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If Bob Hurley only saw one bird at Liberty State Park, he didn't look very hard ("As state advances Liberty State Park redesign, Hurley rallies supporters in fight for sports mecca plan," Feb. 21).

Even in the middle of winter, LSP is filled with birds. Along the shoreline, there are rafts of ducks: scaup, buffleheads, mergansers and more. There are swans and geese, including lots of brant geese. These are small geese, with black heads and necks; they will migrate north when spring comes, unlike their rude cousins, the Canada geese, who never leave. Near the inlet behind Caven Point Beach, you are likely to see heron, egrets — and certainly cormorants. Near the wooded areas of the park, you might see a red tail hawk in a tree — and maybe even a bald eagle flying overhead. In the spring and fall, migrant species are everywhere.

Did Coach Hurley see the seals that hang out near the jetty at the sound end of the park? In low tide, they sit on the rocks and are a quite the sight. There have been recent sightings of deer and fox in the park.

But Liberty State Park should be more than a nature preserve. It can be is a great park with magnificent views — a great place to walk, run, bike, fish and sit — and a place to play with some sports fields and other active recreation spots.

But if Bob Hurley really wants more athletic opportunities in Jersey City, he should get Paul Fireman and his friends to fund the refurbishing of the Caven Point Athletic Complex (just west of the golf course) and other facilities in Jersey City, closer to the neighborhoods where kids live. They obviously have money to throw around. Why not use it to create something instead of trying to poach this great state park?

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