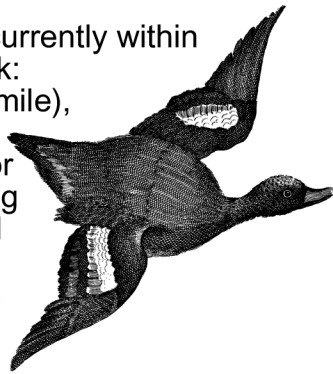


Showcasing forests, open fields, wetlands, and shorelines, the park is host to a wide variety of birds than can be seen throughout the seasons. Year-round visitors include bald eagles and woodpeckers, while the summer months showcase ospreys and the winter migration brings a colorful array of migratory songbirds and waterfowl.

There are two trails currently within Widewater State Park: Long Pond Trail (~1 mile), which is a looped trail around the Visitor Center that runs along the Aquia Creek, and Holly Marsh Trail (~2 miles), which is a there-and-back trail that goes through the Holly Marsh wetlands to the Potomac River. Both trails are rated as easy, however neither trail is accessible to walkers, wheelchairs, or strollers.



Pets are allowed within the park and on the trails so long as they remain on leash at all times. The park is open every day from 8am to sunset, year-round.

This checklist contains 78 native bird species observed at Widewater State Park and an additional 2 non-native, naturalized species that are commonly observed.

Although not comprehensive in total species that can and have been observed within or near the park, this list is derived from verified observations off of citizen science applications like eBird and iNaturalist.

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A Birding Checklist for



Widewater State Park

Species	Season	Habitat
☐ Canada Goose		
☐ Trumpeter Swan		
☐ Mute Swan		
☐ Gadwall		
☐ Mallard		
☐ American Black Duck		
☐ Canvasback		
☐ Redhead		
☐ Ring-necked Duck		
☐ Lesser Scaup		
☐ Bufflehead		
☐ Hooded Merganser		
☐ Ruddy Duck		
☐ Wild Turkey		
☐ Mourning Dove		
☐ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		
☐ American Coot		
☐ Killdeer		
☐ Ring-billed Gull		
☐ Pied-billed Grebe		
☐ Common Loon		
☐ Double-crested Cormorant		
☐ Green Heron		
☐ Great Egret		
☐ Great Blue Heron		
☐ Black Vulture		
☐ Turkey Vulture		
☐ Osprey		
☐ Bald Eagle		
☐ Red-tailed Hawk		
☐ Eastern Screech-Owl		
☐ Great Horned Owl		
☐ Barred Owl		

Species	Season	Habitat
☐ Belted Kingfisher		
☐ Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker		
☐ Red-Headed Woodpecker		
☐ Red-Bellied Woodpecker		
☐ Downy Woodpecker		
☐ Pileated Woodpecker		
☐ Northern Flicker		
☐ Peregrine Falcon		
☐ Eastern Phoebe		
☐ Eastern Kingbird		
☐ Red-eyed Vireo		
☐ Blue Jay		
☐ American Crow		
☐ Fish Crow		
☐ Common Raven		
☐ Carolina Chickadee		
☐ Tufted Titmouse		
☐ Tree Swallow		
☐ Barn Swallow		
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet		
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
☐ Winter Wren		
☐ Carolina Wren		
☐ Brown Thrasher		
☐ Northern Mockingbird		
☐ Eastern Bluebird		
☐ Hermit Thrush		
☐ American Robin		
☐ Cedar Waxwing		
☐ American Goldfinch		
☐ Field Sparrow		
☐ Dark-eyed Junco		

Species	Season	Habitat
☐ White-throated Sparrow		
☐ Song Sparrow		
☐ Eastern Towhee		
☐ Eastern Meadowlark		
☐ Red-winged Blackbird		
☐ Brown-headed Cowbird		
☐ Common Grackle		
☐ Northern Waterthrush		
☐ Pine Warbler		
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler		
☐ Scarlet Tanager		
☐ Northern Cardinal		

Non-Native, Naturalized Species

Species	Season	Habitat
☐ European Starling		
☐ House Finch		

Guide Key

Seasonality - Different birds can be found in our park during different times of the year.

Summer
(Apr-Sept)



Winter
(Oct-Mar)



Year-Round
(Jan-Dec)



Habitat - Try searching for various birds based on where they usually eat, sleep, and breed.

Forest



Edge



Pond/River



Field



Wetland



Residential

