

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

Trees and shrubs that provide shelter and food include:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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



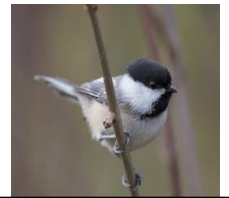
Red Bellied Woodpecker
Eats insects, nuts, seeds
10 inches long
Prefers shady woodlands
Saves food for winter



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/ near ground
Seen mainly during migration



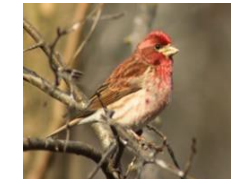
Eastern Bluebird
Eats insects, small fruit
6-8 inches long
Female is grayish blue in color
Official bird of New York State



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