

# THE DIVERSITY OF BIRDS SPECIES REFLECTS GATINEAU PARK'S WIDE VARIETY OF HABITATS

Gatineau Park is a prime destination for ornithologists — experienced and inexperienced alike. The forests, rocky escarpments, wetlands, fields, lakes and streams of the Park provide food and shelter for approximately 230 bird species.

#### WHERE TO OBSERVE BIRDS

Birds are everywhere in Gatineau Park. Here are just a few of the places where you can observe them.

Des Fées Lake and surroundings: Wetland species (green heron, great blue heron, dabbling ducks) and arboreal species (pileated woodpecker, northern cardinal, gray catbird, warbler) can be observed.

Eardley Escarpment (Champlain Lookout, Western Shelter, King Mountain): Red-tailed and broad-winged hawks, as well as turkey vultures, are sighted regularly from spring to fall, soaring on the thermal air currents of the escarpment. The fall migration sees the arrival of many different birds of prey.

#### Fortune, Bourgeois, Renaud and Ramsay lakes:

Small lakes and marshy ponds are good sites for summer birdwatching. There are regular sightings of common merganser, common loon and belted kingfisher, as well as American black duck, mallard, great blue heron and red-winged blackbird.

Forest Trails (Hickory, Larriault, and Champlain trails): The shaded slopes of the Canadian Shield in the Park are home to many species of nesting migrants, such as the scarlet tanager and indigo bunting, as well as resident species such as downy, hairy and pileated woodpeckers.

#### SOME SPECIAL FEATURES!

The above-mentioned areas have some particular features.

- Marsh wrens can be seen nesting in the cat-tails in the stream south of Des Fées Lake.
- In the area surrounding the Western Shelter, the rare cerulean warbler can be heard and perhaps observed.
- Virginia rails and soras can be heard and observed in the cat-tail areas found in the lakes of the Park.
- Field sparrows and rufous-sided towhees have been observed near the Hickory Trail.

### WHEN TO OBSERVE BIRDS

Species abundance is greatest during the spring and fall migrations. The best times of the day to observe birds are early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

With some luck, you may be one of the privileged few to observe one of the unusual, rare or hypothetical bird species in the Park, or even a species that is not listed. If it's your lucky day, maybe you will see one of the 18 species at risk that appear on the Quebec or Canada lists (marked with an \* on our list). Sightings of these species (marked with a on our list) are of great interest to the Park. Please report them to Gatineau Park staff, and provide a detailed description of the bird. You'll find the phone number and e-mail address at the end of this brochure.

The checklist provided will help you keep track of your bird sightings. Keep it, and use it on your next visit!

Keep yours eyes and ears open . . . all kinds of colourful surprises await you!

# SPECIAL SIGHTINGS

## LEGEND

LEGEND					
STAT	STATUS (S)				
N	Nesting	(nests in the Park but winters elsewhere)			
М	Migratory	(can be observed during spring and fall migrations)			
R	Resident	(nesting species — can be observed all year long)			
v	Visitor	(stays briefly, sometimes seasonnally)			
Н	Hypothetical	(never observed, but there's a chance that you might see one)			
ABUNDANCE (a)					

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a	abundant	(you can't miss it)
f	frequent	(a good chance that you'll sight one)
0	occasional	(can be observed sometimes)
r	rare	(observation possible but rare)
-u	unusual	(appears in the Park accidentally)

Sightings		Sa
	Red-throated loon 🗘	V r
	Common loon	N M a
	Pied-billed grebe 🗘	NMr
	Horned grebe * ♥	Vr
	Red-necked grebe * •	Vr
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	Double-crested cormorant •	Vr
	American bittern	N M o
	Least bittern * 😂	Vr
	Great blue heron	N M a
	Green heron	NMf
	Black-crowned night-heron 🔾	V u
	Tundra swan 🗘	V u
	Snow goose 🗘	Мr
	Brant 🗘	Vr
	Canada goose	NrMa
	Wood duck	N M a
	Green-winged teal	NrMf
	American black duck	N M a
	Mallard	N M a
	Northern pintail 😂	V u
	Blue-winged teal	N M o
	Northern shoveler 🔾	H
	Gadwall 😂	Vr
	American wigeon 🗘	H
	Redhead 🗘	Vr
	Ring-necked duck	N M o
	Greater scaup 😂	H
	Lesser scaup 🔾	H
	Oldsquaw 🔾	Vr
	Black scoter O	Vr
	Surf scoter •	Vr
	White-winged scoter ©	Vr
	Common goldeneye	NHMf
	Bufflehead	Мо
	Hooded merganser	N M f
	Common merganser	N M a
	Red-breasted merganser 🔾	Мr
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	Turkey vulture	N M a

Sightings	SPECIES	Sa
- 6 - · · · · · · · · · ·	Osprey	N M o
	Bald eagle * •	Vr
	Northern harrier	N M o
	Sharp-shinned hawk	N M o
	Cooper's hawk * •	NHMr
	Northern goshawk	Ro
	Red-shouldered hawk * •	NMr
	Broad-winged hawk	N M a
	Red-tailed hawk	N M a
	Rough-legged hawk ②	Mr
	Golden eagle * ©	Vr
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	American kestrel	N M f
	Merlin 🛇	Mr
	Peregrine falcon * •	Mr
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	Gray Partridge 🖸	Vr
	Spruce grouse ②	H
	Ruffed grouse	Ra
	Yellow rail * ♥	V u
	Virginia rail	N M o
	Sora	N M o
	Common moorhen 🛇	NMr
	American coot 🔾	V u
	Sandhill crane 😂	V u
	Black-bellied plover 🗘	V u
	Semipalmated plover 🔾	H
	Killdeer	NМа
	Greater yellowlegs 🗘	Мr
	Lesser yellowlegs 🔾	Mr
	Solitary sandpiper	Мо
	Spotted sandpiper	N M f
	Upland sandpiper 🔾	M r
	Sanderling •	H
	Semipalmated sandpiper 🔾	Mr
	Least sandpiper 🔾	Mr
	White-rumped sandpiper •	Vu
	Pectoral sandpiper 🔾	Mr
	Dunlin 🔾	Vu
	Common snipe	N M o
	American woodcock	N M o
	Pongnarto's gull	Н
	Bonaparte's gull Congressible Ring-billed gull	N M a
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	Herring gull Great black-backed gull •	Н
	Common tern 🔾	Н
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Signuings	Rock dove	R f
	Mourning dove	N M a
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	Black-billed cuckoo	N M o
	Yellow-billed cuckoo ♥	NVVr
	Eastern screech-owl 🗘	Rr
	Great horned owl	Ro
	Snowy owl 🗘	Vr
	Northern hawk owl 😂	V u
	Barred owl	Rо
	Great gray owl * 🗘	V u
	Long-eared owl 🗘	V u
	Short-eared owl * 🗘	V u
	Boreal owl 🛇	V u
	Northern saw-whet owl	Rо
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	Common nighthawk	N M r
	Whip-poor-will	N M o
	Chimney swift	N M a
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	Ruby-throated hummingbird	N M a
	Belted kingfisher	N M a
	Red-headed woodpecker * ©	V u
	Red-bellied woodpecker ©	Vu
	Yellow-bellied sapsucker	N M a
	Downy woodpecker	Ra
	Hairy woodpecker	Ra
	Three-toed woodpecker ©	Vr
	Black-backed woodpecker •	Vr
	Northern flicker	N M a
	Pileated woodpecker	Ra
	Olive-sided flycatcher	NrMo
	Eastern wood-pewee	N M a
	Yellow-bellied flycatcher	NrMo
	Alder flycatcher	N M a
	Willow flycatcher	N M f
	Least flycatcher	N M a
	Eastern phoebe	N M a
	Great crested flycatcher	N M a
	Eastern kingbird	N M a
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	Horned lark	Мо
	Purple martin	NHVf
	Tree swallow	N M a
	Northern rough-winged swallow ②	N M r
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	Cliff swallow	NHVo
	Barn swallow	N M a
	Dath Swallow	IN INI a
	Gray jay 🗘	Vr
	Blue jay	Ra
	American crow	N M a
	Common raven	Ra
	Black-capped chickadee	Ra
	Boreal chickadee ©	Vr
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	Red-breasted nuthatch	Rf
	White-breasted nuthatch	Ra
	Brown creeper	Rо
	Carolina wren 📀	Vr
	House wren	N M o
	Winter wren	N M a
	Sedge wren * ♥	NMr
	Marsh wren 🗘	NMr
	Golden-crowned kinglet	RrMf
	Ruby-crowned kinglet	N M o
	Blue-gray gnatcatcher 🗘	V u
	Eastern bluebird	N M o
	Veery	N M a
	Gray-cheeked thrush 🛇	Мr
	Swainson's thrush	N M o
	Hermit thrush	N M a
	Wood thrush	N M a
	American robin	N M a
	Gray catbird	N M a
	Northern mockingbird ©	Vu
	Brown thrasher	N M f
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	American pipit	V o
	Dahamian was with a f	T7
	Bohemian waxwing •	V r
	Cedar waxwing	N M a
	Northam abriles	W.o.
	Northern shrike	V o
	Loggerhead shrike * •	Vu
	Furnage starling	Rf
	European starling	IV I

Sightings	SPECIES	S a
	Solitary vireo	NrMo
	Yellow-throated vireo	N M o
	Warbling vireo	NMf
	Philadelphia vireo	NrMo
	Red-eyed vireo	N M a
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	Blue-winged warbler 🗘	NMr
	Golden-winged warbler	NrMf
	Orange-crowned warbler 🗯	Мr
	Nashville warbler	N M a
	Northern parula	NrMo
	Yellow warbler	N M a
	Chestnut-sided warbler	N M a
	Magnolia warbler	N M o
	Cape May warbler 😂	NMr
	Black-throated blue warbler	NMf
	Yellow-rumped warbler	N M a
	Black-throated green warbler	NMf
	Blackburnian warbler	NMf
	Pine warbler 🗘	NMr
	Palm warbler	Мо
	Bay-breasted warbler	Мо
	Blackpoll warbler	Μf
	Cerulean warbler * 🗘	NMr
	Black-and-white warbler	N M o
	American redstart	N M a
	Ovenbird	N M a
	Northern waterthrush	NMf
	Louisiana waterthrush* ♥	V u
	Mourning warbler	NMf
	Common yellowthroat	NMf
	Wilson's warbler 🛇	Мr
	Canada warbler	N M o
	Scarlet tanager	N M a
	Northern cardinal	Ra
	Rose-breasted grosbeak	N M o
mossi/å	Indigo bunting	N M o
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Sightings	SPECIES	S a
22550	Rufous-sided towhee * •	NMr
	American tree sparrow	Vf
	Chipping sparrow	N M a
	Clay-colored sparrow •	Vu
	Field sparrow	NМо
	Vesper sparrow 🖸	NMr
	Savannah sparrow	NMf
	Grasshopper sparrow * 🗘	Vu
	Fox sparrow 🔾	Мr
	Song sparrow	N M a
	Lincoln's sparrow	Мо
	Swamp sparrow	N M f
	White-throated sparrow	N M a
	White-crowned sparrow	Мо
	Dark-eyed junco	RoMa
	Snow bunting •	Vr
	Bobolink	N M a
	Red-winged blackbird	N M a
	Eastern meadowlark	NMf
	Yellow-headed blackbird 😂	V u
	Rusty blackbird	N M o
	Common grackle	N M a
	Brown-headed cowbird	N M a
	Northern oriole	NMf
	Pine grosbeak	V o
	Purple finch	Ra
	House finch	R f
	Red crossbill 🗘	V u
	White-winged crossbill	R o
	Common redpoll	V o
	Hoary redpoll 🗘	V u
	Pine siskin	Ro
	American goldfinch	R f
	Evening grosbeak	Ra
	House sparrow	R a

