

Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



Margaret Payne Raymond Red-shouldered Hawk

Typical Habitat & When Found:

Red-shouldered Hawks are year-round residents at Great Falls Park. They are birds of prey, and can be seen hunting for small mammals, other birds, frogs, salamanders, and snakes perched above open grassy areas. This hawk caught a Garter Snake by the ramp from the Visitor Center to the parking lot.

Bird song: *Hawks give sharp, insistent cries similar to a loud "kee-aah," with the second note descending in pitch.*

Importance to the park: *Hawks assist with the natural control of the populations of rodents and snakes in the park.*

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