

## The Nature of Occoquan Bay: Late Spring Highlights

A Sampling of Seasonal Plants and Wildlife Occurring on/around the Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge

### **BIRDS:**

Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Blue Heron  
Vultures (Turkey and Black)  
Canada Goose  
Duck sp. (Wood, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, and Ruddy Duck)  
Raptors (Osprey, Bald Eagle, and Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-shouldered, and Red-tailed Hawks)  
Wild Turkey and N. Bobwhite  
King Rail  
American Coot  
Shorebirds (Killdeer, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary and Spotted Sandpipers)  
Wilson's Snipe & Am. Woodcock  
Gulls (Ring-billed and Herring)  
Terns (Caspian and Forster's)  
Morning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Chimney Swift  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Belted Kingfisher  
Woodpeckers (Red-bellied, Downy, N. Flicker and Pileated)  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Acadian and Willow Flycatchers  
Eastern Phoebe  
Great-crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Kingbird  
Blue Jay  
Crows (American and Fish)  
Purple Martin, Tree, Rough-winged and Barn Swallows  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Veery and Swainson's Thrush  
Wood Thrush and Am. Robin  
Mimics (Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird and Brown Thrasher)

European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Warblers (Northern Parula, Yellow, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Pine, Prairie, Palm, Blackpoll, Black-and-white, Am. Redstart, Prothonotary, Waterthrush sp., Common Yellowthroat, and Yellow-breasted Chat)  
Tanagers (Summer & Scarlet)  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping, Field, Savannah, Song, Swamp, White-throated Sparrows  
Northern Cardinal  
Blue Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Baltimore and Orchard Orioles  
House Finch and Am. Goldfinch

### **BUTTERFLIES:**

Pipevine, Zebra, Black, Eastern Tiger, and Spicebush Swallowtails, Cabbage White, Falcate Orangetip, Sulphurs (Clouded and Orange), Sleepy Orange, Hairstreaks (Gray and Red-banded), Eastern Tailed-Blue, Azure species, Fritillary sp. (Great Spangled and Variegated), Silvery Checkerspot, Pearl Crescent, Anglewing sp. (Mourning Cloak, Question Mark, and Eastern Comma) American Lady, Red Admiral, Common Buckeye, Red-spotted Purple, Little Wood Satyr, Monarch, Silver-spotted Skipper, Juvenal's Duskywing, Least, Zabulon, and Dun Skippers

### **DRAGONFLIES:**

Common Green Darner, Prince Basket-tail, Skimmers (Widow, Common Whitetail, Golden-

winged, Needham's, Common Pondhawk, Eastern Amberwing, Spot-winged and Wandering Gliders, Black Saddlebags, and Calico Pennant), Damselfly (Variable and Powdered Dancer, Fragile and Eastern Forktail)

### **Also Watch For:**

Hummingbird Moth, Grasshopper and Cricket species, American Toad and Frog species (Bull, Green, Spring Peepers, and Tree Frogs), Turtles (Box, Painted, Mud. Red-bellied, Red-eared Slider, and Snapping), Snakes (Black Rat, and N. Watersnake), Five-lined Skink, Star-nosed Mole, Cottontail, Gray Squirrel, Woodchuck, Muskrat, Beaver, Raccoon, Red Fox, and White-tailed Deer

### **Conspicuous Blooming Plants:**

Smooth Alder, Bindweed sp., Blackberry, Bluets, Bulbous Buttercup, Butter-wort, Chickweed sp., Cinquefoil sp., various Clovers, Bicknell's Cranesbill, Cress sp., Corn Salad, Oxeye Daisy, Common and Dwarf Dandelion, Deerberry, Deptford Pink, Curled Dock, Flowering Dogwood, Common Elder, Elderberry, Daisy Fleabane, Blue-eyed Grass, Am. Holly, Henbit, Japanese Honeysuckle, Iris sp. (Blue and Yellow Flag), Ground Ivy, Poison Ivy, Black Locust, Mayapple, Milkweed sp., Field and Garlic Mustard, Purple Dead Nettle, Oxalis, Pearly Everlasting, Plantain sp., Tulip Poplar, Common Evening Primrose, Pussytoes sp. Redbud, Paulownia, Pawpaw, Swamp and Multiflora Rose, Spatterdock, Wild Strawberry sp., various Violets, Sweet-scented Water Lily, Rattlesnake Weed, Wood Sorrel species, and Yarrow

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