

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.

Trip #1
Trip #2
Trip #3

<i>Loons & Grebes</i>			
COMMON LOON			
PIED-BILLED GREBE			
<i>Bitterns & Herons</i>			
	1	2	3
GREAT BLUE HERON	☆		
GREEN HERON	☆		
<i>Vultures</i>			
TURKEY VULTURE	☆		
<i>Swans, Geese & Ducks</i>			
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			
<i>Kites, Eagles & Hawks</i>			
OSPREY			
BALD EAGLE			
NORTHERN HARRIER			
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	☆		
COOPER'S HAWK	☆		

NORTHERN GOSHAWK	☆			
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK				
BROAD-WINGED HAWK	☆			
RED-TAILED HAWK	☆			
<i>Falcons</i>				
AMERICAN KESTREL	☆			
MERLIN				
PEREGRINE FALCON				
<i>Partridges, Grouse & Turkeys</i>				
RUFFED GROUSE	☆			
WILD TURKEY	☆			
<i>Sandpipers & Allies</i>				
KILLDEER	☆			
SOLITARY SANDPIPER				
SPOTTED SANDPIPER				
LEAST SANDPIPER				
COMMON SNIPE				
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	☆			
<i>Gulls & Terns</i>				
RING-BILLED GULL				
HERRING GULL				
<i>Pigeons & Doves</i>				
ROCK DOVE	☆			
MOURNING DOVE	☆			
<i>Cuckoos</i>				
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO	☆			
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO	☆			
<i>Typical Owls</i>				
EASTERN SCREECH OWL	☆			
GREAT HORNED OWL	☆			
BARRED OWL	☆			
<i>Goatsuckers</i>				
COMMON NIGHTHAWK				
WHIP-POOR-WILL				
<i>Swifts</i>				
CHIMNEY SWIFT	☆			
<i>Hummingbirds</i>				
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	☆			
<i>Kingfishers</i>				
BELTED KINGFISHER	☆			
<i>Woodpeckers & Allies</i>				
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	☆			
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	☆			

DOWNY WOODPECKER	☆			
HAIRY WOODPECKER	☆			
NORTHERN FLICKER	☆			
PILEATED WOODPECKER	☆			
<i>Flycatchers</i>				
EASTERN WOOD PEWEE	☆			
ALDER FLYCATCHER				
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	☆			
LEAST FLYCATCHER	☆			
EASTERN PHOEBE	☆			
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER	☆			
EASTERN KINGBIRD	☆			
<i>Vireos</i>				
BLUE-HEADED VIREO	☆			
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	☆			
WARBLING VIREO	☆			
PHILADELPHIA VIREO				
RED-EYED VIREO	☆			
<i>Swallows</i>				
TREE SWALLOW	☆			
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW	☆			
BANK SWALLOW				
CLIFF SWALLOW	☆			
BARN SWALLOW	☆			
<i>Jays & Crows</i>				
BLUE JAY	☆			
AMERICAN CROW	☆			
COMMON RAVEN	☆			
<i>Chicadees & Titmice</i>				
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	☆			
TUFTED TITMOUSE	☆			
<i>Nuthatches</i>				
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	☆			
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	☆			
<i>Creepers</i>				
BROWN CREEPER	☆			
<i>Wrens</i>				
HOUSE WREN	☆			
WINTER WREN	☆			

<i>Kinglets & Gnatcatchers</i>				
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	☆			
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET				

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER	☆			
Thrushes				
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	☆			

MOURNING WARBLER				
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT	☆			
WILSON'S WARBLER				
CANADA WARBLER				
Tanagers				
SCARLET TANAGER	☆			
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 GROSBEEK	☆			
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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