

Birding at Glendalough State Park

The park's diverse habitat includes prairie, oak savannas, hardwood forest, lakes and wetlands that make it a popular birding destination. A staff favorite is to walk the Sunset Lake Trail, a prime destination for waterfowl and soaring hawks.

During migration, large numbers of warblers, vireos, flycatcher, thrushes and sparrows move through the park's woodland and prairie areas. Look for waterfowl, water birds and marsh birds along marshes and the chain of lakes.

Key

Occurrence

Sp - Spring (Mar—May)

S - Summer (Jun—Jul)

F - Fall (Aug—Nov)

W - Winter (Dec—Feb)

Abundance

C - Common (Present, relatively easy to find)

U - Uncommon (Present, not certain to be seen)

O - Occasional (Infrequent, may not return each year)

R - Rare (Observed at least once, may not return)

Date: Enter the date you saw the bird.

Bird Identification Tips

When you observe a bird, make note of at least three characteristics.

Location: Where did you see the bird? (water, forest, feeder, lower branch, tree trunk, etc.)

Body size and shape: Compare to a known bird. (smaller than a...bigger than a...plump like a...slender like a...) Look at tail, legs and bill. (long, short, thick, thin, curved, straight)

Colors and markings: Look on wings, tail, back, belly, rump and head. (stripe above eye, white spot on tail, etc.)

Sounds and movements: How do they act and sound? (travel alone or in groups, in-flight wing position - soaring, flapping, flap and glide, etc.)

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
Snow Goose	U		U		
Cackling Goose	U		U		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	C	C	
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	C	U	C		
Gadwall	U	U	U		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C	O	
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Canvasback	C	U	C		
Redhead	C	U	C		
Ring-necked Duck	C	C	C		
Greater Scaup	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	C	O	C		
Bufflehead	C		C		
Common Goldeneye	C	C	C	O	
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	C	U	C		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	R	
Horned Grebe	O		O		
Red-necked Grebe	U	U	U		
Western Grebe	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	C	C	C		
American Coot	C	C	C		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	C	U	U		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	C	C	C		
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U		U		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	C	O	C		
Franklin's Gull	C		C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Herring Gull	U	U	U		
Caspian Tern	U		U		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Common Tern	U		U		
Forster's Tern	C	C	U		
LOONS					
Common Loon	C	C	C		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	C	U	C		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	O		O		
Least Bittern	O		O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	U	O		
Green Heron	C	C	C		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O		O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	C	C	C		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	O		
Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C		
Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Short-eared Owl	O		O		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R				
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	

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FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	O	
Merlin	U	O	U		
Peregrine Falcon	O		O		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
VIREOS					
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	C		C		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	O		O	U	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	C	C	C	U	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	C	C	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	

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CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U		U	O	
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O		O		
Sedge Wren	C	C	C		
Marsh Wren	C	C	C		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	O	O		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Veery	U	U	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C	U	C		
American Robin	C	C	C	O	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing	O		O	O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	O	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
PIPITS					
American Pipit	U		U		
FINCHES					
House Finch	U	U	U	O	
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Hoary Redpoll	O		O	O	
Red Crossbill	O		O	O	
White-winged Crossbill	O		O	O	

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Pine Siskin	U	U	U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	U		U	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	O		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C		
Field Sparrow	U	U	O		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	O	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	U	C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
LeConte's Sparrow	O		U		
Henslow's Sparrow	O	O			
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	O	O	O		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U		
Bobolink	U	U	U		
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	U	O			
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	U		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C		
Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

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WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	U	C		
Mourning Warbler	O		O		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	O	O			
Northern Parula	O		O		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	O		O		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	U		
Dickcissel	O	O			

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