

Key Birding Areas

Codorus State Park has a variety of habitats including coniferous trees, mixed hardwood trees, open fields, small wetlands, and a large lake.

Hiking trails provide access to the often impenetrable forests. Mary Ann Furnace Trail leads through samplings of all habitats. The LaHo Trail passes through coniferous, hardwood, and shoreline habitats. From the trail, look for wading birds, waterfowl, and shorebirds in Wildasin Flats Cove.

The Mountain Bike Area off of Bankert Road has fields that are regenerating into a forest. Many field birds like sparrows and larks can still be found here.

Lake Marburg has 1,275 acres of sprawling coves with 26 miles of shoreline. The overlook on Hoff Road, the Main Launch off Sinsheim Road, and the parking area by the Classroom Building in the Marina Area all have great birding opportunities.

The park has a large cavity nesting trail monitored by volunteers. In the summer months, a variety of birds may be observed around the nesting boxes including eastern bluebirds, tree swallows, Carolina chickadees, tufted titmice, and other small birds.

During the winter months, birds may be observed in the Main Launch Area or at two feeding stations near the Visitor Center. Many waterfowl species visit during the winter. Also, bald eagles are often seen from the Classroom Building Area when winter nest building and incubation is taking place.

Perhaps the best birding area in the park is at the Black Rock Flats Area. Begin at Mary Ann Furnace Trailhead, and follow the boardwalk through a wetland leading to Black Rock Flats. Access this area by boat from Black Rock Boat Launch. Annually in early September, a lake draw-down creates an extensive area of mudflats, attracting migrating shorebirds. Osprey and bald eagle often look over the lake from dead snags by the water. Herons and egrets prowl the shallows stalking their prey.

Birding Tips

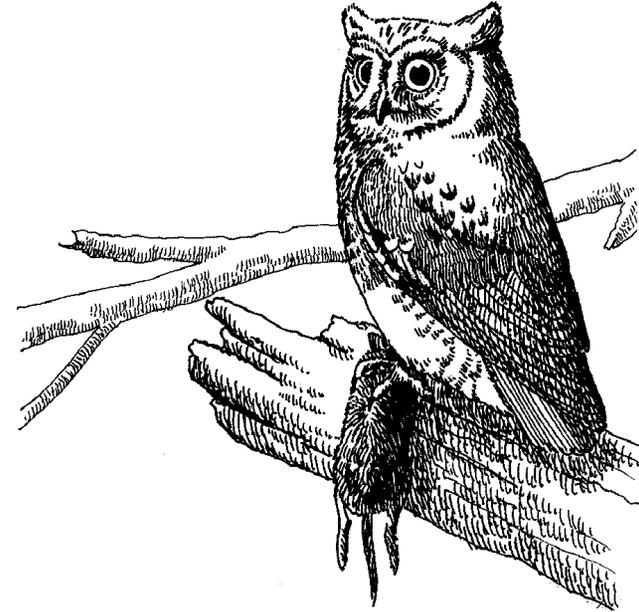
1. Wear neutral or dark clothing to blend into the natural environment.
2. Be prepared with binoculars and a bird guide.
3. Know bird habitat preferences. What you see will depend on where you look.
4. When possible, stand with the sun to your back to better see and identify species.
5. Avoid sudden 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".



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



Codorus State Park
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Hanover, PA 17331
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CodorusSP@pa.gov

Forests

Year-round Residents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech Owl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch | |

Spring Visitors

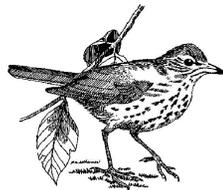
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinglet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet | <input type="checkbox"/> Grosbeak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Peewee |

Summer Visitors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Great-crested Flycatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Peewee | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush |

Autumn Visitors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great-crested Flycatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinglet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Sapsucker |



Fields and Grassy Areas

Year-round Residents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Crow | <input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Robin | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift | <input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling | <input type="checkbox"/> House Finch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Dove | <input type="checkbox"/> Mockingbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow | |

Spring Visitors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock | <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing | <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-sided Towhee | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher | <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer | <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo | <input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler | |

Autumn Visitors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco | <input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Sparrow | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow | |

Wetlands and Water

Year-round Residents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Crow | <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard Duck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull | |

Spring Visitors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot | <input type="checkbox"/> American Widgeon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal | <input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser | <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | |

Summer Visitors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Widgeon | <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellowlegs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey | <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-palmated | <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandpiper | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | |

