

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.

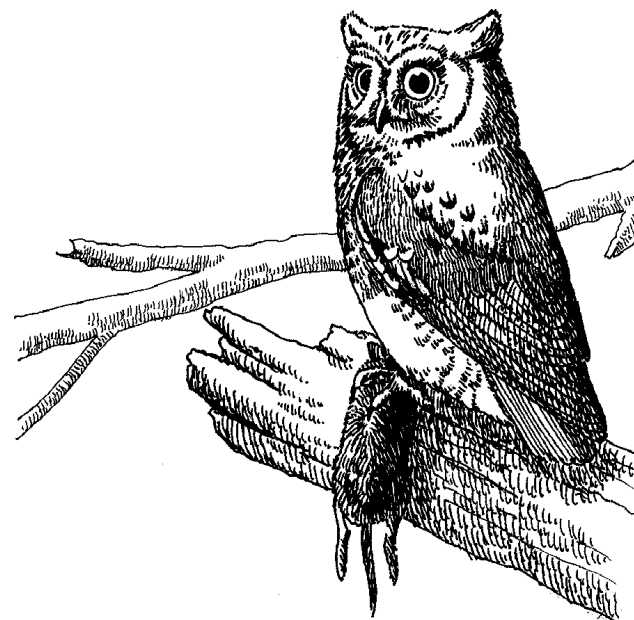
For a complete list of birds recorded within the county, visit the websites for the Pennsylvania Society of Ornithology (pabirds.org) or for eBird (ebird.org).



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

Spring Visitors

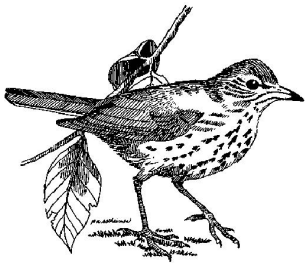
___ Eastern Phoebe	___ Ruby-crowned
___ Magnolia Warbler	___ Kinglet

Summer Visitors

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

Autumn Visitors

___ Magnolia Warbler	___ Ruby-crowned
	___ Kinglet



Fields and Grassy Areas

Year-round Residents

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

Spring Visitors

___ American Robin	___ Palm Warbler
___ Barn Swallow	___ Tree Swallow
___ Cedar Waxwing	

Summer Visitors

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

Autumn Visitors

___ Cedar Waxwing	___ Palm Warbler
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Winter Visitors

___ Dark-eyed Junco

Wetlands and Water

Year-round Residents

___ Bald Eagle	___ Mallard
___ Canada Goose	

Spring Visitors

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

Summer Visitors

___ Belted Kingfisher	___ Red-winged
___ Double-crested	___ Blackbird
___ Cormorant	___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Great Blue Heron	___ Wood Duck
___ Green Heron	___ Yellow Warbler
___ Osprey	

Autumn Visitors

___ Bonaparte's Gull	___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Hooded Merganser	___ Ruddy Duck
___ Pied-billed Grebe	

Winter Visitors

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

