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, 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 bird 135 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 De
Greater White-fronted Goose		
Snow Goose	-	-
Cackling Goose		
Canada Goose		
Trumpeter Swan		_
Wood Duck		• · · · · •
Gadwall	_ =	.
Eurasian Wigeon		_
American Wigeon		
Mallard		
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		
Turkey Vulture		-
Osprey		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		
Cooper's Hawk		[1 - man - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1
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		I
Glaucous-winged Gull		
Rock Pigeon		(
Band-tailed Pigeon		I -
Eurasian Collared-Dove		_
Barred Owl		I
Black Swift		l-
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Rufous Hummingbird		I -
Belted Kingfisher		J= 1
Red-breasted Sapsucker	_	
Downy Woodpecker		I
Northern Flicker		The second second
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American Kestrel		

Species	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
Peregrine Falcon	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	
Western Wood-Pewee	
Willow Flycatcher	_
Hammond's Flycatcher	_
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	
Warbling Vireo	- seedile - idea
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	market of Miles or a
MacGillivray's Warbler	1
Common Yellowthroat	
Yellow Warbler	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	
Townsend's Warbler	
Wilson's Warbler	Total Control of the
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	
Pine Siskin	
American Goldfinch	

Species	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
Evening Grosbeak	-	-
House Sparrow		4 - -

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

Blue-winged Teal, Barrow's Goldeneye, Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Pelagic Cormorant, Green Heron, Solitary Sandpiper, Bonaparte's Gull, Caspian Tern, Common Nighthawk, Vaux's Swift, Hutton's Vireo, Marsh Wren, Lapland Longspur, American Tree Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Bullock's Oriole, Pine Grosbeak, Red Crossbill.

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