

## Where to See Birds

Neshaminy State Park is full of bird-friendly habitat! From grasslands, pine plantations, second-growth woodlands and overgrown fields to the Delaware River, there are plenty of areas for birders to explore. Here are just a few suggestions of places to find birds at Neshaminy State Park.

The Marina area is usually a rewarding spot for birders. In spring, fall and winter, flocks of migrant waterfowl can often be seen. Over twenty species of ducks visit here annually, as well as a nice variety of geese, swans and grebes. A walk along the river in this area can be productive as well. Look for various goldfinches and sparrows year-round. In spring and summer, listen for singing Baltimore oriole, golden-crowned kinglet, yellow-rumped warbler, white-throated sparrow and the majestic belted kingfisher.

The area near the swimming pool is another good birding location. The woods around the parking lots are good for eastern phoebe, American tree sparrow and woodpeckers. Pileated woodpeckers have nested here. In spring and late summer, mixed flocks of migrant warblers rest here. Nearby is the Delaware Estuary, another great place to check the river for waterfowl. March and April bring huge mixed flocks of gulls. Great cormorants roost here all year. In spring and summer, check for nesting eastern bluebirds and tree swallows.

The salt marsh and wetlands along the River Walk Trail can also be an excellent birding destination. The higher wooded areas near the River Walk Trail and inner loops are good locations as well. The diversity of habitats in these areas increases your birding chances year-round. In the spring and summer, listen for brown-headed cowbird, American woodcock, pied-billed grebe and tufted titmouse.

The day-use area and parking lots should not be overlooked. The mature oaks and pines are year-round homes to woodpeckers and in the summer months homes to blue jay, great horned owl, eastern screech-owl and Carolina chickadee. Walking back to the Delaware River one can see heron, ring-billed gull, herring gull, great black-backed gull and osprey. The open fields near the river navigational towers can be good for wrens, sharp-shinned hawk,

red-tailed hawk, hermit thrush, and a variety of migrants. Other species, which are occasionally seen in the park, are red-bellied woodpecker, rock dove, American crow, downy woodpecker and northern flicker.

Be sure to check a park map or inquire at the park office for further information and a complete list of birds. Over 75 species of birds have been recorded here over the years and new ones arrive all the time.

### 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.

### Neshaminy State Park

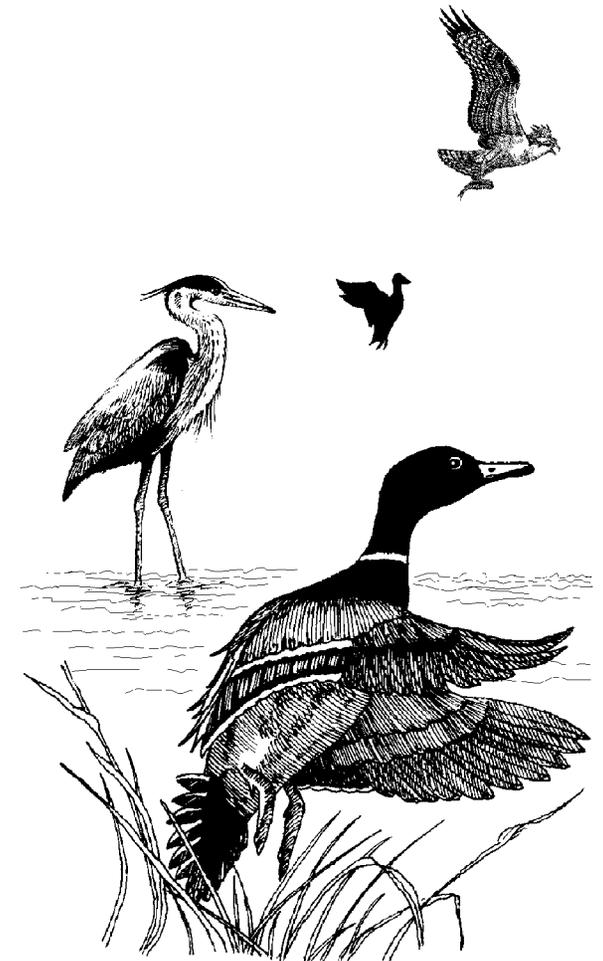
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# Common Birds of Neshaminy State Park





## Forests

### Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Carolina Chickadee
- Downy Woodpecker
- European Starling
- House Finch
- Northern Cardinal
- Rock Dove
- Blue Jay
- Common Grackle
- Eastern Screech Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Mourning Dove
- Northern Flicker

### Spring Visitors

- Hermit Thrush
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Tufted Titmouse

### Summer Visitors

- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse

### Autumn Visitors

- Hermit Thrush
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Tufted Titmouse



## Fields and Grassy Areas

### Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- American Robin
- Eastern Towhee
- Northern Cardinal
- Northern Mockingbird
- American Goldfinch
- Carolina Wren
- Field Sparrow
- Song Sparrow

### Spring Visitors

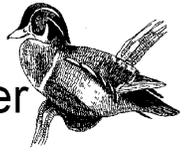
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Gray Catbird
- Savannah Sparrow
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Northern Saw-whet Owl
- White-throated Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Turkey Vulture

### Summer Visitors

- Gray Catbird

### Autumn Visitors

- Dark-eyed Junco
- Gray Catbird
- Turkey Vulture
- American Tree Sparrow
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Fox Sparrow
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Winter Wren



## Wetlands and Water

### Year-round Residents

- Canada Goose
- Great Blue Heron
- Mallard
- American Black Duck
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Cedar Waxwing
- Great Cormorant
- Ring-billed Gull

### Spring Visitors

- American Woodcock
- Pied-billed Grebe

### Summer Visitors

- American Woodcock
- Pied-billed Grebe

### Autumn Visitors

- American Coot
- Herring Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Belted Kingfisher
- Pied-billed Grebe

