

The Warner Parks

The Warner Parks were established between 1927 and 1932 to preserve a unique natural area and provide citizens with outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities. Located in southwest Davidson County in Nashville, Tennessee and administered by the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, this area is available to the public seven days a week, year-round from sunrise until 11 p.m. As a sanctuary with important historic and environmental significance, the Warner Parks are strictly protected.

This 2,684 acre Park contains wooded hills and valleys, open meadows, and wet weather springs and streams. Located within the Nashville Basin, the Parks' rugged hills and ridges rise 400 feet above the flood plains. The Little Harpeth River, Willow Pond and the Frist Pond provide permanent water sources. This western mesophytic forest region has beech-maple and oak-hickory forests, secondary growth areas, shrubby thickets, mowed and unmowed fields which provide diverse habitats for birds.

The Warner Parks' avi-fauna is mostly characterized by woodland and field-edge species including a wide variety of warblers (36 species), vireos, woodpeckers and thrushes. Sixteen species of raptors and owls are included on this checklist. Occasional shorebirds, ducks, herons and other water birds are found when conditions are good. Some species of particular interest are Eastern Bluebirds, Cerulean Warblers, Loggerhead Shrikes, and Barred Owls.

Key to Symbols

Frequency

R – Occurs regularly: should be recorded if frequent and regular trips to the proper habitats are made

I – Occurs irregularly: has been recorded in the Warner Parks but is considered rare and should not be expected

F – Formerly occurred in the Warner Parks but probably does not occur here at the present time

N - Nesting Status

* - Nesting has occurred in the Warner Parks

F – Formerly nested in the Parks but no evidence of nesting has been found in recent years

Seasons

Spring: 1 March – 31 May
 Summer: 1 June – 31 July
 Fall: 1 August – 30 November
 Winter 1 December – 28 February

The Checklist

This listing of 185 birds is compiled from observation records judged by the Park naturalist as accurate. It follows the order of the 6th edition of the A.O.U. checklist. Park visitors are encouraged to report all observations to the Nature Center staff. This list is not final and all corrections and additions are welcomed.

	SP	SU	F	W	N
GREBES, HERONS, GEESE, DUCKS					
_____ Pied-billed Grebe	R		R	I	
_____ Double-crested Cormorant		I			
_____ Great Blue Heron	R	I	R	R	
_____ Great Egret		I			
_____ Little Blue Heron		I			
_____ Green-backed Heron	R	R	R		
_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			R	R	
_____ Canada Goose	R		R	R	
_____ Wood Duck	R	R	R		
_____ Green-winged Teal			I		
_____ Mallard	R	R	R	R	
_____ Blue-winged Teal	I				
_____ Ring-necked Duck	I			I	
_____ Lesser Scaup	I			I	
_____ Bufflehead	I				
_____ Hooded Merganser				I	
VULTURES, EAGLES, HAWKS					
_____ Black Vulture	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Turkey Vulture	R	R	R	R	
_____ Osprey	I				
_____ Bald Eagle			I		
_____ Northern Harrier	R		R	R	
_____ Cooper's Hawk	R	I	R	R	*
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	R		R	R	
_____ Northern Goshawk	I				
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk	I		I	I	
_____ Broad-winged Hawk	R	R	R		
_____ Red-tailed Hawk	R	R	R	R	*
_____ American Kestrel	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Merlin	I		I		
_____ Peregrine Falcon	I		I		
QUAILS, RAILS, SHOREBIRDS					
_____ Wild Turkey	I		I	I	
_____ Northern Bobwhite	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Sora	I				
_____ American Coot	R	I	R		
_____ Killdeer	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Greater Yellowlegs	R				
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs	R				
_____ Solitary Sandpiper	R				
_____ Spotted Sandpiper	R		I		
_____ Upland Sandpiper	I				
_____ Least Sandpiper				I	
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper			I		
_____ Dunlin	I				
_____ Common Snipe	R		I	R	
_____ American Woodcock	R	R	R	R	*
DOVES, CUCKOOS, OWLS					
_____ Rock Dove	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Mourning Dove	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Black-billed Cuckoo	I		I		
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R	R	R		*
_____ Eastern Screech-Owl	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Great Horned Owl	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Barred Owl	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Saw-whet Owl			I		

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NIGHTJARS, SWIFTS, KINGFISHERS					
_____ Common Nighthawk	R	R	R		*
_____ Whip-poor-will	I				
_____ Chimney Swift	R	R	R		*
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	R	R	R		*
_____ Belted Kingfisher	R	R	R	R	
WOODPECKERS, FLYCATCHERS					
_____ Red-headed Woodpecker	R	I	R	R	
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R		R	R	
_____ Downy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Hairy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Northern Flicker	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Pileated Woodpecker	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher				I	
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee	R	R	R		*
_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				I	
_____ Acadian Flycatcher	R	R	R		*
_____ Least Flycatcher	I		I		
_____ Eastern Phoebe	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher	R	R	R		*
_____ Eastern Kingbird	R	R	R		*
LARKS, SWALLOWS					
_____ Horned Lark	I	I			
_____ Purple Martin	R	R	R		*
_____ Northern Rough-winged	R	R	R		*
_____ Barn Swallow	R	R	R		*
JAYS, CROWS, CHICKADEES					
_____ Blue Jay	R	R	R	R	*
_____ American Crow	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Carolina Chickadee	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Tufted Titmouse	R	R	R	R	*
NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS, WRENS					
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	I		I		
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Brown Creeper	R		R	R	
_____ Carolina Wren	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Bewick's Wren	F	F	F	F	F
_____ House Wren	R	R	R		
_____ Winter Wren	R		R	R	
_____ Sedge Wren				I	
KINGLETS, THRUSHES, MIMICS					
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		R	R	
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R		R	R	
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	R	R	R		*
_____ Eastern Bluebird	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Veery	R		R		
_____ Swainson's Thrush	R		R		
_____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R		
_____ Hermit Thrush	R		R	R	
_____ Wood Thrush	R	R	R	R	*
_____ American Robin	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Gray Catbird	R	R	R		*
_____ Northern Mockingbird	R	R	R	R	*
_____ Brown Thrasher	R	R	R	R	*

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PIPITS, WAXWINGS, SHRIKES					
___ American Pipit	R			R	
___ Cedar Waxwing	R	R	R	R	
___ Loggerhead Shrike	R	R	R	R	*
STARLINGS, VIREOS					
___ European Starling	R	R	R	R	*
___ White-eyed Vireo	R	R	R		*
___ Solitary Vireo	R				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	R	R	R		*
___ Warbling Vireo	R	R	R		
___ Philadelphia Vireo	R		R		
___ Red-eyed Vireo	R	R	R		*
WARBLERS					
___ Blue-winged Warbler	R	R	R		
___ Golden-winged Warbler	R		R		
___ Tennessee Warbler	R		R		
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	I		R		
___ Nashville Warbler	R		R		
___ Northern Parula	R		R		
___ Yellow Warbler	R		R		
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	R		R		
___ Magnolia Warbler	R		R		
___ Cape May Warbler	R				
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	I				
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	R		R	R	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	R		R		
___ Blackburnian Warbler	R		R		
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	R		R		
___ Pine Warbler	I				
___ Prairie Warbler	R	R	R		*
___ Palm Warbler	R		R		
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	R		R		
___ Blackpoll Warbler	R				
___ Cerulean Warbler	R	R	R		
___ Black-and-white Warbler	R	R	R		
___ American Redstart	R		R		
___ Prothonotary Warbler	R				
___ Worm-eating Warbler	R	R	R		
___ Ovenbird	R	I	R		
___ Northern Waterthrush	R		R		
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	R	R	R		
___ Kentucky Warbler	R	R	R		
___ Connecticut Warbler	I				
___ Mourning Warbler	I				
___ Common Yellowthroat	R	R	R		
___ Hooded Warbler	R	R	R		
___ Wilson's Warbler			I		
___ Canada Warbler	R		R		
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R	R		
TANAGERS					
___ Summer Tanager	R	R	R		*
___ Scarlet Tanager	R	R	R		*

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SPARROWS, BLACKBIRDS, FINCHES					
___ Northern Cardinal	R	R	W	R	*
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R		R		
___ Blue Grosbeak	R	R	R		
___ Indigo Bunting	R	R	R		*
___ Eastern Towhee	R	R	R	R	*
___ Bachman's Sparrow	F	F	F		F
___ Chipping Sparrow	R	R	R		*
___ Field Sparrow	R	R	R	R	*
___ Vesper Sparrow	R				
___ Lark Sparrow	I				
___ Savannah Sparrow	R				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	I	F			
___ Fox Sparrow	R		R	R	
___ Song Sparrow	R		R	R	
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	I		I	I	
___ Swamp Sparrow	R		R	R	
___ White-throated Sparrow	R		R	R	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	I			I	
___ Dark-eyed Junco	R		R	R	
___ Bobolink	I				
___ Red-winged Blackbird	R	R	R	R	*
___ Eastern Meadowlark	R	R	R	R	*
___ Rusty Blackbird	R		R	R	
___ Brewer's Blackbird				I	
___ Common Grackle	R	R	R	R	*
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	R	R	R	R	*
___ Orchard Oriole	R	R	R		*
___ Baltimore Oriole	R		R		
___ Purple Finch	R		R	R	
___ House Finch	I		I	R	
___ Red Crossbill	I				
___ Pine Siskin	R		R	R	
___ American Goldfinch	R	R	R	R	
___ Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R	
___ House Sparrow	R	R	R	R	*

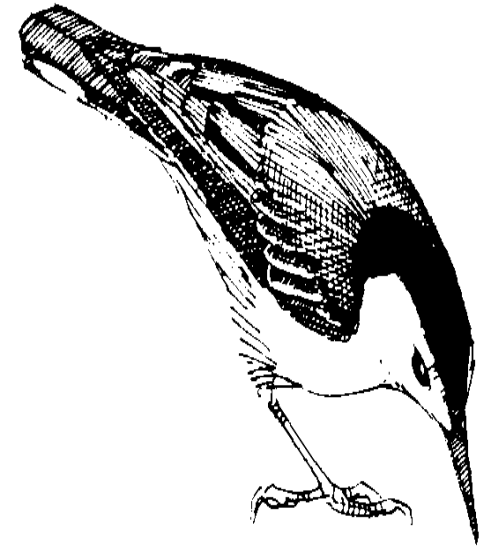
Warner Park Nature Center regularly offers a variety of nature study programs. Visitors are welcome to hike the trails, explore the Learning Center museum, or stroll the edge of the teaching pond. Park maps and literature are available at the Trailhead and in the Learning Center.

The oldest continuously operated Eastern Bluebird nesting box program in Tennessee was started in the Warner Parks in 1936 by nationally known ornithologist Amelia Laskey, and today this research is continued by the Bird Information Research and Data (BIRD) Program.

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