

Birds

Oil Creek State Park



# 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	▲												
Yellow-rumped Warbler	▲												
Black-throated Green	▲												
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

Unusual Birds with a Few Sightings in the Park

- Connecticut Warbler - 1 record 9/4/92
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Long-eared Owl - 1 record
- Northern Harrier - 1 record
- Vesper Sparrow
- Yellow-breasted Chat - 1 record 5/7/91
- Yellow Crowned Night Heron - 1 record 4/28/92

Key Birding Areas and Information

The **Blood Farm Trail** is a great birding area, especially during migration. The variety of warblers, vireos, and other woodland migrants can be outstanding.

The **Flood Control Dam** creates a small backwater area where small numbers of migrating waterfowl can be observed.

Petroleum Center is always worth a stop. Check the feeders at the park office and the area around the bridge for swallows and kingfisher. The sycamores along Oil Creek are home to nesting Baltimore oriole, yellow-throated warbler and warbling vireo.

The **paved road to the bike trail** has a number of small, wet areas along the south hillside. Canada warbler and Louisiana waterthrush traditionally nest in these areas.

The **Bike Trail** from Titusville to Petroleum Center follows the Oil Creek gorge. Bald eagle numbers are increasing throughout the area. There may be an active nest any anywhere in the park. Please notify the park office of any nests or sightings.

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 to Doug Gross, PA Game Commission biologist.

This list was prepared by local birders Gary Edwards, Seneca Rocks Audubon Society and Russ States, Bartramian Audubon Society. It is based upon their 20+ years of OSCP records with additional records provided by others. Information pertaining to society meetings, programs, and field trips can be found at www.senecarocksaudubon.org or bartraminiaudubon.org.

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														
---	Great 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	☆												
---	American Woodcock	☆												
---	Wilson's Phalarope	~												
---	Red-necked Phalarope	~												
---	Red Phalarope	~												
Gulls & Terns														
---	Laughing Gull	~												
---	Franklin's Gull	~												
---	Little Gull	~												
---	Bonaparte's Gull	~												
---	Ring-billed Gull	~												
---	Herring Gull	~												
---	Thayer's Gull	~												
---	Iceland Gull	~												
---	Lesser Black-backed Gull	~												
---	Glaucous Gull	~												
---	Great Black-backed Gull	~												
---	Black-legged Kittiwake	~												
---	Caspian Tern	~												
---	Common Tern	~												
---	Forster's Tern	~												
---	Black Tern	~												
Pigeons & Doves														
---	Rock Pigeon	☆												
---	Mourning Dove	☆												

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Cuckoos </														