Visitors

- \_ American Redstart
- \_ Eastern Towhee
- \_ Wood Thrush
- \_ Black-and-white Warbler
- \_ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- \_ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- \_ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- \_ Eastern Phoebe
- \_ Veery



## Fields and Grassy Areas

### Year-round Residents

- \_ American Crow
- \_ Dark-eyed Junco
- \_ House Finch
- \_ Northern Cardinal
- \_ Tufted Titmouse
- \_ Black-capped Chickadee
- \_ Ring-necked Pheasant
- \_ White-breasted Nuthatch
- \_ American Goldfinch
- \_ European Starling
- \_ Mourning Dove
- \_ Red-tailed Hawk
- \_ Wild Turkey

### Spring Visitors

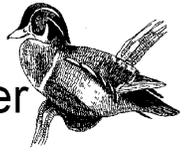
- \_ American Robin
- \_ Baltimore Oriole
- \_ Chipping Sparrow
- \_ Eastern Bluebird
- \_ Field Sparrow
- \_ Indigo Bunting
- \_ Brown-headed Cowbird
- \_ Common Yellowthroat
- \_ American Woodcock
- \_ Brown Thrasher
- \_ Common Grackle
- \_ Eastern Kingbird
- \_ Gray Catbird
- \_ Northern Flicker

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## Wetlands and Water

### Year-round Residents

- \_ Canada Goose
- \_ Belted Kingfisher
- \_ Osprey
- \_ Tree Swallow
- \_ Yellow Warbler
- \_ Great-crested Flycatcher
- \_ Louisiana Waterthrush
- \_ Red-winged Blackbird
- \_ Mallard
- \_ Great Blue Heron
- \_ Swamp Sparrow
- \_ Wood Duck

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