

Resources

The following list of references is not intended to be exhaustive, but should cover the basics needed to complete your atlas work.

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<http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wbba/speciesimages.htm> Species image library maintained by the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas.

<http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wbba/speciesaudios.htm> Species audio library maintained by the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas. To play the audio recordings, you must have an MP3 player installed on your computer such as Real Player or Winamp.

<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bba/> Provides information on over 30 state and county bird atlases, including the Loudoun County Bird Atlas.

Loudoun County Bird Lists

Birds of Loudoun County list. 2008. Sponsored by Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy. Compiled by Spring Ligi. Available at http://www.loudounwildlife.org/PDF_Files/LWC_Bird_List_2008.pdf.

The Birds of Banshee Reeks list. Available at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, or contact the Atlas Coordinator for a copy.

The Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship bird list. Available at the Blue Ridge Center in Neersville, VA, or contact the Atlas Coordinator for a copy.

Mapping Information

Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com>), Google Earth (<http://earth.google.com>), and MapQuest (www.mapquest.com) are mapping programs and sites that allow you to view terrain and satellite images of your block. These web-based programs are free and should not require you to download any software.

<http://data.mapchannels.com/embed/loudounbba.htm> This link provides an overlay of the atlas block system on Google Maps. You may have to use the “zoom out” feature to see the entire grid for Loudoun County. This grid is also available with Google Earth.

ADC Loudoun County, Virginia Atlas and Street Map Book. 2007. Published by ADC The Map People. Paperback available for just under \$10.

Safe Dates and Breeding Habitat for Loudoun County Birds

The Safe Dates listed below indicate the dates during the breeding season that a species is no longer in migration and can be presumed to be on breeding territory (these are NOT nest dates). For information regarding arrival and departure dates for non-breeding birds, refer to the Maryland Ornithological Society's Yellowbook (available upon request). Refer to the safe dates below when entering a code from the Observed or Possible Breeder categories. Safe dates do not apply to codes in the Probable (with the exception of the P code) or Confirmed Breeder categories.

Species * = potential breeder	Safe Dates	Breeding Habitat
Greater White-fronted Goose		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, muddy fields
Snow Goose		Muddy fields (plowed, harvested), fresh marshes
Cackling Goose		Marshes, floodplains, islands in small ponds, agricultural areas
Canada Goose*	5/10-8/20	Shore or islands in any water body
Mute Swan		Shore or islands in any water body
Tundra Swan		Muddy fields, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Wood Duck*	5/1-8/15	Wooded swamps, fresh marshes, streams
Gadwall		High ground near water
American Wigeon		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
American Black Duck		High ground near water, often woods
Mallard*	5/15-8/10	High ground near water, often woods
Blue-winged Teal		High ground near water
Northern Shoveler		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Northern Pintail		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Green-winged Teal		High ground near water
Canvasback		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Redhead		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Ring-necked Duck		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, fresh marshes
Greater Scaup		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Lesser Scaup		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Surf Scoter		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
White-winged Scoter		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Black Scoter		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Long-tailed Duck		Ponds, streams, wetlands, large lakes
Bufflehead		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Common Goldeneye		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Hooded Merganser*	6/1-8/15	Wooded swamps, fresh marshes, streams
Common Merganser		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Red-breasted Merganser		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Ruddy Duck		Dense marshes with open water
Northern Bobwhite*	4/15-9/30	Hayfields, abandoned fields, wood margins, hedgerows
Ring-necked Pheasant*	4/15-9/30	Open country, pastures, fields
Ruffed Grouse*	4/1-7/31	Mixed upland woods

Wild Turkey*	4/15-9/30	Mature deciduous forests, edges
Red-throated Loon		Wetlands, bogs, ponds in forests, large lakes
Common Loon		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds,
Pied-billed Grebe*	5/15-7/15	Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, fresh marshes
Horned Grebe		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Red-necked Grebe		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Eared Grebe		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Double-crested Cormorant		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
American Bittern		Marshes
Least Bittern		Freshwater or brackish marshes with tall vegetation
Great Blue Heron*	5/15-6/30	Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, marshes, bottomland forests, floodplains
Great Egret		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Snowy Egret		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Little Blue Heron		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Green Heron*	5/1-7/15	Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, bottomland forests, floodplains, marshes
Black-crowned Night-Heron		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		Wooded habitats, usually near water
White Ibis		Marshes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds, wetlands
Black Vulture*	5/1-8/1	Woods, cliffs, caves, buildings
Turkey Vulture*	4/10-8/1	Woods, cliffs, caves, buildings
Osprey		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Mississippi Kite		Riparian and open woodland, old growth forests
Bald Eagle*	4/15-8/5	Tall trees near lakes, marshes, rivers
Northern Harrier		Marshes, wet pastures and meadows
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	6/1-8/10	Conifers in extensive woodlands
Cooper's Hawk*	5/20-8/20	Mixed woodlands, groves
Northern Goshawk		Large mature mixed woodlands
Red-shouldered Hawk*	5/1-8/31	Wet mixed forests, swamps
Broad-winged Hawk*	6/5-8/10	Hilly woodlands
Red-tailed Hawk*	5/1-8/31	Mature forests, often near edges
Rough-legged Hawk		Open coniferous forest, grasslands, abandoned fields
Golden Eagle		Open coniferous forests, abandoned fields
American Kestrel*	5/20-7/31	Open country, scattered trees, edge
Merlin		Open coniferous woodland, grasslands, hedgerows, wood margins, scrub
Peregrine Falcon		Variety of open habitats
Black Rail		Marshes, wet meadows, floodplains
King Rail		Fresh and brackish marshes
Virginia Rail*	5/20-8/15	Fresh and brackish marshes
Sora		Fresh marshes, wet meadows
Common Gallinule		Marshes with open water
American Coot		Marshes with open water

Sandhill Crane		Cow or horse pastures, muddy fields
Black-bellied Plover		Flooded pastures, agricultural areas
American Golden-Plover		Prairie, pastures, farmland, golf courses, airports
Semipalmated Plover		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds
Killdeer*	4/20-7/5	Most open, sparsely vegetated areas
Spotted Sandpiper		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, rocky streams
Solitary Sandpiper		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, marshes, muddy fields
Greater Yellowlegs		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, marshes, muddy fields
Willet		Marshes, mudflats
Lesser Yellowlegs		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, marshes, muddy fields
Upland Sandpiper*	5/20-6/25	Open grasslands and meadows
Whimbrel		Marshes, mudflats
Semipalmated Sandpiper		Shores of lakes and ponds, mudflats, wet meadows
Western Sandpiper		Shores of lakes and ponds, mudflats, wet meadows
Least Sandpiper		Wet meadows, mudflats, flooded fields, shores of ponds and lakes
White-rumped Sandpiper		Mudflats, grassy marshes, dry grassy areas near lakes and ponds
Baird's Sandpiper		Mudflats, grassy marshes, dry grassy areas near lakes and ponds
Pectoral Sandpiper		Wet meadows, mudflats, flooded fields, shores of ponds and lakes
Dunlin		Mudflats, marshes, flooded fields, shores of lakes and ponds
Stilt Sandpiper		Mudflats, marshes, flooded fields, shores of lakes and ponds
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		Dry grasslands (usually short grass), pastures, plowed fields
Short-billed Dowitcher		Mudflats, flooded agricultural fields
Long-billed Dowitcher		Mudflats, edges of ponds and marshes
Wilson's Snipe		Marshy edges of ponds, rivers, and brooks, wet meadows, fields
American Woodcock*	4/15-9/10	Forest edges, shrubby areas
Wilson's Phalarope		Grassy borders of shallow lakes, marshes, and reservoirs
Bonaparte's Gull		Lakes, rivers, marshes
Little Gull		Large lakes, rivers, marshes
Laughing Gull		Marshes, lakes, rivers, landfills
Franklin's Gull		Marshes, lakes
Ring-billed Gull		Rivers, ponds, landfills, golf courses, agricultural fields, shopping areas
Herring Gull		Rivers, ponds, mudflats, landfills, parking lots, fields, airports
Glaucous Gull		Landfills, freshwater lakes, agricultural areas
Great Black-backed Gull		Landfills, salt marshes
Least Tern		Reservoirs, rivers, ponds, lakes

Caspian Tern		Large rivers and lakes
Black Tern		Reservoirs, rivers, lakes, ponds, marshes
Common Tern		Marshes, lakes, islands
Forster's Tern		Marshes, lakes, rivers
Rock Pigeon*	All Year	Urban areas, gardens, orchards, farmland, muddy fields
Mourning Dove*	5/1-7/20	Gardens, orchards, farmland, wood margins, hedgerows, scrub
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	6/15-7/31	Deciduous forests, floodplains, wood margins, hedgerows, scrub
Black-billed Cuckoo		Deciduous forests, wood margins, hedgerows, scrub
Barn Owl*	5/1-9/30	Abandoned and agricultural fields, open grassland, wood margins
Eastern Screech-Owl*	4/1-8/15	Mixed woodlands, riparian woods along wetlands, meadows, suburban areas
Great Horned Owl*	12/15-8/31	Open and secondary-growth woodlands, agricultural areas, suburban areas
Snowy Owl		Abandoned fields, agricultural areas, airports
Barred Owl*	1/15-8/31	Bottomlands, swamps, moist woods
Long-eared Owl		Dense vegetation adjacent to open grassland or shrubland, open forests
Short-eared Owl		Open pastureland, marshes, meadows
Northern Saw-whet Owl		Mixed moist woods, with conifers
Common Nighthawk*	6/5-7/15	Barren country and flat roofs
Eastern Whip-poor-will*	5/10-7/15	Dry open upland woods
Chimney Swift*	5/20-8/15	Primarily in towns
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	5/25-7/31	Mixed woodlands, deciduous forest, gardens, orchards
Rufous Hummingbird		Forested and brushy habitats, gardens
Belted Kingfisher*	4/10-7/20	Along streams, or lakes with banks
Red-headed Woodpecker*	5/25-8/20	Open country with scattered trees
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	3/15-8/31	Variety of woodland habitats
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		Mixed woods, swamps, bogs
Downy Woodpecker*	3/15-8/31	Variety of woodland habitats, wood margins
Hairy Woodpecker*	3/15-8/31	Deep woods, primarily deciduous
Northern Flicker*	5/10-8/25	Open woods, scattered trees, edges
Pileated Woodpecker*	3/15-8/31	Deep woods, some secondary growth
Olive-sided Flycatcher		Northern conifers
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	6/5-8/15	All woodland habitats
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		Variety of forests and semi-open habitat
Acadian Flycatcher*	5/25-8/5	Moist woods, bottomlands
Alder Flycatcher		Wet thickets (alder, maple, birch), wood margins, hedgerows, scrub
Willow Flycatcher*	6/10-7/20	Wet to fairly dry brushy areas
Least Flycatcher		Wood edges, open deciduous woods
Eastern Phoebe*	5/1-8/31	Near water, bridges, buildings
Great Crested Flycatcher*	5/25-7/31	Variety of woodland habitats

Eastern Kingbird*	5/25-7/15	Open areas, edges, often near water
Loggerhead Shrike*	4/20-7/20	Open country and grasslands with scattered trees and shrubs
Northern Shrike		Open county with medium or tall trees and shrubs, forest edges
White-eyed Vireo*	5/25-8/15	Brushy areas, often near water
Yellow-throated Vireo*	5/25-8/15	Tall deciduous trees
Blue-headed Vireo		Coniferous or mixed woodlands
Warbling Vireo*	6/10-8/10	Open deciduous or riverside woods
Philadelphia Vireo		Early and mid-successional deciduous woods and parklands
Red-eyed Vireo*	6/1-7/31	Deciduous and mixed deciduous forests, urban areas, parks with large trees
Blue Jay*	6/10-8/15	Variety of woodland habitats, suburbs
American Crow*	5/1-8/31	Open areas, edges, farms, parks
Fish Crow*	5/10-8/15	Wood edges, farms, tidewater areas
Common Raven*	3/1-6/30	Variety of woodland habitats, grasslands, farmland, urban areas, nests on cliffs
Horned Lark*	4/10-9/5	Open barren country, prefers bare ground to short grass
Purple Martin*	6/1-6/25	Gardens, orchards, farmland, nest houses near water
Tree Swallow*	5/25-6/25	Open areas near water and fields
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	6/1-6/25	Variety of open habitats, grassland, meadows, wood margins, rivers, ponds
Bank Swallow*	5/25-6/25	Riverbanks, creeks, lakes, ponds
Cliff Swallow*	6/5-6/25	Variety of habitats with open foraging areas especially near water, uses cliffs or buildings for nesting
Cave Swallow		Variety of habitats with open foraging areas especially near water
Barn Swallow*	5/25-6/25	Variety of habitats with open foraging areas, agricultural areas, urban areas
Carolina Chickadee*	3/1-8/31	Mixed deciduous-coniferous woodlands, riparian and urban areas, gardens
Black-capped Chickadee		Mixed deciduous-coniferous woodlands, wood margins, suburban areas, parks
Tufted Titmouse*	3/1-8/31	Deciduous forests, parks, orchards, gardens, and suburban areas
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	6/1-8/5	Mature coniferous forests, suburban area with sufficient conifers
White-breasted Nuthatch*	5/10-8/15	Mature deciduous forests near openings and edges, parks, suburban areas
Brown Creeper		Coniferous and mixed coniferous/deciduous forests
Carolina Wren*	3/1-9/30	Wood margins, scrub, gardens, orchards, farmland, bottomland forests
House Wren*	5/20-8/15	Wood margins, hedgerows, scrub, gardens, orchards, farmland
Winter Wren		Coniferous and deciduous forests, bottomland forests

Sedge Wren*	6/10-9/20	Wet meadows, hayfields, marshes
Marsh Wren		Variety of marshes with dense reeds
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	5/15-7/31	Variety of wooded habitats, especially near water
Golden-crowned Kinglet		Mixed coniferous-deciduous forests, especially where spruce or fir are present
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		Mixed coniferous-deciduous forests, wood margins, scrub, abandoned fields
Eastern Bluebird*	5/15-8/31	Abandoned and agricultural fields, wood margins, hedgerows, scrub
Veery		Deciduous forests, riparian habitats, shrubby habitats
Gray-cheeked Thrush		Deciduous and bottomland forests, wood margins, hedgerows, scrub
Bicknell's Thrush		Mountainous forests and secondary woodlands
Swainson's Thrush		Northern conifers, especially spruce
Hermit Thrush		Damp forests with hemlocks
Wood Thrush*	5/25-8/20	Variety of woodland habitats
American Robin*	5/1-8/31	Everywhere, except very urban areas
Gray Catbird*	5/25-8/31	Dense thickets, shrubs, hedgerows
Northern Mockingbird*	4/1-9/10	Open country, hedgerows, suburbs
Brown Thrasher*	5/15-8/31	Dense thickets, shrubs, hedgerows
European Starling*	4/1-9/5	Everywhere
American Pipit		Muddy or recently plowed fields, lake shores, river sandbars, grasslands
Cedar Waxwing*	6/15-7/31	Open woodland, shade trees, streams
Lapland Longspur		Plowed fields, open grassland, pastures
Snow Bunting		Open weedy and grassy fields, along shores of lakes
Ovenbird*	5/20-8/5	Open mature mixed upland forest
Worm-eating Warbler*	5/20-7/20	Deep deciduous woods
Louisiana Waterthrush*	5/1-7/10	Rocky streams, sluggish backwaters
Northern Waterthrush		Swamps and bogs, pond edges
Golden-winged Warbler		Damp, brushy fields, wood margins
Blue-winged Warbler*	5/25-7/20	Brushy fields, wood margins
Black-and-white Warbler*	5/15-7/25	Extensive deciduous or mixed woods
Prothonotary Warbler*	5/10-7/20	Swamps, bottomlands
Tennessee Warbler		Coniferous or mixed woodland, especially spruce
Orange-crowned Warbler		Thickets and shrubs along streams, forests, weedy fields
Nashville Warbler		Swamp and bog areas
Connecticut Warbler		Variety of forest, woodland, scrub, and thicket habitats
Mourning Warbler		Brushy areas in woodlands or edges
Kentucky Warbler*	5/25-7/15	Moist deciduous woods, understory
Common Yellowthroat*	5/25-8/10	Brushy areas, preferably wet
Hooded Warbler*	5/25-7/25	Moist forests with dense understory
American Redstart*	6/10-7/20	Moist, deciduous forest
Cape May Warbler		Coniferous forests
Cerulean Warbler*	5/25-8/5	Mature moist or riverside forests
Northern Parula*	6/1-8/15	Moist woods, bottomlands, spruces

Magnolia Warbler		Coniferous forests
Bay-breasted Warbler		Variety of forest types, generally remains in the canopy
Blackburnian Warbler		Coniferous or mixed woods
Yellow Warbler*	6/1-7/10	Wet brushy areas, farmlands
Chestnut-sided Warbler		Brushy, open second-growth, edges
Blackpoll Warbler		Variety of forest, woodland, scrub, and brushy habitats
Black-throated Blue Warbler		Mixed woods with heavy understory
Palm Warbler		Variety of woodland, second growth and thicket habitats, open fields
Pine Warbler*	4/20-8/10	Variety of pine forests
Yellow-rumped Warbler		Coniferous and mixed coniferous/deciduous woodlands, wood margins
Yellow-throated Warbler*	5/1-7/15	Loblolly pines, sycamores
Prairie Warbler*	5/25-7/20	Brushy fields, edges, small pines
Black-throated Green Warbler		Coniferous or mixed woods
Canada Warbler		Thick, moist forest undergrowth
Wilson's Warbler		Fairly open woodlands with undergrowth or shrubs
Yellow-breasted Chat*	5/25-8/5	Brushy fields, thickets, wood edges
Eastern Towhee*	5/20-8/31	Dry open woodlands, edges, brush
American Tree Sparrow		Fields, marshes, gardens, open forests
Chipping Sparrow*	5/1-8/31	Open woodlands with grass, river and lake shorelines, orchards, farms, parks
Clay-colored Sparrow		Wood margins, hedgerows, scrub, abandoned fields
Field Sparrow*	5/1-8/31	Brushy, weedy fields, hedgerows
Vesper Sparrow*	5/1-8/31	Short grass areas, cultivated fields
Lark Sparrow		Grass with low shrubs and open ground
Savannah Sparrow*	6/1-8/15	Hayfields, wet meadows, pastures
Grasshopper Sparrow*	5/25-8/31	Hayfields, grassy pastures
Henslow's Sparrow*	5/25-8/31	Weedy fields, wet meadows
Fox Sparrow		Thickets and edges of coniferous, mixed, or second-growth forests
Song Sparrow*	5/1-9/10	Brushy fields, marsh edges, suburban areas
Lincoln's Sparrow		Wood margins, hedgerows, scrub, abandoned fields, bogs
Swamp Sparrow		Marshes, wet brushy areas, bogs
White-throated Sparrow		Wood margins, hedgerows, scrub, swamps, weedy fields, urban areas
White-crowned Sparrow		Wood margins, hedgerows, scrub, abandoned fields
Dark-eyed Junco		Edges of northern mixed forests
Summer Tanager*	6/1-8/10	Mixed dry upland woods
Scarlet Tanager*	5/25-8/10	Mature deciduous forests
Northern Cardinal*	3/15-9/30	Edge, brush, parks, suburbs
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	6/5-8/15	Edges of moist deciduous woods
Blue Grosbeak*	5/25-8/15	Thickets, hedgerows, and edges

Indigo Bunting*	6/1-8/15	Edges, open forest, brush areas
Dickcissel*	6/1-8/31	Open country, especially alfalfa
Bobolink*	6/15-7/10	Fields, meadows, pastures
Red-winged Blackbird*	5/1-7/10	Marshes, ponds, meadows, hayfields
Eastern Meadowlark*	5/1-9/10	Hayfields, pastures
Yellow-headed Blackbird		Muddy fields, cow or horse pastures
Rusty Blackbird		Swamps, wet woodlands, pond edges
Brewer's Blackbird		Farmland, open fields, parks, urban areas
Common Grackle*	4/15-7/10	Farmland, urban areas
Brown-headed Cowbird*	5/1-7/10	Everywhere, except urban areas
Orchard Oriole*	6/1-7/5	Edges, hedgerows, scattered trees
Baltimore Oriole*	6/1-7/25	Shade trees, open deciduous woods
Purple Finch		Mixed woods, parklands, residential areas
House Finch*	5/1-7/15	Residential areas, especially evergreens
Red Crossbill		Mature coniferous forests
White-winged Crossbill		Coniferous forests, especially where spruce cones are found
Common Redpoll		Open woodland, scrub, weedy fields, suburban areas
Pine Siskin		Conifers, gardens, orchards, farmland
American Goldfinch*	6/10-9/15	Brushy fields, edges, hedgerows
Evening Grosbeak		Coniferous or deciduous forests, suburban areas
House Sparrow*	2/1-9/30	Cities, farms, parks, suburbs

Safe dates were taken from the Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas field card. Habitat information was taken from the Second Maryland/DC Breeding Bird Atlas Handbook and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's online species accounts (<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/>).