

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

	SP	S	F	W
Olive-sided Flycatcher#	O		R	
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	U	U	R	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		R	
Acadian Flycatcher	R		R	
Alder Flycatcher	U		U	
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U	
Least Flycatcher*	U		U	
Eastern Phoebe*	U	R	U	R
Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	U	
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	U	

**SHRIKES**

Loggerhead Shrike#			R	
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**VIREOS**

White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	U	
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	R	O	U
Blue-headed Vireo		R		
Warbling Vireo	U	R	U	
Philadelphia Vireo	R		U	
Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	

**JAYS & CROWS**

Blue Jay*	A	A	A	A
American Crow*	A	A	A	A
Fish Crow*	C	C	U	U

**LARKS**

Horned Lark*	U	O	U	U
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**SWALLOWS**

Purple Martin*	U	U	U	
Tree Swallow*	C	C	A	
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	O	O	U	
Bank Swallow	O	U	U	
Cliff Swallow*	R		R	
Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	

**CHICKADEES & TITMICE**

Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C

**NUTHATCHES**

Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		C	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C

**CREEPERS**

Brown Creeper	U	O	C	O
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**WRENS**

Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C
House Wren*	U	U	U	U
Winter Wren	U	U	U	O
Marsh Wren	U	U	U	R

**KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS**

Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	R
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	O	O	R	

**THRUSHES & ALLIES**

Eastern Bluebird #	O	O	O	O
Veery*	U	U	U	U
Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O	
Swainson's Thrush	U		U	

	SP	S	F	W
Hermit Thrush	C	R	C	O
Wood Thrush*	C	C	U	
American Robin*	A	A	A	A

**MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHER & ALLIES**

Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	O
Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	O

**STARLINGS**

European Starling*	A	A	A	A
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**WAGTAILS & PIPITS**

American Pipit	O		U	O
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**WAXWINGS**

Cedar Waxwing*	U	U	C	O
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**WOOD WARBLERS**

Blue-winged Warbler*	U	U	O	
Golden winged Warbler	R			
Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
Orange-crowned Warbler			R	
Nashville Warbler	C		U	C
Northern Parula	C		C	
Yellow Warbler*	C	C	U	U
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		U	U
Magnolia Warbler	C		C	
Cape May Warbler	U		U	U
Black-throated Blue Warbler	C		U	A
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		A	C
Black-throated Green Warbler*	C		C	
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U	
Yellow-throated Warbler	R			
Pine Warbler	U	O	U	R
Prairie Warbler*	C	U	U	
Palm Warbler	C	U	C	R
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
Blackpoll Warbler	C		C	
Cerulean Warbler#	R			
Black-and-white Warbler*	C	U	C	
American Redstart*	C	U	C	
Worm-eating Warbler	R			
Ovenbird*	C	U	U	
Northern Waterthrush	C		C	
Kentucky Warbler	R	R		
Connecticut Warbler			R	
Mourning Warbler	U		O	
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	R
Hooded Warbler	R			
Wilson's Warbler	U		U	C
Canada Warbler	U		C	
Yellow-breasted Chat	U	R	O	

**TANAGERS**

Summer Tanager	O			
Scarlet Tanager*	C	C	U	

**SPARROWS & ALLIES**

	SP	S	F	W
Eastern Towhee*	C	C	C	O
American Tree Sparrow				U
Chipping Sparrow*	C	C	C	O
Field Sparrow*	U	O	U	O
Vesper Sparrow#	O		U	
Lark Sparrow			R	U
Savannah Sparrow	C	R	R	U
Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	U	U	U	U
Seaside Sparrow*	U	U	U	U
Fox Sparrow	U	A	U	U
Song Sparrow*	A	A	A	A
Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	
Swamp Sparrow	U	R	C	U
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	O
White-crowned Sparrow	R		U	C
Dark-eyed Junco	U		C	O
Lapland Longspur				R
Snow Bunting				U

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & ALLIES**

Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	R	U	
Blue Grosbeak	O		O	
Indigo Bunting*	U	U	U	
Dickcissel			U	

**BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES**

Bobolink	O		U	
Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	C	O
Eastern Meadowlark	U		U	O
Rusty Blackbird	U		U	O
Common Grackle*	C	C	C	R
Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	A	O
Orchard Oriole*	U	U	O	
Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	C	

**FINCHES & ALLIES**

Purple Finch	U		U	O
House Finch*	A	A	A	C
Red Crossbill				R
White-winged Crossbill				R
Pine Siskin*	O		U	O
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	U

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

House Sparrow*	A	A	A	A
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# BIRDS

OF

# HECKSHER

STATE

# PARK

*Special observations (breeding behavior, rare or out of season reports, etc.) should be reported to:*

New York Rare Bird Alert  
(631 - 734 - 4126)  
and then to  
Hecksher State Park  
(631 - 581 - 2100)

Thank you for your assistance.

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**Species seen less frequently than once every five years:**

Eurasian Wigeon	Red Phalarope	Western Kingbird
Bald Eagle #	Pomarine Jaeger	Sedge Wren #
Rough-legged Hawk	Little Gull	Evening Grosbeak
Northern Wheatear	Sora	Northern Shrike
Grasshopper Sparrow		Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit	Louisiana Waterthrush	
Glaucous Gull	Red-necked Phalarope	
Gull-billed Tern	Dovekie	Common Redpoll
Long-billed Dowitcher		Cattle Egret
Common Black-headed Gull	Greater White-fronted Goose	
Prothonotary Warbler		



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Long Island State Park Region  
Belmont Lake State Park, P.O. Box 247, Babylon, New York 11702  
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**CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF  
HECKSCHER STATE PARK**

Heckscher State Park is a 1,657 acre recreation area located on the Great South Bay, along the south shore of Long Island. The park is comprised of a variety of natural resources including bay, beach, tidal marshes, fields and secondary growth woodlands. The various habitats are host to over 280 species of resident and migrating birds.

Parking field 4 provides access to beach, marsh and woodland areas, while fields 6,7 and 8 provide direct access to the shore.

For further information and to report rare birds, please call (631) 581 - 2100

**PERIODS OF OCCURRENCE**

SP Spring: Mar. 1-May 31  
S Summer: June 1-Aug. 31  
F Fall: Sept. 1-Nov. 30  
W Winter: Dec. 1-Feb. 28

**STATUS**

- A Abundant: Hard to miss in proper habitat
- C Common: Very likely to be seen in proper habitat
- U Uncommon: Present but not likely seen
- O Occasional: Seen 1-3 times per season
- R Rare: Seen at intervals of 2-5 years
- \* Breeding: Breeding confirmed within park boundaries
- # Species designated by the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation as endangered, threatened, or of special concern

**OBSERVER FIELD DATA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Weather \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS**

	SP	S	F	W
___ Snow Goose.....			U	O
___ Brant.....	C		C	C
___ Canada Goose* .....	A	A	A	A
___ Mute Swan*.....	C	C	C	C
___ Wood Duck*.....	O	O	O	R
___ Gadwall*.....	U	U	U	U
___ American Wigeon.....	O		O	U
___ American Black Duck*.....	C	C	C	C
___ Mallard*.....	A	A	A	A
___ Blue-winged Teal .....	U		U	
___ Northern Shoveler.....	O		O	R
___ Northern Pintail.....	O		O	O
___ Green-winged Teal .....	U	U	U	R
___ Canvasback.....	U			O
___ Redhead.....	U			O
___ Ring-necked Duck.....	U			R
___ Greater Scaup.....	C		C	A
___ Lesser Scaup .....	O		U	O
___ Surf Scoter.....				R
___ White-winged Scoter.....				R
___ Black Scoter.....				R
___ Long-tailed Duck.....	U		C	C
___ Bufflehead.....	U		C	C
___ Common Goldeneye.....	U		C	C
___ Hooded Merganser.....	U		U	O
___ Common Merganser.....	U			R
___ Red-breasted Merganser.....	U		C	A
___ Ruddy Duck.....	U		U	O

**PARTRIDGES, GROUSE,  
TURKEY & QUAIL**

___ Ring-necked Pheasant*.....	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Bobwhite*#.....	U	U	U	U

**LOONS**

___ Red-throated Loon .....			O	O
___ Common Loon #.....	O	O	O	O

**GREBES**

___ Pied-billed Grebe .....	O	O	O	O
___ Horned Grebe .....	O		O	C
___ Red-necked Grebe.....				R

**CORMORANTS**

___ Double-crested Cormorant.....	C	O	C	C
___ Great Cormorant .....	O	C	O	O

**BITTERNS & HERONS & ALLIES**

___ American Bittern #*.....	U	R	U	U
___ Least Bittern # .....	R	R		
___ Great Blue Heron .....	C		C	C
___ Great Egret.....	C	C	U	R
___ Snowy Egret.....	C	C	O	
___ Little Blue Heron.....	U	U	O	
___ Tricolored Heron.....	U	U	O	
___ Green-backed Heron*.....	U	U	U	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*.....	U	U	U	O
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.....	O	O	R	

**IBISES**

___ Glossy Ibis.....	C	C	U	
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**KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS &  
ALLIES**

	SP	S	F	W
___ Osprey *#.....	U	U	U	
___ Northern Harrier #.....	U	U	U	U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	O		U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk #.....	O		U	O
___ Northern Goshawk .....	R		R	O
___ Red-shouldered Hawk#.....	R		O	R
___ Broad-winged Hawk.....	O	R	O	U
___ Red-tailed Hawk*.....	U	U	U	U

**FALCONS**

___ American Kestrel*.....	U	O	C	U
___ Merlin.....	O		U	O
___ Peregrine Falcon # .....	O	O	O	O

**RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS**

___ Clapper Rail.....	R	U	R	R
___ Virginia Rail .....	O	O	O	O
___ Common Moorhen .....	R			
___ American Coot.....			R	R

**PLOVERS**

___ Black-bellied Plover .....	U	R	C	U
___ American Golden-Plover.....			U	
___ Semipalmated Plover.....	O		U	
___ Piping Plover #.....	U	U	U	
___ Killdeer*.....	C	C	C	O

**OYSTERCATCHERS**

___ American Oystercatcher .....	O	O	R	
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**SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES &  
ALLIES**

___ Spotted Sandpiper.....	U	U	U	
___ Solitary Sandpiper.....	U		U	
___ Greater Yellowlegs.....	U	R	C	R
___ Willet* .....	C	C	C	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs .....	U		C	R
___ Upland Sandpiper# .....		O	O	
___ Whimbrel .....			O	
___ Ruddy Turnstone.....	R		U	R
___ Red Knot.....	R		U	R
___ Sanderling.....	U	R	U	U
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper.....	O	O	C	
___ Western Sandpiper.....		R	O	
___ Least Sandpiper.....	U	R	C	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper.....			U	
___ Baird's Sandpiper.....			R	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper .....			U	
___ Dunlin.....	U		U	C
___ Stilt Sandpiper.....			R	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper .....			R	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher.....	R	R	U	
___ Wilson's Snipe.....	U		U	R
___ American Woodcock*.....	U	U	U	
___ Wilson's Phalarope.....			R	

**GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS**

	SP	S	F	W
___ Laughing Gull.....	U	C	C	R
___ Bonaparte's Gull .....				U
___ Ring-billed Gull .....	A	A	A	A
___ Herring Gull*.....	A	A	A	A
___ Iceland Gull.....				R
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull.....	O	O	O	O
___ Great Black-backed Gull*.....	A	A	A	A
___ Caspian Tern.....	R		O	
___ Black Tern#.....	R		O	
___ Roseate Tern#.....		R		
___ Common Tern*# .....	C	C	C	
___ Least Tern* #.....	C	C	U	
___ Forster's Tern.....	O	O	O	
___ Royal Tern.....			O	
___ Black Skimmer.....	C	C	C	

**SKUAS**

___ Parasitic Jaeger.....			R	
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**PIGEONS & DOVES**

___ Rock Pidgeon*.....	A	A	A	A
___ Mourning Dove*.....	C	C	C	C

**CUCKOOS**

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*.....	U	U	O	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo*.....	U	U	O	

**BARN OWLS**

___ Barn Owl*# .....	R	R	R	R
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**TYPICAL OWLS**

___ Eastern Screech-Owl*.....	U	U	U	U
___ Great Horned Owl*.....	U	U	U	U
___ Snowy Owl .....				R
___ Long-eared Owl .....	O		O	O
___ Short-eared Owl# .....	O		O	O
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl.....			O	O

**GOATSUCKERS**

___ Common Nighthawk* #.....	R	R	U	
___ Whip-poor-will* .....	U	U	U	

**SWIFTS**

___ Chimney Swift*.....	C	C	U	
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**HUMMINGBIRDS**

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird .....	U	U	U	
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**KINGFISHERS**

___ Belted Kingfisher*.....	U	U	U	U
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**WOODPECKERS**

___ Red-headed Woodpecker .....	O		O	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*.....	C	C	C	C
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	U		U	O
___ Downy Woodpecker*.....	C	C	C	C
___ Hairy Woodpecker*.....	C	C	C	U
___ Northern Flicker*.....	C	U	C	U