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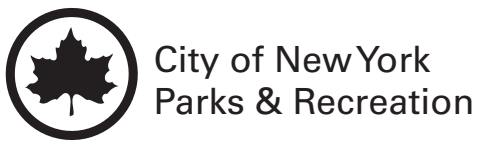
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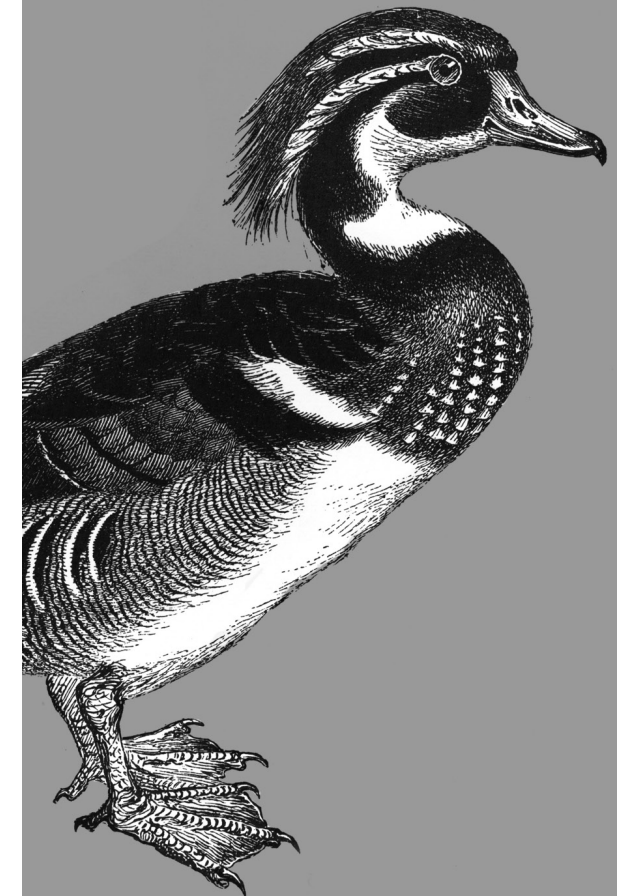


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Birds of Van Cortlandt Park

Bronx, New York

A Checklist for Birders



Van Cortlandt Park in the northwest Bronx was established in 1888. At 1,146 acres, it is the fourth largest New York City park and one of only four city parks that is designated a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area. The northern half of the park is composed of mostly mature, deciduous forest. The Tibbetts Brook wetlands, including Van Cortlandt Swamp, run south to Van Cortlandt Lake. Vault Hill Meadow is a small field. All these habitats support their own unique bird communities. Even the heavily used Parade Ground on the west side of the park can attract uncommon grassland birds. Together, these habitats in Van Cortlandt Park support a rich list of 240 species, including the distinct "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal subspecies and nine escapees or releases.

Great 19th and 20th century naturalists and ornithologists such as Eugene Bicknell, Ludlow Griscom, Joseph Hickey, Ernst Mayr, Roger Tory Peterson, and John Kieran have studied birds in Van Cortlandt Park. Roger Peterson was creating his 1st 1934 guide, now in its 5th edition. Despite changes in habitat over the years, most of the 79 species that have been recorded nesting in the park have remained. Unique species include n(N)esting Wood Duck and Northern Rough-winged Swallow, and a winter flock of Rusty Blackbirds. These may be found in Van Cortlandt Swamp.

We thank all those who contributed to bird sightings which helped us compile this guide. Please contact us if you see anything unusual at (718) 430-1890 or david.kunstler@parks.nyc.gov.

Key to Symbols

S Spring (March - May)

Su Summer (June - August)

F Fall (September - November)

W Winter (December - February)

A Abundant; seen every day in proper habitat, in numbers

C Common; seen every day in proper habitat

U Uncommon; present, not every day

R Rare; usually no more than one bird or small flock seen per season and not every year

X Accidental, far from regular range

E Escapee or release

***** Recorded nesting

H Historical, has not nested since 1954 or before

o Non-native

	S	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Whistling-Duck, Fulvous			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goose, Snow			R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Brant	R		R	R
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<input type="checkbox"/> Swan, Mute*	C	C	C	C
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	C	R	C	C
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