

Plants and Birds of Hartford's Parks

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Plants and Birds and the City



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The parks that are part of this group are essential habitats of urban migratory birds traveling through the Atlantic flyway. The City of Hartford works on pilot projects to enhance and maintain habitats.

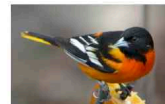
'Hartford's Birds- Park Habitat Revitalization and Conservation'

The three goals of this project are to enhance the natural habitat, make information about specific bird habitats available to the public, and reduce dangers and hazards encountered by "urban migratory birds." "Habitat enhancement projects" will be carried out around a couple city park ponds by the community groups Friends of Keney Park and Friends of Pope Park. 'Plant Palettes' will be distributed to the community and contain information about plants that provide birds traveling through Hartford a habitat. The project will include studies involving the hazards birds face in the city, such as "strikes against glass curtain walls."



Pope Park

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Urban Bird Treaty Program has a goal, and through these projects the Park River Watershed is aiming to reach that goal:
 "works with cities and partners to conserve migratory birds through education, hazard reductions, citizen science, conservation actions, and conservation and habitat improvement strategies in urban/suburban areas" –US Fish and Wildlife Urban Bird Treaty Program



Baltimore Oriole



House Finch



Blue Flag Iris



White Oak

Points of Plants enhancing bird habitats at Keney Park



Plant List:

Trees

- Amelanchier canadensis
- Asimina triloba (paw paw)
- Ceris canadensis (Eastern redbud)
 - Cornus florida
- Hamamelis virginiana
- Sassafras albidum

Fruit Bearing Shrubs:

- Aronia arbutifolia
- Callicarpa americana
- Ceanothus americanus
- Cephalanthus occidentalis
- Cornus racemosa/paniculata
- Corylus americana (Hazelnut)
- Ilex verticillata (winterberry)
 - Ilex galabra (inkberry)
- lindera benzoin (spice bush)
- Myrica gale (bog myrtle)
- Sambucus canadensis
- Vaccinium corymbosum
- Viburnum dentatum

Wildflowers

- Asarum canadense
- Asclepias exaltata or tuberosa
 - Helianthus
 - Iris (blue flag)
 - Lobelia cardinalis
- Monarda didyma and or fistulosa
- Rubeckia (focus on seed quality)

Ferns "In Variety"

- Dryopteris marginalis
- Osmunda regalis (royal fern)



Brown headed cow bird

List of plants at Pope Park enhancing bird habitats as of September 2012

- Trees:
- Quercus alba, white oak
 - Beluta nigra, river birch or paper birch
 - Ulmus americana, elm
- Fruit Bearing Shrubs:
- Clethra anifolia, sweet paper bush
 - Cornus racemosa, gray dogwood
 - Ilex galabra, inkberry
 - Ilex verticillata, winterberry
 - Lindera bezoin, spice bush
 - Sambucus canadensis, elderberry
 - symphoricarpos, indian current/ghost berry
 - vaccinium angustifolium, low bush blueberry
 - vaccinium corymbosum, high bush blueberry
 - viburnum dentatum, arrowwood

Wildflowers:

- blue flag iris
- Asclepias, swamp milkweed
- Rubeckia



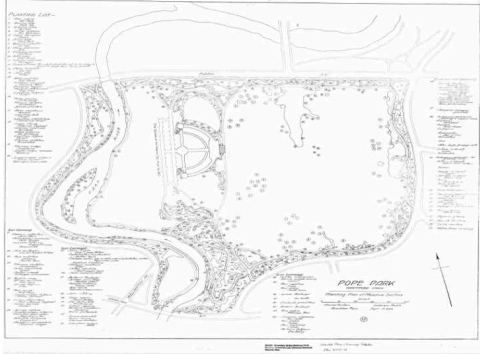
Peregrine Falcon

All About Pope Park

Colonel Albert Pope donated this park made for walking, outdoor activities and fun to the city of Hartford.

Designed by the Olmstead Brothers in 1898, the park was a great example of how a community could benefit from a park. Today, the park is still being used for these purposes. Unfortunately, the park has seen its natural resources dwindle down in the last 50 years. That is where the Park River Water Association comes in.

ORIGINAL OLMSTEAD BROTHERS' PLAN:



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