

Birding at Lexington, KY, Cemetery

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Google Map coordinates

38.055822, -84.508109

Habitats

- 170 acres of individual trees among mowed grass.

Birds and birder comments

The eBird listing for the Lexington Cemetery stands at 150 species. It is an excellent spot to find spring and fall passerines, including numerous warbler species. As the area is set as an arboretum, with well-spaced trees, it allows for great viewing of the migrating birds. During spring migration, when fronts from the north meet southerly winds, it is a prime location in the city for fall-out birds. Summer residents numbers are pretty low with mostly non-migrating species. There are a large number of fruiting trees that bring in a good variety of winter birds. During irruption years it is a great location for Crossbills and Pine Siskin.

The cemetery is open from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, eastern time. The only restriction on parking is to not do so at the office area, as this is exclusively for those visiting the office. As it is an active cemetery, birders should take heed of where they are walking and talking.