

Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



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Song Sparrow

Typical Habitat & When Found:

Song Sparrows are year-round residents of Great Falls Park and can be seen near the edges of the picnic areas, overlooks, and forest edges. They forage in low shrubs and along grassy areas and often can be seen singing in bushy, overgrown areas or flying through undergrowth.

Bird song: *Song Sparrows can sing 8 or 10 different songs, but may repeat the same song pattern multiple times before switching to a different song.*

https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Song_Sparrow/sounds

<https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/song-sparrow>

Importance to the park: *They eat seeds and insects; assisting with seed dispersal and natural pest control. They also serve as a food source for snakes, foxes, and birds of prey such as Eagles and Hawks.*

www.nps.gov/grfa

www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/year-of-the-bird/