

Tommy Thompson Park Wildlife Viewing and Reporting Policy

Tommy Thompson Park is designated as a globally significant *Key Biodiversity Area* and an *Environmentally Significant Area*. To protect wildlife and ensure the park's ecological integrity, the following guidelines should be followed when viewing and reporting animals.

HOW TO ETHICALLY VIEW WILDLIFE

- Give wildlife lots of space: **stay at least 30 metres away**.
- Pay attention to wildlife behaviour: leave the area and/or stop activities that cause wildlife change their behaviour.
- Remain on official trails. Obey signage and stay out of restricted areas.
- Limit viewing time to a few minutes.
- TTP has abundant food sources and wildlife need to hunt and forage for themselves: **feeding wildlife can make them sick and unhealthy**. Clean up any dropped food and litter and dispose of it in garbage cans.
- Speak quietly and never use recordings or playbacks.
- Protect wildlife: keep rare and sensitive species sightings, and nest/den/overwintering locations confidential. Do not post on public forums such as iNaturalist, eBird, or Facebook.
- Owls are particularly sensitive. See the TTP Owl Viewing and Reporting Policy for information.
- Respect monitoring and research operations.

REPORTING WILDLIFE

- Do **not** approach animals that you believe to be sick or orphaned. Contact www.torontowildlifecentre.com for advice.
- Report rare species to ttp@trca.ca
- Report species at risk to the [Ontario Natural Heritage Information Centre](http://www.ontarioparks.com/naturalheritage)
- If you see a person or group disturbing wildlife, report to TRCA Enforcement tips@trca.ca or MNR Conservation Officers 1-877-TIPS-MNR.