

# The Nature of Occoquan Bay: Summer Highlights

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

## **BIRDS:**

Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Blue and Green Herons  
Great Egret  
Turkey and Black Vultures  
Canada Goose  
Wood Duck and Mallard  
Osprey and Bald Eagle  
Hawks (Red-shouldered and Red-tailed)  
Wild Turkey and N. Bobwhite  
King Rail and Killdeer  
Gulls (Laughing, Ring-billed, and Herring)  
Morning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Chimney Swift  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Woodpeckers (e.g., Red-bellied, Downy, N. Flicker, Pileated)  
Flycatchers (E. Wood-Pewee, Acadian, E. Phoebe, Great Crested, and E. Kingbird)  
White-eyed & Red-eyed Vireos  
Blue Jay, Am. & Fish Crows  
Purple Martin, Tree, Rough-winged and Barn Swallows  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird & Am. Robin  
Mimics (Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher)  
European Starling  
Warblers (Yellow, Prothonotary, Common Yellowthroat, and Yellow-breasted Chat)  
Eastern Towhee  
Field and Song Sparrows  
Northern Cardinal  
Blue Grosbeak & Indigo Bunting  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird

Eastern Meadowlark  
Baltimore and Orchard Orioles  
House Finch and Am. Goldfinch

## **BUTTERFLIES:**

Swallowtails (Pipevine, Zebra, Black, Tiger, and Spicebush)  
Cabbage White  
Clouded and Orange Sulphurs  
Sleepy Orange  
Red-banded Hairstreak  
E. Tailed-Blue & Azure species  
Fritillaries (Variegated and Great Spangled)  
Silvery Checkerspot  
Pearl Crescent  
Question Mark & E. Comma  
American Lady & Red Admiral  
Common Buckeye  
Red-spotted Purple & Viceroy  
Northern Pearly-Eye  
Appalachian Brown  
Little Wood Satyr  
Common Wood-Nymph  
Monarch  
Silver-spotted Skipper  
Duskywings (e.g., Juvenal's, Horace's, and Wild Indigo)  
Other Skippers (Clouded, Least, Sachem, Zabulon, Dun, etc.)

## **DRAGONFLIES:**

Prince Baskettail  
Common Green Darner  
Unicorn Clubtail  
Skimmers (Twelve-spotted, Widow, Common Whitetail, Spangled, Golden-winged, Needham's, Great Blue, Slaty, Bar-winged, E. Amberwing, Blue Dasher, and Pondhawk)  
Gliders (Wandering and Spot-winged)  
Black and Carolina Saddlebags  
Calico and Banded Pennants  
Dancers (e.g., Variable)

Familiar and Big Bluets  
Fragile, Eastern, and Citrine Forktails

## **Also Watch For:**

Moth species (e.g., Hummingbird), Grasshoppers, Katydid and Crickets, Dogday Harvestfly (Locust), Mantis species, Spiders (e.g., Crab, Garden, Fishing, Wolf), Ticks (Deer, Wood, etc.), Beetles, Turtle sp. (e.g., Box, Mud, Painted), Am. Toad and other Frog species (Bull, Green, Cricket, Pickerel, Tree, etc.), Five-lined Skink, Snakes (Black Rat, Watersnake), Cottontail, Gray Squirrel, Woodchuck, Red Fox, Beaver, and White-tailed Deer

## **Conspicuous Blooming Plants:**

Broad-leaved Arrowhead, Bindweed and Morning Glory species, Black-eyed Susan, Blue-eyed Grass, Boneset species, Bulbous Buttercup, Butterflyweed, Buttonbush, Cardinal Flower, Chicory, Clematis, Clovers (Red, White, etc.), Trumpet Creeper, Oxeye Daisy, Dandelion species (Common, Dwarf, and Cat's Ear), Dayflowers (Asiatic and Virginia), Deptford Pink, Curled Dock, Daisy Fleabane, Garlic sp., Purple Gerardia, American Germander, Gamma Grass, Heal-all, Indian Hemp, Japanese Honeysuckle, Spotted Knapweed, Large-flowered Leafcup, Lespedeza, Lizard's Tail, Am. Lotus, Swamp Rose Mallow, Milkweeds (Common and Swamp), Mimosa, Mistflower, Common and Moth Mullein, Horse Nettle, Pickerelweed, Plantain species, Pokeweed, Queen Anne's Lace, Rose sp. (Field, Swamp, Multiflora), St. Johnswort sp., Sedge sp., Wild Senna, Hyssop Skullcap, Smartweed species, Spatterdock, Sundrops, Thistles, Spotted Jewelweed, Vervain sp., Venus-looking-glass, Sweet-scented Water Lily, Water Willow, Wood Sorrel species, and Yarrow

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