

# A DAY TRIP FOR **BIRDWATCHERS**

## MORNING MEMORIES

Take NJ Transit from Penn Station to New Brunswick or rent a zip car for the day!

### Eyes to the Skies

Kickstart your adventure in **Johnson Park**, where the skies come alive with the lightning-fast flight of Chimney Swifts, also known as the “flying cigar” due to its blunt head, squared-off tail, and sickle-shaped wings. Mourning Doves and Herring Gulls are often seen at this location as well.

### Knock Knock!

Who’s there? Woodpeckers galore! Check out **Donaldson Park** to encounter a vibrant array of woodpecker species like the Northern Flicker, the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, and the Downy Woodpecker.

## AFTERNOON ADVENTURES

Soar on to South Amboy for more sightings!

### Dive into Discovery

Dip your toes into this birdwatcher’s paradise at **Raritan Bay Waterfront Park** where you can catch a glimpse of waterbirds gliding across the water like the Tri-Colored Heron, the American Oystercatcher (doing what it does best), and the Western Grebe.

### Flock and Roll

Continue to **Cheesequake State Park**, keeping an eye out for the striking Red-Winged Blackbird. These beauties add a burst of color to the landscape, gathering in flocks in the wintertime. Listen closely for their distinctive song in early spring – it’s a symphony you don’t want to miss!

## EVENING EXCURSIONS

The day’s not over yet! Head back to New Brunswick for the next stop.

### Moonlit Majesty

Experience the enchantment of birdwatching under the stars in North Brunswick Township. Listen for the Eastern Screech-Owl, a stout owl with striking, yellow eyes, recognized by its descending whinny and prolonged trill, heard echoing near water as it nestles in a variety of trees.

