



Birds of Estacada Lake



● **Osprey**
Pandion haliaetus
high-pitched screech, sometimes strung together in a series

Whether perched along the bank, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many birds to observe at Estacada Lake. Use this brochure to learn about the birds that call this place home and see how many you can find on your hike!

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Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location, call, and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and make notes of any identifying field marks:



- **tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?
- **wing bars**
Does the bird have bars or patches of color on the wing?
- **nape**
Is the back of the neck another color?
- **eye features**
What colors are around the eye?
- **crown**
Does the bird have a crest or different color on top of the head?
- **beak or bill**
What shape and color is the beak?
- **tail markings**
Is the tail tip a different color, such as white?
- **side**
What color are the bird's sides?
- **belly**
What color is the bird's belly?
- **breast**
Are there any spots or coloration on the chest?
- **throat**
Is the bird's throat a different color?

● **Black-capped Chickadee**
Parus atricapillus
fast "chickadee-dee-dee" or high-pitched "hey sweetie!"

What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise? Is it on the ground digging in leaves? Or is it in the water swimming?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a raven or small like a chickadee? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? What color is it, and what types of markings does it have?

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you observe at Estacada Lake!

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!



Red-tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis
"keee-arr" raspy scream



Bald Eagle
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
series of high-pitched whistles
or cackle-like sounds



Steller's Jay
Cyanocitta stelleri
raspy and repetitive
"shook shook shook"



Song Sparrow
Melospiza melodia
string of trills and buzzes



American Robin
Turdus migratorius
whistles a string of "cheerily,
cheer up, cheer up"



Violet-green Swallow
Tachycineta thalassina
string of twitters or chirps



Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos
series of quacks



Belted Kingfisher
Megaceryle alcyon
harsh, mechanical rattles



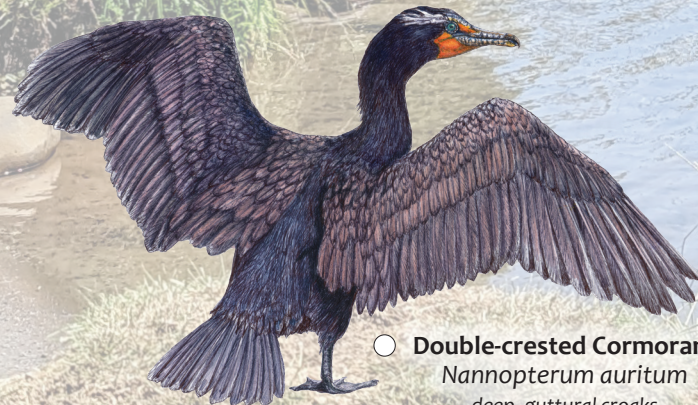
Dark-eyed Junco
Junco hyemalis
series of rhythmic whistles,
trills, and warbles



American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
series of loud, harsh caws or a
mixture of coos, caws, and clicks



Canada Goose
Branta canadensis
honks "h-ronk"



Double-crested Cormorant
Nannopterum auritum
deep, guttural croaks



Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
low, guttural hiss