

## Tommy Thompson Park Wildlife Viewing and Reporting Policy

Tommy Thompson Park (TTP) is located on the Leslie Street Spit, a man-made peninsula which extends 5 km into Lake Ontario. TTP has been designated a globally significant *Important Bird Area* and an *Environmentally Significant Area*.

TTP is open to the public weekends and holidays April – November from 9am to 6:00pm and November – March from 9am to 4:30pm.

To protect wildlife and ensure that the park's ecological integrity, the following policies will be enforced:

- Do not engage in any activities that disturb or affect the natural behaviours of wildlife.
- Pets are not permitted in the park.
- Access to colonial waterbird nesting sites are restricted from April to September.
- The use of recordings (playbacks) is not permitted.
- Feeding or baiting of wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Do not interfere with research operations.
- Watercraft are restricted from the confined disposal facilities (CDFs).
- All boaters are to refrain from approaching waterfowl.
- Do not approach animals that you believe to be sick or orphaned. See [www.torontowildlifecentre.com](http://www.torontowildlifecentre.com) or call 416-631-0662 for advice.
- When observing or photographing wildlife stay at least 5 meters away.
- When photographing owls never use flash.
- When observing wildlife, especially owls, observe in small groups, move slowly and speak quietly.
- Do not report same day sightings of species at risk on the internet or birding hotlines. Species at Risk or rare species should be reported to the MNR Natural Heritage Information Centre ([http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/nhic/species/species\\_report.cfm](http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/nhic/species/species_report.cfm)).
- Do not report sightings of breeding/overwintering sites (i.e., bird nests, den sites, hibernacula, etc.) on the internet or birding hotlines at anytime.
- If you see a person or group disturbing wildlife call the TTP staff line (416-990-8058 during public open hours) or the TRCA general line (416-661-6600 press "0" for immediate assistance). Wildlife crimes can also be reported to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.