

BIRDS of Trap Pond State Park



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Wildlife

	Seasonal Abundance			
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WRENS- KINGLETS-THRUSHES- THRASHERS-PIPIT-WAXWING				
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird*	c	u	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	u	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing*	u	o	u	u
WARBLERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	c	r	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler*	c	u	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	c	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Blue Warbler	c	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	-	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	c	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	u	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler*	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	c	-	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	r	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	c	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler*	c	u	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	c	r	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Worm-eating Warbler*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	o	o	-

	Seasonal Abundance			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Warbler*	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat*	o	o	o	-
TANAGERS-SPARROWS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-sided Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	u	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	c	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	c	-	c	c
FINCHES- BLACKBIRDS-WEAVERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark	o	r	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole*	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	r	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	r	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

The park's upland forest offers breeding habitat for colorful neotropical songbirds such as Yellow-throated Warbler, Scarlet and Summer Tanager and Baltimore Oriole. During spring and fall migration dozens of others may be seen flitting among the forest canopy. Between dusk and dawn the forest comes alive with the calls of Great-horned and Eastern Screech-Owls, Whip-poor-wills and Chuck-will's-widows. In winter, migrants from the north, such as Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Siskins and Finches join noisy flocks of resident Titmice, Chickadees and Nuthatches as they travel through the forest in search of food.

Park-owned and private agricultural fields around the park's periphery provide habitat for migrating and wintering Falcons, Sparrows, Horned Larks and Pipits. During especially rainy spring seasons check these fields for shorebirds feeding in the shallow temporary pools that often form in these fields.

Please note that abundance of birdlife is dependent on weather conditions, time of day, and human activity. This bird checklist is ordered according to the Seventh Edition of the American Ornithological Union's Checklist of North American Birds. The checklist is most helpful when used in conjunction with a field guide such as the Field Guide to the Birds of North America, Birds of Eastern and Central North America and The Sibley Guide to Birds.

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Trap Pond State Park Bird Checklist

Trap Pond State Park offers bird enthusiasts unlimited opportunities to study and enjoy the natural beauty of Delaware's southwestern Sussex County. The park's 3000+ acres contain four freshwater ponds, hundreds of acres of upland pine oak forest and the northernmost large natural stand of baldcypress in the United States, that provides habitat for a diversity of breeding, migrating and wintering birds.

The open waters of Trap, Trussum and Raccoon Ponds attract migrating and wintering swans, geese, ducks and other waterbirds. Bald Eagles which nest in the park visit the ponds to search for fish or to steal one from the smaller fish-eating Osprey, which also come to the pond to fish. The cypress and hardwood swamps that line the ponds and the streams that flow through them are home to Wood Ducks, the beautiful Prothonotary Warbler and the Louisiana Waterthrush. The stillness of the swamps is occasionally broken by the screeching call of a Red-shouldered Hawk or the strident "who-cooks-for- you" of the Barred Owl.

Seasons

Spring (Mar – May) = S
 Summer (Jun – Jul) = s
 Fall (Aug – Nov) = F
 Winter (Dec – Feb) = W

Relative Abundance

Common (c) Present and likely to be seen or heard in proper habitat

Uncommon (u) Present in likely habitat but not always seen or heard

Occasional (o) Occurs sporadically in proper habitat

Rare (r) Is not seen every year

*Indicates nesting occurs within the park

LOONS-GREBES

- Common Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe

CORMORANTS-HERONS-EGRETS

- Double-crested Cormorant
- American Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Tricolored Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Green Heron*
- Black-crowned Night-Heron

VULTURES-GEESE-SWANS-DUCKS

- Black Vulture
- Turkey Vulture
- Snow Goose
- Canada Goose*
- Tundra Swan
- Mute Swan
- Wood Duck*
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- American Black Duck*
- Mallard*
- Blue-winged Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Bufflehead
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

HAWKS-FALCONS

- Osprey
- Bald Eagle*
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk*
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk*
- American Kestrel
- Merlin

Seasonal Abundance

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PHEASANTS-QUAILS-RAILS

- Wild Turkey
- Northern Bobwhite
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Moorhen
- American Coot
- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer

PLOVERS-SANDPIPERS

- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Upland Sandpiper
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Common Snipe
- American Woodcock
- Wilson's Phalarope

GULLS-TERNS

- Laughing Gull
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Black Tern

DOVES-CUCKOOS-OWLS

- Rock Dove
- Mourning Dove
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo*
- Barn Owl*
- Eastern Screech-Owl*
- Great Horned Owl*
- Barred Owl*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl

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GOATSUCKERS-HUMMINGBIRDS-WOODPECKERS

- Common Nighthawk
- Chuck-will's-widow*
- Whip-poor-will*
- Chimney Swift
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird*
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker*
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker*
- Hairy Woodpecker*
- Northern Flicker*
- Pileated Woodpecker*

FLYCATCHERS - SHRIKES-VIREOS

- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Eastern Wood-Pewee*
- Acadian Flycatcher*
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe*
- Great Crested Flycatcher*
- Eastern Kingbird*
- White-eyed Vireo*
- Yellow-throated Vireo*
- Solitary Blue-headed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo*

CROWS-SWALLOWS-TITMICE-NUTHATCHES

- Blue Jay*
- American Crow*
- Fish Crow*
- Horned Lark
- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow*
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow*
- Carolina Chickadee*
- Tufted Titmouse*
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown-headed Nuthatch*
- Brown Creeper

Seasonal Abundance

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