

Credit: Philina English

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.

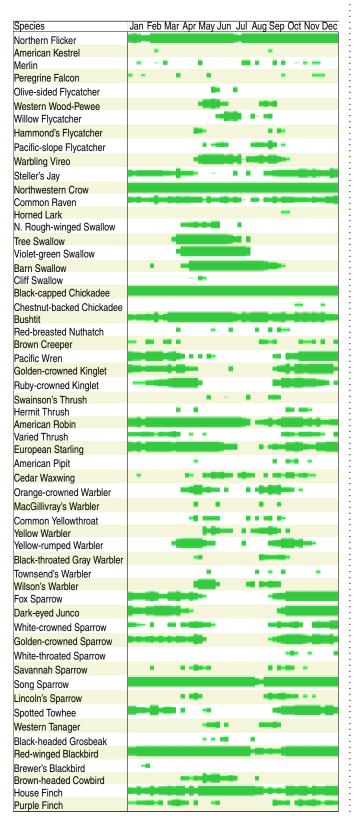
BIRDWATCHING IN JOHN HENDRY PARK (Trout Lake)



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	
Blue-winged Teal	
Northern Shoveler Northern Pintail	
Green-winged Teal	and the same of th
Ring-necked Duck	
Lesser Scaup	
Bufflehead	
Common Goldeneye	
Hooded Merganser	
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Ruddy Duck	
Pied-billed Grebe	
Double-crested Cormorant	
Great Blue Heron Green Heron	
Turkey Vulture	
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Cooper's Hawk	the state of the s
Bald Eagle	
Red-tailed Hawk	
Virginia Rail American Coot	
Killdeer	10.10 0.10 1
Spotted Sandpiper	- H I + H H
Greater Yellowlegs	
Lesser Yellowlegs	
Long-billed Dowitcher	
Wilson's Snipe	
Bonaparte's Gull	
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	
Anna's Hummingbird	
Rufous Hummingbird	
Belted Kingfisher	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	
Downy Woodpecker	



Species	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
Red Crossbill	
Common Redpoll	
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:

Redhead, Barrow's Goldeneye, Red-throated Loon, Rednecked Grebe, Pelagic Cormorant, Northern Harrier, Rough-legged Hawk, Solitary Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Black-headed Gull, Caspian Tern, Common Nighthawk, Vaux's Swift, Pileated Woodpecker, Northern Shrike, 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.

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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