Certain areas of the park have proven to be better for finding different species of birds.

Trout Lake itself usually has a large number of Mallard and wigeon, with a few other species of ducks, plus American Coots and Pied-billed Grebes from October through April. During the same time period many gulls use the lake for bathing and drinking first thing in the morning. This park has proven notable for being one of the most reliable locations for finding California and Western Gulls during this period.

Breeding birds of Trout Lake

In spring and summer many bird species are know to breed in the park. Mallards, Red-winged Blackbirds and Song Sparrows nest in the reeds, shrubs and swampy areas around the lake edge. Woodpeckers build nests in cavities they bore in trees. Blackcapped Chickadees and Tree Swallows also nest in tree cavities as well as nest boxes. Anna's Hummingbirds, Cedar Waxwings, American Robins, Bushtits, Warbling Vireos and other songbirds build nests in the trees and shrubs around the park. Cooper's Hawks also nest in the area, and can be seen hunting their prey through the trees. During this time the birds are especially sensitive to disturbance: please keep dogs leashed in the offleash areas.







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BIRDWATCHING IN JOHN HENDRY PARK (Trout Lake)



John Hendry Park is a 27 hectare park located in the heart of East Vancouver. Commonly known as Trout Lake, after the body of water in the centre of the park, the park itself is named after the owner of one of Vancouver's first lumber mills.

Easily accessed from Commercial Drive, Nanaimo St, or East 12th Ave, it is a popular location for birders and nature-lovers alike. The park is also home to the Trout Lake Community Centre which provides many services to the local community. Over 135 bird species have been observed at Trout Lake, including seven of conservation concern. The highest diversity of birds occurs during spring and fall migration, however winter is also good for birdwatching as many species of waterfowl spend the season there.

Species	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Greater White-fronted Goose		
Snow Goose	-	
Cackling Goose		
Canada Goose		
Trumpeter Swan		
Wood Duck		
Gadwall		
Eurasian Wigeon		
American Wigeon		
Mallard		
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Lesser Scaup		
Bufflehead	and the second	
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Bald Eagle		
Red-tailed Hawk		
Virginia Rail		
American Coot Killdeer		
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Lesser Yellowlegs		
Long-billed Dowitcher		
Wilson's Snipe		
Mew Gull		
Ring-billed Gull		
Western Gull		
California Gull		
Herring Gull		
Thayer's Gull		
Glaucous-winged Gull		
Rock Pigeon		
Band-tailed Pigeon	_	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	• - •	
Barred Owl		
Black Swift		
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Rufous Hummingbird		
Belted Kingfisher		
Red-breasted Sapsucker	-	
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Peregrine Falcon			
Olive-sided Flycatcher			
Western Wood-Pewee			
Willow Flycatcher			
Hammond's Flycatcher			
Pacific-slope Flycatcher			
Warbling Vireo			
Steller's Jay			
Northwestern Crow			
Common Raven			
Horned Lark			
N. Rough-winged Swallow			
Tree Swallow Violet-green Swallow			
Barn Swallow			
Cliff Swallow			
Black-capped Chickadee			
Bushtit			
Red-breasted Nuthatch			
Brown Creeper			
Pacific Wren			
Golden-crowned Kinglet			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Swainson's Thrush	1.00		
Hermit Thrush			
American Robin			
Varied Thrush			
European Starling			
American Pipit			
Cedar Waxwing	* ** ****** ** * ******		
Orange-crowned Warbler			
MacGillivray's Warbler			
Common Yellowthroat			
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Yellow-rumped Warbler			
Black-throated Gray Warbler			
Townsend's Warbler	<u>.</u>		
Wilson's Warbler	10 (0.00)		
Fox Sparrow			
Dark-eyed Junco			
White-crowned Sparrow			
Golden-crowned Sparrow			
White-throated Sparrow	• • •		
Savannah Sparrow	1 100-1 100-1		
Song Sparrow			
Lincoln's Sparrow	1 March 1980 1980 1981 1981		
Spotted Towhee			
Western Tanager			
Black-headed Grosbeak			
Red-winged Blackbird			
Brewer's Blackbird	-		
Brown-headed Cowbird			
House Finch			
Purple Finch	TO DO STORE		
Common Redpoll			

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Pine Siskin		
American Goldfinch		
Evening Grosbeak	•	•
House Sparrow		

Rare species which have been recorded at Trout Lake but are not expected to be seen with any regularity:

Barrow's Goldeneye, Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Pelagic Cormorant, Solitary Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Bonaparte's Gull, Caspian Tern, Common Nighthawk, Vaux's Swift, Hutton's Vireo, Purple Martin, Bank Swallow, Marsh Wren, Lapland Longspur, American Redstart, American Tree Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Bullock's Oriole, Pine Grosbeak, Red Crossbill.

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Birds of Conservation Concern

A number of these species are of conservation concern provincially or federally. These are:

Great Blue Heron
Cackling Goose
Green Heron
Peregrine Falcon
Barn Swallow
California Gull
Band-tailed Pigeon
Double-crested Cormorant



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