

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	

& 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.

Oil Creek State Park

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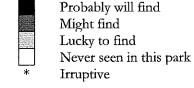


How to Use This Checklist

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.



^{*} 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.

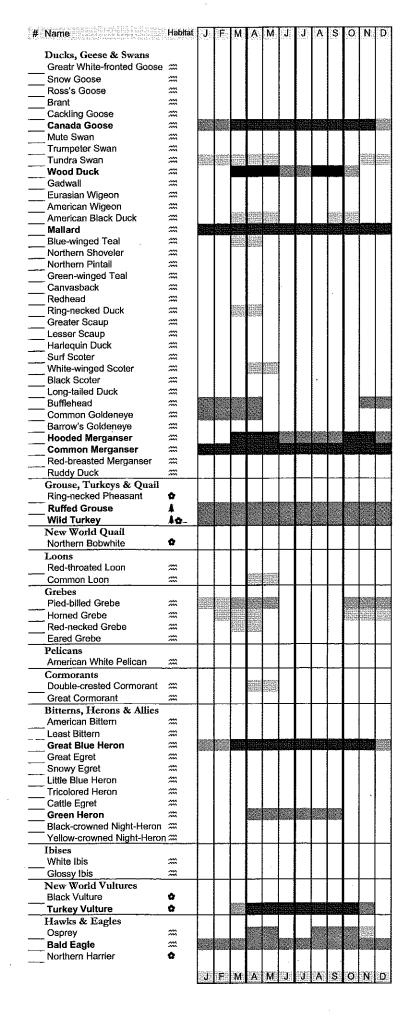
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How You Can Help

- 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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