The Birds of Blucher Park

Hundreds of bird species move from the tropics to North America to breed each year. All of these birds need suitable habitat along the route to successfully complete their journey. Due to its location on the migratory flight path, Blucher Park is a welcome resting spot for many species of birds and is known as a birder's paradise. Occasional bad weather will cause “fallout,” when many migrant birds seem to fall from the sky. They then use the park to recuperate from their journey and prepare for the next. More than 220 species of birds have been sighted in the park. Some of the more common bird sightings in Blucher Park include Orioles, Tanagers, Rose-breasted and Blue Grosbeaks, Painted and Indigo Buntings, Cathbirds, many species of Warblers, Northern and Louisiana Waterthrush, Lincoln Sparrows, Chuck-will’s-widow, and Vireos. Summer nesting residents include Black-chinned, Ruby-throated and Buff-bellied Hummingbirds, Cardinals, Mockingbirds, Inca and Mourning Doves, Long-billed Thrashers, Golden-fronted Woodpeckers, and Swifts. Many of the nesting residents can be seen year round in Blucher Park.