

Birds

Greenwood Furnace and Whipple Dam State Parks

Though small, the lakes at both parks attract modest numbers of a variety of waterfowl (more so at Whipple, the larger of the two lakes). Mallard, Canada goose, wood duck, and probably hooded merganser breed locally and are common migrants along with green-winged teal, ring-necked duck, bufflehead, hooded merganser, pied-billed grebe, and occasionally common loon. Stormy weather may cause other less common species to drop-in during migration although such birds often do not linger long.

Osprey and bald eagle are sometimes seen at the lake during the migration, drawn perhaps by the stocked trout. Spotted and solitary sandpipers feed at the water's edge during migration; the "Spotties" probably breed nearby as well. Great blue herons are commonly seen stalking prey by the lakes or commuting to and from secluded breeding colonies within nearby Rothrock State Forest. Tree, barn, and rough-winged swallows swoop over the lake feeding on aquatic insects during spring migration with a few staying for the summer. A special treat at Greenwood from early May through mid-summer are the calls of whip-poor-wills.

During the spring and fall migration, scan the sky for raptors on the move. Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, broad-winged, and red-tailed hawks are the most common of more than a dozen possible raptor species. On cold, windy November days, passing golden eagles are a distinct possibility overhead while below the hardy birds of winter await the coming cold. But, even with the deepening cold of early winter, already in December the hooting of courting great horned owls signals the beginning of the next nesting season, with eggs often laid by the first of February.



#	Name	Habitat	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Wrens (cont'd)														
—	House Wren	★												
—	Winter Wren	★												
—	Sedge Wren	★												
—	Marsh Wren	☼												
Kinglets														
—	Golden-crowned Kinglet	▲												
—	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	▲												
Gnatcatchers														
—	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	▲												
Thrushes														
—	Eastern Bluebird	★												
—	Veery	▲												
—	Gray-cheeked Thrush	▲												
—	Swainson's Thrush	▲												
—	Hermit Thrush	▲												
—	Wood Thrush	▲												
—	American Robin	★												
—	Varied Thrush	▲												
Mockingbirds & Thrashers														
—	Gray Catbird	★												
—	Northern Mockingbird	★												
—	Brown Thrasher	★												
Starlings														
—	European Starling	★												
Pipits														
—	American Pipit	☼												
Waxwings														
—	Cedar Waxwing	☼												
Warblers & Chats														
—	Blue-winged Warbler	★												
—	Golden-winged Warbler	★												
—	Tennessee Warbler	★												
—	Orange-crowned Warbler	★												
—	Nashville Warbler	★												
—	Northern Parula	★												
—	Yellow Warbler	★												
—	Chestnut-sided Warbler	★												
—	Magnolia Warbler	★												
—	Cape May Warbler	★												
—	Black-throated Blue Warbler	★												
—	Yellow-rumped Warbler	★												
—	Black-throated Green War.	★												
—	Blackburnian Warbler	★												
—	Yellow-throated Warbler	★												
—	Pine Warbler	★												
—	Prairie Warbler	★												
—	Palm Warbler	★												
—	Bay-breasted Warbler	★												
—	Blackpoll Warbler	★												
—	Cerulean Warbler	★												
—	Black-and-white Warbler	★												
—	American Redstart	★												
—	Prothonotary Warbler	★												
—	Worm-eating Warbler	★												
—	Ovenbird	★												
—	Northern Waterthrush	☼												
—	Louisiana Waterthrush	☼												
—	Kentucky Warbler	★												
—	Connecticut Warbler	★												
—	Mourning Warbler	★												
—	Common Yellowthroat	☼												
—	Hooded Warbler	★												
—	Wilson's Warbler	★												
—	Canada Warbler	★												
—	Yellow-breasted Chat	★												
Tanagers														
—	Summer Tanager	★												
—	Scarlet Tanager	★												
Emberizids														
—	Eastern Towhee	★												
—	American Tree Sparrow	★												
—	Chipping Sparrow	★												
—	Clay-colored Sparrow	★												
—	Field Sparrow	★												
—	Vesper Sparrow	★												
—	Savannah Sparrow	★												
—	Grasshopper Sparrow	★												
—	Henslow's Sparrow	★												
—	Fox Sparrow	★												

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Emberizids (cont'd)														
—	Song Sparrow	★												
—	Lincoln's Sparrow	★												
—	Swamp Sparrow	☼												
—	White-throated Sparrow	★												
—	Harris's Sparrow	★												
—	White-crowned Sparrow	★												
—	Dark-eyed Junco	★												
—	Lapland Longspur	—												
—	Snow Bunting	☼												
Cardinals & Allies														
—	Northern Cardinal	★												
—	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	★												
—	Blue Grosbeak	★												
—	Indigo Bunting	★												
—	Dickcissel	★												
Blackbirds														
—	Bobolink	★												
—	Red-winged Blackbird	☼												
—	Eastern Meadowlark	★												
—	Rusty Blackbird	★												
—	Common Grackle	★												
—	Brown-headed Cowbird	★												
—	Orchard Oriole	★												
—	Baltimore Oriole	★												
Finches & Allies														
—	Pine Grosbeak	★												
—	Purple Finch	★												
—	House Finch	★												
—	Red Crossbill	★												
—	White-winged Crossbill	★												
—	Common Redpoll	★												
—	Pine Siskin	★												
—	American Goldfinch	★												
—	Evening Grosbeak	★												
Old World Sparrows														
—	House Sparrow	★												

Probably will find
 Might find
 Lucky to find
 Never seen
 * Irruptive Visitor **Breeding** ☼ Water ▲ Forest ★ Scrub - Field ★ Anywhere

Key Birding Areas and Information

Greenwood Furnace and Whipple Sam State Parks, six miles apart (as the crow flies), each lie on the periphery of Rothrock State Forest and are bounded by additional forested private lands. Many decades have passed since much of the area was logged, thus much of the forest here is fairly mature with tall oaks and other hardwoods and substantial stands, cool and moist, of Hemlock, White Pine, and introduced Norway Spruce. As such, forest birds predominate at Greenwood Furnace and Whipple Dam. However, both parks have small lakes (from stone dams built by CCC crews in the 1930s) and Greenwood in particular has substantial open and shrubby space. These features contribute many additional birds to the species lists for the two parks.

The forested areas of Greenwood Furnace and Whipple Dam are accessible via excellent trail systems. In the deciduous forests, which comprise the greater portion of forested acreage, eastern wood-pewee, red-eyed vireo, wood thrush, ovenbird, and scarlet tanager, all tropical migrants, are common breeders along with year-round residents like black-capped chickadee, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, and five woodpecker species. In coniferous growth, Acadian flycatcher, golden-crowned kinglet, black-throated green and blackburnian warblers, dark-eyed junco, and hermit thrush are common during migration and are summer breeders as well.

Shrubby areas at the forest edges and bordering the lake, streams, and lawns of the parks provide excellent habitat for a different set of species. Common breeders include ruby-throated hummingbird, eastern phoebe, Carolina wren, American robin, eastern bluebird, gray catbird, common yellowthroat, chipping and song sparrows, northern cardinal, and Baltimore oriole. During migration, a great variety of flycatchers, thrushes, warblers, and sparrows may be found feeding in these areas, perhaps attracted by the lake where insect food is usually abundant. Bad weather sometimes means good birding as birds are forced down during migration and may feed actively (and thus be easier to observe) to sustain their high metabolism during cold weather or chilling rain. On frosty spring and fall mornings, birds may be found concentrated in places where the warming sun strikes earliest.

Date _____ Time _____

Weather _____

Observer _____

♿ 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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How to Use This Checklist

Carry this list when birding and write down the number of birds you see. The birds are arranged in the same order as most modern bird field guides.

The Ease of Finding Code

The ease-of-finding codes consider each species' abundance, frequency and conspicuousness (size, color, habits, habitats). For example, although warblers may be more numerous than hawks, the hawk is given the higher code because of its size and soaring flight. Because the warbler is small, quiet and lives in the dense treetops, it has a low code.

	Probably will find
	Might find
	Lucky to find
	Never seen in this park
*	Irruptive

* Irruptive - These visitors can be seen in large numbers or be absent. Their presence varies from year to year and depends greatly on the weather in very distant parts of the continent.

Habitat Codes

Many birds will rarely be found outside of their habitat. Use the code to help you identify where the bird will likely be found.

	Forest - areas dominated by trees
	Water - areas like lakes, ponds and wetlands
	Scrub - overgrown fields, scrub growth, edge
	Field - crops or mown playfields
	Anywhere - any habitat

Bold birds are known nesters in the park.

About This List

This list includes birds likely to be found in Pennsylvania, as compiled by the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee. The only birds not on this list are *casual* and *provisional* birds that are rare visitors to Pennsylvania.

Thanks

Thanks to the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology for their Special Areas Project data and also to Doug Gross, PA Game Commission biologist. The majority of records for this checklist project were collected by Greg Grove, Deb Grove, Lewis Grove, and Jay Zook.

How You Can Help

- Report to the park office sightings of rare birds or unusual dates of birds.
- Do not disturb birds or harass wildlife.
- Stay on hiking trails to reduce habitat destruction.
- Do not litter.
- Respect the property rights of adjacent landowners and the privacy of others.
- Share the joy of birding with others.

#	Name	Habitat	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Ducks, Geese & Swans														
---	Greatr White-fronted Goose	☞												
---	Snow Goose	☞												
---	Ross's Goose	☞												
---	Brant	☞												
---	Cackling Goose	☞												
---	Canada Goose	☞												
---	Mute Swan	☞												
---	Trumpeter Swan	☞												
---	Tundra Swan	☞												
---	Wood Duck	☞												
---	Gadwall	☞												
---	Eurasian Wigeon	☞												
---	American Wigeon	☞												
---	American Black Duck	☞												
---	Mallard	☞												
---	Blue-winged Teal	☞												
---	Northern Shoveler	☞												
---	Northern Pintail	☞												
---	Green-winged Teal	☞												
---	Canvasback	☞												
---	Redhead	☞												
---	Ring-necked Duck	☞												
---	Greater Scaup	☞												
---	Lesser Scaup	☞												
---	Harlequin Duck	☞												
---	Surf Scoter	☞												
---	White-winged Scoter	☞												
---	Black Scoter	☞												
---	Long-tailed Duck	☞												
---	Bufflehead	☞												
---	Common Goldeneye	☞												
---	Barrow's Goldeneye	☞												
---	Hooded Merganser	☞												
---	Common Merganser	☞												
---	Red-breasted Merganser	☞												
---	Ruddy Duck	☞												
Grouse, Turkeys & Quail														
---	Ring-necked Pheasant	☞												
---	Ruffed Grouse	☞												
---	Wild Turkey	☞												
---	New World Quail	☞												
---	Northern Bobwhite	☞												
Loons														
---	Red-throated Loon	☞												
---	Common Loon	☞												
Grebes														
---	Pied-billed Grebe	☞												
---	Horned Grebe	☞												
---	Red-necked Grebe	☞												
---	Eared Grebe	☞												
Pelicans														
---	American White Pelican	☞												
Cormorants														
---	Double-crested Cormorant	☞												
---	Great Cormorant	☞												
Bitterns, Herons & Allies														
---	American Bittern	☞												
---	Least Bittern	☞												
---	Great Blue Heron	☞												
---	Great Egret	☞												
---	Snowy Egret	☞												
---	Little Blue Heron	☞												
---	Tricolored Heron	☞												
---	Cattle Egret	☞												
---	Green Heron	☞												
---	Black-crowned Night-Heron	☞												
---	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	☞												
Ibises														
---	White Ibis	☞												
---	Glossy Ibis	☞												
New World Vultures														
---	Black Vulture	☞												
---	Turkey Vulture	☞												
Hawks & Eagles														
---	Osprey	☞												
---	Bald Eagle	☞												
---	Northern Harrier	☞												

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Hawks & Eagles (cont'd)														
---	Sharp-shinned Hawk	☞												
---	Cooper's Hawk	☞												
---	Northern Goshawk	☞												
---	Red-shouldered Hawk	☞												
---	Broad-winged Hawk	☞												
---	Red-tailed Hawk	☞												
---	Rough-legged Hawk	☞												
---	Golden Eagle	☞												
Falcons														
---	American Kestrel	☞												
---	Merlin	☞												
---	Peregrine Falcon	☞												
Rails & Coots														
---	Virginia Rail	☞												
---	Sora	☞												
---	Common Moorhen	☞												
---	American Coot	☞												
Cranes														
---	Sandhill Crane	☞												
Plovers														
---	Black-bellied Plover	☞												
---	American Golden-Plover	☞												
---	Semipalmated Plover	☞												
---	Piping Plover	☞												
---	Killdeer	☞												
Avocets														
---	American Avocet	☞												
Sandpipers & Phalaropes														
---	Greater Yellowlegs	☞												
---	Lesser Yellowlegs	☞												
---	Solitary Sandpiper	☞												
---	Willet	☞												
---	Spotted Sandpiper	☞												
---	Upland Sandpiper	☞												
---	Whimbrel	☞												
---	Hudsonian Godwit	☞												
---	Ruddy Turnstone	☞												
---	Red Knot	☞												
---	Sanderling	☞												
---	Semipalmated Sandpiper	☞												
---	Western Sandpiper	☞												
---	Least Sandpiper	☞												
---	White-rumped Sandpiper	☞												
---	Baird's Sandpiper	☞												
---	Pectoral Sandpiper	☞												
---	Purple Sandpiper	☞												
---	Dunlin	☞												
---	Stilt Sandpiper	☞												
---	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	☞												
---	Short-billed Dowitcher	☞												
---	Long-billed Dowitcher	☞												
---	Wilson's Snipe	☞												