

**The parklands have many features that assure our feathered friends can thrive.**

Trees and shrubs that provide shelter and food include:

Bass Wood	Tulip
Maple +	Serviceberry
Oak +	Crabapple
Hickory +	Cherry
Locust	Box Elder
Black Walnut	Hemlock
Cottonwood	Birch
Dogwood+	Willow+
Pine/Spruce trees +	Poplar
Ash	Sumac
Raspberry bushes	Buckthorn

Plants and vines also support the habitats:

Milkweed+	Bee balm
Joe-Pye weed	Goldenrod
Virginia creeper	Wild grape
Cattail	Pickrel weed

+ indicates there are several varieties.



The harmony of Nature is evident throughout the park. The birds share the habitat with many other forms of wildlife including:

White tailed deer	Coyotes
Red foxes	Rabbits
Raccoon	Opossum
Skunks	Mice
Turtles	Woodchucks
Squirrels	Garter snakes
Chipmunks	

Insects and butterflies abound

**Keeping the Habitats Healthy**

The BNAC parklands are “HOME” for many birds and other wildlife. People who come to enjoy the park are GUESTS in that “HOME”. Please be a good guest.

Remember:

- Keep dogs on a leash at all times.
- Clean up after your dog.
- Put litter in trash cans.
- Stay on paths.
- Do NOT climb trees or pull on the limbs.
- Do NOT pick flowers or foliage.
- Keep the Peace - talk softly and *listen* to the park.
- Leave your bike in the rack or walk it through the park.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed in park.
- Respect the tables, benches and structures placed in the park for your comfort.
- Do not approach, chase or yell at the wildlife.
- DO NOT feed the wildlife. Nature provides an abundant supply of food and water in the park. Leaving food attracts unwanted wildlife such as rats.

The Town of West Seneca is fortunate to have this unique park where the wonders of nature can be explored and enjoyed. To assure its future we must:

**Preserve      Protect      Respect**



**BIRD GUIDE**

The BNAC Nature Park encompasses 29 acres of property along the Buffalo Creek. There are about 2 miles of walking trails that travel through woodlands, gardens, fields and along the creek.

The **WOODLANDS HABITAT** is a temperate deciduous forest. A variety of trees and shrubs in various stages of growth provide shelter and food to wildlife.

The **CREEK HABITAT** runs along the Buffalo Creek and its various feeder streams. The creek is ever changing and has a dramatic impact on the surrounding land surfaces and vegetation.

The **FIELD HABITAT** affords open spaces covered with grasses, wildflowers and low growing vegetation.

The **GARDEN** areas throughout the park are designed to attract birds. The birds can find seeds, nectar, fruit and nesting materials in the gardens.

## Birds you may find in the Burchfield Nature and Art Center Parklands



**Downy Woodpecker**  
Eats seeds, suet, insects  
6 inches long  
Has long, barbed tongue  
Uses tail as a brace on tree



**Hairy Woodpecker**  
Eats insects, nuts, seeds  
8-9 inches long  
Makes a loud, sharp chirp before landing to feed



**Red Bellied Woodpecker**  
Eats insects, nuts, seeds  
10 inches long  
Prefers shady woodlands  
Saves food for winter



**White Breasted Nuthatch**  
Eats seeds, insects  
5 inches long  
Hops head first down trees.  
Female has gray cap



**Dark-Eyed Junco**  
Eats seeds, insects, fruit  
5-6 inches long  
Ground dweller  
Seen more in winter months



**Black Capped Chickadee**  
Eats insects, fruit, seeds  
5 inches long  
Likes bird feeders  
Energetic and friendly



**American Robin**  
Eats earthworms, fruits, berries  
9-11 inches long  
Migrates in winter



**American Goldfinch**  
Eats seeds, insects  
4-5 inches long  
Females are brown/yellow



**Blue Jay**  
Eats nuts, seeds, corn, insects  
10-12 inches long  
Will gather and save food  
Very intelligent



**Northern Cardinal**  
Eats seeds  
8-9 inches long  
Females are brown with red coloring.



**Wild Turkey**  
Eat nuts, seeds, fruits, insects  
35-50 inches long  
Builds nest on ground  
Has very good eyesight



**Gray Catbird**  
Eats insects, berries  
8-9 inches long  
Sounds like mewing cat  
Prefers shrubs to trees



**Brown Headed Cowbird**  
Eats seeds, fruit, insects  
7-8 inches long  
Lays eggs in nests of other birds



**European Starling**  
Eats seeds, fruits, insects, human food  
7 1/2 - 8 inches long  
Can mimic other bird sounds



**Common Grackle**  
Eats nuts, seeds, fruit, insects  
11-13 inches long  
Metallic color in feathers  
Migrates in winter



**Red Winged Blackbird**  
Eats seed, nuts, grains, insects  
7-9 inches long  
Migrates in winter  
Females are brown



**Mallard Duck**  
Eats seeds, plants, aquatic insects, corn  
23 inches long  
Female is brown



**Canada Goose**  
Eats aquatic plants, insects, seeds  
25-43 inches long  
Males are protective



**Song Sparrow**  
Eats seeds, grass, berries  
5 1/2 - 7 1/2 inches long  
Sings persistently through spring and summer



**American Tree Sparrow**  
Eats seeds, insects, berries  
6 inches long  
Builds nest on/ear ground  
Seen mainly during migration



**Eastern Bluebird**  
Eats insects, small fruit  
6-8 inches long  
Female is grayish blue in color  
Official bird of New York State



**Tufted Titmouse**  
Eats seeds, berries, insects  
6 inches long  
Lives near birthplace  
Often seen upside down on tree



**White Throated Sparrow**  
Eats seeds, insects  
6-7 1/2 inches long  
Scratches ground to find seeds



**Purple Finch**  
Eats seeds, fruit, buds  
5 1/2 - 6 inches long  
Migrates south in winter  
Prefers conifer trees for nest