

A Wildlife Oasis in the City

Como Lake provides a lush oasis and peaceful retreat for people and wildlife alike. Water, soil, plants, and trees provide habitat for wildlife that is critical to their survival in this dense urban environment. As you explore, listen to birds overhead, look for turtles on fallen logs, or watch butterflies flutter along its shore. Each time you visit, you'll see something new.



Red-winged blackbirds build nests near water. Their familiar call (cuck-la-ree!) can be heard all summer-long.



Painted turtles stay warm by basking on fallen trees in summer and burrowing deep into the lake bottom over winter.



Insects thrive around Como Lake — Common green darner dragonflies feed on other flying insects and migrate south in the fall to lay eggs in ponds.



Muskrats build dens by burrowing into the banks.

American toads hide under rocks and plants to stay cool in summer.



Great blue herons slowly wade along the shore to hunt small fish and other prey.



Migration Along the Mississippi Flyway

Como Lake is a critical stopover for migratory birds to rest and refuel during their journey along the Mississippi Flyway in May and September each year. Hundreds of bird species make the annual journey from their northern breeding grounds and spend winter in warmer, southern climates.



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