Where to See Birds

The 5,900-acre park lies in the broad Bald Eagle Valley of northcentral Pennsylvania. Two geologic provinces create Bald Eagle’s scenic beauty. The Allegheny Plateau to the north and west holds smooth, undulating uplands. The Ridge and Valley Province to the south and east contains numerous long, narrow mountain ridges separated by valleys.

Bald Eagle State Park contains diverse habitat that attracts many bird species. The mountains create excellent flyways for migrating birds. Some birds stop at the park to rest and feed during their migration. The 1,700-acre reservoir attracts waterfowl such as great blue herons, gulls, geese, bald eagles and osprey.

Every spring, songbirds like warblers, flycatchers and swallows can be seen in the brushy growth along the Main Park Road. In the fall, you can spot migrating mergansers, cormorants and buffleheads on the lake from the Marina and Hunter Run Cut. Year-round residents like sparrows, finches and cardinals can often be seen in during the winter in shrubby areas along the Butterfly trail.

Park staff actively manage the resources of the park to provide a variety of habitats for all wildlife. Fields are mowed to provide habitat for woodcock and dedicated volunteers have established a bluebird trail in the Main Park Area. About 100 bluebirds fledge annually from the nesting boxes built and maintained by volunteers.

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.

Bald Eagle State Park
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Year-round Residents
- American Robin
- Blue Jay
- Carolina Wren
- Common Raven
- Downy Woodpecker
- House Finch
- Tufted Titmouse
- Common Goldfinch
- American Robin
- Eastern Bluebird
- Mourning Dove
- Northern Flicker
- Song Sparrow
- Bald Eagle
- Belted Kingfisher
- Canada Goose
- Great Blue Heron
- Mallard
- Ring-billed Gull
- American Woodcock
- Blue-winged Teal
- Common Loon
- Common Tern
- Horned Grebe
- Ruddy Duck
- American Black Duck
- Green-winged Teal
- Common Loon
- Chimney Swift
- Green Heron
- Osprey
- Horned Grebe
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Bufflehead
- Common Loon
- Greater Scaup
- Hooded Merganser
- Lesser Scaup
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Red-breasted Merganser
- American Coot
- Bufflehead
- Common Loon
- Greater Scaup
- Horned Grebe
- Hooded Merganser
- Lesser Scaup
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Winter Wren