

#	Name	Habitat	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Thrushes														
1	Eastern Bluebird	☼												
2	Veery	☼												
3	Gray-cheeked Thrush	☼												
4	Swainson's Thrush	☼												
5	Hermit Thrush	☼												
6	Wood Thrush	☼												
7	American Robin	★												
Mockingbirds & Thrashers														
8	Gray Catbird	☼												
9	Northern Mockingbird	☼												
10	Brown Thrasher	☼												
Starlings														
11	European Starling	★												
Pipits														
12	American Pipit	☼												
Waxwings														
13	Cedar Waxwing	☼												
Warblers & Chats														
14	Blue-winged Warbler	☼												
15	Golden-winged Warbler	☼												
16	Tennessee Warbler	☼												
17	Orange-crowned Warbler	☼												
18	Nashville Warbler	☼												
19	Northern Parula Warbler	☼												
20	Yellow Warbler	☼												
21	Chestnut-sided Warbler	☼												
22	Magnolia Warbler	☼												
23	Cape May Warbler	☼												
24	Black-throated Blue Warbler	☼												
25	Yellow-rumped Warbler	☼												
26	Black-throated green Warbler	☼												
27	Blackburnian Warbler	☼												
28	Yellow-throated Warbler	☼												
29	Pine Warbler	☼												
30	Prairie Warbler	☼												
31	Palm Warbler	☼												
32	Bay-breasted Warbler	☼												
33	Blackpoll Warbler	☼												
34	Cerulean Warbler	☼												
35	Black-and-white Warbler	☼												
36	American Redstart	☼												
37	Prothonotary Warbler	☼												
38	Worm-eating Warbler	☼												
39	Ovenbird	☼												
40	Northern Waterthrush	☼												
41	Louisiana Waterthrush	☼												
42	Kentucky Warbler	☼												
43	Connecticut Warbler	☼												
44	Mourning Warbler	☼												
45	Common Yellowthroat	☼												
46	Hooded Warbler	☼												
47	Wilson's Warbler	☼												
48	Canada Warbler	☼												
49	Yellow-breasted Chat	☼												
Tanagers														
50	Summer Tanager	☼												
51	Scarlet Tanager	☼												
Emberizids														
52	Eastern Towhee	☼												
53	American Tree Sparrow	☼												
54	Chipping Sparrow	☼												
55	Clay-colored Sparrow	☼												
56	Field Sparrow	☼												
57	Vesper Sparrow	☼												
58	Savannah Sparrow	☼												
59	Grasshopper Sparrow	☼												
60	Henslow's Sparrow	☼												
61	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sprrw	☼												
62	Fox Sparrow	☼												
63	Song Sparrow	☼												
64	Lincoln's Sparrow	☼												
65	Swamp Sparrow	☼												
66	White-throated Sparrow	☼												
67	Harris's Sparrow	☼												
68	White-crowned Sparrow	☼												
69	Dark-eyed Junco	☼												
70	Lapland Longspur	☼												
71	Snow Bunting	☼												

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Cardinals & Allies														
1	Northern Cardinal	☼												
2	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	☼												
3	Blue Grosbeak	☼												
4	Indigo Bunting	☼												
5	Dickcissel	☼												
Blackbirds														
6	Bobolink	☼												
7	Red-winged Blackbird	☼												
8	Eastern Meadowlark	☼												
9	Yellow-headed Blackbird	☼												
10	Rusty Blackbird	☼												
11	Brewer's Blackbird	☼												
12	Common Grackle	★												
13	Brown-headed Cowbird	☼												
14	Orchard Oriole	☼												
15	Baltimore Oriole	☼												
Finches & Allies														
16	Pine Grosbeak	☼												
17	Purple Finch	☼												
18	House Finch	★												
19	Red Crossbill	☼												
20	White-winged Crossbill	☼												
21	Common Redpoll	☼												
22	Pine Siskin	☼												
23	American Goldfinch	☼												
24	Evening Grosbeak	☼												
Old World Sparrows														
25	House Sparrow	☼												

■ Probably will find ■ Might find ■ Lucky to find □ Never seen
 * Irruptive Visitor **B** Breeding **W** Water **F** Forest **S** Scrub **-** Field **★** Anywhere

Key Birding Areas and Information

Black Moshannon State Park features a diversity of habitats and of bird life matched by few other locations in central Pennsylvania. The Audubon Society has recognized the area as an Important Birding Area.

Both habitat and birds are influenced by the park's cool location on the Allegheny Plateau, 2000 feet above sea level. Forests of white pine and hemlock were timbered off in the late 1800s, then regrew into the forest of today, which is dominated by deciduous trees, especially oaks, black cherry, and red maple. Scattered throughout the park are conifer patches, especially spruces and red pines planted in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The man-made 250-acre lake is one of the largest in the region. Swamps, marshes and bogs along the lake headwaters are the most extensive in the region. Each of these habitats attracts specific bird groups.

Some of the most spectacular and easiest-to-see birds can be found during spring migration. Water birds dominate during March and April, followed by songbirds during mid-April to mid-May. Waterfowl migration typically starts in early March, but the number of water birds may depend upon ice thaw. The most frequently observed water birds are Canada goose, wood duck, mallard, and pied-billed grebe. Less frequent are tundra swan, black duck, greater and lesser scaup, bufflehead, hooded and red-breasted mergansers, common loon and horned grebe. Some of the best times to see waterfowl are during or just after a storm. Canada goose, wood duck and mallard breed in the park. The plentiful wood ducks are one of the park's bird highlights, thanks partly to the nest boxes provided.

In spring scan the skies along the lakeshore for soaring raptors. Bald eagle and osprey stop here during their spring migration. Several pairs of red-shouldered, broad-winged, and red-tailed hawks remain through the summer. Vantage points along the lake are great places to observe waterfowl or raptors, including the boat accesses and especially the observation platform on the Bog Trail.

While the swallows of Capistrano have attained notoriety, large numbers of swallows arrive in the park in mid-April. Watch for their skilled maneuvers over the water in spring and summer.

Walking slowly along one of the many trails is probably the best way to observe the many songbirds. The 7.7-mile Moss-Hanne Trail skirts the bogs of the Black Moshannon Bog Natural Area and traverses deciduous and conifer forests, providing some of the best birding in the park. For a shorter hike walk partway and then double back. Parts of the trail are often wet, so it is best to be prepared by wearing proper footwear. Star Mill Trail or a loop through Seneca, Indian, and Hay Road trails are shorter alternatives.

Visit the bogs and their edges to observe alder flycatcher, gray catbird, cedar waxwing, chestnut-sided warbler, common yellowthroat, eastern

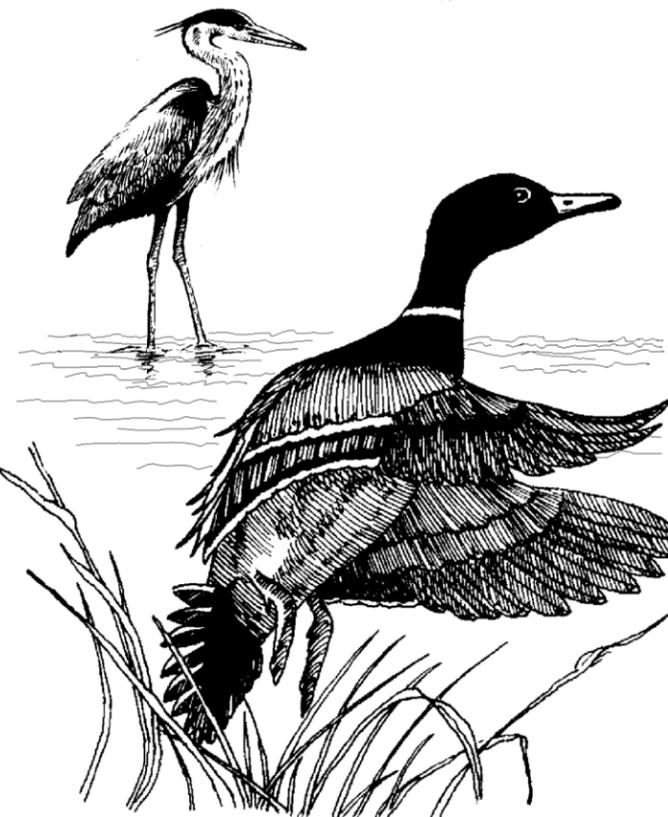
towhee, swamp sparrow, song sparrow, red-winged blackbird and American goldfinch. Less common are veery, northern waterthrush, and Canada warbler which are at the southern edge of their ranges.

Search the deciduous forests for red-eyed vireo, ovenbird, and scarlet tanager. Other forest species include yellow-billed cuckoo, eastern wood-pewee, black-capped chickadee, and white-breasted nuthatch. Hermit thrush and black-throated green warbler are common in both deciduous and conifer forest. The cawing of American crows or the hoarser croaking of a raven are common throughout the park.

The concentration of conifer-loving birds is one of the most distinguishing features of Black Moshannon's avifauna. Spend time in the conifer patches, especially red pine plantations, to see blue-headed vireo, brown creeper, dark-eyed junco, and magnolia, yellow-rumped, blackburnian, and pine warblers. Purple finches prefer the open margins of conifer patches.

At night, the calls of great horned owls in winter or barred owls in spring can be heard.

Birds Black Moshannon State Park



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

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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.

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Ducks, Geese & Swans														
	Greatr White-fronted Goose	🌿												
	Snow Goose	🌿												
	Ross' Goose	🌿												
	Brant	🌿												
	Cackling Goose	🌿												
	Canada Goose	🌿												
	Mute 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	🌿												
	White-winged Scoter	🌿												
	Surf Scoter	🌿												
	Black Scoter	🌿												
	Long-tailed Duck	🌿												
	Bufflehead	🌿												
	Common 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														
	Glossy Ibis	🌿												
New World Vultures														
	Black Vulture	🌿												
	Turkey Vulture	🌿												
Hawks & Eagles														
	Osprey	🌿												
	Bald Eagle	🌿												
	Northern Harrier	🌿												
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	🌿												
	Cooper's Hawk	🌿												
	Northern Goshawk	🌿												
	Red-shouldered Hawk	🌿												

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Hawks & Eagles (cont'd)														
	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	🌿												
	Killdeer	🌿												
Avocets														
	American Avocet	🌿												
Sandpipers & Phalaropes														
	Greater Yellowlegs	🌿												
	Lesser Yellowlegs	🌿												
	Solitary Sandpiper	🌿												
	Willet	🌿												
	Spotted Sandpiper	🌿												
	Upland Sandpiper	🌿												
	Whimbrel	🌿												
	Ruddy Turnstone	🌿												
	Red Knot	🌿												
	Sanderling	🌿												
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	🌿												
	Western Sandpiper	🌿												
	Least Sandpiper	🌿												
	White-rumped Sandpiper	🌿												
	Baird's Sandpiper	🌿												
	Pectoral Sandpiper	🌿												
	Dunlin	🌿												
	Stilt Sandpiper	🌿												
	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	🌿												
	Short-billed Dowitcher	🌿												
	Long-billed Dowitcher	🌿												
	Wilson's Snipe	🌿												
	American Woodcock	🌿												
	Wilson's Phalarope	🌿												
	Red-necked Phalarope	🌿												
Gulls & Terns														
	Laughing Gull	🌿												
	Franklin's Gull	🌿												
	Little Gull	🌿												
	Bonaparte's Gull	🌿					</							