

Park Crawl

BEST BIRDWATCHING!

This Week SEE SURREY'S PARKS THROUGH A "BINOCULAR" LENS! SPRING IS A GREAT TIME TO LOOK AND LISTEN FOR MIGRATING AND NESTING BIRDS IN SURREY'S PARKS.

BE SURE TO STAY ON THE TRAIL TO GIVE BIRD PARENTS AND THEIR YOUNG LOTS OF SPACE.





Barred owl

1 GREEN TIMBERS URBAN FOREST PARK

14600 100 Avenue

With its forest, meadow, wetland and lake, Green Timbers is one of the best places in Surrey to see a variety of birds - from bald eagles, great blue herons and osprey fishing at the lake to a flock of black-capped chickadees flitting from tree to tree. Listen for the distinct "Who cooks for you?" call of the barred owl commonly heard echoing through the forest day or night.



American wigeon

2 SERPENTINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

4600 block of King George Highway

This triangular area, managed by Ducks Unlimited and commonly known as Serpentine Fen, provides an opportunity to view ducks and geese, migrating shorebirds such as the long-billed dowitcher, and raptors such as red-tailed hawks and Northern harrier. Look for ducklings and goslings here in the spring.

Download the free Merlin Bird ID app or pick up a local bird book to start, and consider joining a local naturalist club such as the [White Rock and Surrey Naturalists Society](#).

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Dunlin

3 BLACKIE SPIT PARK

3136 McBride Avenue

Blackie Spit is one of the top birdwatching locations in Canada and part of the Boundary Bay Important Bird Area, an area that conserves essential bird habitat. Migratory waterfowl and shorebirds such as the dunlin stop here between mid-March and the end of May to rest and feed. Thank you to the [Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society's](#) efforts to help preserve, restore and protect this important area.



Belted kingfisher

4 CRESCENT PARK

2585 132 Street

Crescent Park's forests, ponds, streams and meadows provide habitat for both songbirds and waterbirds. Listen for the symphony of sounds as you walk through the park's natural area or witness the fishing antics of the belted kingfisher at the pond.



Barn owl

5 ELGIN HERITAGE PARK

13601 Crescent Road

Elgin Heritage Park is rich not only in history, but also in biodiversity (the variety of living things) with its forest, meadow, wetland and shoreline habitats. Look for songbirds, waterbirds, raptors such as bald eagles that nest nearby, and barn owls (a species at risk) that nest in the park. Look for the big barn owl "house", built to provide nesting habitat in the meadow.



Red-winged blackbird

6 SURREY LAKE PARK

7500 152 Street

Surrey Lake is a human-made lake created to help control flooding. You can find birds of all sizes in this park - small marsh wrens at the water's edge, medium red-winged blackbirds calling from the trees, a variety of ducks and geese floating on the lake, or a large bald eagle soaring overhead.



Western sandpipers

7 MUD BAY PARK

13030 48 Avenue

Mud Bay Park offers opportunities to see shorebirds, ducks, geese and raptors such as Northern harriers and short-eared owls. It is designated as an Important Bird Area as it provides and conserves important habitat, such as the mudflats, for migratory birds.



Pacific wren

8 SUNNYSIDE ACRES URBAN FOREST PARK

2598 144 Street

Walk through this second-growth urban forest and listen for the smallest bird with the longest song. This tiny, brown Pacific wren's song lasts forever as it carries through the dense forest. Listen for the drum of the downy woodpecker or the soft trills of warblers. Stand still. How many different songs can you hear?