

Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



NPS Staff

Black Vulture

Typical Habitat & When Found:

Black Vultures and Turkey Vultures (red head) reside year-round at Great Falls Park and can be found in abundance in the picnic areas, the trees and rocks near the overlooks, and soaring high in the wind currents above the river.

Bird song: *Vultures do not sing, lacking a voice box, they grunt, hiss, or yap, but are usually silent.*

Importance to the park: *A Vulture's natural diet is carrion, and they play an important role keeping natural areas cleared of dead animals.*

They should not eat rotten, burned meat, garbage, or any trash left behind by people. Leave No Trace!