



Field Checklist of the Birds of Prince George's County, Maryland



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Date: _____ Location: _____ Observers: _____

Breeding Status (shown in Column 2)

Br = Species breeds in the county
 PB = Previously bred in the county
 ? = Probable or possible breeder, not confirmed
 Blank space indicates no breeding in county
Species not regularly occurring are in italics

Species	Br?	✓
Geese, Swans, Ducks		
<i>Fulvous Whistling-Duck</i>		
<i>Black-bellied Whistling-Duck</i>		
<i>Greater White-fronted Goose</i>		
Snow Goose		
Ross's Goose		
<i>Brant</i>		
<i>Barnacle Goose</i>		
Cackling Goose		
Canada Goose	Br	
Mute Swan	Br	
Trumpeter Swan		
Tundra Swan		
Wood Duck	Br	
Gadwall		
<i>Eurasian Wigeon</i>		
American Wigeon		
American Black Duck	Br	
Mallard	Br	
Blue-winged Teal		
Northern Shoveler		
Northern Pintail		
Green-winged Teal		
Canvasback		
Redhead		
Ring-necked Duck		
<i>Tufted Duck</i>		
Greater Scaup		
Lesser Scaup		
Surf Scoter		
White-winged Scoter		
Black Scoter		
Long-tailed Duck		
Bufflehead		
Common Goldeneye		
Hooded Merganser	Br	
Common Merganser		
Red-breasted Merganser		
Ruddy Duck		
Pheasant, Turkey, Quail		
Northern Bobwhite	Br	
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant</i>		
Wild Turkey	Br	
Loons, Grebes		
<i>Red-throated Loon</i>		
Common Loon		
Pied-billed Grebe	Br	
Horned Grebe		
Red-necked Grebe		
<i>Eared Grebe</i>		
Storm-Petrel		
<i>Leach's Storm-Petrel</i>		
Stork, Cormorants, Pelicans		
Wood Stork		
Great Cormorant		

Double-crested Cormorant	Br	
<i>American White Pelican</i>		
<i>Brown Pelican</i>		
Herons, Bitterns, Ibis		
American Bittern	?	
Least Bittern	Br	
Great Blue Heron	Br	
Great Egret		
Snowy Egret		
Little Blue Heron		
<i>Tricolored Heron</i>		
<i>Cattle Egret</i>		
Green Heron	Br	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	PB	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	?	
<i>White Ibis</i>		
Glossy Ibis		
Vultures		
Black Vulture	Br	
Turkey Vulture	Br	
Osprey, Eagles, Kites, Hawks		
Osprey	Br	
<i>Swallow-tailed Kite</i>		
<i>Golden Eagle</i>		
<i>Mississippi Kite</i>		
Northern Harrier	?	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	PB	
Cooper's Hawk	Br	
<i>Northern Goshawk</i>		
Bald Eagle	Br	
Red-shouldered Hawk	Br	
Broad-winged Hawk	Br	
Red-tailed Hawk	Br	
<i>Rough-legged Hawk</i>		
Rails, Coots, Gallinules		
<i>Yellow Rail</i>		
<i>Black Rail</i>		
King Rail	?	
Virginia Rail	?	
Sora	?	
<i>Purple Gallinule</i>	PB	
Common Gallinule	?	
American Coot		
Crane		
<i>Sandhill Crane</i>		
Shorebirds		
<i>Black-necked Stilt</i>		
<i>American Avocet</i>		
<i>Black-bellied Plover</i>		
American Golden-Plover		
Semipalmated Plover		
Killdeer	Br	
<i>Upland Sandpiper</i>		
<i>Whimbrel</i>		
<i>Long-billed Curlew</i>		
<i>Hudsonian Godwit</i>		
<i>Marbled Godwit</i>		
<i>Ruddy Turnstone</i>		
<i>Ruff</i>		
Stilt Sandpiper		
Sanderling		
Dunlin		
<i>Baird's Sandpiper</i>		

Least Sandpiper		
White-rumped Sandpiper		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		
Pectoral Sandpiper		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		
Western Sandpiper		
Short-billed Dowitcher		
Long-billed Dowitcher		
Wilson's Snipe		
American Woodcock	Br	
<i>Wilson's Phalarope</i>		
<i>Red-necked Phalarope</i>		
<i>Red Phalarope</i>		
Spotted Sandpiper	?	
Solitary Sandpiper		
Greater Yellowlegs		
<i>Willet</i>		
Lesser Yellowlegs		
Jaeger, Gulls, Terns		
<i>Pomarine Jaeger</i>		
<i>Black-legged Kittiwake</i>		
Bonaparte's Gull		
<i>Black-headed Gull</i>		
<i>Little Gull</i>		
Laughing Gull		
<i>Franklin's Gull</i>		
Mew Gull		
Ring-billed Gull		
Herring Gull		
<i>Thayer's Gull</i>		
Iceland Gull		
Lesser Black-backed Gull		
<i>Glaucous Gull</i>		
Great Black-backed Gull		
Least Tern		
Caspian Tern		
Black Tern		
Common Tern		
<i>Arctic Tern</i>		
Forster's Tern		
Royal Tern		
<i>Black Skimmer</i>		
Doves, Pigeon		
Rock Pigeon	Br	
<i>Inca Dove</i>		
<i>Common Ground-Dove</i>		
Mourning Dove	Br	
Cuckoos		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Br	
Black-billed Cuckoo	?	
Owls		
Barn Owl	Br	
Eastern Screech-Owl	?	
Great Horned Owl	Br	
Snowy Owl		
Barred Owl	Br	
<i>Long-eared Owl</i>	PB	
Short-eared Owl		
<i>Northern Saw-whet Owl</i>		
Nightjars		
Common Nighthawk	PB	
<i>Chuck-will's-widow</i>	?	
<i>Eastern Whip-poor-will</i>	?	

Swift		
Chimney Swift	Br	
Hummingbirds		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Br	
<i>Anna's Hummingbird</i>		
<i>Rufous Hummingbird</i>		
<i>Calliope Hummingbird</i>		
Kingfisher		
Belted Kingfisher	Br	
Woodpeckers		
Red-headed Woodpecker	Br	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Br	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Downy Woodpecker	Br	
Hairy Woodpecker	Br	
<i>Red-cockaded Woodpecker</i>		
Northern Flicker	Br	
Pileated Woodpecker	Br	
Falcons		
American Kestrel	Br	
Merlin		
Peregrine Falcon	Br	
Flycatchers		
Olive-sided Flycatcher		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Br	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		
Acadian Flycatcher	Br	
Alder Flycatcher		
Willow Flycatcher	Br	
Least Flycatcher	PB	
Eastern Phoebe	Br	
<i>Ash-throated Flycatcher</i>		
Great Crested Flycatcher	Br	
Eastern Kingbird	Br	
<i>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</i>		
Shrikes		
Loggerhead Shrike	PB	
<i>Northern Shrike</i>		
Vireos		
White-eyed Vireo	Br	
Yellow-throated Vireo	Br	
Blue-headed Vireo		
Philadelphia Vireo		
Warbling Vireo	Br	
Red-eyed Vireo	Br	
Corvids		
Blue Jay	Br	
American Crow	Br	
Fish Crow	Br	
Common Raven	?	
Lark		
Horned Lark	Br	
Lark, Swallows		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Br	
Purple Martin	Br	
Tree Swallow	Br	
Bank Swallow	Br	
Barn Swallow	Br	
Cliff Swallow	Br	
<i>Cave Swallow</i>		
Chickadees, Titmice		
Carolina Chickadee	Br	
Black-capped Chickadee		
Tufted Titmouse	Br	
Nuthatches, Creeper		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		
White-breasted Nuthatch	Br	
<i>Brown-headed Nuthatch</i>		
Brown Creeper	Br	
Wrens		
House Wren	Br	
Winter Wren		
<i>Sedge Wren</i>		
Marsh Wren	Br	
Carolina Wren	Br	

<i>Bewick's Wren</i>		
Gnatcatcher, Kinglets		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Br	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
Thrushes		
Eastern Bluebird	Br	
Veery	?	
Gray-cheeked Thrush		
<i>Bicknell's Thrush</i>		
Swainson's Thrush		
Hermit Thrush		
Wood Thrush	Br	
American Robin	Br	
Mimids		
Gray Catbird	Br	
Brown Thrasher	Br	
Northern Mockingbird	Br	
Starling, Pipit, Waxwing		
European Starling	Br	
American Pipit		
Cedar Waxwing	Br	
Longspur, Bunting		
<i>Lapland Longspur</i>		
<i>Snow Bunting</i>		
Warblers		
Ovenbird	Br	
Worm-eating Warbler	Br	
Louisiana Waterthrush	Br	
Northern Waterthrush		
Golden-winged Warbler		
Blue-winged Warbler	PB	
Black-and-white Warbler	Br	
Prothonotary Warbler	Br	
Tennessee Warbler		
Orange-crowned Warbler		
Nashville Warbler		
Connecticut Warbler		
Mourning Warbler		
Kentucky Warbler	Br	
Common Yellowthroat	Br	
Hooded Warbler	Br	
American Redstart	Br	
Cape May Warbler		
<i>Cerulean Warbler</i>	?	
Northern Parula	Br	
Magnolia Warbler		
Bay-breasted Warbler		
Blackburnian Warbler		
Yellow Warbler	Br	
Chestnut-sided Warbler		
Blackpoll Warbler		
Black-throated Blue Warbler		
Palm Warbler		
Pine Warbler	Br	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		
Yellow-throated Warbler	Br	
Prairie Warbler	Br	
Black-throated Green Warbler		
Canada Warbler		
Wilson's Warbler		
Yellow-breasted Chat	Br	
Sparrows, Junco, Towhee		
<i>Bachman's Sparrow</i>	PB	
Grasshopper Sparrow	Br	
<i>Henslow's Sparrow</i>	PB	
<i>Le Conte's Sparrow</i>		
<i>Nelson's Sparrow</i>		
<i>Saltmarsh Sparrow</i>		
<i>Seaside Sparrow</i>		
American Tree Sparrow		
Chipping Sparrow	Br	
<i>Clay-colored Sparrow</i>		
Field Sparrow	Br	
<i>Lark Sparrow</i>		

<i>Lark Bunting</i>		
Fox Sparrow		
Dark-eyed Junco		
White-crowned Sparrow		
Harris's Sparrow		
White-throated Sparrow		
Vesper Sparrow	PB	
Savannah Sparrow		
Song Sparrow	Br	
Lincoln's Sparrow		
Swamp Sparrow	?	
Eastern Towhee	Br	
Tanagers		
Summer Tanager	Br	
Scarlet Tanager	Br	
Cardinal, Grosbeaks, Buntings		
Northern Cardinal	Br	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		
<i>Black-headed Grosbeak</i>		
Blue Grosbeak	Br	
Indigo Bunting	Br	
<i>Painted Bunting</i>		
<i>Dickcissel</i>	PB	
Icterids		
Bobolink		
Red-winged Blackbird	Br	
Eastern Meadowlark	Br	
<i>Yellow-headed Blackbird</i>		
Rusty Blackbird		
Common Grackle	Br	
Brown-headed Cowbird	Br	
Orchard Oriole	Br	
Baltimore Oriole	Br	
Finches, Crossbills		
House Finch	Br	
Purple Finch		
<i>Red Crossbill</i>		
<i>White-winged Crossbill</i>		
<i>Common Redpoll</i>		
Pine Siskin		
American Goldfinch	Br	
<i>Evening Grosbeak</i>		
Old World Sparrow		
House Sparrow	Br	

Total: 333 species as of March 2017

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Note: Order of birds in this checklist is consistent with order in eBird as of March 2017