

Trap Pond State Park

BIRDS of Trap Pond State Park

Seasonal Abundance S s F W

WRENS - KINGLETS - THRUSHES - THRASHERS - PIPITS - WAXWINGS

☐ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
☐ House Wren*	c	c	c	-
☐ Winter Wren	c	-	c	c
☐ Marsh Wren	r	-	r	-
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	c
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	u
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	-
☐ Eastern Bluebird*	c	u	c	c
☐ Veery	u	-	u	-
☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush	r	-	r	-
☐ Swainson's Thrush	u	-	u	-
☐ Hermit Thrush	u	-	u	u
☐ Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	-
☐ American Robin*	c	c	c	c
☐ Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	r
☐ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
☐ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	r
☐ European Starling*	c	c	c	c
☐ American Pipit	c	-	c	c
☐ Cedar Waxwing*	u	c	u	u

WARBLERS

☐ Blue-winged Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Tennessee Warbler	r	-	r	-
☐ Nashville Warbler	r	-	r	-
☐ Northern Parula	c	r	c	-
☐ Yellow Warbler*	c	u	c	c
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	-	c	-
☐ Magnolia Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Cape May Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Black-throated Green Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Blackburnian Warbler	u	-	c	-
☐ Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	u	-
☐ Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c
☐ Prairie Warbler*	u	u	u	-
☐ Palm Warbler	c	-	c	c
☐ Bay-breasted Warbler	r	-	c	-
☐ Blackpoll Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Black-and-white Warbler*	c	u	c	-
☐ American Redstart	c	r	c	-
☐ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	u	-
☐ Worm-eating Warbler*	c	c	c	-
☐ Ovenbird*	c	c	c	-
☐ Northern Waterthrush	c	-	c	-
☐ Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	c	c	-

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☐ Kentucky Warbler*	c	c	c	-
☐ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	r
☐ Hooded Warbler	r	r	r	-
☐ Wilson's Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Canada Warbler	c	-	c	-
☐ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	c	-

TANAGERS - SPARROWS

☐ Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	-
☐ Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c	-
☐ Rufous-sided Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	u
☐ Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	r
☐ Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	u
☐ Vesper Sparrow	r	r	r	r
☐ Savannah Sparrow	u	-	u	u
☐ Fox Sparrow	c	-	c	c
☐ Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
☐ Swamp Sparrow	c	c	c	c
☐ White-throated Sparrow	c	-	c	c
☐ White-crowned Sparrow	c	-	c	c
☐ Dark-eyed Junco	c	-	c	c

FINCHES - BLACKBIRDS - WEAVERS

☐ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	-	u	-
☐ Blue Grosbeak*	c	c	c	-
☐ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	-
☐ Bobolink	u	-	u	-
☐ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c
☐ Eastern Meadowlark	c	r	c	c
☐ Rusty Blackbird	c	-	c	c
☐ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
☐ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
☐ Orchard Oriole*	c	c	c	-
☐ Baltimore Oriole*	u	u	u	-
☐ Purple Finch	c	-	c	c
☐ House Finch*	c	c	c	c
☐ Pine Siskin	r	-	r	r
☐ American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
☐ Evening Grosbeak	r	-	r	r
☐ 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	F	W	
LOONS - GREBS				
Common Loon	-	-	o	o
Pied-billed Grebe	c	-	c	o
CORMORANTS-HERONS - EGRETS				
Double-crested Cormorant	o	-	o	o
American Bittern	r	-	r	-
Great Blue Heron	c	c	o	o
Great Egret	c	o	c	r
Snowy Egret	r	r	r	-
Little Blue Heron	r	r	r	-
Tricolored Heron	-	-	r	-
Cattle Egret	o	r	o	-
Green Heron*	c	c	o	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	-
VULTURES - GEESE - SWANS-DUCKS				
Black Vulture	u	u	u	u
Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
Snow Goose	r	-	c	c
Canada Goose*	a	a	a	a
Tundra Swan	r	-	c	c
Mute Swan	o	o	o	o
Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o
Gadwall	o	-	o	r
American Wigeon	o	-	o	-
American Black Duck*	u	u	u	u
Mallard*	o	c	o	c
Blue-winged Teal	u	-	u	-
Northern Shoveler	o	-	o	-
Northern Pintail	o	-	o	-
Green-winged Teal	o	-	o	-
Canvasback	u	-	o	o
Ring-necked Duck	u	-	o	o
Lesser Scaup	r	-	r	-
Bufflehead	u	-	o	o
Hooded Merganser	o	-	o	o
Common Merganser	u	-	o	o
Ruddy Duck	o	-	o	-
HAWKS - FALCONS				
Osprey	c	c	o	-
Bald Eagle*	o	o	u	o
Northern Harrier	o	-	o	o
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	-	o	u
Cooper's Hawk	u	r	c	u
Red-shouldered Hawk*	o	c	o	u
Broad-winged Hawk	r	-	r	-
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	o	c
American Kestrel	o	r	o	c
Merlin	r	-	r	r

PERASANTS - QUAILS -

RAILS

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

PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS

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

GULLS - TERNS

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

DOVES - CUCKOOS - OWLS

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

GOATSUCKERS -

HUMMINGBIRDS -

WOODPECKERS

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

FLYCATCHERS - SHRIKES - VIREOS

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

CROWS - SWALLOWS -

ITIMICE - NUTHATCHES

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