

## Caswell Memorial State Park



### Bird Checklist



The following bird species are known to reside in the area of Caswell Memorial State Park.

They can be seen in or from the park in the appropriate habitat and season.

#### **Barn Owls - *Tytonidae***

- Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*

#### **Blackbirds and Orioles - *Icteridae***

- Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus*
- Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molotus ater*
- Bullock's Oriole, *Icterus bullockii*
- Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Western Meadowlark, *Sturnella neglecta*

#### **Bushtits - *Aegithalidae***

- Bushtit, *Psaltriparus minimus*

#### **Cardinals, Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Buntings - *Cardinalidae***

- Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus*
- \*Blue Grosbeak, *Passerina caerulea*
- Lazuli Bunting, *Passerina amoena*
- Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana*

#### **Chats - *Icteriidae***

- Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens*

#### **Chickadees and Titmice - *Paridae***

- Oak Titmouse, *Baeolophus inornatus*

#### **Cormorants - *Phalacrocoracidae***

- Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus*

#### **Cranes - *Gruidae***

- Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis*

#### **Creepers - *Certhiidae***

- Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana*

#### **Ducks, Geese, Swans - *Anatidae***

- American Wigeon, *Mareca Americana*
- Cackling "Aleutian" Goose, *Branta hutchinsii*
- Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis*
- Canvasback, *Aythya valisineria*
- Cinnamon Teal, *Spatula cyanoptera*
- \*Eurasian Wigeon, *Mareca penelope*
- Gadwall, *Mareca strepera*
- Greater White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons*
- Green-winged Teal, *Anas crecca*
- Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis*

- Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Northern Pintail, *Anas acuta*
- Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata*
- Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris*
- Snow Goose, *Anser caerulescens*
- Wood Duck, *Aix sponsa*

#### **Falcons - *Falconidae***

- American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*
- Merlin, *Falco columbarius*

#### **Finches and Allies - *Fringillidae***

- American Goldfinch, *Spinus tristis*
- \* Cassin's Finch, *Haemorhous cassinii*
- House Finch, *Haemorhous mexicanus*
- Lawrence's Goldfinch, *Spinus lawrencei*
- Lesser Goldfinch, *Spinus psaltria*
- Spinus pinus, Pine Siskin, *Spinus pinus*
- Purple Finch, *Haemorhous purpureus*

#### **Gnatcatchers - *Poliophtilidae***

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Poliophtila caerulea*

#### **Grebes - *Podicipedidae***

- Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*

#### **Gulls - *Laridae***

- Bonaparte's Gull, *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
- California Gull, *Larus californicus*
- Forster's Tern, *Sterna forsteri*

#### **Hawks, Kites, Eagles - *Accipitridae***

- Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii*
- Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*
- Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*
- Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus*
- Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus*
- Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni*
- White-tailed Kite, *Elanus leucurus*

#### **Hérons and Bitterns - *Aredidae***

- Black-crowned Night Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*
- Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*
- Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*
- Great Egret, *Ardea alba*
- Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*
- Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*

#### **Hummingbirds - *Trochilidae***

- Anna's Hummingbird, *Calypte anna*
- Black-chinned Hummingbird, *Archilochus alexandri*
- Rufous Hummingbird, *Selasphorus rufus*

#### **Ibises and Spoonbills -**

##### ***Threskiornithidae***

- White-faced Ibis - *Plegadis chihi*

#### **Jays, Magpies, Crows, Ravens -**

##### ***Corvidae***

- American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- California Scrub-Jay, *Aphelocoma californica*
- Common Raven, *Corvus corax*
- Yellow-billed Magpie, *Pica nuttalli*

#### **Kingfishers - *Alcedinidae***

- Belted Kingfisher, *Megaceryle alcyon*

#### **Kinglets - *Regulidae***

- Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*

#### **Larks - *Aludidae***

- Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris*

#### **Martins and Swallows - *Hirundinidae***

- Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*
- Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*
- Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
- Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor*
- Violet-green Swallow, *Tachycineta thalassina*

#### **Mockingbirds and Thrashers -**

##### ***Mimidae***

- California Thrasher, *Toxostoma redivivum*
- Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*

#### **New World Quail - *Odontophoridae***

- California Quail, *Callipepla californica*

#### **New World Towhees, Sparrows -**

##### ***Passerellidae***

- California Towhee, *Melospiza crissalis*
- Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis*
- Fox Sparrow, *Passerella iliaca*
- Golden-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia atricapilla*
- Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolnii*
- Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis*
- Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia*
- Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus*

- White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- \*White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis*

**New World Vultures - *Cathartidae***

- Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*

**Nuthatches - *Sittidae***

- Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis*
- White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis*

**Old World Sparrows - *Passeridae***

- House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*

**Ospreys - *Pandionidae***

- Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*

**Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys - *Phasianidae***

- Ring-necked Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*
- Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*

**Pelicans - *Pelecanidae***

- American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

**Pigeons and Doves - *Columbidae***

- Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto*
- Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura*
- Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia*

**Pipits - *Motacillidae***

- American Pipit, *Anthus rubescens*

**Plovers - *Charadriidae***

- Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferans*

**Sandpipers - *Scolopacidae***

- Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*
- Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla*
- Long-billed Curlew, *Numenius americanus*
- Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius*
- Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*
- Wilson's Snipe, *Gallinago delicata*

**Shrikes - *Laniidae***

- Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*

**Silky-flycatchers - *Ptiliogonidae***

- Phainopepla, *Phainopepla nitens*

**Starlings - *Sturnidae***

- European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*

**Stilts and Avocets - *Recurvirostridae***

- American Avocet, *Recurvirostra americana*

- Black-necked Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus*

**Swifts - *Apodidae***

- Vaux's Swift, *Chaetura vauxi*
- White-throated Swift, *Aeronautes saxatalis*

**Sylviid Warblers - *Sylviidae***

- Wrentit, *Chamaea fasciata*

**Thrushes - *Turdidae***

- American Robin, *Turdus migratorius*
- Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*
- Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*
- Varied Thrush, *Ixoreus naevius*
- Western Bluebird, *Sialia mexicana*

**Typical Owls - *Strigidae***

- Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*
- Western Screech-Owl, *Megascops kennicottii*

**Tyrant Flycatchers - *Tyrannidae***

- Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*
- \*Gray Flycatcher, *Empidonax wrightii*
- Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus cooperi*
- Pacific-Slope Flycatcher, *Empidonax difficilis*
- Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya*
- Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*
- Western Wood-Pewee, *Contopus sordidulus*

**Vireos - *Vireonidae***

- Cassin's Vireo, *Vireo cassinii*
- Hutton's Vireo, *Vireo huttoni*
- Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus*

**Waxwings - *Bombacillidae***

- Cedar Waxwing, *Bombacilla cedrorum*

**Wood Warblers - *Parulidae***

- Black-throated Gray Warbler, *Setophaga nigrescens*
- Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas*
- Hermit Warbler, *Setophaga occidentalis*
- MacGillivray's Warbler, *Geothlypis tolmiei*
- Nashville Warbler, *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*
- Orange-crowned Warbler, *Leiothlypis celata*

- Townsend's Warbler, *Setophaga townsendi*
- Wilson's Warbler, *Cardellina pusilla*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Setophaga coronata*

**Woodpeckers- *Picidae***

- Acorn Woodpecker, *Melanerpes formicivorus*
- Downy Woodpecker, *Dryobates pubescens*
- Nuttall's Woodpecker, *Picoides nuttallii*
- Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus*
- Pileated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus pileatus*
- Red-breasted Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus ruber*

**Wrens - *Troglodytidae***

- Bewick's Wren, *Thryomanes bewickii*
- House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*
- \*Pacific Wren, *Troglodytes pacificus*



An asterisk (\*) indicates a species that has been seen within the park but is considered rare.

This list was compiled by Abe Van Noorloos and Bill Amundsen for Flora and Fauna of Caswell State Park, a checklist by The Great Valley Museum of Natural History, and revised by Salvatore Salerno with the Audubon Society.

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