

Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



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Scarlet Tanager (male)

Typical Habitat & When Found:

Scarlet Tanagers migrate from as far away as South America to nest at Great Falls Park in the spring. During fall migration, the male's bright red summer plumage changes to a yellow-green, similar to the females. Look high in the tree tops along Matildaville Trail and Old Carriage Road.

Bird song: *A dry, clicking pit-ti-tuck call, with a raspy song similar to an American Robin.*

Importance to the park: *They eat flying insects and the larvae of wasps, and spread the seeds of fruits and berries.*

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