Bear Creek Lake State Park

Nestled in the heart of the Cumberland State Forest in central Virginia, Bear Creek Lake is 329 acres of hardwood and pine forests, riparian areas, vernal pools, creeks and old fields. Such a wide range of habitat support a diverse array of bird species.

Different seasons bring different birds to the park. Some birds are referred to as "residents" meaning they can be seen throughout the year. Others can be seen as they migrate from the north to the south for warmer climates. In the spring, southern species migrate north to take advantage of the food resources as insects emerge from winter dormancy. Depending on the season and species of birds, some may nest and raise their young in the park while others are just passing through.

This checklist was developed from inventories and observations conducted in the park. Through conservation and management efforts to protect habitats, birds will have a place to call home at Bear Creek Lake State Park. As park managers continue to adapt programs to benefit the coexistence of people and birds, we can expect to see a diversity of birds flying over for visitors and future visitors to see and enjoy.

Bird Watching

Whether you are a veteran bird watcher or just an observer during a walk through the park, you can see many birds in action building nests and searching for food. Look for birds flying overhead or within the forests and fields. Don't just use your eyes, listen out for the unique calls and songs. Happy birding.

Even if you visit the park during a slower birding period, don't forget that exciting and rare birds can turn up any time.

It is also important to keep in mind, if you are out hiking and come upon a bird's nest, you shouldn't collect, touch, or disturb the birds or their nests. It is also prohibited to collect feathers

Please take picture and leave it for others to enjoy.



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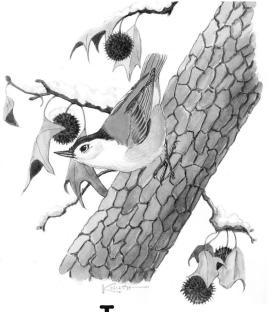
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Common Birds
of Central Virginia
and
Bear Creek Lake
State Park

Check List Guide





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Year-round Species		Summer Species		W	Winter Species	
□ Canao	da goose		Green heron		Bufflehead	
□ Wood	l duck		Osprey		Hooded merganser	
□ Malla	ard [Yellow-billed cuckoo		Ruddy duck	
\square Wild	turkey		Chimney swift		Pied-billed grebe	
☐ Great	blue heron		Ruby-throated hummingbird		Horned grebe	
Black	vulture		Eastern wood-pewee		American coot	
□ Turke	ey vulture		Acadian flycatcher		Ring-billed gull	
□ Red-s	shouldered hawk		Great-crested flycatcher		Sharp-shinned hawk	
□ Red-t	ailed hawk		Eastern kingbird		American kestrel	
□ Barre	d Owl		White-eyed vireo		Yellow-bellied sapsucker	
□ Easte	rn screech owl		Red-eyed vireo		Brown creeper	
Great	horned owl		Tree swallow		Winter wren	
□ Killde	eer [Barn swallow		House wren	
□ Mour	ning dove		Blue-gray gnatcatcher		Golden-crowned kinglet	
Belte	d kingfisher		Gray catbird		Ruby-crowned kinglet	
□ Red-b	pellied woodpecker		Wood thrush		Hermit thrush	
□ Red-l	neaded woodpecker		Ovenbird		Yellow-rumped warbler	
□ Down	ny woodpecker		Common yellowthroat		Brown -headed cowbird	
□ North	nern flicker		Sumer tanager		Swamp sparrow	
☐ Pileat	ted woodpecker		Scarlet tanager		White-throated sparrow	
□ Easte	rn phoebe		Indigo bunting		Dark-eyed junco	
□ Blue	jay [Orchard oriole		Purple finch	
☐ Amer	ican crow		Chipping sparrow			
☐ Carol	ina chickadee		Louisiana waterthrush			
□ Tufte	d titmouse		Pine warbler	٨	lien-Invasive Species	
□ White	e-breasted nuthatch		Northern parula	$\frac{\Lambda}{\Box}$	Rock pigeon European starling House sparrow	
☐ Carol	ina wren		Black-and-white warbler			
□ Easte	rn bluebird		Yellow-throated warbler			
☐ Amer	rican robin		Hooded warbler			
☐ Cedai	r waxwing		Meadowlark			
□ North	nern mockingbird		Eastern towhee (rufous-sided towhee)			
\square Song	sparrow			* NOTE: All bird species are listed under their common names.		
□ North	nern cardinal					
House	e finch					

☐ American goldfinch