

Where to See Birds

Nockamixon State Park is full of bird-friendly habitat! From forests, grasslands, pine plantations, second-growth woodlands and overgrown fields to the 1450-acre Lake Nockamixon, there are plenty of areas for birders to explore. Here are just a few suggestions of places to find birds at Nockamixon State Park.

The area around the fishing pier is usually a rewarding spot for birders. In spring, fall and winter, flocks of migrant waterfowl can often be seen from the pier. Over twenty species of ducks visit here annually, as well as a nice variety of geese, swans, grebes, and loons. A walk along the bike trail in this area can be productive as well. The trail passes through mixed forest, old overgrown fields and picnic groves. Look for various finches and sparrows year round. In spring and summer, listen for singing Baltimore oriole, blue-winged warbler, prairie warbler, and white-eyed vireo, as well as many other birds.

The area near the pool is another good birding location. The forest around parking lots 9, 10 and 11 can be good for Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Wood-Pewee and woodpeckers. Pileated woodpeckers have nested here. In spring and late summer, mixed flocks of migrant warblers rest here. Nearby is the marina, another great place to check the lake for waterfowl. March and April bring huge mixed flocks of gulls. Vultures roost here all year. In spring and summer, check for nesting eastern bluebird and tree swallow.

The south shore of Lake Nockamixon can also be an excellent birding destination. The forest around the cabin area comes alive each spring with the songs of wood thrush, veery and ovenbird. The diversity of habitats at Mink Road produce excellent birding year-round. In spring and summer, listen for prairie warbler, Baltimore oriole, eastern towhee and white-eyed vireo.

The area around the dam should not be overlooked. The hemlock-dominated forest holds numerous woodpeckers, and in warm months, thrush, scarlet tanager and warblers. The dam's spillway is a favorite spot for killdeer, sandpiper, heron, great egret, kingfisher and osprey. The

woodlot above the dam can be good for wren, rose-breasted grosbeak, blue-gray gnatcatcher and a variety of migrants. Bald eagle are occasionally spotted around the deep waters above the dam, but can turn up anywhere around the lake, particularly in September, February and March.

Please be aware that most of the park is open to hunting. Be sure to check a park map or inquire at the park office for further information. Over 250 species of birds have been recorded here over the years, including a number of rarities, so just about anything could turn up. Enjoy the birds!

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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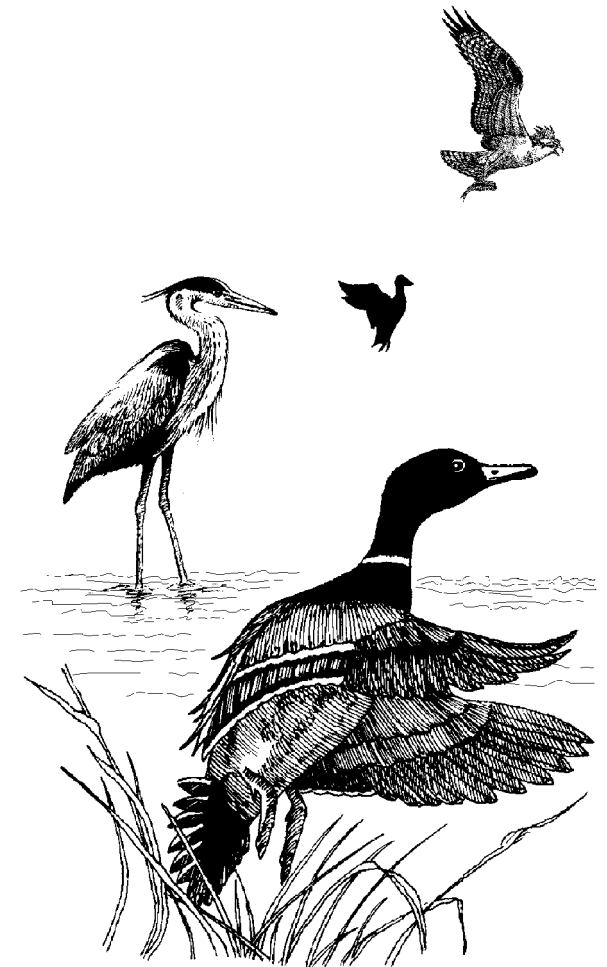
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Common Birds of Nockamixon State Park





Forests

Year-round Residents

- American Crow
- Carolina Wren
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Tufted Titmouse
- Wild Turkey
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Blue Jay
- Cedar Waxwing
- Northern Cardinal
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Turkey Vulture

Spring Visitors

- American Redstart
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Fox Sparrow
- Wood Thrush
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Baltimore Oriole
- Cedar Waxwing
- Hermit Thrush

Summer Visitors

- Baltimore Oriole
- Eastern Towhee
- House Wren
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Veery
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Great-crested Flycatcher
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Eastern Phoebe
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Ovenbird
- Scarlet Tanager
- Wood Thrush

Autumn Visitors

- American Redstart
- Brown Creeper
- Fox Sparrow
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Cedar Waxwing
- Hermit Thrush
- Turkey Vulture



Fields and Grassy Areas

Year-round Residents

- American Goldfinch
- American Robin
- Eastern Bluebird
- Gray Catbird
- Mourning Dove
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Red-winged Blackbird
- American Kestrel
- Common Grackle
- European Starling
- House Finch
- Song Sparrow

Spring Visitors

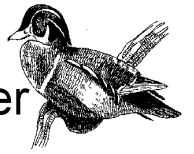
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Common Nighthawk
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Field Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- White-eyed Vireo
- American Tree Sparrow
- Red-winged Blackbird
- White-throated Sparrow
- Common Grackle
- Chipping Sparrow
- Eastern Bluebird
- Purple Finch
- Tree Swallow

Summer Visitors

- Barn Swallow
- Chimney Swift
- Eastern Kingbird
- Indigo Bunting
- Savannah Sparrow
- White-eyed Vireo
- Yellow Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Prairie Warbler
- Tree Swallow
- Willow Flycatcher

Autumn Visitors

- Chipping Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Field Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- American Tree Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Common Nighthawk
- Eastern Bluebird
- Purple Finch
- White-eyed Vireo



Wetlands and Water

Year-round Residents

- Bald Eagle
- Canada Goose
- Great Blue Heron
- Mallard
- Ring-billed Gull
- Belted Kingfisher
- Fish Crow
- Killdeer
- Mute Swan

Spring Visitors

- American Coot
- Common Loon
- Great Egret
- Osprey
- Ring-billed Gull
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Bufflehead
- Common Merganser
- Herring Gull
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Ring-necked Duck

Summer Visitors

- Belted Kingfisher
- Fish Crow
- Green Heron
- Mallard
- Osprey
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Canada Goose
- Great Blue Heron
- Killdeer
- Mute Swan
- Spotted Sandpiper

Autumn Visitors

- American Coot
- Bufflehead
- Common Loon
- Herring Gull
- Mallard
- Pied-billed Grebe
- American Black Duck
- Ring-necked Duck
- Bald Eagle
- Canada Goose
- Common Merganser
- Hooded Merganser
- Osprey
- Ring-billed Gull

