John Boyd Thacher
State Park
Bird Check List

These birds have been seen at Thacher Park or
Thompson’s Lake or near their boundaries.
Some rare birds have been left off this list.

A star (☆) indicates nesting has occurred.

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### Loons & Grebes
- COMMON LOON
- PIED-BILLED GREBE

### Bitterns & Herons
- GREAT BLUE HERON ☆
- GREEN HERON ☆

### Vultures
- TURKEY VULTURE ☆

### Swans, Geese & Ducks
- SNOW GOOSE
- CANADA GOOSE ☆
- WOOD DUCK ☆
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL
- AMERICAN BLACK DUCK
- MALLARD ☆
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL
- RING-NECKED DUCK
- COMMON GOLDENEYE
- BUFFLEHEAD
- HOODED Merganser
- COMMON Merganser

### Kites, Eagles & Hawks
- OSPREY
- BALD EAGLE
- NORTHERN HARRIER
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK ☆
- COOPER’S HAWK ☆

### Falcons
- AMERICAN KESTREL ☆
- MERLIN
- PEREGRINE FALCON

### Partridges, Grouse & Turkeys
- RUFFED GROUSE ☆
- WILD TURKEY ☆

### Sandpipers & Allies
- KILLDEER ☆
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER
- LEAST SANDPIPER
- COMMON SNIPE
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK ☆

### Gulls & Terns
- RING-BILLED GULL
- HERRING GULL

### Pigeons & Doves
- ROCK DOVE ☆
- MOURNING DOVE ☆

### Cuckoos
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO ☆
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO ☆

### Typical Owls
- EASTERN SCREECH OWL ☆
- GREAT HORNED OWL ☆
- BARRED OWL ☆

### Goatsuckers
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK
- WHIP-POOR-WILL

### Swifts
- CHIMNEY SWIFT ☆

### Hummingbirds
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD ☆

### Kingfishers
- BELTED KINGFISHER

### Woodpeckers & Allies
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER ☆
- RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER ☆

### Falcons
- NORTHERN GOSHAWK ☆
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK ☆
- RED-TAILED HAWK ☆

### Flycatchers
- EASTERN WOOD PEEWEE ☆
- ALDER FLYCATCHER
- WILLOW FLYCATCHER ☆
- LEAST FLYCATCHER
- EASTERN PHOEBE ☆
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER
- EASTERN KINGBIRD

### Vireos
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO ☆
- WARBLING VIREO ☆
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO
- RED-EYED VIREO ☆

### Swallows
- TREE SWALLOW ☆
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW ☆
- BANK SWALLOW
- CLIFF SWALLOW ☆
- BARN SWALLOW ☆

### Jays & Crows
- BLUE JAY
- AMERICAN CROW
- COMMON RAVEN

### Chickadees & Titmice
- BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE ☆
- TUFTED TITMOUSE

### Nuthatches
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH ☆
- WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH ☆

### Creepers
- BROWN CREEPER

### Wrens
- HOUSE WREN
- WINTER WREN ☆

### Kinglets & Gnatcatchers
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET
### Birds of Thacher Park

**Thrushes**
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Eastern Bluebird
- Veery
- Swainson’s Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin

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

**Larks & Pipits**
- American Pipit
- Horned Lark

**Starlings**
- Starling

**Waxwings**
- Cedar Waxwing

**Wood Warblers**
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Tennessee 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 & White Warbler
- American Redstart
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Louisiana Waterthrush

**Sparrows & Allies**
- Eastern Towhee
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln’s Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

**Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Allies**
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting

**Blackbirds & Allies**
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Rusty Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Baltimore Oriole

**Finches**
- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch

**Old World Sparrows**
- House Sparrow

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**Thacher Park:** Great birding can be found along the Indian Ladder Trail, the Paint Mine Trail and any of the woodland trails. It is especially productive in spring & summer.

**Thacher Nature Center:** Great birding in diverse habitats of forest, field, and lakeshore. Fields along Ketcham Road are managed for grassland species.

**Thompson’s Lake:** Spring and fall are the best times to bird the lake as waterfowl and shorebirds, often including some surprises, frequent the lake during migration.

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