

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 known 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. Black-capped 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 off-leash areas.



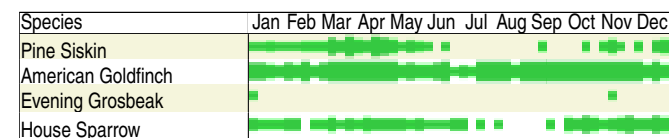
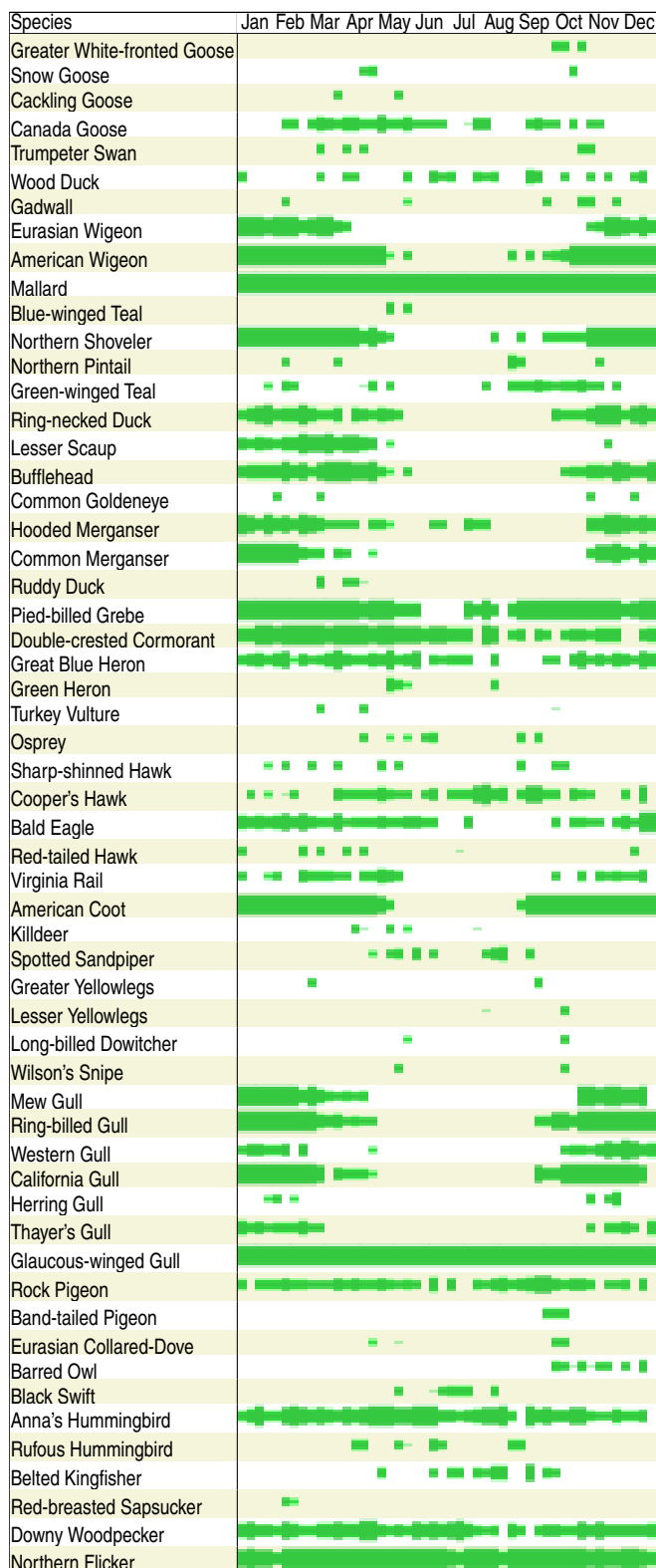
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BIRDWATCHING IN JOHN HENDRY PARK (TROUT LAKE)



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.



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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