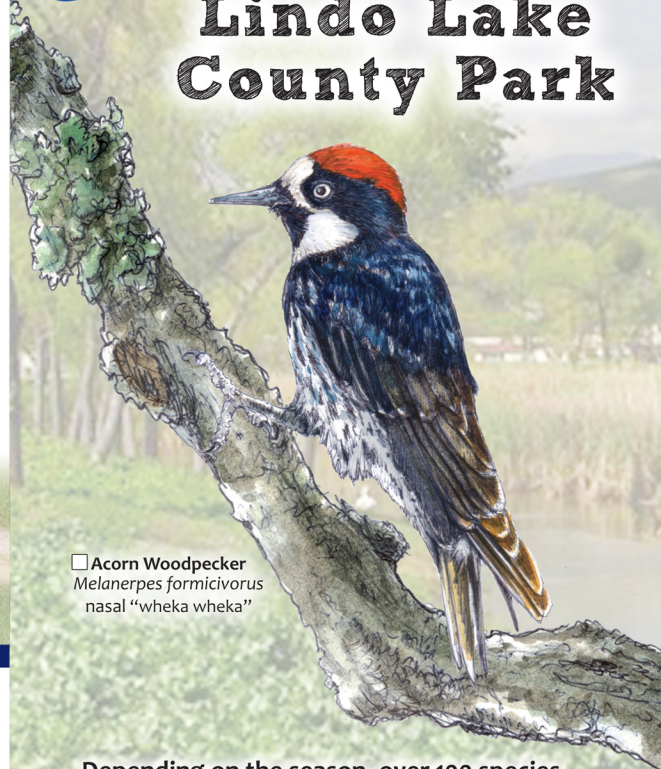




Birds of Lindo Lake County Park



Acorn Woodpecker
Melanerpes formicivorus
nasal "wheka wheka"

Depending on the season, over 100 species of birds can be found at Lindo Lake County Park. Use this brochure to discover how you can identify birds with clues such as location, behavior, size, shape and field marks.

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Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and see if it has any of the following field marks:

tail markings
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?

tail bars
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

wing bars
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

nappe
Is the bird's nappe a different color?

eyestripe
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

eyebrow
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?

throat
Is the bird's throat a different color?

beak
What shape and color are the beak?

belly
What color is the bird's belly?

side
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?

breast
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?

killdeer
Charadrius vociferans
"kill-deeer, didideeer"

crowns
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?

What kind of bird is that...

When trying to identify a bird, the first things to look for are location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise, or on the ground digging in leaves? Next, think about size and shape. Is it big like a crow, or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? Finally, you can use field marks to identify birds— flip to the side panel to discover how.

Check off each bird you find on your hike today!

in the trees and shrubs?

Almost all the birds of Lindo Lake use trees and shrubs for food, shelter, or nesting. Scrub jays and grackles flock in trees to find insects and fruits. Bluebirds nest in tree cavities and phoebes use tree branches as hunting perches to catch bugs in the air. **Look into the trees and shrubs.** How many different birds can you find? _____ What parts of the tree are the birds using? _____



Western Scrub Jay
Aphelocoma californica
harsh “shreeenk”



Great-tailed Grackle
Quiscalus mexicanus
rattles “kikikiki, chuk”



Black Phoebe
Sayornis nigricans
whistles “sisee, sitsew”



Western Bluebird
Sialia mexicana
whistles “jewf, pew pew”

at the water's edge?

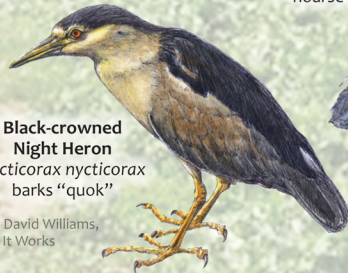
Some birds specialize in living at the water's edge. Red-winged blackbirds nest in the dense reeds around the lake and feed on the abundant insects near the water. Black-crowned night herons and great blue herons hunt from the banks or wade in the shallows to catch small fish, frogs, and other prey. **Check along the edge of the lake.**

How many different birds can you find? _____

Can you tell what they are eating? _____



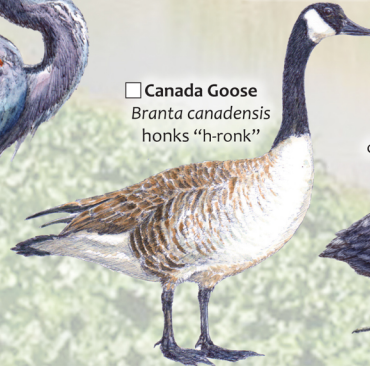
Red-winged Blackbird
Agelaius phoeniceus
trills “kon-ka-reee”



Black-crowned Night Heron
Nycticorax nycticorax
barks “quok”



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias
hoarse “fraawnk”



Canada Goose
Branta canadensis
honks “h-ronk”



American Coot
Fulica americana
clucks “krrrp” or “pri-KI”



Wood Duck
Aix sponsa
squeaks “ooEEK ooEEK”

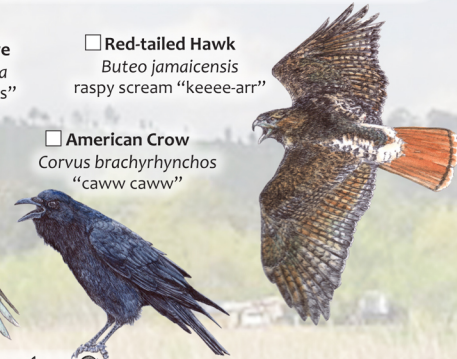
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in the air?

Birds that spend a lot of time in the air use their strong eyesight to find food. Hawks, crows and vultures can usually be found perched or circling up high as they search for their next meal. **Scan the sky over the lake and above the trees.** Are there any large birds flying overhead? _____ Are they flapping or gliding? _____



Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
warning “hsssss”



Red-tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis
raspy scream “keeee-arr”

American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
“caww caww”

in the water?

Birds that swim in the water usually eat small fish, aquatic insects, clams, or underwater plants. The American coot is a “diver” and it can swim to the bottom of the lake to find food. Canada geese and wood ducks are “dabblers”. They put their bottoms up in the air and dunk their heads under water to find food. **Do you see any birds on the lake?** _____ **Are they diving or dabbling?** _____