

Seasons:
W--Winter December-February
Sp--Spring March-May
Su--Summer June-July
F--Fall August-November

Relative Abundance:

a--abundant a species observable in large numbers
c--common a species which should be seen in suitable habitat
u--uncommon a species present but in limited numbers; may refer to a secretive species
o--occasional reported only a few times during the season
r--rare a species not seen every year
x--accidental a species whose normal range does not include Pennsylvania

*Nesting confirmed in Indiana County
 +Nesting confirmed within the borders of Blue Spruce County Park

| | W | Sp | Su | F |
|-----------------------------|---|----|----|---|
| ___*Pied-billed Grebe | | u | | u |
| ___Horned Grebe | | o | | o |
| ___Double-crested Cormorant | | r | | |
| ___*Great Blue Heron | | c | | c |
| ___*Green Heron | | c | c | c |
| ___Black-cr. Night-Heron | r | | | |
| ___*Turkey Vulture | | c | c | c |
| ___Snow Goose | | | | r |
| ___*Canada Goose | c | c | c | c |
| ___*Wood Duck | r | u | | u |
| ___American Wigeon | | r | | |
| ___Am. Black Duck | u | c | o | c |
| ___*Mallard | c | c | c | c |
| ___Blue-winged Teal | | | | r |
| ___Green-winged Teal | | r | | |
| ___Ring-necked Duck | | o | | |
| ___Lesser Scaup | | r | | |
| ___Oldsquaw | | r | | |
| ___Bufflehead | | o | | |
| ___*Hooded Merganser | | o | | |
| ___Red-breasted Merganser | | o | | |

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| ___Ruddy Duck | | r | | |
| ___Osprey | | r | | |
| ___Northern Harrier | | o | | |
| ___*Sharp-shinned Hawk | | u | | u |
| ___*Cooper's Hawk | | u | | u |
| ___*Broad-winged Hawk | | c | u | c |
| ___*Red-tailed Hawk | c | c | c | c |
| ___*Ring-necked Pheasant | | | | r |
| ___*Ruffed Grouse | u | u | u | u |
| ___*Wild Turkey | c | c | u | c |
| ___*Northern Bobwhite | | r | | |
| ___American Coot | r | u | | u |
| ___*Killdeer | | c | c | c |
| ___Lesser Yellowlegs | | | | r |
| ___Solitary Sandpiper | | u | | u |
| ___*Spotted Sandpiper | | u | | u |
| ___*American Woodcock | r | r | | |
| ___Bonaparte's Gull | | r | | |
| ___Ring-billed Gull | | o | | o |
| ___Common Tern | | | | r |
| ___*Rock Dove | | | | o |
| ___*Mourning Dove | c | c | c | c |
| ___*Black-billed Cuckoo | | u | u | u |
| ___*Yellow-billed Cuckoo | | u | u | u |
| ___*Great Horned Owl | u | u | u | u |
| ___*Barred Owl | u | u | u | u |
| ___*Common Nighthawk | | | | u |
| ___*Whip-poor-will | | o | o | r |
| ___*Chimney Swift | | c | c | c |
| ___*Ruby-throated Hummingbird | | c | c | c |
| ___*Belted Kingfisher | | u | u | u |
| ___*Red-bellied Woodpecker | c | c | c | c |
| ___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | | u | | u |
| ___*Downy Woodpecker | c | c | c | c |
| ___*Hairy Woodpecker | u | u | u | u |
| ___*Northern Flicker | u | c | c | c |
| ___*Pileated Woodpecker | u | u | u | u |
| ___+Eastern Wood-Pewee | | c | c | c |
| ___Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | | | | r |
| ___*Acadian Flycatcher | | c | c | u |
| ___*Alder Flycatcher | | r | | |
| ___*Willow Flycatcher | | r | | |
| ___+Least Flycatcher | | c | c | c |
| ___+Eastern Phoebe | | c | c | u |
| ___*Great Crested Flycatcher | | c | c | c |
| ___*Eastern Kingbird | | c | | |

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| ___+White-eyed Vireo | | | u | u | |
| ___*Yellow-throated Vireo | | | u | u | |
| ___*Blue-headed Vireo | | | c | c | |
| ___*Warbling Vireo | | | u | u | |
| ___Philadelphia Vireo | | | | u | |
| ___+Red-eyed Vireo | | | c | c | c |
| ___+Blue Jay | c | c | c | c | |
| ___*American Crow | c | c | c | c | |
| ___*Common Raven | | | | r | |
| ___+Tree Swallow | | | c | c | u |
| ___*N. Rough-winged Swallow | | | u | | |
| ___*Cliff Swallow | | | u | | |
| ___+Barn Swallow | | | a | a | c |
| ___+Black-capped Chickadee | c | c | c | c | |
| ___+Tufted Titmouse | c | c | c | c | |
| ___*Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | r | | o |
| ___+White-breasted Nuthatch | c | c | c | c | |
| ___*Brown Creeper | u | u | | u | |
| ___*Carolina Wren | | | u | u | c |
| ___*House Wren | | | c | c | c |
| ___Winter Wren | | | u | u | |
| ___*Golden-crowned Kinglet | c | c | c | | |
| ___Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | c | c | |
| ___+Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | | | c | c | u |
| ___+Eastern Bluebird | u | c | c | c | |
| ___*Veery | | | u | u | |
| ___Gray-cheeked Thrush | | | | | o |
| ___Swainson's Thrush | | | o | u | |
| ___*Hermit Thrush | o | u | u | | |
| ___*Wood Thrush | | | c | c | c |
| ___+American Robin | u | a | a | a | |
| ___+Gray Catbird | | | c | c | c |
| ___*Brown Thrasher | | | u | u | u |
| ___*European Starling | c | c | c | c | a |
| ___American Pipit | | | | | r |
| ___+Cedar Waxwing | o | a | c | a | |
| ___*Blue-winged Warbler | | | c | c | |
| ___*Golden-winged Warbler | | | u | u | |
| ___Tennessee Warbler | | | u | c | |
| ___Orange-crowned Warbler | | | | | r |
| ___*Nashville Warbler | | | c | c | |
| ___*Northern Parula | | | u | u | |
| ___+Yellow Warbler | | | c | c | c |
| ___*Chestnut-sided Warbler | | | c | c | |
| ___*Magnolia Warbler | | | c | c | |
| ___Cape May Warbler | | | r | c | |

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|----------------------------------|---|----|----|---|
| ___*Black-throated Blue Warbler | | o | | u |
| ___*Yellow-rumped Warbler | | c | | c |
| ___*Black-throated Green Warbler | | c | c | c |
| ___*Blackburnian Warbler | | c | | c |
| ___*Prairie Warbler | | u | u | u |
| ___Palm Warbler | | r | | |
| ___Bay-breasted Warbler | | o | | u |
| ___Blackpoll Warbler | | u | | c |
| ___*Cerulean Warbler | | r | | r |
| ___*Black-and-white Warbler | | c | | c |
| ___*American Redstart | | c | c | c |
| ___*Ovenbird | | c | c | c |
| ___*Louisiana Waterthrush | | r | | |
| ___*Kentucky Warbler | | u | | |
| ___Connecticut Warbler | | | | r |
| ___Mourning Warbler | | r | | r |
| ___+Common Yellowthroat | | c | c | c |
| ___+Hooded Warbler | | c | c | c |
| ___Wilson's Warbler | | u | | u |
| ___*Canada Warbler | | u | | u |
| ___+Scarlet Tanager | | c | c | c |
| ___Western Tanager | | x | | |
| ___+Eastern Towhee | | c | c | c |
| ___American Tree Sparrow | o | | | |
| ___+Chipping Sparrow | | c | c | c |
| ___*Field Sparrow | | c | c | c |
| ___+Song Sparrow | u | c | c | c |
| ___Lincoln's Sparrow | | | | o |
| ___*Swamp Sparrow | | o | | o |
| ___White-throated Sparrow | c | c | | c |
| ___White-crowned Sparrow | | o | | o |
| ___Dark-eyed Junco | c | c | | c |
| ___+Northern Cardinal | c | c | c | c |
| ___*Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | c | c | c |
| ___*Indigo Bunting | | c | c | c |
| ___*Red-winged Blackbird | | u | u | u |
| ___*Eastern Meadowlark | | r | | |
| ___Rusty Blackbird | | r | | o |
| ___+Common Grackle | | c | c | a |
| ___*Brown-headed Cowbird | | c | c | u |
| ___+Baltimore Oriole | | c | c | c |
| ___*Purple Finch | | u | | u |
| ___*House Finch | c | c | c | c |

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|---------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| ___White-winged Crossbill | | | | r | |
| ___Pine Siskin | | | | r | |
| ___+American Goldfinch | | c | c | c | c |

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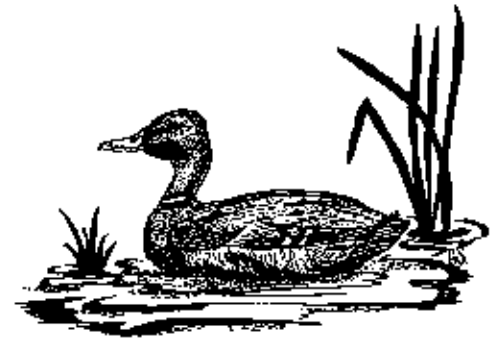
Blue Spruce County Park, located six miles north of Indiana in Rayne Township, is one of the best birding locations in Indiana County. Blue Spruce is noted for its excellent passerine migration. Early spring and fall mornings may yield a nice variety of vireos, warblers, and thrushes especially along Getty Run Trail, the most consistent location for finding Philadelphia Vireo, Connecticut Warbler, Mourning Warbler, and Gray-cheeked Thrush in the fall.

Small numbers but a good assortment of waterfowl stop to use the lake every spring. In addition, the summer birding is excellent with opportunities to find a great variety of nesting species. Winter, too, may bring surprises. So, grab your binoculars, hike the trails, watch the birds, and enjoy the park!



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Birds of Blue Spruce County Park



Indiana County,
Pennsylvania