

Trap Pond State Park

BIRDS of Trap Pond State Park

	Seasonal Abundance			
	S	F	W	
WRHNE - KINGLETS - THRUSHERS - THRASHERS - PIPITS - WAXWINGS				
<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	-	o	-
<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	-	o	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	-

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	S	F	W	
<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	o
<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*	o	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	u	-
<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	o	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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Wildlife

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, Trustum 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

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	S	s	F	W
LOONS - GREBS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	-	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	c	-	c	o
CORMORANTS-HERONS - EGRETS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	c	o	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Tricolored Heron	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret	o	r	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron*	c	c	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	-
VULTURES - GEESE - SWANS-DUCKS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Vulture	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	r	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose*	a	a	a	a
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	r	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Mute Swan	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	o	-	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	u	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck*	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard*	o	c	o	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	u	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	u	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback	u	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	u	-	o	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	u	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser	u	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck	o	-	o	-
HAWKS - FALCONS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	c	c	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle*	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	-	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	u	r	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk*	o	o	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	o	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	o	r	o	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	r	-	r	r

PHASANTS - QUAILS - RAILS

	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Moorhen	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	r	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	o	-	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	r	r	r	r

PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS

	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Snipe	o	-	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	r	-	r	-

GULLS - TERNS

	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Laughing Gull	o	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	o	-	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull	c	o	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Black-backed Gull	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	o	r	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	r	-	r	-

DOVES - CUCKOOS - OWLS

	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Dove	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	c	o	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl*	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl*	o	c	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl*	c	u	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	r

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	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck-will's-widow*	c	c	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will*	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	o	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	o	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker*	o	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

GOATSUCKERS - HUMMINGBIRDS - WOODPECKERS

	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck-will's-widow*	c	c	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will*	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	o	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	o	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker*	o	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

FLYCATCHERS - SHRIKES - VIREOS

	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher*	o	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo*	o	c	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Blue-headed Vireo	o	-	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo*	c	o	c	-

CROWS - SWALLOWS - TITMICE - NUTHATCHES

	S	s	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow*	c	o	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Crow*	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	c	c	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow*	c	c	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	o	r	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow*	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee*	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	o	r	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	u	-	u	u