

Accidental List (continued)

American Avocet - 11/02, 9/10, 9/13, 7/15, 8/16	Tricolored Heron - 8/76
American Oystercatcher - 3/22	Western Cattle-Egret* - '74 to 99 (9x), 7/04, 10/16
Black-bellied Plover* - '80-00 (7x)	Amer. White Pelican - 6/86
Amer. Golden-Plover - 80, 10/87	Amer. Goshawk* - 81-97 (8x), 1/21
Hudsonian Godwit - 10/77, 10/13	Mississippi Kite - 5/00, 6/02
Wilson's Phalarope - 5/76	Amer. Barn Owl* - 70s, 80s (8 yrs), 9/97, 11/16
Red Phalarope - 12/78, 11/93, 10/01, 5/11, 10/12, 8/19, 4/22, 5/23	Snowy Owl - 12/74
Red-necked Phalarope - 5/03, 9/12, 4-5/20	Western Kingbird - 10/79
Willet - 4/15	N. Shrike* - 91 to 00 (6 yrs), 10-11/23
Ruddy Turnstone - 8/75, 6/77, 6/09	Cave Swallow - 11/25
Stilt Sandpiper - 9/76, 9/83, 9/88, 9/94	Sedge Wren - 10/98, 9/810/05, 10/06, 10/10
Sanderling - 7/85, 10/86, 9/96, 8/11	Varied Thrush - 12/09
Purple Sandpiper - 11/02	Redwing - 2/05
Baird's Sandpiper - 8/76, 7/85	Bohemian Waxwing - 12/95
White-rumped Sandpiper* - 80-92 (5x), 10/00, 11/10	Evening Grosbeak* - 70s, 80s-31 wks, 90s-12wks, 11/12, 12/16, 10/20
Western Sandpiper* - 80-92 (6x), 9/12	Pine Grosbeak - 61 to 79 (3x)
Little Gull - 3/09, 10/16, 3/25	Red Crossbill - 71-74, 3/98, 2/12
Black-headed Gull - 1/97	White-winged Crossbill - 72, 11/01, 09 (4x),
Franklin's Gull - 11/15, 11/18	Lapland Longspur - 11/02
Glaucous Gull - 11/94, 3/07, 3/15, 1/25, 11/25	Lark Sparrow - 10/03
Sooty Tern - 8/11	White-crowned Sp. (Gambel's)- 3/08, 10/08-1/09
Least Tern - 4/80, 8/11	LeConte's Sparrow - 10/10
Arctic Tern - 5/96, 6/05, 5/22	Nelson's Sparrow - 9/01, 10/03, 10/19
Royal Tern - 9/04	Henslow's Sparrow - 11/03
Eared Grebe - 4/13, 11/21	Yellow-headed Blackbird - 8/20
Brown Booby - 8/22	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Aud.) - 1/13
Great Cormorant* - 92-97 (5x), 11/01, 4/12, 12/17, 11/18, 11/25	Yellow-throated Warbler* - 8/81, 6/92, 5/93, 5/06, 4/11, 4/18, 9/18, 4/19
White Ibis - 11/22	Summer Tanager - 8/97, 7/04
Glossy Ibis* - 74 to 94 (7x), 9/06, 5/25	

Extirpated (Releases Only)

Northern Bobwhite	N	Ring-necked Pheasant	N
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Possible List

Long-tailed Jaeger - 8/11	Bicknell's Thrush - 5/07
Black-legged Kittiwake* - 11/22	Lark Bunting* - 10/01
Pacific Loon* - 11/99	Brewer's Blackbird - 11/92
Swainson's Hawk* - 11/96	



Accidental List species have been reported once to very few times over decades. Some were formerly more regular but now have decreased in occurrence to that status in the recent ten or more years and are indicated by an asterisk. **Possible List** species are extreme rarities that were not accepted by the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee (indicated by an asterisk); or not documented to that committee. All these and not listed species should be documented in the future with details and photos, if possible, provided to the Nature Center.

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BIRDS of Peace Valley Park



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Birding at Peace Valley Park

Peace Valley Park, located in Bucks County in southeastern Pennsylvania, encompasses more than 1,500 acres of diverse natural habitat. At its center are **Lake Galena**, a 365-acre man-made lake, and the **750-acre Peace Valley Nature Center** property. The park has been designated an **Important Bird Area (IBA)** by the Pennsylvania Audubon Society due to its exceptional value for bird habitat and observation.

The nature area features a bird blind and more than **14 miles of trails**, offering bird-watching opportunities at feeding stations, along the lake and ponds, and throughout surrounding meadows and woodlands. The **6.1-mile paved Hike and Bike Trail** that circles Lake Galena provides additional access to these habitats.

This wide variety of environments has resulted in **297 confirmed bird species**, plus one species identified only to genus within the park. Of these, **64 species are considered accidental** and are listed separately. Monthly status is provided for regularly occurring species to help birders understand what may be expected in appropriate habitats throughout the year.

Bird records for the park extend back more than five decades. The relative abundance noted in the list reflects changes observed in recent years, although annual variation occurs due to factors such as migration patterns and periodic irruptions of certain species. Species order and nomenclature follow the Clements Checklist (2025 edition).

Relative Abundance

- C**= common - probably will see
- U**= uncommon - might see
- O**= occasional, lucky to see
- R**= rare, very lucky to see
- N**= nesting has occurred in the park

	Spring		Summer			Fall			Winter			
	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F
Waterfowl												
Snow Goose	u	r	r	r	r	r	r	o	u	u	u	u
Greater White-fronted Goose	r	r						r	o	o	o	o
Brant	r							r	o	r	r	r
Barnacle Goose	r								r	r	r	r
Cackling Goose	o							o	u	u	o	o
Canada Goose	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Mute Swan	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Tundra Swan	r	r						r	r	r	r	r
Wood Duck	N	u	c	c	c	c	c	c	u	r	r	o
Blue-winged Teal	r	o			r	r	o	r	r			
Northern Shoveler	o	o				r	r	o	o	r	r	r
Gadwall	r	r					r	o	o	r	r	r
American Wigeon	u	o	r					r	u	u	u	u
Mallard	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
American Black Duck	c	u	r	r	r	r	r	u	c	c	c	c
Northern Pintail	u	r	r			r	r	o	o	o	o	u
Green-winged Teal	c	c				r	c	c	c	o	o	o
Canvasback	r	r						r	r	r	r	r
Redhead	r							r	r	r	r	r
Ring-necked Duck	c	u	r					r	u	u	u	c
Greater Scaup	o	o							o	o	o	o
Lesser Scaup	u	u							o	u	o	u
Surf Scoter	r							r	r		r	
White-winged Scoter		r	r					r	r	r	r	
Black Scoter	r	r						r	r	r		

		Spring		Summer			Fall			Winter		
		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
Blue-winged Warbler	N		u	c	u	o	o	o				
Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)	N		r	r	r		r					
Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid)				r			r	r				
Black-and-white Warbler	N		u	u	r	r	u	c	o			
Prothonotary Warbler	N		r	u	u	u	o	r				
Tennessee Warbler			r	o			r	o	r			
Orange-crowned Warbler				r				r	r			
Nashville Warbler			r	o			r	u	o			
Connecticut Warbler								r	r			
Mourning Warbler				r			r	r				
Kentucky Warbler			r	r	r		r	r				
Common Yellowthroat	N		u	c	c	c	c	c	u	r	r	
Hooded Warbler			r	r			o	r				
American Redstart	N		o	c	r	r	c	c	r			
Cape May Warbler			r	r			r	o	r			
Cerulean Warbler			r	r	r	r	r	r				
Northern Parula			o	u			r	o	u	r		
Magnolia Warbler			o	u				u	c	u		
Bay-breasted Warbler			r	o				r	u	r		
Blackburnian Warbler			r	u				u	u	r		
Northern Yellow Warbler	N		c	c	c	c	u	o	r			
Chestnut-sided Warbler			r	u				c	c	r		
Blackpoll Warbler			r	c	r		r	u	r			
Black-throated Blue Warbler			o	c	r			u	c	o		
Palm Warbler			o	c	u				u	c	r	
Pine Warbler			r	o	r				r	r	r	r
Yellow-rumped Warbler			o	c	u				r	u	c	c
Prairie Warbler	N		u	u	u	o	o	o	o			
Black-throated Green Warbler			o	u	r			u	c	u		
Canada Warbler			r	u	r			u	u			
Wilson's Warbler				o	r			o	o	r		

Tanager to Dickcissel

Scarlet Tanager	N		o	c	u	u	o	o	r			
Northern Cardinal	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	N		o	c	c	c	u	u	o			
Blue Grosbeak	N			r	r	r	r					
Indigo Bunting	N		u	c	c	c	u	u	o			
Dickcissel		r	r						r	r	r	r

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck - 7/25	E. Whip-poor-will - 61-79 (12x), 5/03
Ross's Goose - 12/98-1/99, 1&12/02, 3/07, 12/17, 2/18, 2/19	Selasphorus Hummingbird - 11/11
Pink-footed Goose - 11/11, 11-12/12, 12/17, 1/21	Virginia Rail - 7/92, 4/95, 10/97, 10/11, 12/17
Brant (Black) - 1/16	Sora* - 1977-1991 (6x), 7/09, 9/20, 5/25
Barnacle x Cackling Goose - 11/23	Common Gallinule - 74, 79, 80, 5/97, 5&6/16, 5/23
Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) - 87-96 (41 wks), 2/19	Sandhill Crane - 4/91, 4/94, 2&3/18, 3/19, 3/20, 6/20, 3/21, 4/22, 3/24, 12/24, 3/26
Ruffed Grouse - 79, 12/84	

		Spring			Summer			Fall			Winter		
		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F
Eastern Bluebird	N	c	c	c	u	u	u	u	c	c	u	u	u
Veery			o	u	r	r	r	u	r				
Gray-cheeked Thrush				o				o	r				
Swainson's Thrush			r	u				u	r				
Hermit Thrush		o	u	r				o	u	u	o	o	
Wood Thrush	N		o	c	c	c	c	c	r				
American Robin	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cedar Waxwing	N	o	o	u	c	u	u	c	c	c	u	o	o
House Sparrow	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
American Pipit		r	r	r				r	r	o	r	r	r
House Finch	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Purple Finch		o	o	o			r	o	u	o	o	o	o
Redpoll		r						r	r		r	r	
Pine Siskin		r	r	r	r	r		o	r	r	r	r	r
American Goldfinch	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Snow Bunting								r	r	r	r	r	r

Sparrows

Grasshopper Sparrow	N		r	r	r	r	r		r	r	r		
Chipping Sparrow	N	r	u	u	u	u	u	u	o	r	r	r	r
Clay-colored Sparrow		r	r	r				r		r	r	r	r
Field Sparrow	N	o	c	c	c	c	u	u	u	o	o	o	o
American Tree Sparrow		o	r						o	u	u	u	
Fox Sparrow		u	o						o	u	o	o	o
Dark-eyed Junco		c	u					r	c	c	c	c	c
White-crowned Sparrow		o	o	o				r	u	o	o	o	o
White-throated Sparrow		c	c	u	r	r	r	u	c	c	c	c	c
Vesper Sparrow			r	r					r	r	r		
Savannah Sparrow		o	o	o				r	u	o	o	o	o
Song Sparrow	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow		r	r	r				r	o	r	r	r	r
Swamp Sparrow		o	u	o				o	c	u	o	o	o
Eastern Towhee	N	o	c	c	c	c	c	c	u	o	r	r	r

Chat to Blackbirds

Yellow-breasted Chat	N		r	r	r	r	r	r			r		
Bobolink				o		r	o	o	o				
Eastern Meadowlark		r	r	r	r	r		r	r	r	r	r	r
Orchard Oriole	N		u	c	c	u	r						
Baltimore Oriole	N	r	u	c	c	c	u	o	r	r	r	r	r
Red-winged Blackbird	N	c	c	c	c	c	u	u	u	u	o	o	u
Brown-headed Cowbird	N	u	c	c	c	c	u	u	u	r	r	r	o
Rusty Blackbird		r	r	r				r	o	o	r	r	r
Common Grackle	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	u	u	u	r	r	u

Warblers

Ovenbird	N		o	u	u	o	o	u	o				
Worm-eating Warbler			r	r			o	r					
Louisiana Waterthrush	N		r	r	r	o	o						
Northern Waterthrush			o	u			o	u					
Golden-winged Warbler			r	r			r	r					

		Spring			Summer			Fall			Winter		
		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F
Long-tailed Duck		o	r	r					r	o	o	r	r
Bufflehead		c	c	r					c	c	u	u	u
Common Goldeneye		o	r						r	o	o	o	o
Hooded Merganser		c	u	r	r	r		r	r	c	c	c	c
Common Merganser		c	c	o	r	r	r	r	u	c	c	c	c
Red-breasted Merganser		u	u	r	r				r	o	u	o	o
Ruddy Duck		c	c	o	r	r	r	r	c	c	u	u	u

Turkey to Coot

Wild Turkey	N	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u
Rock Pigeon	N	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Mourning Dove	N	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	N		r	u	u	u	u	u	r				
Black-billed Cuckoo	N		r	o	o	o	o	r	r				
Common Nighthawk			r	u	r		u	u	r				
Chimney Swift	N		u	c	c	c	c	c	u				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	N		o	c	c	c	c	c	r				
American Coot		o	o	r				r	o	o	o	r	r

Shorebirds

Killdeer	N	u	u	u	u	u	u	c	c	c	o	r	o
Semipalmated Plover				r		r	r	r	r				
Short-billed Dowitcher				r		r	r						
American Woodcock	N	o	o	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	o
Wilson's Snipe		o	o			r	r	r	o	o	r	r	r
Spotted Sandpiper	N		u	u	u	o	u	u	o	r			
Solitary Sandpiper			o	u	r	o	u	u	o	r			
Lesser Yellowlegs			r	r	r	r	r	o	r	r			
Greater Yellowlegs		r	r	r	r	r	r	o	o	r			
Dunlin			r	r	r			r	r	o	r	r	
Least Sandpiper		r	r	u	r	u	c	c	r	r	r		
Pectoral Sandpiper		r	r			r	r	r	r	r			
Semipalmated Sandpiper			r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r			

Gulls to Terns

Bonapartes Gull		r	u	r			r	r	r	u	o	r	
Laughing Gull			r	r	r		r	r	r	r			
Ring-billed Gull		c	c	u	r	u	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
American Herring Gull		c	o	r		r	r	r	o	u	c	c	c
Great Black-backed Gull		c	o	r	r	r	r	r	o	u	c	c	c
Lesser Black-backed Gull		c	c	r	r	r	o	c	c	c	c	c	c
Iceland Gull		o	r						r	o	o	o	
Caspian Tern			r	r		r	o	o	r				
Black Tern			r	r	r	r	r	r					
Forster's Tern			o	r		r	r	o	r				
Common Tern				r			r	r	r				
Pied-billed Grebe		u	u	r	r	r	o	u	u	u	o	r	
Horned Grebe		o	u	r				r	o	u	o	r	r
Red-necked Grebe		r	r						r	r	r		

