



Birds of Eagle Fern



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

Whether perched in a tree, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many bird species to observe at Eagle Fern Park. 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 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?
- **tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?
- **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?
- **beak or bill**
What shape and color is the beak?
- **chestnut-backed Chickadee**
Poecile rufescens
fast, squeaky "chick-a-dee" or a garble of varying notes
- **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?

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 Eagle Fern Park!

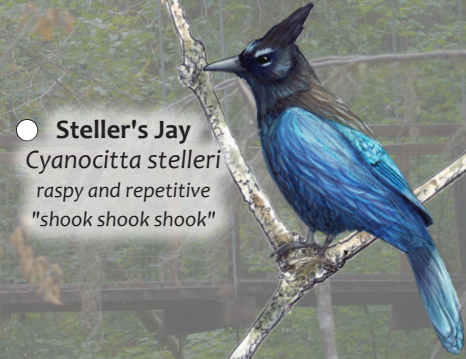
Check off the birds you find on your hike today!



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



● **Red-tailed Hawk**
Buteo jamaicensis
"kee-arr" raspy scream



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



● **Anna's Hummingbird**
Calypte anna
a series of buzzes, whistles, and chip sounds



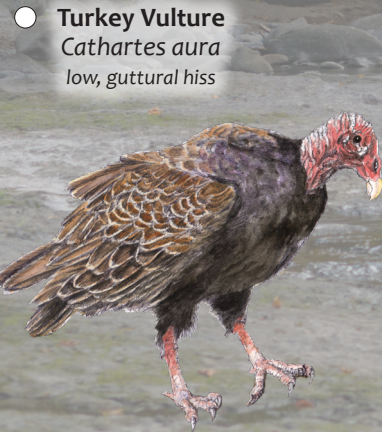
● **Violet-green Swallow**
Tachycineta thalassina
string of twitters or chirps



● **Belted Kingfisher**
Megaceryle alcyon
harsh, mechanical rattles



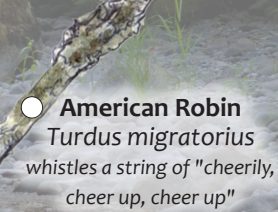
● **Dark-eyed Junco**
Junco hyemalis
series of rhythmic whistles, trills, and warbles



● **Turkey Vulture**
Cathartes aura
low, guttural hiss



● **Mallard**
Anas platyrhynchos
series of quacks



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



● **Canada Goose**
Branta canadensis
honks "h-ronk"



● **Double-crested Cormorant**
Nannopterum auritum
deep, guttural croaks



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