

## Spring has sprung! Where are the birds?

Why not pop down to the Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station at the Leslie St. Spit to find out! [Find out what has been happening!](http://www.ttpbrs.ca/) (<http://www.ttpbrs.ca/>)



Visiting the Tommy Thompson banding station is an exciting opportunity to see up close these amazing and varied species of songbirds as they stop over in Toronto on route to their nesting grounds. (i.e. Boreal Forest)

Project CHIRP! and Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) invite you to come on down and witness the spectacular bird migration happening on Toronto's doorstep!

Operating Dates for Spring and Fall Migration (No bird banding occurs during inclement weather!):

April 1 - June 9

August 5 - November 12

\* Saturday May 10, special event to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day at Tommy Thompson Park.

[Learn more](https://www.trca.on.ca/Website/TRCA/Website.nsf/Webpage/trca__conservation_foundation__support_birds__default_asp_load_birdathon?OpenDocument&Language=EN) and to see how YOU can become involved, too! ([https://www.trca.on.ca/Website/TRCA/Website.nsf/Webpage/trca\\_\\_conservation\\_foundation\\_\\_support\\_birds\\_\\_default\\_asp\\_load\\_birdathon?OpenDocument&Language=EN](https://www.trca.on.ca/Website/TRCA/Website.nsf/Webpage/trca__conservation_foundation__support_birds__default_asp_load_birdathon?OpenDocument&Language=EN))

### Hours

The Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station is open to the public on weekend and holiday mornings . Please refer to the attached image for exact location of the research station at Tommy Thompson Park. The TTP shuttle van service can take you from the front gate to TTPBRS starting in early May (shuttle runs every half-hour

### DID YOU KNOW?...

"In 2006, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) launched the first Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) station in the GTA.

At Claireville Conservation Area, Brampton, a MAPS study area was thoroughly described and measured. A fixed array of 10 mist nests is operated on seven mornings during the summer breeding season. By systematically capturing and banding birds in the area, we are able to determine productivity (nesting success) and survivorship (adult return) rates for the various species at the site.

With just two years of data, we have already learned a great deal about the vitality of this local forest."

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from 9am-530pm). You can also walk, cycle or rollerblade (walk will take 30-40 minutes). "The early bird catches the worm!" so you may want to come before 9am for greater bird activity. Please keep in mind, however, that this is a functioning research station.

You will need to be calm and quiet if you wish to see the birds being documented, banded and released.

### **How to get there by TTC**

The # 83 Jones S bus will take you to Commissioner Street and Leslie Street. From there, it will be a short walk south to the park entrance. The TTC runs this bus Monday through Saturday with limited service. Streetcar service is also available on the Queen Street line (hop off at Leslie St. and walk south to park entrance). Once at the front gate you may take the TTP shuttle van to the bird research station or enjoy a 30-40 minute walk to the station.

Have a great time and be sure to let me know what you thought of your outing and what birds you saw!! :)

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