

Where to See Birds

Maurice K. Goddard State Park and Lake Wilhelm have excellent habitats for a variety of birds. Lake Wilhelm provides open water at the south end, marsh/swamp areas at the northern end, and bays and mudflats at various points around the lake that are ideal for a variety of waterfowl and shorebirds. Surrounding and within Maurice K. Goddard State Park are forests, grasslands, ponds and streams which offer habitats for a variety of bird species. Woodpeckers are common throughout Maurice K. Goddard State Park including the pileated woodpecker. A large variety of warblers can be seen during the spring and fall migrations. Several species of warblers nest at the park.

The forest, wetland and grassland areas of Maurice K. Goddard State Park provide the opportunity to view a variety of raptors. The bald eagle can be seen most of the year and has nested at Lake Wilhelm in recent years. Ospreys have nested at Lake Wilhelm and Maurice K. Goddard State Park for several years. An excellent place to view osprey is at a beaver pond across from the marina. A viewing platform has been built there to view the pond.

A hiking trail encircles Maurice K. Goddard State Park and is a good way to view birds. Falling Run Trail goes through a forested area and the most common species of forest birds can be found along this trail. All of the boat launching areas and the causeways are good spots to view waterfowl.

Maurice K. Goddard State Park has eastern bluebird, American kestrel, purple martin, and wood duck nesting boxes throughout the park. The eastern bluebird nesting program at the park has been active for over fifteen years and is one of the most successful in Pennsylvania. During the spring, summer and fall, Maurice K. Goddard State Park offers

environmental interpretation programs at the marina. Many of the programs pertain to birds and are free and open to the public.

Maurice K. Goddard State Park is open to hunting and adjoins State Game Lands 270. For your safety it is important to wear blaze orange when in hunting areas during hunting seasons.

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.

Maurice K. Goddard State Park

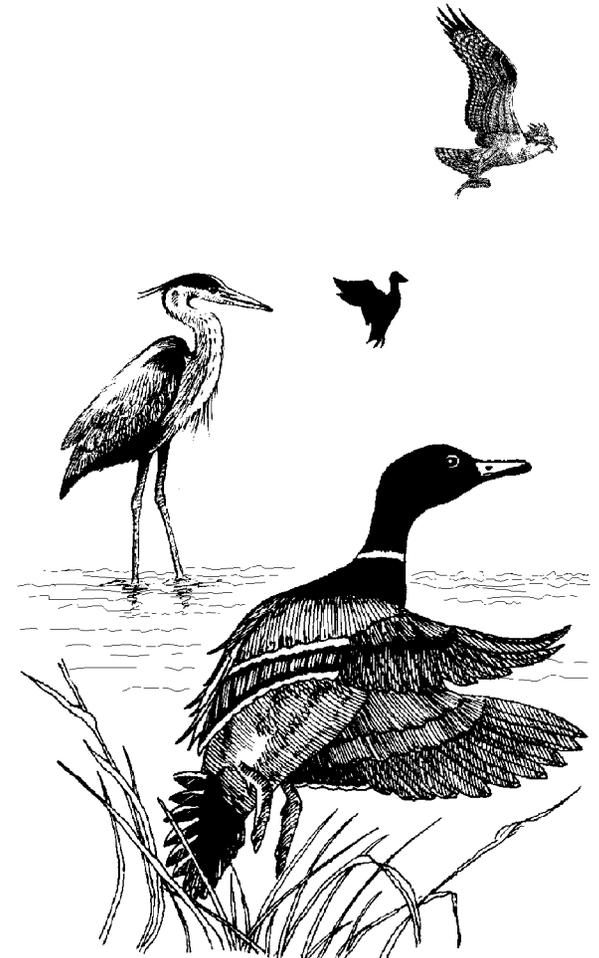
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Common Birds of Maurice K. Goddard State Park





Forests

Year-round Residents

- Barred Owl
- Cooper's Hawk
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Tufted Titmouse
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Cedar Waxwing
- Downy Woodpecker
- Great Horned Owl
- Northern Cardinal
- Ruffed Grouse
- Wild Turkey

Spring Visitors

- American Woodcock
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Kentucky Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Fox Sparrow
- Turkey Vulture

Summer Visitors

- American Redstart
- Magnolia Warbler
- Scarlet Tanager
- Wood Thrush
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Eastern Towhee
- Ovenbird
- Veery

Autumn Visitors

- Broad-winged Hawk
- Common Redpoll
- Nashville Warbler
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- Hooded Warbler
- Pine Siskin
- Sharp-shinned Hawk



Fields and Grassy Areas

Year-round Residents

- American Goldfinch
- Blue Jay
- House Finch
- Mourning Dove
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Song Sparrow
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- American Kestrel
- European Starling
- House Sparrow
- Purple Finch
- Rock Dove

Spring Visitors

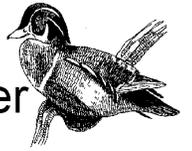
- American Robin
- Chipping Sparrow
- Common Grackle
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Field Sparrow
- Killdeer
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Barn Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Eastern Kingbird
- Eastern Phoebe
- House Wren
- Savannah Sparrow

Summer Visitors

- Baltimore Oriole
- Eastern Bluebird
- Indigo Bunting
- Purple Martin
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Brown Thrasher
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Flicker
- Vesper Sparrow
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Autumn Visitors

- Dark-eyed Junco
- Rough-legged Hawk
- American Tree Sparrow
- Common Yellowthroat
- Evening Grosbeak



Wetlands and Water

Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Canada Goose
- Bald Eagle
- Mallard

Spring Visitors

- Bufflehead
- Gadwall
- Hooded Merganser
- Lesser Scaup
- Northern Shoveler
- Ring-necked Duck
- American Black Duck
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Common Goldeneye
- Green-winged Teal
- Horned Grebe
- Northern Pintail
- Redhead

Summer Visitors

- American Bittern
- Belted Kingfisher
- Great Egret
- Osprey
- Swamp Sparrow
- Wood Duck
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Bank Swallow
- Great Blue Heron
- Marsh Wren
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Tree Swallow

Autumn Visitors

- American Coot
- Common Merganser
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Northern Harrier
- Ring-billed Gull
- Solitary Sandpiper
- American Wigeon
- Common Snipe
- Herring Gull
- Mute Swan
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Ruddy Duck

