

Wildlife Viewing

Many visitors want to see wildlife during their stay in a provincial park. Bronte Creek Provincial Park supports a surprising diversity of animals, with an interesting mix of Carolinian species and transition forest species. Birds are generally the easiest to see or hear. Small Mammals are often overlooked, due to their size, camouflage or secretive habits. The diversity of amphibians and reptiles can best be appreciated near ponds.

While viewing wildlife is often a matter of being in the right place at the right time, there are some tips to keep in mind:

- Dusk and dawn are generally the best times to view wildlife; many birds and mammals are inactive between mid-morning and late afternoon; however amphibians and reptiles may be more active and visible during the warmer times of the day.
- Look for animal tracks and signs of their activities, such as scat (droppings) and evidence of feeding (woodpecker holes, seed stashes; piles of feathers)
- Take along binoculars and field guides to improve your chances of identifying wildlife, particularly birds.
- Wetlands are productive areas; hike Maiden's Blush Trail or Half Moon Valley Trail. A variety of birds and mammals feed in wetlands.

- Waiting quietly for wildlife takes considerable patience (and bug repellent), but will improve your chances of observing their activities.
- Drop by the Nature Centre to find out more about the parks wildlife; sights boards can give you an idea of what has been seen lately and where.



Deer tracks can be seen throughout the park.

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