



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		
His = Historically bred in the county		
? = Probable or possible breeder, not confirmed		
Blank space indicates no breeding in county		
<i>Italics indicate species not regularly occurring</i>		
Species	Br?	✓
Geese, Swans, Ducks		
<i>Black-bellied Whistling-Duck</i>		
<i>Fulvous Whistling-Duck</i>		
Snow Goose		
Ross's Goose		
<i>Greater White-fronted Goose</i>		
<i>Brant</i>		
<i>Barnacle Goose</i>		
Cackling Goose		
Canada Goose	Br	
Mute Swan	Br	
Trumpeter Swan		
Tundra Swan		
Wood Duck	Br	
Blue-winged Teal		
Northern Shoveler		
Gadwall		
<i>Eurasian Wigeon</i>		
American Wigeon		
Mallard	Br	
American Black Duck	Br	
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		
Turkey, Quail		
Northern Bobwhite	Br	
Wild Turkey	Br	
Ring-necked Pheasant		
Grebes		
Pied-billed Grebe	Br	
Horned Grebe		
Red-necked Grebe		
<i>Eared Grebe</i>		
Doves, Pigeon		
Rock Pigeon	Br	
<i>Eurasian Collared-Dove</i>		
<i>Inca Dove</i>		
<i>Common Ground-Dove</i>		
<i>White-winged Dove</i>		
Mourning Dove	Br	
Cuckoos		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Br	
Black-billed Cuckoo	?	
Nightjars		
Common Nighthawk	His	
<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>Calliope Hummingbird</i>		
<i>Rufous Hummingbird</i>		
Rails, Coots, Gallinules		
<i>Clapper Rail</i>		
King Rail	?	
Virginia Rail	?	
Sora	?	
Common Gallinule	His	
American Coot		
<i>Purple Gallinule</i>	?	
<i>Yellow Rail</i>		
<i>Black Rail</i>		
Limpkin, Crane		
<i>Limpkin</i>		
<i>Sandhill Crane</i>		
Shorebirds		
<i>Black-necked Stilt</i>		
<i>American Avocet</i>		
<i>Black-bellied Plover</i>		
American Golden-Plover		
Killdeer	Br	
Semipalmated Plover		
<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		
<i>White-rumped Sandpiper</i>		
<i>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</i>		
Pectoral Sandpiper		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		
Western Sandpiper		
Short-billed Dowitcher		
Long-billed Dowitcher		
American Woodcock	Br	
Wilson's Snipe		
Spotted Sandpiper	?	
Solitary Sandpiper		
Lesser Yellowlegs		
<i>Willet</i>		
Greater Yellowlegs		
<i>Wilson's Phalarope</i>		
<i>Red-necked Phalarope</i>		
<i>Red Phalarope</i>		
Jaeger, Gulls, Terns		
<i>Pomarine Jaeger</i>		
<i>Black-legged Kittiwake</i>		
<i>Sabine's Gull</i>		
Bonaparte's Gull		
<i>Black-headed Gull</i>		
<i>Little Gull</i>		
Laughing Gull		
<i>Franklin's Gull</i>		
Common Gull		
Ring-billed Gull		
Herring Gull		
Iceland Gull		

Lesser Black-backed Gull		
<i>Glaucous Gull</i>		
Great Black-backed Gull		
<i>Sooty Tern</i>		
Least Tern		
Caspian Tern		
Black Tern		
<i>Roseate Tern</i>		
Common Tern		
<i>Arctic Tern</i>		
Forster's Tern		
Royal Tern		
<i>Black Skimmer</i>		
Loons		
Red-throated Loon		
Common Loon		
Storm-Petrels		
<i>Wilson's Storm Petrel</i>		
<i>Leach's Storm-Petrel</i>		
Stork		
<i>Wood Stork</i>		
Cormorants, Pelicans		
<i>Great Cormorant</i>		
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	His	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Br	
<i>White Ibis</i>		
Glossy Ibis		
<i>Roseate Spoonbill</i>		
Vultures		
Black Vulture	Br	
Turkey Vulture	Br	
Osprey, Eagles, Kites, Hawks		
Osprey	Br	
<i>Swallow-tailed Kite</i>		
<i>Golden Eagle</i>		
Northern Harrier	?	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	His	
Cooper's Hawk	Br	
<i>Northern Goshawk</i>		
Bald Eagle	Br	
<i>Mississippi Kite</i>		
Red-shouldered Hawk	Br	
Broad-winged Hawk	Br	
Red-tailed Hawk	Br	
<i>Rough-legged Hawk</i>		
Owls		
<i>Barn Owl</i>	Br	
Eastern Screech-Owl	?	
Great Horned Owl	Br	
Snowy Owl		
Barred Owl	Br	
<i>Long-eared Owl</i>	His	
Short-eared Owl		
<i>Northern Saw-whet Owl</i>		
Kingfisher		
Belted Kingfisher	Br	

Woodpeckers		
Red-headed Woodpecker	Br	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Br	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Downy Woodpecker	Br	
<i>Red-cockaded Woodpecker</i>		
Hairy Woodpecker	Br	
Northern Flicker	Br	
Pileated Woodpecker	Br	
Falcons		
American Kestrel	Br	
Merlin		
Peregrine Falcon	Br	
Flycatchers		
<i>Ash-throated Flycatcher</i>		
Great Crested Flycatcher	Br	
<i>Western Kingbird</i>		
Eastern Kingbird	Br	
<i>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</i>		
Olive-sided Flycatcher		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Br	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		
Acadian Flycatcher	Br	
Alder Flycatcher		
Willow Flycatcher	Br	
Least Flycatcher	His	
Eastern Phoebe	Br	
Vireos		
White-eyed Vireo	Br	
Yellow-throated Vireo	Br	
Blue-headed Vireo		
Philadelphia Vireo		
Warbling Vireo	Br	
Red-eyed Vireo	Br	
Shrikes		
<i>Loggerhead Shrike</i>	His	
<i>Northern Shrike</i>		
Corvids		
Blue Jay	Br	
American Crow	Br	
Fish Crow	Br	
Common Raven	Br	
Chickadees, Titmice		
Carolina Chickadee	Br	
Black-capped Chickadee		
Tufted Titmouse	Br	
Lark		
Horned Lark	Br	
Swallows		
Bank Swallow	Br	
Tree Swallow	Br	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Br	
Purple Martin	Br	
Barn Swallow	Br	
Cliff Swallow	Br	
<i>Cave Swallow</i>		
Kinglets, Waxwing		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
Golden-crowned Kinglet		
Cedar Waxwing	Br	
Nuthatches		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		
White-breasted Nuthatch	Br	
<i>Brown-headed Nuthatch</i>		

Creepers, Gnatcatcher		
Brown Creeper	Br	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Br	
Wrens		
House Wren	Br	
Winter Wren		
<i>Sedge Wren</i>		
Marsh Wren	Br	
Carolina Wren	Br	
<i>Bewick's Wren</i>		
Mimids		
Gray Catbird	Br	
Brown Thrasher	Br	
Northern Mockingbird	Br	
Starling		
European Starling	Br	
Thrushes		
Eastern Bluebird	Br	
Veery	?	
Gray-cheeked Thrush		
<i>Bicknell's Thrush</i>		
Swainson's Thrush		
Hermit Thrush		
Wood Thrush	Br	
American Robin	Br	
Old World Sparrow		
House Sparrow	Br	
Pipit		
American Pipit		
Finches, Crossbills		
<i>Evening Grosbeak</i>		
House Finch	Br	
Purple Finch		
<i>Common Redpoll</i>		
<i>Red Crossbill</i>		
<i>White-winged Crossbill</i>		
Pine Siskin		
American Goldfinch	Br	
Longspur, Bunting		
<i>Lapland Longspur</i>		
<i>Snow Bunting</i>		
Sparrows, Towhee, Junco		
<i>Bachman's Sparrow</i>	His	
Grasshopper Sparrow	Br	
<i>Lark Sparrow</i>		
<i>Lark Bunting</i>		
Chipping Sparrow	Br	
<i>Clay-colored Sparrow</i>		
Field Sparrow	Br	
Fox Sparrow		
American Tree Sparrow		
Dark-eyed Junco		
White-crowned Sparrow		
<i>Harris's Sparrow</i>		
White-throated Sparrow		
Vesper Sparrow	His	
<i>LeConte's Sparrow</i>		
<i>Seaside Sparrow</i>		
<i>Nelson's Sparrow</i>		
<i>Saltmarsh Sparrow</i>		
<i>Henslow's Sparrow</i>	His	
Savannah Sparrow		
Song Sparrow	Br	
Lincoln's Sparrow		

Swamp Sparrow	?	
Eastern Towhee	Br	
Chat, Icterids		
Yellow-breasted Chat	Br	
<i>Yellow-headed Blackbird</i>		
Bobolink		
Eastern Meadowlark	Br	
Orchard Oriole	Br	
Baltimore Oriole	Br	
Red-winged Blackbird	Br	
Brown-headed Cowbird	Br	
Rusty Blackbird		
Common Grackle	Br	
Warblers		
Ovenbird	Br	
Worm-eating Warbler	Br	
Louisiana Waterthrush	Br	
Northern Waterthrush		
Golden-winged Warbler		
Blue-winged Warbler	His	
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		
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>	His	

Total: 342 species as of September 2021

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