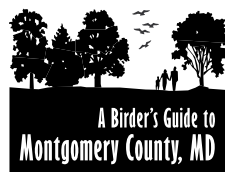


# CHECKLIST



This list, compiled by the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS), contains seasonal abundance information for 252 species of birds that regularly occur in the county, either as winter inhabitants, summer breeders, migrants, or year-round residents. An additional 76 “accidental” species include those that have been seen only a few times in the past 20 years. The total number of bird species for the county is thus 328. Species are listed in accordance with the seventh edition of the American Ornithologists’ Union (AOU) checklist (48<sup>th</sup> Supplement).

An asterisk (\*) flags each of the 117 known breeders in Montgomery County. A double asterisk (\*\*) marks 9 species that historically bred in the county but for which there are no breeding records since 1977. A triple asterisk (\*\*\*) marks 8 species that historically bred in the county but for which there are no breeding records since 1987.

The seasons noted in the checklist are:

**Spring** (March, April, and May)

**Summer** (June and July)

**Fall** (August, September, October, and November)

**Winter** (December, January, and February)

Abundance codes for each season/species combination:

- c** The bird is **common to abundant**, i.e., it should be readily seen or heard if searched for in suitable habitat.
- u** The bird is **uncommon**. The bird is generally present in the county at the right time of year and in the correct habitat, but it may not be readily seen or heard due to its secretive behavior or relative scarcity.
- o** The bird is **occasionally present** during the period, i.e., generally seen only a few times during any given season.
- r** The bird is **rare**. Generally speaking, it is not seen every year, but often enough to be no longer considered accidental.
- Blank** The bird is not thought to be present in the county during that period.

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Species	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Greater White-fronted Goose	r		r	r
Snow Goose	o		o	o
Cackling Goose	o		o	o
Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c
Mute Swan	r		r	r
Tundra Swan	u		u	u
Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o
Gadwall	u		u	u
American Wigeon	u		u	u
American Black Duck*	c	c	c	c
Mallard*	c	c	c	c
Blue-winged Teal**	u	r	o	
Northern Shoveler	o		o	o
Northern Pintail	o		u	o
Green-winged Teal	c		u	u
Canvasback	u		u	u
Redhead	u		r	o
Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
Greater Scaup	r		o	o
Lesser Scaup	u		c	u
Surf Scoter				r
White-winged Scoter				r
Black Scoter				r
Long-tailed Duck	o		o	o
Bufflehead	c		c	c
Common Goldeneye	u		u	o
Hooded Merganser*	c	o	c	c
Common Merganser*	c		u	c
Red-breasted Merganser	u		u	o
Ruddy Duck	u		c	u
Ring-necked Pheasant***	r	r	r	r
Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
Northern Bobwhite*	r	r	r	r
Red-throated Loon	r		r	r
Common Loon	u		u	o
Pied-billed Grebe**	c		c	c
Horned Grebe	u		o	o

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	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Red-necked Grebe	r		r	r
Double-crested Cormorant*	c	c	c	r
American Bittern	o		o	
Least Bittern*	o	o		
Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	u	u	c	
Snowy Egret	o	o	o	
Little Blue Heron	r	o	o	
Green Heron*	c	c	c	
Black-crowned Night-Heron*		u	u	u
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	o	o	o	
Glossy Ibis	r			
Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c
Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c
Osprey***	c	u	c	
Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u
Northern Harrier	u		u	o
Sharp-shinned Hawk**	c		c	c
Cooper's Hawk*	u	o	u	u
Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
Broad-winged Hawk*	c	o	c	
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk	r		r	r
Golden Eagle			r	r
American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
Merlin	o	o	o	o
Peregrine Falcon**	r		o	o
King Rail***	r	r	r	
Virginia Rail**	r	r	r	
Sora	u		u	
Common Moorhen***	u	u	r	
American Coot**	c		c	c
Black-bellied Plover	r	r	r	
American Golden-Plover	r		o	
Semipalmated Plover	r	o	o	
Killdeer*	c	c	c	c
Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	u	

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	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	
Solitary Sandpiper	c	u	u	
Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Upland Sandpiper**	r	r	r	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	r	o	
Western Sandpiper		r	r	
Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	
White-rumped Sandpiper			r	
Baird's Sandpiper		r	r	
Pectoral Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Dunlin			r	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			r	
Short-billed Dowitcher		r	r	
Wilson's Snipe	c		u	o
American Woodcock*	u	u	u	r
Laughing Gull	r	r	r	o
Bonaparte's Gull	c		o	o
Ring-billed Gull	c	r	c	c
Herring Gull	c	r	c	c
Great Black-backed Gull	u	r	c	c
Caspian Tern	c	o	u	
Common Tern	r		r	
Forster's Tern	o	o	o	
Black Tern	o	r	o	
Rock Pigeon*	c	c	c	c
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	c	
Black-billed Cuckoo***	u	r	u	
Barn Owl *	r	r	r	r
Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c
Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl**	r		r	r
Short-eared Owl**	r		r	r
Northern Saw-whet Owl	r		r	o
Common Nighthawk*	u	r	c	
Whip-poor-will*	u	u	r	
Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	

Species	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	c	
Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	c
Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	o	o	o
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	c
Downy Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		o	
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		o	
Acadian Flycatcher *	c	c	c	
Alder Flycatcher	r	r	r	
Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	o	
Least Flycatcher	o		o	
Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	r
Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	o	
Eastern Kingbird *	c	c	c	
White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
Blue-headed Vireo	c		u	
Warbling Vireo*	c	u	u	
Philadelphia Vireo	r		o	
Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
American Crow*	c	c	c	c
Fish Crow *	c	c	c	c
Common Raven*	r	r	r	r
Horned Lark*	o	o	o	o
Purple Martin*	c	c	c	
Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	c	c	c	
Bank Swallow*	u	u	u	
Cliff Swallow*	u	u	u	
Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	
Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c

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	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Red-breasted Nuthatch	o		u	u
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Brown Creeper***	u	r	u	u
Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
House Wren*	c	c	c	r
Winter Wren	u		u	u
Sedge Wren	r		r	
Marsh Wren***	r	r	r	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	u	
Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
Veery*	u	u	u	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		u	
Bicknell's Thrush	o		o	
Swainson's Thrush	c		u	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
Wood Thrush*	c	c	u	
American Robin*	c	c	c	u
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	r
Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
Brown Thrasher*	c	u	u	r
European Starling*	c	c	c	c
American Pipit	u		u	u
Cedar Waxwing*	c	c	c	c
Blue-winged Warbler*	u	u	u	
Golden-winged Warbler	o		o	
Tennessee Warbler	u		u	
Orange-crowned Warbler	r		r	r
Nashville Warbler	u		u	
Northern Parula*	c	c	c	
Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	c		c	
Magnolia Warbler	c		c	
Cape May Warbler	u		u	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	c		c	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	c
Black-throated Green Warbler	c		c	

Species	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	o	
Pine Warbler*	u	u	o	r
Prairie Warbler*	c	c	u	
Palm Warbler	u		c	r
Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
Cerulean Warbler*	u	u	r	
Black-and-white Warbler*	c	u	c	r
American Redstart*	c	c	c	
Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	o	
Worm-eating Warbler *	u	u	u	
Ovenbird*	c	c	c	
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u	o	
Kentucky Warbler*	u	u	o	
Connecticut Warbler	r		o	
Mourning Warbler	o		o	
Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
Hooded Warbler*	u	u	u	
Wilson's Warbler	o		u	
Canada Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	u	r
Summer Tanager*	o	r	r	
Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c	
Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	u
American Tree Sparrow	o			u
Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	u	r
Clay-colored Sparrow			r	
Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
Vesper Sparrow*	o	o	o	
Savannah Sparrow*	u	r	u	o
Grasshopper Sparrow*	u	u	u	
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r		r	
Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	
Swamp Sparrow***	c	r	c	u

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Species	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Lapland Longspur			r	r
Snow Bunting			r	r
Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	
Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
Dickcissel*	o	o	r	
Bobolink	c		c	
Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c
Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	o
Rusty Blackbird	u		u	u
Common Grackle*	c	c	c	u
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	u
Orchard Oriole*	c	c	u	
Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	c	
Purple Finch	o		o	o
House Finch*	c	c	c	c
Common Redpoll	r			r
Pine Siskin	o		o	o
American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
Evening Grosbeak	r		r	r
House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

—John Bjerke



## ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Lesser Black-backed Gull
Ross's Goose	Glaucous Gull
Brant	Sabine's Gull
Eurasian Wigeon	Black-legged Kittiwake
King Eider	Sooty Tern
Harlequin Duck	Arctic Tern
Ruffed Grouse	Pomarine Jaeger
Pacific Loon	Thick-billed Murre
Eared Grebe	Snowy Owl
American White Pelican	Chuck-will's-widow
Neotropic Cormorant	Rufous Hummingbird
Great Cormorant	Say's Phoebe
Anhinga	Western Kingbird
Tricolored Heron	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Cattle Egret	Loggerhead Shrike
White Ibis	Northern Shrike
Swallow-tailed Kite	Cave Swallow
Mississippi Kite	Black-capped Chickadee
Yellow Rail	Boreal Chickadee
Purple Gallinule	Bewick's Wren
Sandhill Crane	Varied Thrush
American Avocet	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Willet	Townsend's Warbler
Whimbrel	Swainson's Warbler
Hudsonian Godwit	Western Tanager
Marbled Godwit	Spotted Towhee
Ruddy Turnstone	Bachman's Sparrow **
Sanderling	Lark Sparrow
Stilt Sandpiper	Henslow's Sparrow **
Long-billed Dowitcher	Harris's Sparrow
Wilson's Phalarope	Black-headed Grosbeak
Red-necked Phalarope	Painted Bunting
Red Phalarope	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Little Gull	Brewer's Blackbird
California Gull	Pine Grosbeak
Yellow-legged Gull	Red Crossbill
Thayer's Gull	White-winged Crossbill
Iceland (Kumlien's) Gull	Hoary Redpoll

**REPORTING RARITIES:** If you believe you have found a rarity, it is important to document your sighting carefully. Write up a full description of the bird, noting in detail its appearance and behavior; and include specifics about the setting—locale, time, lighting, optics, etc. Sketches, photos, or videos are quite helpful. This material should be submitted to the Secretary of the Maryland/DC Records Committee of the MOS, Phil Davis, 2549 Vale Court, Davidsonville, MD 21035 (301-261-0184); e-mail: pdavis@ix.netcom.com.