

MOCKINGBIRDS,
THRASHERS, & ALLIES

- Gray Catbird*
- Northern Mockingbird*
- Brown Thrasher*

STARLINGS AND ALLIES

- European Starling*

WAXWINGS

- Cedar Waxwing

WOOD WARBLERS

- Blue-winged Warbler
- Golden-winged Warbler #
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Yellow Warbler*
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Pine Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Ovenbird

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- Northern Waterthrush
- Connecticut Warbler
- Mourning Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat*
- Hooded Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat #

TANAGERS

- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- Eastern Towhee*
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow*
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow*
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS

- Northern Cardinal*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting*

BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES

- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird*
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Rusty Blackbird

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- Common Grackle*
- Brown-headed Cowbird*
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole*

FRINGILLINE & CARDUELINE FINCHES

- Purple Finch
- House Finch*
- Common Redpoll
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch*
- Evening Grosbeak

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- House Sparrow*

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Observer Field Data

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DATE _____ TIME _____

WEATHER _____

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

Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve
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BIRDS

OF
CLAY PIT PONDS
STATE PARK PRESERVE



**CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF
CLAY PIT PONDS STATE PARK PRESERVE**

Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve is 260 acres of fields, wetlands, sandy barrens, and spring fed streams. This natural area is home to a variety of wildlife, including over 180 species of birds, of which more than 40 have bred. Many birds are migratory, passing through woods and wetlands in mixed flocks especially during May and September. These are the peak birding periods of the year. Ponds serve as a refuge for ducks in early spring, and for wading birds in summer. Other birds winter or reside here year-round, and visit winter feeders near the Preserve headquarters.

Much of Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve has been designated as a Bird Conservation Area by New York State for its relatively large, contiguous area of forest as well as its wetlands, streams and woodlands. This diverse habitat serves as an oasis for migratory birds by providing shelter, food and breeding sites.

Trails are open daily from dawn to dusk. Please stay on designated marked trails. Avoid red-marked horse trails, and the area north of Clay Pit Road. Enjoy the birds!

Cover Artwork: Downy Woodpecker

SEASONS

Sp Spring (March 1-May 31)
Su Summer (June 1-August 31)
F Fall (September 1-November 30)
W Winter (December 1-February 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 to be seen
O. . . Occasional – seen 1-3 times a season
R. . . Rare – seen at intervals of 2-5 years
. . . Species designated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as endangered, threatened, or of special concern.
* . . . Breeding – breeding confirmed within the preserve boundaries

SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS

- __Snow Goose
- __Canada Goose
- __Wood Duck
- __Gadwall
- __American Wigeon
- __American Black Duck
- __Mallard*
- __Blue-winged Teal
- __Northern Shoveler
- __Green-winged Teal
- __Ring-necked Duck
- __Greater Scaup
- __Bufflehead
- __Hooded Merganser

PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, & TURKEYS

- __Ring-necked Pheasant*
- __Wild Turkey

LOONS

- __Common Loon #

GREBES

- __Pied-billed Grebe #

CORMORANTS

- __Double-crested Cormorant

BITTERNS, HERONS, AND ALLIES

- __American Bittern #
- __Great Blue Heron
- __Great Egret
- __Snowy Egret
- __Little Blue Heron
- __Tricolored Heron
- __Cattle Egret

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- __Green Heron
- __Black-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

- __Glossy Ibis

AMERICAN VULTURES

- __Turkey Vulture

KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS, & ALLIES

- __Osprey #
- __Bald Eagle #
- __Northern Harrier #
- __Sharp-shinned Hawk #
- __Cooper’s Hawk #
- __Northern Goshawk #
- __Red-shouldered Hawk #
- __Broad-winged Hawk
- __Red-tailed Hawk
- __Rough-legged Hawk

CARACARAS AND FALCONS

- __American Kestrel*
- __Merlin

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

- __Common Moorhen
- __American Coot

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

- __Killdeer*

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, & ALLIES

- __Greater Yellowlegs
- __Lesser Yellowlegs
- __Solitary Sandpiper

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- __Spotted Sandpiper
- __Least Sandpiper
- __Pectoral Sandpiper
- __Wilson’s Snipe
- __American Woodcock*

SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS, & SKIMMERS

- __Laughing Gull
- __Ring-billed Gull
- __Herring Gull
- __Great Black-backed Gull
- __Black Tern #

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- __Rock Pigeon*
- __Mourning Dove*

CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, & ANIS

- __Black-billed Cuckoo*
- __Yellow-billed Cuckoo*

BARN OWLS

- __Barn Owl

TYPICAL OWLS

- __Eastern Screech-Owl*
- __Great Horned Owl
- __Short-eared Owl #

GOATSUCKERS

- __Common Nighthawk #
- __Whip-poor-will* #

SWIFTS

- __Chimney Swift

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HUMMINGBIRDS

- __Ruby-throated Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS

- __Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES

- __Red-headed Woodpecker #
- __Red-bellied Woodpecker*
- __Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- __Downy Woodpecker*
- __Hairy Woodpecker
- __Northern Flicker*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- __Olive-sided Flycatcher
- __Eastern Wood-Pewee
- __Least Flycatcher
- __Eastern Phoebe
- __Great Crested Flycatcher*
- __Eastern Kingbird*

VIREOS

- __White-eyed Vireo*
- __Yellow-throated Vireo
- __Blue-headed Vireo
- __Philadelphia Vireo
- __Red-eyed Vireo*

JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS

- __Blue Jay*
- __American Crow*
- __Fish Crow

SWALLOWS

- __Purple Martin
- __Tree Swallow*

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- __Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- __Bank Swallow
- __Barn Swallow

CHICKADEES AND TITMICE

- __Black-capped Chickadee*
- __Tufted Titmouse*

NUTHATCHES

- __Red-breasted Nuthatch
- __White-breasted Nuthatch*

CREEPERS

- __Brown Creeper

WRENS

- __Carolina Wren
- __House Wren*
- __Winter Wren

KINGLETS

- __Golden-crowned Kinglet
- __Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLER AND GNATCATCHERS

- __Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES

- __Eastern Bluebird
- __Veery
- __Gray-cheeked Thrush
- __Swainson’s Thrush
- __Hermit Thrush
- __Wood Thrush*
- __American Robin*

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