

## Key Birding Areas

Prince Gallitzin State Park has great birding opportunities throughout the year. Wetlands, forests, open fields, and the lake provide many areas for a diversity of bird species to thrive.

The 1,635 acre Glendale Lake is the centerpiece of the park, offering many locations to scan the water for ducks, geese, loons and grebes. In spring migration, gulls, loons, and waterfowl are typically seen from at the Prince Gallitzin Marina. In the spring and fall, Killbuck Cove is usually full of waterfowl in large groups using the park as a resting stop during migration. In the winter, waterfowl may be found in Turtle Cove Access area, where the persistent wind tends to keep ice from forming. In fall, look into Slate Lick Cove from Marina Road to see ducks convening in the marshy area. In the summer, most waterfowl has ventured north, but look for Osprey and Bald Eagles as they fish. Spring through fall, the shoreline, especially along Gibbons Road, may have migrating sandpipers.

The field habitat in the Headache Hill area has birds that prefer a more open environment. Common yellowthroats, song sparrows, and house wrens are easily found in the summer as they tend to their nests. Around the nest boxes, Tree swallows and eastern bluebirds fly back and forth. Look for purple martins swarming their nesting colony near the marina. Swallows also rest near the marina during their in spring migration. In autumn, palm warblers can be found in open habitat feeding on the ground. Come winter, sparrows and juncos scavenge for whatever seeds and berries can be found.

In the canopy of the forests, the trees come alive each spring with the songs and colors of warblers, vireos, and orioles along Troxell Point, Campground Loop, and Bollinger trails. Come fall, mixed flocks of resident, and transient species can be found on that same trail. During winter, nomadic flocks of year-round residents comb the trees for overwintering insect eggs and leftover fruit.

## Birding Tips

1. Wear neutral or dark clothing to blend into the natural environment.
2. Be prepared with binoculars and a bird guide.
3. Know bird habitat preferences. What you see will depend on where you look.
4. When possible, stand with the sun to your back to better see and identify species.
5. Avoid sudden movements. Sudden and jerky movements can make birds nervous.
6. Be quiet. Birds are easily startled by noises.
7. Wait for the birds to come to you. Be patient.
8. Look around for quiet birds.
9. Listen for new birds in the area.
10. Try "pishing" to attract small birds. Clench your teeth, open your lips and whisper the word "pish".

## Data from eBird

This checklist is generated with data from eBird, a global database of bird sightings from birders like you. The list only shows species commonly reported within the park. Additional species have been seen in the park and adjacent to the park.

For a complete list of birds recorded within the county, visit the websites for the Pennsylvania Society of Ornithology ([pabirds.org](http://pabirds.org)) or for eBird ([ebird.org](http://ebird.org)).



## 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.

## Common Birds



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## Forests

### Year-round Residents

\_\_\_ Barred Owl  
\_\_\_ Black-capped Chickadee  
\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl  
\_\_\_ Great Horned Owl  
\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse  
\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch

### Spring Visitors

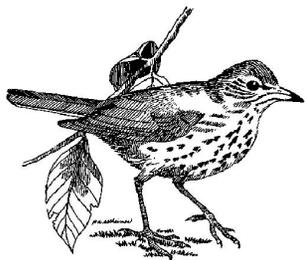
\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe  
\_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler  
\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

### Summer Visitors

\_\_\_ American Redstart  
\_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler  
\_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler  
\_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler  
\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler  
\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe  
\_\_\_ Eastern Towhee  
\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee  
\_\_\_ Hooded Warbler  
\_\_\_ Northern Parula  
\_\_\_ Ovenbird  
\_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo  
\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager  
\_\_\_ Wood Thrush

### Autumn Visitors

\_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler  
\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet



## Fields and Grassy Areas

### Year-round Residents

\_\_\_ American Crow  
\_\_\_ American Goldfinch  
\_\_\_ American Kestrel  
\_\_\_ Blue Jay  
\_\_\_ Carolina Wren  
\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird  
\_\_\_ Mourning Dove  
\_\_\_ Northern Cardinal  
\_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk  
\_\_\_ Song Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Wild Turkey

### Spring Visitors

\_\_\_ American Robin  
\_\_\_ Barn Swallow  
\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing  
\_\_\_ Palm Warbler  
\_\_\_ Tree Swallow

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\_\_\_ American Robin  
\_\_\_ Barn Swallow  
\_\_\_ Tree Swallow  
\_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole  
\_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk  
\_\_\_ Brown Thrasher  
\_\_\_ Chimney Swift  
\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat  
\_\_\_ Gray Catbird  
\_\_\_ House Wren  
\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting  
\_\_\_ Purple Martin  
\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
\_\_\_ Turkey Vulture

### Autumn Visitors

\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing  
\_\_\_ Palm Warbler

### Winter Visitors

\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco

## Wetlands and Water

### Year-round Residents

\_\_\_ Bald Eagle  
\_\_\_ Canada Goose  
\_\_\_ Mallard

### Spring Visitors

\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher  
\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant  
\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron  
\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird  
\_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ Wood Duck  
\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler  
\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull  
\_\_\_ Hooded Merganser  
\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe  
\_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull  
\_\_\_ Ruddy Duck

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### Winter Visitors

\_\_\_ American Black Duck  
\_\_\_ Bufflehead  
\_\_\_ Common Goldeneye  
\_\_\_ Common Loon  
\_\_\_ Common Merganser  
\_\_\_ Long-tailed Duck  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck  
\_\_\_ Tundra Swan

