

Birding Best Bets

In the Park

- 1 Marsh**
Staging area for waterfowl and the place to look for rails, bitterns and Herons. Accessed at the Marsh Boardwalk and Sanctuary lookout.
- 2 Northwest Beach/Blue Heron**
Songbirds sometimes become concentrated in this area where the forest habitat is narrow. Park at Northwest Beach and explore the area on foot.
- 3 DeLaurier Trail**
Open grassy areas attract sparrows and provide vistas for hawk watching. Pick up the Centennial Trail into Yellow-breasted Chat territory.
- 4 Tilden Woods**
Water-filled sloughs attract songbirds, especially waterthrushes. Explore the seasonal birding footpaths to get the most out of your visit to this area.
- 5 Woodland Nature Trail & Post Woods**
Upland and swamp forest meet along these trails, attracting a wide variety of songbirds.
- 6 Sparrow Field**
Restored savannah provides prime habitat for migrating sparrows.
- 7 Tip Area**
Wooded areas are excellent for migrating songbirds in spring and fall. Sandspit is a resting area for gulls and shorebirds. Surrounding lake is a staging area for waterfowl. Excellent hawk viewing in the fall.
- 8 West Beach Footpath**
Restored savannahs provide habitat for sparrows and thickets for Yellow-breasted Chat.

Outside the Park

- 9 Onion Fields**
Excellent for shorebirds and waterfowl. Roads are very narrow - use caution and avoid blocking traffic.
- 10 Hillman Marsh Conservation Area**
Managed shorebird habitat in spring. Staging area for waterfowl. 4 km diked loop trail.
- 11 Wheatley Harbour**
Roosting area for gulls and terns. Associated creek excellent for Great Egrets.
- 12 Kopegaren Woods Conservation Area**
Small woodlot with walking trails, good for spring migrants and wildflowers.
- 13 Wheatley Provincial Park**
Camping and walking trails. Creek through site is good for marsh species.
- 14 Pelee Island**
Several nature reserves provide excellent areas to see spring migrants. Pelee Island Bird Observatory active during spring and fall migration.
- 15 Holiday Beach Conservation Area**
Best place in Essex County to watch fall raptor migration. Wet woods great for songbirds in spring and fall. Marsh is a staging area for waterfowl.
- 16 Ojibway Prairie Complex**
Largest protected tall grass prairie and oak savannah in Ontario. Park specialties include Tufted Titmouse.

