



## 2019 GUIDED BIRD WALKS

### VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

March through October ☞ 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month ☞ 1 – 2 mile walk, approx. 1.5 – 3 hours

Join local birders Tom and Mary Ellen Heisey and Tony Nastase on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month for a fascinating bird walk. Tom and Tony will bring scopes for close-up views for all birders to enjoy. See or hear different species in a variety of seasons and habitats such as meadow, edge, and woods. Walk is intended for birders of all levels, beginners welcome and encouraged.

**WALK:** Mostly paved trail but includes short sections of gravel and grass. Good walking shoes recommended.

**WHERE:** Meet in the Artillery Park parking lot on East Inner Line Drive. Near-by restrooms & water fountain available as of May.

**WHEN:** March, April, September, October: 8 am start time.  
May–August: 7:30 am start time. Please check the [vfparkalliance.org](http://vfparkalliance.org) website for updates. Walks will be canceled during electrical or ice storms.

**BRING:** Binoculars, hat, sturdy closed-toe shoes, water, bug spray and sun protection.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>
March 12 & 26	8 am
April 9 & 23	8 am
May 14 & 21	7:30 am
June 11 & 25	7:30 am
July 9 & 23	7:30 am
August 13 & 27	7:30 am
September 10 & 24	8 am
October 8 & 22	8 am

### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

#### March & April

Early season weather brings a good chance of seeing or hearing most of the park's resident woodpeckers, the Red-Bellied, Hairy, Downy, Northern Flicker, Pileated, and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers.



#### May is Migration Month!

Join us to welcome back our summer birds – Baltimore & Orchard Orioles, Eastern Kingbirds, and Scarlet Tanagers as well as looking for seasonal and migrating warblers, Yellow, Red Start, Black-Throated Green, plus more.



#### June–August

Park meadows are alive with Song Sparrows, Goldfinches, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Meadowlarks, Barn Swallows, Mockingbirds, and American Kestrels. Hear Wood Thrushes, Red-eyed Vireos, and Eastern Wood-Pewees on the edges of the Park. Enjoy the fun of observing all the immature birds as they fledge.



Photo by Greg Hume

#### September & October

Join us to say good-bye to the birds that migrate south. Common observations are large flocks of familiar birds as well as birds just passing through, including a variety of hawks. Special observations include many types of sparrows – Song, Field, Chipping, Swamp, White-throated, White-crowned and Savannah.

