

Seasonal Periods		
<b>Sp</b>	<b>Spring</b>	March-May
<b>Su</b>	<b>Summer</b>	June-August
<b>F</b>	<b>Fall</b>	September-November
<b>W</b>	<b>Winter</b>	December-February

Presence of species in seasons	
<b>C</b>	<b>Common</b> -likely to be found in appropriate habitat
<b>U</b>	<b>Uncommon</b> -possibly present; not always observed
<b>R</b>	<b>Rare</b> -infrequently observed and not every year
<b>V</b>	<b>Irregular Visitor</b> -rare
<b>X</b>	<b>Accidental</b> -rare; occurring outside normal geographic range
<b>H</b>	<b>Historical</b> -rare; not documented in recent years

Usual habitat association(s)	
<b>O</b>	<b>Open water</b> -bays and rivers
<b>M</b>	<b>Marshes</b> -tidal and non-tidal creeks and wetlands
<b>F</b>	<b>Fields</b> -cultivated or natural open areas
<b>E</b>	<b>Edges</b> -transitional zones with non-woody and woody vegetation
<b>W</b>	<b>Woodlands</b> -predominately woody (coniferous or deciduous) growth

<b>* Breeding Status Confirmed</b> nest building activity, adults on nests, eggs, carrying food, fledged young, etc.
<b>^ Observed in vicinity, but not yet at this site</b>
<i>Italics—Non-native species</i>

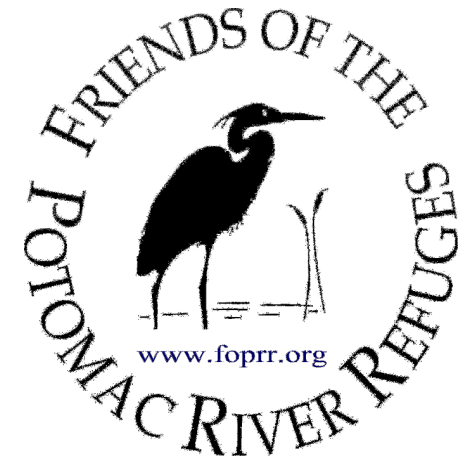
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√	Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W	Habitat
<b>GEESE-SWANS-DUCKS</b>						
	Snow Goose	H				M,F
	Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C	O,M,F
	Tundra Swan	U	R	U	U	O
	<i>Muscovy Duck</i>	H	H	H	H	M
	Wood Duck*	C	C	C	C	M
	Gadwall	U		U	U	M
	American Wigeon	U		U	U	M
	American Black Duck	C		U	C	M
	Mallard*	C	C	C	C	O,M
	Blue-winged Teal	U		U	U	M
	Northern Shoveler	U		U	U	O,M
	Northern Pintail	U		U	U	M
	Green-winged Teal	C		C	C	M
	Canvasback	U		U	U	O
	Redhead	R		R	R	O
	Ring-necked Duck	R		R	U	O,M
	Greater Scaup	R			R	O
	Lesser Scaup	C	R	C	C	O
	Long-tailed (Oldsquaw) Duck	R				O
	Bufflehead	C		C	C	O
	Common Goldeneye	R		R	R	O
	Hooded Merganser*	C		C	C	O,M
	Common Merganser	C		U	C	O
	Red-breasted Merganser	U		U	U	O
	Ruddy Duck	C	R	C	C	O
<b>GROUSE-TURKEY-QUAIL</b>						
	<i>Ring-necked Pheasant</i>	H	H			F,E
	Wild Turkey*	U	U	U	U	M,F,E,W
	Northern Bobwhite*	C	C	C	U	F,E
<b>LOONS-GREBES</b>						
	Common Loon	U	R	U	R	O
	Pied-billed Grebe	U	R	U	U	O,M
	Horned Grebe	U		U	U	O
	Red-necked Grebe	R				O
<b>PELICANS-CORMORANTS</b>						
	American White Pelican	X				O
	Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	U	O,M
<b>BITTERNS-HERONS-EGRETS</b>						
	American Bittern	R		R		M
	Least Bittern	U		U		M
	Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	O,M
	Great Egret	C	C	C	R	M
	Snowy Egret	V		V		M
	Little Blue Heron	V		V		M
	Cattle Egret	R				F
	Green Heron*	C	C	C		M
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	R	R		R	O,M
	Yellow-crowned Night Heron		H	H		M
<b>IBISES</b>						
	White Ibis			X		M
	Glossy Ibis		R			M

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<b>VULTURES</b>						
	Black Vulture	U	U	U	U	O,M,F,E,W
	Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	O,M,F,E,W
<b>EAGLES-HAWKS</b>						
	Osprey*	C	C	C		O,M
	Mississippi Kite	R	R			M,F,E
	Bald Eagle*	C	U	C	C	O,M
	Northern Harrier	C		U	C	M,F
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	R	U	U	F,E
	Cooper's Hawk	U	R	U	U	F,E
	Northern Goshawk		R	R	R	M,F,E,W
	Red-shouldered Hawk	C	U	C	C	M,F,E,W
	Broad-winged Hawk	U		U	R	F,E
	Red-tailed Hawk*	C	U	C	C	M,F,E,W
	Rough-legged Hawk	V			V	F,E
	Golden Eagle	V				M,F
<b>FALCONS</b>						
	American Kestrel*	U	R	U	U	F,E
	Merlin	U		U	R	F,E
	Peregrine Falcon	R		R		M,F,E
<b>RAILS-COOTS-CRANES</b>						
	King Rail*	U	C	U	R	M
	Virginia Rail	R		R		M,E
	Sora	R	R	R		M
	American Coot	U		U	U	O,M
	Sandhill Crane	X				F
<b>PLOVERS</b>						
	Semipalmated Plover	R				M
	Killdeer*	C	C	C	C	M,F
<b>STILTS-SANDPIPERS</b>						
	Black-necked Stilt	X				M
	Greater Yellowlegs	C	R	C	R	M
	Lesser Yellowlegs	C	R	C	R	M
	Solitary Sandpiper	C	R	C		M
	Spotted Sandpiper	C	U	U		M
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	R			M
	Western Sandpiper	R		R		M
	Least Sandpiper	U		U		M
	Baird's Sandpiper			R		M
	Pectoral Sandpiper			R		M
	Dunlin	R		R		M
	Short-billed Dowitcher			H		M
	Wilson's (Common) Snipe	U		U	U	M
	American Woodcock*	U	U		R	M,F,E
<b>GULLS-TERNS</b>						
	Laughing Gull	C	C	C	R	O,M
	Bonaparte's Gull	U		U	R	O,M
	Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	C	O,M,F
	Herring Gull	C	R	C	C	O,M
	Lesser Black-backed Gull^					
	Great Black-backed Gull	C		C	C	O,M
	Caspian Tern	C	U	C		O,M

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	Royal Tern	R		R		O
	Common Tern			R		O
	Forster's Tern	C	R	C	R	O,M
	Least Tern	H		H		O,M,F
	Black Tern	R				O,M
<b>DOVES</b>						
	<i>Rock Pigeon</i>	U	U	U	U	E
	Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C	F,E,W
<b>CUCKOOS</b>						
	Black-billed Cuckoo	R				W
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C		E,W
<b>OWLS</b>						
	Eastern Screech-Owl^					
	Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U	E,W
	Barred Owl*	U	U	U	U	E,W
	Short-eared Owl	R		R		M,F
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>						
	Common Nighthawk	U		U		M,F,E
<b>SWIFTS</b>						
	Chimney Swift	C	C	C		O,M,F,E,W
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>						
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	C	C	C		F,E,W
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>						
	Belted Kingfisher	C	R	C	C	O,M
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>						
	Red-headed Woodpecker	R		R	R	M,W
	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	M,E,W
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R		R	U	E,W
	Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
	Hairy Woodpecker	U	R	U	U	M,E,W
	Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
	Pileated Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	M,E,W
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>						
	Eastern Wood-Pewee*	C	C	C		E,W
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			R		M,W
	Acadian Flycatcher*	C	C	U		M,W
	Alder Flycatcher	R				M,E,W
	Willow Flycatcher*	U	U			M,E
	Least Flycatcher^					
	Eastern Phoebe*	C	C	C	R	M,F,E,W
	Vermilion Flycatcher				H	F,E
	Great Crested Flycatcher	C	U	U		E,W
	Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	C		M,F,E
<b>SHRIKES</b>						
	Loggerhead Shrike				H	M,F,E
<b>VIREOS</b>						
	White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	U		E
	Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U			E,W
	Blue-headed (Solitary) Vireo	R		R		E,W
	Warbling Vireo*	U	R			E,W
	Philadelphia Vireo	R				E,W
	Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C		M,E,W

# Birds of Occoquan Bay NWR



The Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge is recognized for its unique diversity of habitats. This checklist is the result of nearly 2 decades of “citizen science” to ascertain the presence, frequency of occurrence, and abundance of bird species in and around the refuge. To date, a total of 237 of the 270 species of birds listed for Prince William County have been documented here.

**The Friends of the Potomac River Refuges  
and  
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√	Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W	Habitat
	Seaside Sparrow	X				M,F
	Fox Sparrow	U		R	U	F,E
	Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
	Lincoln's Sparrow	R		R	R	M,F,E
	Swamp Sparrow	C	R	C	C	M,F,E
	White-throated Sparrow	C		U	C	M,F,E
	White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	U	M,F,E
	Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	C	M,F,E
	Snow Bunting			V		F
<b>CARDINALS-GROSBEAKS-BUNTINGS</b>						
	Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R				E,W
	Blue Grosbeak*	C	C	C		F,E,W
	Indigo Bunting*	C	C	C		F,E,W
<b>BLACKBIRDS-ORIOLES</b>						
	Bobolink	U	R	U		F,E
	Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E
	Eastern Meadowlark*	C	U	C	U	F,E
	Rusty Blackbird	U		R	U	M,E
	Common Grackle*	C	C	C	C	M,E,W
	Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	C	F,E,W
	Orchard Oriole*	C	C	C		E,W
	Baltimore Oriole*	U	U	U		E,W
<b>GROSBEAKS-FINCHES</b>						
	Purple Finch	R			R	E,W
	House Finch*	C	C	C	C	F,E,W
	Common Redpoll				V	F,E
	Pine Siskin^					
	American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	F,E
	Evening Grosbeak^					
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>						
	<i>House Sparrow*</i>	U	U	U	U	F,E,W

## Presence of species in seasons

**C** Common  
**U** Uncommon  
**R** Rare  
**V** Irregular Visitor  
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**O** Open water  
**M** Marshes  
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<b>WARBLERS</b>						
	Blue-winged Warbler	R				F,E
	"Lawrence's" W. [BW/GW Hybrid]	R				F,E
	Golden-winged Warbler^					
	Tennessee Warbler	R		R		F,E,W
	Nashville Warbler	R		R		F,E,W
	Northern Parula	C	U	U		W
	Yellow Warbler*	C	C	C		E,W
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	R		R		E,W
	Magnolia Warbler	R		R		E,W
	Cape May Warbler			R		E,W
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	U	R	U		W
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	U		U	C	M,F,E,W
	Black-throated Green Warbler	R		R		W
	Blackburnian Warbler	R		R		W
	Yellow-throated Warbler	U		R		W
	Pine Warbler	U	R	U		E,W
	Prairie Warbler	U	R	U		F,E
	Palm Warbler	C		C		F,E,W
	Bay-breasted Warbler	R				W
	Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		W
	Cerulean Warbler^					
	Black-and-White Warbler	U		U		W
	American Redstart	U	R	U		E,W
	Prothonotary Warbler*	C	C	U		M,E,W
	Worm-eating Warbler	R				E,W
	Ovenbird	R		R		M,E,W
	Northern Waterthrush	U	R	U		M,W
	Louisiana Waterthrush	U				M,W
	Kentucky Warbler	R		R		M,E,W
	Connecticut Warbler			R		M,E,W
	Mourning Warbler	R				M,E,W
	Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	R	M,F,E
	Hooded Warbler	U	R	R		W
	Wilson's Warbler	R		R		E,W
	Canada Warbler	R		R		E,W
	Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	C	C		F,E
<b>TANAGERS</b>						
	Summer Tanager	R				W
	Scarlet Tanager	U	R	U		E,W
<b>SPARROWS</b>						
	Eastern (Rufous-sided) Towhee*	C	C	C	U	M,F,E,W
	American Tree Sparrow	R		R	U	F,E
	Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	U	M,F,E
	Field Sparrow	C	C	C	C	M,F,E
	Vesper Sparrow	U	R	U		F,E
	Lark Sparrow				H	M,F,E
	Savannah Sparrow	U		U	R	F,E
	Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U		F
	Henslow's Sparrow		H	H		F,E
	LeConte's Sparrow			X		F

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<b>JAYS-CROWS</b>						
	Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
	American Crow*	C	C	C	C	O,M,F,E,W
	Fish Crow*	C	C	C	C	O,M,W
	Common Raven^					
<b>LARKS</b>						
	Horned Lark	R		R		F
<b>SWALLOWS</b>						
	Purple Martin	C	C	C		O,M,F,E,W
	Tree Swallow*	C	C	C		O,M,F,E,W
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	C	C	C		O,M,F
	Bank Swallow	U	U			O,M
	Cliff Swallow	R				M
	Barn Swallow*	C	C	C		O,M,F,E,W
<b>CHICKADEES-TITMICE</b>						
	Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C	M,E,W
	Black-capped Chickadee				H	E,W
	Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
<b>NUTHATCHES-CREEPERS</b>						
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R	E,W
	White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C	F,E,W
	Brown Creeper	U		U	U	E,W
<b>WRENS</b>						
	Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
	House Wren*	U	U	U	R	F,E
	Winter Wren	R		R	U	M,E,W
	Sedge Wren			R		M
	Marsh Wren	U		R		M
<b>KINGLETS-GNATCATCHERS</b>						
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U	M,E,W
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U	M,E,W
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	C		M,E,W
<b>THRUSHES</b>						
	Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	C	F,E,W
	Veery	R	R			M,W
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	R				M,E,W
	Bicknell's Thrush^					
	Swainson's Thrush	U		R		M,E,W
	Hermit Thrush	U		U	U	M,E,W
	Wood Thrush	U		U		W
	American Robin*	C	C	C	U	M,F,E,W
<b>MIMIDS-THRASHERS</b>						
	Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	U	M,E
	Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C	M,E
	Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	U	M,E
<b>STARLINGS</b>						
	<i>European Starling*</i>	C	C	C	C	M,F,E,W
<b>PIPITS</b>						
	American Pipit	R	R	R	R	M,F,E
<b>WAXWINGS</b>						
	Cedar Waxwing*	U	U	U	U	M,E,W