



Birds of the Rocky River Park



○ Great Egret
Ardea alba
harsh, nasally squeaks, croaks, and calls

Whether perched in a tree, flying overhead, or wading through the water, birds can be spotted all around Rocky River Park. Use this brochure to learn about several bird species and see how many you can observe today!

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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?

○ **tail markings**
Is the tail tip a different color, such as white?

○ **wing bars**
Does the bird have bars or patches of color on the wing?

○ **side**
What color are the bird's sides?

○ **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?

○ **Blue Jay**
Cyanocitta cristata
a loud "jeer" or a strew of clicks, whistles, gurgles, calls, and other noises



○ **beak or bill**
What shape and color is the beak?

○ **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?

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 wading in the water?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it as small as your hand or as big as you!? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? What color is it, and what field markings does it have?

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you see while exploring this TRACK Trail.

Check off the birds you find on your adventure!

Mourning Dove
Zenaidura macroura
"cooOOH-hoo-oo-oo"



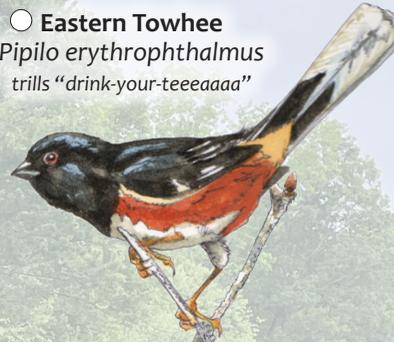
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Poliptila caerulea
A high-pitched, buzzy "zeee" and various nasally whistles and calls



Eastern Kingbird
Tyrannus tyrannus
repeated, buzzy "zeer"



Eastern Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
trills "drink-your-teeeaaaa"



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



Carolina Wren
Thryothorus ludovicianus
Loud, rhythmic "teakettle, teakettle, teakettle"



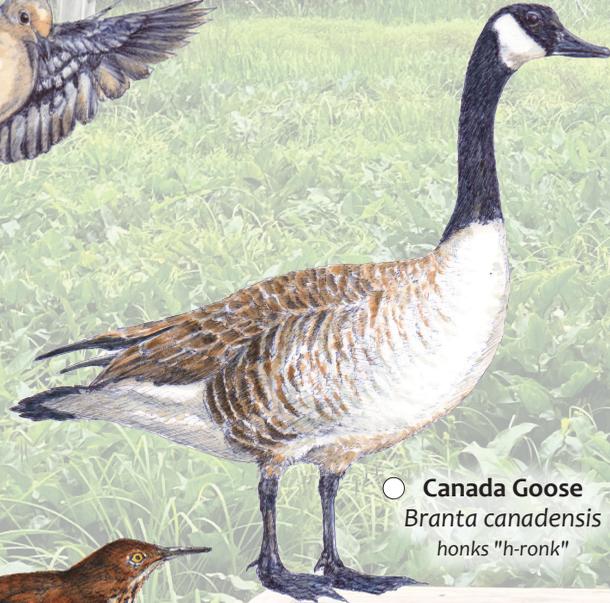
Cedar Waxwing
Bombicilla cedrorum
high-pitched, trilled "bzeee"



Black Vulture
Coragyps atratus
raspy hissing or grunting sounds



Canada Goose
Branta canadensis
honks "h-ronk"



Brown Thrasher
Toxostoma rufum
a loud, long series of doubled phrases imitating other calls



Wood Duck
Aix sponsa
Loud, squeaky "oo-eek, oo-eek" or "what, what, what"



Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis
lazer-like "cheer, cheer, cheer" or "purty-purty-purty"



Red-winged Blackbird
Agelaius phoeniceus
trills "conk-la-ree"

