



	Eastern Phoebe	C,B	A	C	R
	Ash-throated Flycatcher			V	
	Great Crested Flycatcher	U,B	C	R	
	Eastern Kingbird	U,B	A	R	
	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	V			
Swallows					
	Purple Martin	R	O		
	Tree Swallow	U,B	C,B	O	
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U,B	U	R	
	Bank Swallow	V	R	V	
	Barn Swallow	U,B	A,B	R	
Wagtails and Pipits					
	American Pipit			V	R
Kinglets					
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		O	O
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R		U	R
Waxwings					
	Cedar Waxwing	R	O	O	R
Wrens					
	Carolina Wren	A,B	A,B	A	A
	Winter Wren	R		R	O
	House Wren	O,B	C,B	O	
Mockingbirds and Thrashers					
	Gray Catbird	C,B	C,B	U	R
	Northern Mockingbird	C,B	C,B	C	C
	Brown Thrasher	R,P	R	R	
Thrushes					
	Eastern Bluebird	C,B	C,B	C	C
	Veery	R	V	R	
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	V			
	Swainson's Thrush	R	R	R	
	Hermit Thrush	R		O	R
	Wood Thrush	U,B	U,B	O	
	American Robin	A,B	A,B	A	C
Gnatcatchers					
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O,B	O	R	
Chickadees and Titmice					
	Tufted Titmouse	A,B	A,B	A	A
	Carolina Chickadee	A,B	A,B	A	A
Nuthatches					
	Red-breasted Nuthatch			R	V
	White-breasted Nuthatch	A,B	A,B	A	A
Creepers					
	Brown Creeper	O		O	O

Crows and Jays					
	Blue Jay	A,B	A,B	A	A
	American Crow	A,B	A,B	A	A
	Fish Crow	A,B	A,B	C	C
	Common Raven				V
Starlings					
	European Starling	A,B	A,B	A	A
Old World Sparrows					
	House Sparrow	C,B	A,B	C	C
Vireos					
	White-eyed Vireo	R	R	R	
	Yellow-throated Vireo			R	
	Blue-headed Vireo	R		R	
	Warbling Vireo	O,B	C,B	R	
	Philadelphia Vireo			R	
	Red-eyed Vireo	O,B	C,B	O	
Finches, Siskins and Crossbills					
	Purple Finch			R	R
	House Finch	U,B	A,B	C	C
	Pine Siskin				R
	American Goldfinch	U,B	A,B	C	U
Wood Warblers					
	Blue-winged Warbler	R	R	V	
	Tennessee Warbler			V	
	Orange-crowned Warbler			V	
	Nashville Warbler	V	V	R	
	Northern Parula	R		R	
	Yellow Warbler	R,P	O	R	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler		R	R	
	Magnolia Warbler	R	R	O	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	R	R	R	
	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	O	V	U	
	Black-throated Green Warbler	R	R	R	
	Blackburnian Warbler			V	
	Pine Warbler	R		R	
	Prairie Warbler		V		
	Palm Warbler	R		O	V
	Bay-breasted Warbler	R			
	Blackpoll Warbler	R		V	
	Cerulean Warbler		V	V	
	Black-and-white Warbler	R	O	O	
	American Redstart	R	O	O	
	Worm-eating Warbler		R		
	Ovenbird	O,B	O,B	R	

	Northern Waterthrush	R	R	R	
	Kentucky Warbler		R	V	
	Connecticut Warbler			R	
	Common Yellowthroat	U,B	A,B	U	
	Wilson's Warbler			R	
	Canada Warbler	V	R	R	
	Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R	R	
Tanagers					
	Scarlet Tanager	O,B	U,B	R	
	Western Tanager			V	
Sparrows, Towhees and Juncos					
	Eastern Towhee	U,B	U,B	U	R
	American Tree Sparrow	R		R	O
	Chipping Sparrow	C,B	A,B	U	
	Field Sparrow	C,B	C,B	O	O
	Vesper Sparrow			V	
	Savannah Sparrow	R	R	O	O
	Grasshopper Sparrow	V			
	Fox Sparrow	R		R	R
	Song Sparrow	A,B	A,B	A	A
	Lincoln's Sparrow			R	V
	Swamp Sparrow	R		O	R
	White-crowned Sparrow	V		R	
	White-throated Sparrow	C		C	A
	Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	A
Cardinals and Allies					
	Northern Cardinal	A,B	A,B	A	A
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O,P	O,P	R	
	Blue Grosbeak	R,B	R,B	V	
	Indigo Bunting	O,B	C,B	R	
Blackbirds, Orioles, Grackles, etc.					
	Bobolink	R	R	R	
	Red-winged Blackbird	A,B	A,B	C	U
	Eastern Meadowlark	R		R	V
	Rusty Blackbird	R			R
	Common Grackle	A,B	A,B	U	O
	Brown-headed Cowbird	C,B	U,B	R	R
	Baltimore Oriole	U,B	C,B	R	
	Orchard Oriole	R,B	O,B		

The abundance by season designations are based upon the following number of sightings during a season over the entire survey period:

A = 150 or more
C = 110-149
U = 70-109
O = 30-69
R = 2-29
V = 1



Birds of Thompson Park



This checklist contains 208 species of birds found in Middlesex County's Thompson Park. The checklist is based on nearly 20 years of observations by Roger L. Dreyling, between January 2001 – June 2019. This checklist is a project of the Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program, a program of the NJ Agricultural Experiment Station.



Abundance by Season

- A** **Abundant** - very likely to be seen and/or heard
- C** **Common** - likely to be seen and/or heard in suitable habitat
- U** **Uncommon** - usually present, somewhat likely to be seen and/or heard in suitable habitat
- O** **Occasional** - Occasionally present, may be seen and/or heard in suitable habitat
- R** **Rare** - seldom found in the park
- V** **Vagrant** - only found once during the survey period

The abundance designations are based upon the entire observation period. They are not adjusted for increases or decreases in the frequency of encounters during the observation period. For example, bald eagle, black vulture and great blue heron sightings have increased in recent years whereas lesser black-backed gull, some warbler and red-breasted nuthatch sightings have decreased.

Breeding

- B** Confirmed breeding in or near the park
- P** Possible or likely breeding in or near the park

	SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Loons	Red-throated Loon	R			
	Common Loon	R		V	R
Grebes	Pied-billed Grebe	R	V	O	R
	Horned Grebe	V		V	R
Cormorants	Double-crested Cormorant	O	O	U	R
Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns	Great Blue Heron	C,B	A,B	A	U
	Great Egret	R	U	U	
	Little Blue Heron	R		R	
	Snowy Egret		V	V	
	Cattle Egret		V		
	Green Heron	R	C,B	O	
Ibis and Spoonbills	Black-crowned Night Heron	V	R	R	
	Least Bittern		R		
	American Bittern	R			
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Glossy Ibis	V			
	Mute Swan	O	O	O	R
Tyrants and Allies	Tundra Swan	V		V	
	Greater White-fronted Goose			V	
	Snow Goose			R	R
	Canada Goose	A,B	A,B	A	A
	Cackling Goose	V		V	R
	Barnacle Goose				V
	Brant			R	
	Wood Duck	A,B	C,B	A	O
	American Wigeon				R
	Gadwall			R	R
	Green-winged Teal	R		R	R
	Mallard	A,B	A,B	A	A
	American Black Duck	R		O	U
	Northern Pintail	R			R
Blue-winged Teal			R		
Other Species	Northern Shoveler	R		R	
	Redhead			V	V
	Ring-necked Duck	O		R	O
	Greater Scaup				V

Lesser Scaup	Lesser Scaup	R		R	R	
	Long-tailed Duck			V		
	Common Goldeneye				V	
	Bufflehead	R		R	R	
	Hooded Merganser	O		O	C	
	Red-breasted Merganser	R			R	
	Common Merganser	O		R	O	
	Ruddy Duck	R	R	U	O	
	New World Vultures	Black Vulture	R	R	O	R
		Turkey Vulture	A	A	A	C
Osprey	Osprey	R	R	O		
Hawks, Eagles and Kites	Bald Eagle	R	R	R	R	
	Northern Harrier	R		R	R	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	V	U	R	
	Cooper's Hawk	R,B	O,B	OR	R	
	Red-shouldered Hawk	R		R	V	
	Broad-winged Hawk	R		R		
	Red-tailed Hawk	A,B	C	C	C	
Falcons and Caracaras	American Kestrel	R		R	R	
	Merlin	R	V	R	R	
	Peregrine Falcon			R	R	
Turkeys	Wild Turkey	O, P	R	R	R	
Rails, Gallinules and Coots	American Coot	R	R	R	R	
Plovers and Lapwings	Black-bellied Plover	V				
	Semipalmated Plover	V	V	V		
	Killdeer	O, P	U	U	R	
	American Woodcock	R			V	
Sandpipers and Allies	Wilson's Snipe	R		V		
	Short-billed Dowitcher	V				
	Greater Yellowlegs	R	V	R		
	Lesser Yellowlegs	V		R		
	Solitary Sandpiper	R	R	R		
	Spotted Sandpiper	O	O	R		

Gulls	Semipalmated Sandpiper		V	R	
	Least Sandpiper	R	R	R	
	Pectoral Sandpiper			V	
	Dunlin			V	
Gulls	Ring-billed Gull	A	O	A	A
	Great Black-backed Gull	R	R	R	R
	Lesser Black-backed Gull	R		O	R
	Herring Gull	U	R	A	A
Terns	Bonaparte's Gull			R	V
	Laughing Gull	R	R	R	
	Caspian Tern		R	V	
Pigeons and Doves	Forster's Tern		R	R	
	Rock Pigeon	A,P	A,P	A	A
Cuckoos	Mourning Dove	A,P	A,P	A	A
	Black-billed Cuckoo	R	R		
Owls	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R	R	R	
	Eastern Screech Owl	V,P	V	R	R
Goatsuckers	Great Horned Owl	R,B	R	R	R
	Common Nighthawk	R		R	
Swifts	Chimney Swift	O,P	C,P	R	
Hummingbirds	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	R,P	O,P	R	
Kingfishers	Belted Kingfisher	O,P	U,P	A	U
Woodpeckers	Red-bellied Woodpecker	A,B	A	A	A
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R		R	R
	Downy Woodpecker	A,B	A,B	A	A
	Hairy Woodpecker	O,B	O,B	O	O
Tyrant Flycatchers	Northern Flicker	A,P	A,P	A	C
	Pileated Woodpecker	R,P	R,P	R	R
Tyrant Flycatchers	Olive-sided Flycatcher		V	R	
	Eastern Wood-pewee	R,B	C,B	O	
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	V	R	V	
	Alder Flycatcher	V		V	
	Willow Flycatcher	R	R	R	
Least Flycatcher	Least Flycatcher	V		R	