

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.

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												
Ring-necked Duck												
Lesser Scaup												
Bufflehead												
Common Goldeneye												
Hooded Merganser												
Common Merganser												
Ruddy Duck												
Pied-billed Grebe												
Double-crested Cormorant												
Great Blue Heron												
Green Heron												
Turkey Vulture												
Osprey												
Sharp-shinned Hawk												
Cooper's Hawk												
Bald Eagle												
Red-tailed Hawk												
Virginia Rail												
American Coot												
Killdeer												
Spotted Sandpiper												
Greater Yellowlegs												
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												
Anna's Hummingbird												
Rufous Hummingbird												
Belted Kingfisher												
Red-breasted Sapsucker												
Downy Woodpecker												
Northern Flicker												

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American Kestrel												
Merlin												
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												
Hermit Thrush												
American Robin												
Varied Thrush												
European Starling												
American Pipit												
Cedar Waxwing												
Orange-crowned Warbler												
MacGillivray's Warbler												
Common Yellowthroat												
Yellow Warbler												
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
Black-throated Gray Warbler												
Townsend's Warbler												
Wilson's Warbler												
Spotted Towhee												
Savannah Sparrow												
Fox Sparrow												
Song Sparrow												
Lincoln's Sparrow												
White-throated Sparrow												
White-crowned Sparrow												
Golden-crowned Sparrow												
Dark-eyed Junco												
Western Tanager												
Black-headed Grosbeak												
Red-winged Blackbird												
Brewer's Blackbird												
Brown-headed Cowbird												
House Finch												
Purple Finch												
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, 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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