

Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



NPS Staff

Great Horned Owl

Typical Habitat & When Found:

Dr. Finnegan who is a captive raised Great Horned Owl whooo visits Great Falls Park during Bird Day events with the educators from Secret Garden Birds and Bees. Wild Great Horned Owls live year-round here, but are best seen in fall on late afternoons near dusk. They are nocturnal birds of prey, hunting at the edges of wooded trails around the Patowmack Canal Holding Basin and Matildaville.

Bird song: Listen in the evenings for a repetitive and soft hoo-h'HOO-hoo-hoo.

Importance to the park: Owls assist with the natural control of the populations of rodents.

www.nps.gov/grfa www.secretgardenbirdsandbees.com

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