

## 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

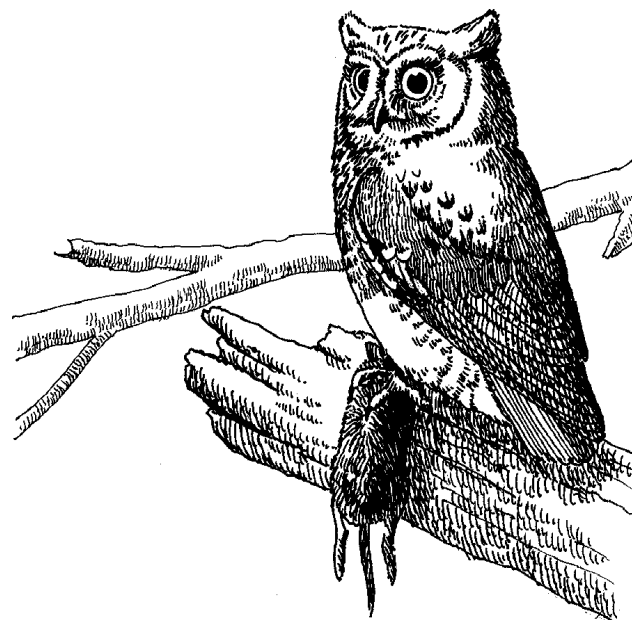
1. Wear neutral or dark clothing to blend into the natural environment.
2. Be prepared with binoculars and a bird guide.
3. Know bird habitat preferences. What you see will depend on where you look.
4. When possible, stand with the sun to your back to better see and identify species.
5. Avoid sudden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



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## Forests

### Year-round Residents

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ___ Barred Owl              | ___ Blue Jay            |
| ___ Carolina Chickadee      | ___ Cooper's Hawk       |
| ___ Downy Woodpecker        | ___ Eastern Screech Owl |
| ___ Great Horned Owl        | ___ Northern Flicker    |
| ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker  | ___ Red-tailed Hawk     |
| ___ Tufted Titmouse         | ___ Turkey Vulture      |
| ___ White-breasted Nuthatch |                         |

### Spring Visitors

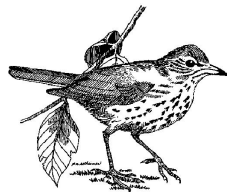
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| ___ Blue-winged Warbler      | ___ Golden-crowned |
| ___ Great Crested Flycatcher | ___ Kinglet        |
| ___ Ovenbird                 | ___ Red-eyed Vireo |
| ___ Red-headed Woodpecker    | ___ Rose-breasted  |
| ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet     | ___ Grosbeak       |
| ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler    | ___ Wood Peewee    |

### Summer Visitors

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| ___ Great-crested Flycatcher | ___ Ovenbird    |
| ___ Red-eyed Vireo           | ___ Red-headed  |
| ___ Warbling Vireo           | ___ Woodpecker  |
| ___ Wood Peewee              | ___ Wood Thrush |

### Autumn Visitors

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| ___ Brown Creeper            | ___ Golden-crowned |
| ___ Great-crested Flycatcher | ___ Kinglet        |
| ___ Hairy Woodpecker         | ___ Red-headed     |
| ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet     | ___ Yellow-bellied |
| ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler    | ___ Sapsucker      |



## Fields and Grassy Areas

### Year-round Residents

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| ___ American Crow     | ___ American Goldfinch |
| ___ American Robin    | ___ Brown-headed       |
| ___ Chimney Swift     | ___ Cowbird            |
| ___ Common Grackle    | ___ Eastern Bluebird   |
| ___ European Starling | ___ House Finch        |
| ___ House Sparrow     | ___ Mourning Dove      |
| ___ Northern Cardinal | ___ Northern           |
| ___ Rock Dove         | ___ Mockingbird        |
| ___ Song Sparrow      |                        |

### Spring Visitors

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| ___ American Woodcock   | ___ Baltimore Oriole |
| ___ Barn Swallow        | ___ Brown Thrasher   |
| ___ Cedar Waxwing       | ___ Chipping Sparrow |
| ___ Eastern Kingbird    | ___ Eastern Phoebe   |
| ___ Field Sparrow       | ___ Gray Catbird     |
| ___ House Wren          | ___ Killdeer         |
| ___ Rufous-sided Towhee | ___ Purple Martin    |

### Summer Visitors

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| ___ Brown Thrasher      | ___ Chipping Sparrow |
| ___ Common Yellowthroat | ___ Eastern Kingbird |
| ___ Eastern Phoebe      | ___ Gray Catbird     |
| ___ House Wren          | ___ Indigo Bunting   |
| ___ Killdeer            | ___ Prairie Warbler  |
| ___ Purple Martin       | ___ Ruby-throated    |
| ___ White-eyed Vireo    | ___ Hummingbird      |
| ___ Yellow Warbler      |                      |

### Autumn Visitors

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| ___ Dark-eyed Junco        | ___ Fox Sparrow |
| ___ House Wren             | ___ Killdeer    |
| ___ Tree Sparrow           |                 |
| ___ White-throated Sparrow |                 |

## Wetlands and Water

### Year-round Residents

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| ___ Belted Kingfisher | ___ Canada Goose |
| ___ Fish Crow         | ___ Mallard Duck |
| ___ Ring-billed Gull  |                  |

### Spring Visitors

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ American Coot        | ___ American Widgeon  |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal     | ___ Bufflehead        |
| ___ Common Loon          | ___ Great Blue Heron  |
| ___ Green Heron          | ___ Green-winged Teal |
| ___ Hooded Merganser     | ___ Pied-billed Grebe |
| ___ Red-winged Blackbird | ___ Ring-necked Duck  |
| ___ Spotted Sandpiper    | ___ Tree Swallow      |
| ___ Wood Duck            |                       |

### Summer Visitors

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ American Widgeon     | ___ Bald Eagle        |
| ___ Great Blue Heron     | ___ Greater           |
| ___ Green Heron          | ___ Yellowlegs        |
| ___ Osprey               | ___ Pied-billed Grebe |
| ___ Red-winged Blackbird | ___ Tree Swallow      |
| ___ Wood Duck            |                       |

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| ___ American Coot     | ___ Bufflehead        |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal  | ___ Common Loon       |
| ___ Great Blue Heron  | ___ Green Heron       |
| ___ Green-winged Teal | ___ Lesser Yellowlegs |
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe | ___ Red-winged        |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck  | ___ Blackbird         |
| ___ Semi-palmated     | ___ Spotted Sandpiper |
| ___ Sandpiper         |                       |
| ___ Wood Duck         |                       |

