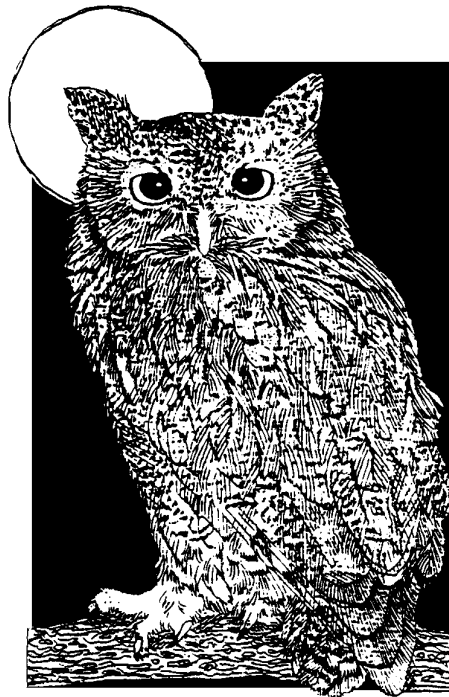


Birds of Black Hill Regional Park



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Black Hill Regional Park contains 2,500 acres of diverse habitats including fields, deciduous forests, stands of conifers and a 500-acre lake. To date, 238 species of birds have been observed in the park; 80 species are known to have nested.

This list is based on observations made by the naturalist staff and members of the Maryland Ornithological Society. Data from Christmas Counts, May Counts and the Maryland Breeding Bird Survey were included. Special thanks are extended to Dave Czaplak, Paul O'Brien, Keith VanNess, William Wendall, Robert Norton, and Tim Gier for their contributions.

Seasonal abundance designations were determined from actual observations, not expected occurrences. Many of the "accidental" species were sighted after hurricanes. It is our hope that as birders continue to report their accurate sightings, future revisions will more closely approximate the bird populations of the park. Please report sightings to the naturalist staff at Black Hill Visitor Center, 301 916-0220. Good birding!

SEASONAL ABUNDANCE

- c = Common. Present in large numbers or regularly seen or heard in suitable habitat
 C = Conspicuous. Present in small numbers but regularly seen
 u = Uncommon. Present in small numbers or not regularly seen
 o = Occasional. Only a few sightings per season
 r = Rare. Not seen every year
 x = Accidental Only one or two recorded sightings
 * = Breeding Has nested in park

SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

- S = Spring: March, April, May
 s = Summer: June, July, August
 f = Fall: September, October, November
 w = Winter: December, January, February

Note: Some species begin southern migrations as early as July, so are listed in summer, but are not necessarily residents or breeders.

Names and phylogenetic sequence follow **The A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds** (seventh edition 1998).

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Loons, Grebes, Cormorants & Herons					
	Red-throated Loon			r	r
	Common Loon	u		u	o
	Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	C
	Horned Grebe	u		u	
	Red-necked Grebe	r		r	
	Double-crested Cormorant	u	u	u	
	Great Cormorant	x			
	American Bittern	r		r	
	Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
	Great Egret	u	u	u	
	Little Blue Heron	r	r	r	
	Tricolored Heron	x			
	Green Heron*	c	c	c	
	Blk.-crowned Night-Heron	x	x	x	
	Yel.-crowned Night-Heron			x	
Vultures					
	Black Vulture	u	u	u	u
	Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
Geese, Swans & Ducks					
	Gtr. White-fronted Goose			x	x
	Snow Goose			o	o
	Ross' Goose				x
	Canada Goose*	c	C	c	c
	Graylag Goose (domestic)	u		u	u
	Mute Swan	r		r	o
	Tundra Swan	o		u	u
	Trumpeter Swan				x
	Wood Duck*	C	C	C	o
	Gadwall	o		o	u
	American Wigeon	o		u	u
	American Black Duck	o	o	o	u
	Mallard*	c	c	c	c
	Blue-winged Teal	u		u	r
	Northern Shoveler	o		o	o
	Northern Pintail	o		o	o
	Green-winged Teal	o		o	u
	Canvasback	o		u	u
	Redhead	o		o	o
	Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
	Greater Scaup	o		o	o
	Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
	Surf Scoter				x
	White-winged Scoter	r		r	r
	Black Scoter				x

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	Oldsquaw	o		o	o
	Bufflehead	C		C	c
	Common Goldeneye	o		o	o
	Hooded Merganser*	C	r	C	C
	Common Merganser	o		o	o
	Red-breasted Merganser	o		o	o
	Ruddy Duck	u		c	c
Eagles, Hawks & Falcons					
	Osprey	u	u	u	
	Bald Eagle	o		o	o
	Northern Harrier	o		o	o
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	o		u	u
	Cooper's Hawk	o		o	o
	Northern Goshawk	x			x
	Red-shouldered Hawk*	C	u	u	C
	Broad-winged Hawk	u		u	
	Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
	Golden Eagle	r		r	
	American Kestrel	u	u	u	u
	Merlin	r		r	
	Peregrine Falcon				x
Grouse, Turkey & Quail					
	Ring-necked Pheasant*	r	r	r	r
	Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
	Northern Bobwhite*	r	r	r	r
Rail & Coot					
	Virginia Rail	x			
	Sora			x	
	Common Moorhen	x		x	
	American Coot	C		C	c
Plover & Sandpipers					
	Killdeer*	c	c	u	o
	Greater Yellowlegs	o	u	u	
	Lesser Yellowlegs	o	u	u	
	Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
	Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	o	
	Least Sandpiper	r	r		
	Pectoral Sandpiper	r		r	
	Common Snipe	r		r	x
	American Woodcock*	u	o	o	r
Gulls, Terns & Skimmer					
	Laughing Gull			x	
	Bonaparte's Gull	r		r	r
	Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	c
	Herring Gull	u		u	u

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	Great Black-backed Gull	r		r	o
	Caspian Tern	r		r	
	Common Tern	r		r	
	Forster's Tern	r	x	r	
	Sooty Tern			x	
	Black Tern			x	
	Black Skimmer		x		
Doves & Cuckoos					
	Rock Dove*	c	c	c	c
	Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
	Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	C	u	u	
Owls, Goatsucker & Swift					
	Barn-Owl*	r	r		
	Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
	Great Horned Owl*	C	u	u	u
	Barred Owl*	C	u	u	u
	Long-eared Owl	r			r
	Short-eared Owl	x			x
	Northern Saw-whet Owl				x
	Common Nighthawk	u		C	
	Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
Hummingbird & Kingfisher					
	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird*	u	C	C	
	Belted Kingfisher*	u	C	C	u
Woodpeckers					
	Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o		u	o
	Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
	Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
	Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
	Pileated Woodpecker*	C	c	c	c
Flycatchers					
	Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			r	
	Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
	Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
	Alder Flycatcher	r		r	
	Least Flycatcher	u		u	
	Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	r
	Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
	Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	o	
Shrike					
	Northern Shrike				x

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Vireos					
	White-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	
	Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
	Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	
	Warbling Vireo	u	u	o	
	Philadelphia Vireo	r		u	
	Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Jay & Crows					
	Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
	American Crow*	c	c	c	c
	Fish Crow*	u	u	u	u
	Common Raven		x	x	
Lark & Swallows					
	Horned Lark	r		r	r
	Purple Martin	u	u	r	
	Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
	N. Rough-winged Swallow	c	u	c	
	Bank Swallow	u	o	u	
	Cliff Swallow	r		r	
	Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	
Chickadee & Titmouse					
	Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
	Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches & Creeper					
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	r
	White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
	Brown Creeper	u	r	u	u
Wrens					
	Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
	House Wren*	c	c	c	
	Winter Wren	u		u	r
	Marsh Wren	r		r	
Kinglets & Gnatcatcher					
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		c	u
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	u	
Thrushes					
	Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
	Veery	u	o	u	
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
	Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
	Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
	Wood Thrush*	c	c	u	
	American Robin*	c	c	c	u
Mockingbirds & Thrasher					
	Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	o
	Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
	Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	

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Starling, Pipit & Waxwing					
	European Starling *	c	c	c	c
	American Pipit	r		r	
	Cedar Waxwing	u	u	u	u
Wood Warblers					
	Blue-winged Warbler*	C	u	u	
	Golden-winged Warbler	r		r	
	Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
	Orange-crowned Warbler			o	
	Nashville Warbler	u		u	
	Northern Parula *	C	c	o	
	Yellow Warbler*	C	c	o	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	c		c	
	Magnolia Warbler	c		c	
	Cape May Warbler	u		u	
	Black-throated Blue Warb.	c		c	
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	o
	Blk.-throated Green Warb.	c		c	
	Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
	Yellow-throated Warbler	r		r	
	Pine Warbler	o		o	
	Prairie Warbler*	C	c	u	
	Palm Warbler	u		u	
	Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
	Blackpoll Warbler	C		u	
	Cerulean Warbler	r			
	Black-and-white Warbler	c		c	
	American Redstart	c	u	c	
	Prothonotary Warbler	r			
	Worm-eating Warbler	o		o	
	Ovenbird*	C	c	u	
	Northern Waterthrush	u	o	u	
	Louisiana Waterthrush*	C	c	u	
	Kentucky Warbler*	C	c	u	
	Mourning Warbler	r		r	
	Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
	Hooded Warbler*	u	u	r	
	Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
	Canada Warbler	u	u	u	
	Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	c	u	r
Tanagers					
	Summer Tanager	r		r	
	Scarlet Tanager*	C	c	c	
Sparrows					
	Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	u
	American Tree Sparrow	u		u	u
	Chipping Sparrow*	C	c	c	
	Clay-colored Sparrow			x	

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	Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
	Savannah Sparrow	u		u	
	Grasshopper Sparrow	u	u	r	
	Fox Sparrow	u		u	o
	Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
	Lincoln's Sparrow	r		o	
	Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
	White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
	White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u
	Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
	Snow Bunting			r	r
Cardinal, Grosbeaks					
	Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c		c	
	Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	
	Indigo Bunting*	C	c	u	
	Dickcissel			x	
Blackbirds & Orioles					
	Bobolink	o	o		
	Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	o
	Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	o
	Rusty Blackbird	o		o	o
	Common Grackle*	c	c	c	u
	Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	u	u
	Orchard Oriole*	C	u	o	
	Baltimore Oriole*	C	c	c	
Winter Finches					
	Pine Grosbeak			x	
	Purple Finch	o		u	o
	House Finch*	c	c	c	c
	White-winged Crossbill			x	
	Common Redpoll	r			r
	Hoary Redpoll	x			x
	Pine Siskin	o		o	o
	American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
	Evening Grosbeak	r		o	o
Eurasian Sparrow					
	House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

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