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Birding Region: Ocean Beaches & Inland Bays

Site #16: Cape Henlopen State Park

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Cape Henlopen has just about everything - ocean, bay, dunes, pine forest, weedy fields, saltmarsh, mudflats and freshwater wetlands, all connected by an excellent road and trail network. The park also has the distinction of being the northernmost place on Earth where Brown-headed Nuthatches are readily found. Note that one of the best birding areas in the park, Gordons Pond, is accessed from the north side of Rehoboth Beach, while all others listed here are reached via the main entrance east of Lewes.



Check the habitat garden and feeder area near the Seaside Nature Center, and listen for Brown-headed Nuthatches in the pines beyond the building. From the Cape Henlopen Point parking lot, you can look west (to your left as you face the point) to scan Delaware Bay, or east to look over the ocean. The point is one of those magical birding spots where just about anything might turn up, and often does. It's an excellent spot for gulls, terns, loons, sea ducks, and shorebirds, including Piping Plovers, a few pair of which nest here each summer. . .[Click to Continue](#)

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