

## Ducks



**Bufflehead** (*Bucephala albeola*)

Male: black head and back with white belly and patch on back of head

Female: dark brown, small white patch on ear area

Juvenile: same as female



**Ruddy Duck** (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

Male: small with blue bill, black head and white face

Female: grey bill, brown head and back

Juvenile: same as female



**Lesser Scaup** (*Aythya affinis*)

Male: black with white sides, blue bill, yellow eyes

Female: brown with white patch at base of grey bill

Juvenile: same as female

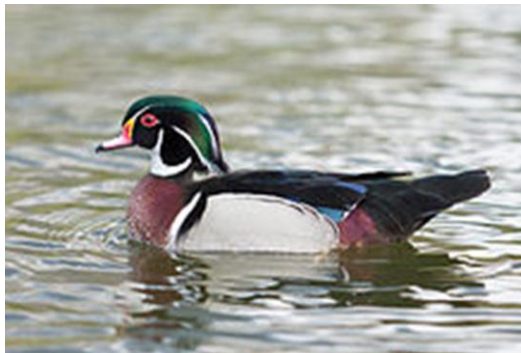


**Pied-billed Grebe** (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

Male: brown with black ring around thick white bill

Female: same as male

Juvenile: paler than adult with white spots and grey chest



**Wood Duck** (*Aix sponsa*)

Male: highly ornamented with a green head, red chest, black back, red eyes

Female: brown with white eye-ring

Juvenile: same as female

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*All species shown have been sighted and identified at Star Fort Pond. Not all of these birds are permanent residents, and other species not shown may sometimes visit the pond. If you would like to know more about birding at Star Fort Pond please contact the visitor center at Ninety Six National Historic Site. (864) 543-4068*

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## Birds at Star Fort Pond

A guide to help you identify some of the avian species you may encounter at Star Fort Pond



Birding is a great activity for beginning and experienced naturalists alike. Viewing some of Ninety Six National Historic Site's one hundred and thirty-seven species of birds can be fun, relaxing, and educational. The Star Fort Pond is a prime birding site as it provides a wide variety of habitats. This brochure highlights some species you are unlikely to see in other areas of the park, but is certainly not a complete list of birds you may see at Star Fort Pond. There is always something new to discover and you could be the first to view a species here so bring your binoculars!

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## Wading Birds



**Little Blue Heron** (*Egretta caerulea*)  
Male: dark blue with black-tipped bill  
Female: same as male  
Juvenile: white with black-tipped bill



**Green Heron** (*Butorides virescens*)  
Male: short and stocky body build, grey-green back, dark red breast, dark green crest  
Female: same as male  
Juvenile: similar to adult with white streaks on chest and neck



**Least Sandpiper** (*Calidris minutilla*)  
Male: golden-brown head and back, white breast and belly  
Female: same as male  
Juvenile: same as adult



**Great Egret** (*Ardea alba*)  
Male: tall, all white with yellow bill and black legs  
Female: same as male  
Juvenile: same as adult



**Great Blue Heron** (*Ardea herodias*)  
Male: tall and grey, with black band on head extending to black plumes, long yellow bill  
Female: same as male  
Juvenile: similar to adult but more brown than grey, no plumes

## Birds of Prey



**Bald Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)  
Male: dark brown to black with white head and tail, yellow bill  
Female: same as male but slightly larger  
Juvenile: dark brown with white spots or speckles, grey bill



**Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*)  
Male: white breast and belly, black back and black streak through eyes  
Female: same as male but slightly larger  
Juvenile: similar to adult with light tan breast

## Kingfishers



**Belted Kingfisher** (*Ceryle alcyon*)  
Male: blue with white belly and blue breast band, long black bill  
Female: similar to male but with red breast band in addition to blue  
Juvenile: same as female