

Where to See Birds

Lackawanna State Park offers a great diversity of habitats for seeing or hearing a variety of bird species.

In the forests of the parks you can find wood thrush, hermit thrush, scarlet tanager, red-eyed vireo, black-throated green and black-throated blue warblers. Recommended trails are: Spruce, Grouse, Beech Woods and Hemlock Woods by the campground, Turkey Hill and Frost Hollow off of Boat Mooring, and Kennedy, Lee, A.T.T. and Lakeshore off of Rowland's Road. Northern juncos and golden-crowned kinglets have been found in the hemlock areas during the nesting season. Near Woodland Ponds is a good place to see and hear barred owls.

Birds that prefer open and successional areas can be found throughout the park's day use area and in the shrubby, brushy areas of the group camping and in the model airplane fields, off of PA 438. Species often seen in these areas are: common yellowthroat, yellow warbler, prairie warbler, chestnut-side warbler, cedar waxwing, northern oriole and gray catbird. Keep your eyes peeled for day flying predators looking for some easy prey like broad-winged and red-tailed hawks.

Also throughout the day use and office areas are nest boxes for cavity nesting bird species. Frequent users of these boxes are: eastern bluebird, house wren, black-capped chickadee and tree swallow. In early spring on the Northeast end of the lake, flocks of over one hundred tree swallows have been seen foraging to regain weight and strength after returning from migration and to get ready for the upcoming breeding season.

Wetland birds can be found in the northeast end of the lake where the South Branch of Tunkhannock Creek enters. The wetlands are a haven for red-winged blackbird, great blue heron and swamp sparrow.

More open water birds can be seen from the lakeshore throughout the park. Species you are most likely to find are: Canada goose, mallard and common merganser. During the fall, the lake is usually low with exposed mudflats that are great for viewing migratory shorebirds. You might spy greater yellowlegs or semipalmated sandpiper working the mud.

Keep your eyes to the sky in early spring and late fall and you might see an osprey fishing the lake, or if you're lucky, a bald eagle.

Happy Birding!

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.

Lackawanna State Park

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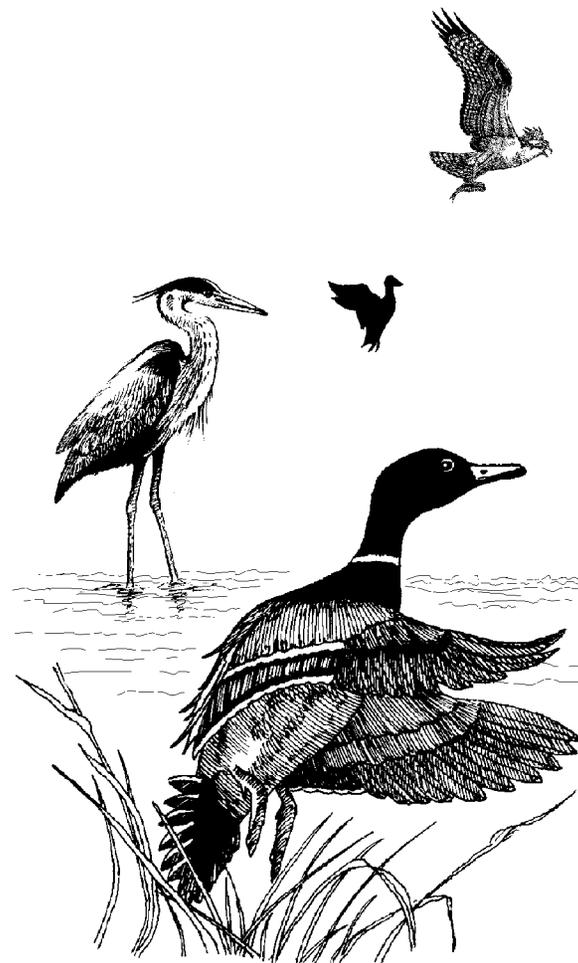


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Common Birds Of Lackawanna State Park





Forests

Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Barred Owl
- Cedar Waxwing
- Eastern Bluebird
- Great Horned Owl
- Mourning Dove
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Ruffed Grouse
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- American Robin
- Blue Jay
- Downy Woodpecker
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Cardinal
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Tufted Titmouse

Spring Visitors

- Blackburnian Warbler
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Winter Wren
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- White-throated Sparrow
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Pine Warbler

Summer Visitors

- American Redstart
- Canada Warbler
- Eastern Phoebe
- House Wren
- Ovenbird
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Eastern Wood-Peevee
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Chipping Sparrow
- Hermit Thrush
- Baltimore Oriole
- Red-eyed Vireo

Autumn Visitors

- Brown Creeper
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Dark-eyed Junco



Fields and Grassy Areas

Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- American Goldfinch
- Blue Jay
- Eastern Bluebird
- Mourning Dove
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Northern Mockingbird
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- American Kestrel
- American Robin
- Cedar Waxwing
- European Starling
- Northern Cardinal
- Wild Turkey

Spring Visitors

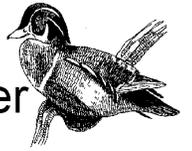
- Fox Sparrow
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- White-throated Sparrow
- Pine Warbler

Summer Visitors

- American Woodcock
- Bobolink
- Brown Thrasher
- Cooper's Hawk
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Field Sparrow
- Indigo Bunting
- Prairie Warbler
- Song Sparrow
- Yellow Warbler
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Common Grackle
- Eastern Kingbird
- Eastern Towhee
- Gray Catbird
- Least Flycatcher
- Savannah Sparrow
- Turkey Vulture

Autumn Visitors

- Common Redpoll
- Tree Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco



Wetlands and Water

Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Canada Goose
- Ring-billed Gull
- Belted Kingfisher
- Mallard

Spring Visitors

- Greater Yellowlegs
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Osprey

Summer Visitors

- Common Merganser
- Killdeer
- Swamp Sparrow
- Yellow Warbler
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Great Blue Heron
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Wood Duck

Autumn Visitors

- Greater Yellowlegs
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Osprey

