



Bird Watching in the Long Island Pine Barrens



Some Quick Tips!

Here are some tips on how to best bird watch in the Pine Barrens:

- Invest in a nice pair of binoculars and a pocket field guide. There are also some excellent bird ID apps available for download on your phone.
- There are four key features to identifying birds: (1) size and shape; (2) color pattern; (3) habitat; and (4) behavior.
- Keep quiet and avoid sudden movements - birds have excellent hearing and startle easily.
- Avoid wearing brightly colored clothing. Opt for darker earth tones instead, to blend in with your surroundings.

Best Parks to Bird Watch

- **Dwarf Pine Plains Preserve**

Old Riverhead Road, East Quogue, NY 11942

This preserve hosts Black-throated Green Warblers, American Kestrels, Marsh Hawks, and nocturnal birds like Owls and Whippoorwills.

- **Indian Island County Park**

Indian Point Rd, Riverhead, NY 11901

Located at the estuarine mouth of the Peconic River, this park is a great spot to observe songbirds and waterfowl.

- **Wading River Marsh Preserve**

Sound Road, Wading River, NY 11792

One hundred different bird species have been spotted in this preserve.

- **Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge**

340 Smith Rd, Shirley, NY 11967

Close to 300 species of birds have been documented here and the refuge hosts up to 5,000 waterfowl, over Winter.



Northern Harrier Hawk

Photo by Stan Lupo



The Long Island Pine Barrens Society is an environmental education and advocacy organization focusing on protecting drinking water and preserving open space, especially in Long Island's Pine Barrens. Please visit our website at www.pinebarrens.org for more information about recreation in the Pine Barrens.

