

Area #17  
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### **Freedom Trail**

Although there are birds to be found all along the trail, the Howe Road end of this section portion of the trail has yielded the most diversity and best birds for me over the years. This section has yielded all of the raptors I have seen on the trail.

### **Maca Park**

Excluding the pool/playground/ball field parts of the park, it is broken down into two main sections. The smaller, wooded section on the east side of the main roadway is good birding. It is a fairly open woods and offers a good variety of birds, especially woodpeckers, nuthatches, etc. Occasionally you will see a hawk perched in there if you keep your eyes open.

The larger, wooded section is behind and to the south of the pool. Birding the edges is more productive than birding the middle section, which can be very wet and muddy depending upon the weather. You can expect to see almost all of the resident woodpeckers and many types of songbirds along the edges. There are normally hawks to be found as well. If you like seeing big bunches of whitetail deer, this is the place to be.

### **Walmart Retention Pond**

If the weather has been so cold that the pond is frozen, there will be nothing there. Otherwise, there are usually duck and geese present, and an occasional shorebird if they are still around.