

The Nature of Occoquan Bay: Winter Highlights

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

BIRDS:

Pied-billed Grebe
Great Blue Heron
Vultures (Turkey and/or Black)
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal
American Black Duck
Mallard
Gadwall
Bufflehead
Lesser Scaup
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned or Cooper's Hawks
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Merlin
Wild Turkey
American Coot
Killdeer
Wilson's Snipe
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Morning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay

Crows (American and/or Fish)
Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Wrens (Carolina and Winter)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Eastern Towhee
American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

Also Watch For:

Gray Squirrel
Beaver
Muskrat
Red Fox
Raccoon
River Otter
White-tailed Deer

Conspicuous Herbaceous Plants:

Thistles (seed heads)
Goldenrods (flower heads)

Curled Dock (stalks/flower heads)
Queen Anne's Lace (stalks/heads)
Pearly Everlasting (heads/pods)
Daisy Fleabane (very small heads/pods)
Yarrow (heads/pods)
Common Evening Primrose (tall spikes)
Chicory (stems/heads)
Spotted Knapweed (heads/pods)
Common Mullein (stalks)
Common Milkweed (pods)
Horse-Nettle (pods)
Aster species (heads)
Pokeweed (berries)
Narrow & Broad-leaved Cattails (heads)
Grasses, Sedges and Rushes (heads)
Switch Grass
Redtop
Reed Grass (*Phragmites*)
Foxtail species
Bullrush (*Scirpus* species)
Sedges (*Carex* species)
Fern species (Christmas, Sensitive, etc.)

Conspicuous Woody Plants:

Smooth Alder
Red Oak
White Oak
American Holly
Sycamore
American Beech
Blackberry
Poison Ivy
Persimmon
Sumacs
Sweetgum

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