

FLYCATCHERS, con't	s	S	F	W
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	r	r	
__ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
__ Alder Flycatcher	r	r		
__ Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
__ Least Flycatcher	o	r	r	
__ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	o
__ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
__ Eastern Kingbird*	u	u	u	

SHRIKES	s	S	F	W
__ Loggerhead Shrike*	r	r	r	r

VIREOS	s	S	F	W
__ White-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	
__ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
__ Blue-headed Vireo	o	r	o	
__ Warbling Vireo*	u	o	o	
__ Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
__ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	

JAYS – CROWS	s	S	F	W
__ Blue Jay*	a	a	a	a
__ American Crow*	a	a	a	a
__ Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c
__ Common Raven*	u	u	u	u

LARKS	s	S	F	W
__ Horned Lark*	o	r	r	o

SWALLOWS	s	S	F	W
__ Purple Martin*	u	u	u	
__ Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	r
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	u	
__ Bank Swallow	o	r	o	
__ Cliff Swallow*	o	r	o	
__ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	

CHICKADEES – TITMICE	s	S	F	W
__ Carolina Chickadee*	a	a	a	a
__ Black-capped Chickadee	r		r	r
__ Tufted Titmouse*	a	a	a	a

NUTHATCHES	s	S	F	W
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	r		r	r
__ White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c

CREEPERS	s	S	F	W
__ Brown Creeper**	u	r	u	u

WRENS	s	S	F	W
__ House Wren*	c	c	c	r
__ Winter Wren	o		o	u
__ Sedge Wren**		r		
__ Marsh Wren*	r	r	r	

WRENS, con't	s	S	F	W
__ Carolina Wren*	a	a	a	a

GNATCATCHERS	s	S	F	W
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c		

KINGLETS	s	S	F	W
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o

THRUSHES – MIMIC THRUSHES	s	S	F	W
__ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
__ Veery	o		o	
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
__ Bicknell's Thrush	r		r	
__ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
__ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
__ Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	
__ American Robin*	a	a	c	c
__ Gray Catbird*	a	a	a	r
__ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	u	r
__ Northern Mockingbird*	a	a	a	a

STARLINGS	s	S	F	W
__ European Starling*	a	a	a	a

PIPITS	s	S	F	W
__ American Pipit	o		o	o

WAXWINGS	s	S	F	W
__ Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	u

LONGSPURS – BUNTINGS	s	S	F	W
__ Lapland Longspur				r
__ Snow Bunting			r	r

WOOD WARBLERS	s	S	F	W
__ Ovenbird*	u	u	u	
__ Worm-eating Warbler*	o	o	o	
__ Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u	u	
__ Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
__ Golden-winged Warbler			r	
__ Blue-winged Warbler*	o	u	o	
__ Black-and-white Warbler*	u	o	u	
__ Prothonotary Warbler*	o	o	r	
__ Swainson's Warbler		r		
__ Tennessee Warbler	o		o	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	r		r	r
__ Nashville Warbler	o		o	r
__ Connecticut Warbler			r	
__ Mourning Warbler	r	r	r	
__ Kentucky Warbler*	o	o	r	
__ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	r
__ Hooded Warbler*	u	o		

WOOD WARBLERS, con't	s	S	F	W
__ American Redstart*	c	u	c	
__ Cape May Warbler	o		o	
__ Cerulean Warbler*	o	o	r	
__ Northern Parula*	u	u	u	
__ Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
__ Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o	
__ Blackburnian Warbler	o		o	
__ Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c	
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
__ Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	r	u	
__ Palm Warbler	u		u	r
__ Pine Warbler*	u	u	u	r
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	c
__ Yellow-throated Warbler*	r	r	r	
__ Prairie Warbler*	u	u	u	
__ Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
__ Canada Warbler	o		o	
__ Wilson's Warbler	r		r	
__ Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u	u	r

TOWHEES – SPARROWS	s	S	F	W
__ Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	o
__ American Tree Sparrow	r		r	u
__ Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	r
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	r		r	r
__ Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	u
__ Vesper Sparrow*	o	r	o	r
__ Savannah Sparrow*	u	o	u	o
__ Grasshopper Sparrow*	u	u	u	r
__ Fox Sparrow	o		u	o
__ Song Sparrow*	a	a	a	a
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	r
__ Swamp Sparrow*	u	r	u	u
__ White-throated Sparrow	a		a	a
__ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u
__ Dark-eyed Junco	a		a	a

TANAGERS	s	S	F	W
__ Summer Tanager**	r	r	r	
__ Scarlet Tanager*	u	u	u	

CARDINALS – GROSBEAKS	s	S	F	W
__ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	u	o	u	r
__ Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	
__ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
__ Dickcissel*	r	r		

BLACKBIRDS – ORIOLES	s	S	F	W
__ Bobolink*	o	o	o	
__ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	o
__ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	o
__ Rusty Blackbird	o		o	o
__ Brewer's Blackbird	r		r	r
__ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
__ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	o
__ Orchard Oriole*	u	u	u	r
__ Baltimore Oriole*	u	u	u	r

FINCHES	s	S	F	W
__ House Finch*	a	a	a	a
__ Purple Finch	o		o	o
__ Red Crossbill			r	r
__ White-winged Crossbill			r	r
__ Common Redpoll	r			r
__ Pine Siskin	r		r	o
__ American Goldfinch*	a	a	a	a
__ Evening Grosbeak				r



OLD WORLD SPARROWS	s	S	F	W
__ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

HISTORICAL RECORDS:
 Ring-necked Pheasant
 Sage Thrasher
Henslow's Sparrow

ACCIDENTAL RECORDS (out of normal range):
 Barnacle Goose Lewis's Woodpecker
 Neotropic Cormorant Gyrfalcon
 Great Cormorant Western Kingbird
 Anhinga Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 Swallow-tailed Kite Northern Shrike
 Swainson's Hawk Cave Swallow
 Eurasian Woodcock Brown-headed Nuthatch
 Pomarine Jaeger Lark Sparrow
 Sabine's Gull Lark Bunting
 Franklin's Gull Le Conte's Sparrow
 Arctic Tern Yellow-headed Blackbird
 Eurasian Collared-Dove Bullock's Oriole

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Checklist

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March 2014 Second Edition Checklist

This second edition of the Birds of Loudoun County Checklist provides a comprehensive list of 305 birds identified throughout the county through March 2014. There are 117 species documented as confirmed or probable breeders, with 6 species listed as possible or irregular breeders. The taxonomic order is in accordance with the American Ornithologists' Union 7th Checklist, 54th supplement. This information was gathered from the following resources: the Loudoun County Bird Atlas (2009-2014), countywide Christmas and migratory bird counts (1997-2013), the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve bird list, the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship bird list, the Virginia Avian Records Committee (VARCOM) report, eBird, the Virginia Society of Ornithology's *Virginia's Birdlife*, the Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas (1985-1989), Maryland Osprey and VA Bird listserves, and several individuals' personal records.

For more information about the birds around you, visit the 2009-2014 Loudoun County Bird Atlas online (go to www.loudounwildlife.org and enter Bird Atlas in the search tool). This unique Bird Atlas dataset provides interesting comparisons to the 1985-1989 Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas and reveals rich birding areas throughout Loudoun County, including more populated areas that may surprise you.

Monetary donations to help offset Bird Atlas publication costs are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to:

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The codes on the facing panel can be used to interpret the checklist. Note that avian migration does not coincide exactly with the change of seasons.

SEASON

s – Spring; March – May

S – Summer; June – August

F – Fall; September – November

W – Winter; December – February

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

a – abundant - hard to miss; a common species, is very numerous

c – common; likely to be observed in suitable habitat

u – uncommon; present in correct habitat, but not always observed

o – occasional; observed only a few times during the season

r – rare; may be present, but not every year; occurs irregularly

* – evidence of confirmed or probable breeding

** – possible or irregular breeder

Birds in italics are listed as threatened or endangered in VA.

SWANS – GEESE – DUCKS

	s	S	F	W
__ Greater White-fronted Goose			r	r
__ Snow Goose	r	r	r	r
__ Brant				r
__ Cackling Goose	r			r
__ Canada Goose*	a	a	a	a
__ Mute Swan	r	r	r	r
__ Trumpeter Swan		r	r	
__ Tundra Swan	o		o	o
__ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o
__ Gadwall	u	r	u	o
__ American Wigeon.....	u		u	u
__ American Black Duck.....	o	r	o	o
__ Mallard*.....	c	c	c	c
__ Blue-winged Teal	u		u	r
__ Northern Shoveler.....	u	r	u	o
__ Northern Pintail	o	r	o	o
__ Green-winged Teal	u	r	u	u
__ Canvasback	r	r	u	
__ Redhead	r	r	o	
__ Ring-necked Duck	u	u	c	
__ Greater Scaup	r	r	r	
__ Lesser Scaup	r	r	o	
__ Surf Scoter	r	r		
__ White-winged Scoter		r	r	
__ Black Scoter		r		
__ Long-tailed Duck	r	r	r	
__ Bufflehead	u	u	c	
__ Common Goldeneye	r	r	r	

SWANS – GEESE – DUCKS, con't

__ Hooded Merganser*	o	r	o	u
__ Common Merganser	o		o	o
__ Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	r
__ Ruddy Duck	u	r	u	u

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

__ Northern Bobwhite*	o	o	o	r
__ Ruffed Grouse**	r	r	r	r
__ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u

LOONS – GREBES

__ Red-throated Loon	r		r	r
__ Common Loon	o	r	o	r
__ Pied-billed Grebe*	u	u	u	u
__ Horned Grebe	o		o	o
__ Red-necked Grebe	r		r	
__ Eared Grebe	r		r	

CORMORANTS

__ Double-crested Cormorant	u	o	u	r
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BITTERNS – HERONS

__ American Bittern	o		o	
__ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
__ Great Egret	u	u	o	r
__ Snowy Egret	r	r		
__ Little Blue Heron	r	r	r	r
__ Tricolored Heron			r	
__ Cattle Egret		r		
__ Green Heron*.....	u	c	u	
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	r
__ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		r	r	

IBISES

__ White Ibis		r		
__ Glossy Ibis	r			

VULTURES

__ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c
__ Turkey Vulture*	a	a	a	a

HAWKS - KITES - EAGLES

__ Osprey*	o	o	o	r
__ Mississippi Kite	r	r		
__ Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u
__ Northern Harrier	u	r	u	u
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk**	o	o	o	o
__ Cooper's Hawk*.....	u	u	u	u
__ Northern Goshawk		r		
__ Red-shouldered Hawk*.....	c	c	c	c
__ Broad-winged Hawk*	u	o	u	r
__ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
__ Rough-legged Hawk		r	r	
__ Golden Eagle		r	r	

RAILS – COOTS

__ <i>Black Rail</i>	r	r		
__ King Rail	r		r	
__ Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	r
__ Sora	o		o	
__ Common Gallinule	o	o	o	r
__ American Coot	u	o	u	u

CRANES

__ Sandhill Crane	r	r		r
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AVOCETS

__ American Avocet			r	
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PLOVERS

__ Black-bellied Plover			r	
__ American Golden-Plover	r		r	
__ Semipalmated Plover	r	o	r	
__ Killdeer*	u	u	u	o

SANDPIPERS

__ Spotted Sandpiper	c	u	r	
__ Solitary Sandpiper	c	u	o	
__ Greater Yellowlegs	o	u	o	
__ Willet	r			
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	o	u	o	
__ <i>Upland Sandpiper**</i>		r		
__ Whimbrel	r			
__ Stilt Sandpiper	r	r	r	
__ Dunlin	r			
__ Baird's Sandpiper		r		
__ Least Sandpiper	u	c	o	
__ White-rumped Sandpiper	r	r	r	
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper			r	
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	o	o	r	
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	o	
__ Western Sandpiper		r	r	
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o		
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	r	r		
__ Wilson's Snipe	u	r	u	o
__ American Woodcock*	u	o	o	r
__ Wilson's Phalarope	r	r		
__ Red Phalarope			r	

GULLS – TERNS

__ Bonaparte's Gull	o			r
__ Little Gull	r			
__ Laughing Gull	r		r	
__ Ring-billed Gull	c	o	c	c
__ Herring Gull	o	o	o	o
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull			r	
__ Great Black-backed Gull			r	
__ Least Tern		r		

GULLS – TERNS, con't

__ Caspian Tern	r	o	r	
__ Black Tern	r		r	
__ Common Tern	r		r	
__ Forster's Tern	r		r	
__ Royal Tern	r		r	

PIGEONS – DOVES

__ Rock Pigeon*	a	a	a	a
__ Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	a

CUCKOOS

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	
__ Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	r	

OWLS

__ Barn Owl*	o	o	o	o
__ Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
__ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
__ Snowy Owl	r			r
__ Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
__ Long-eared Owl	r			r
__ Short-eared Owl				r
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl				r

NIGHTJARS

__ Common Nighthawk*	u	r	u	
__ Eastern Whip-poor-will*	r	r		

SWIFTS

__ Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	
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HUMMINGBIRDS

__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	
__ Rufous Hummingbird			r	r

KINGFISHERS.....

__ Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	u	u
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WOODPECKERS

__ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	u		u	u
__ Downy Woodpecker*	a	a	a	a
__ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
__ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
__ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

FALCONS

__ American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
__ Merlin	r	r	o	o
__ <i>Peregrine Falcon</i>	r	r	r	r

FLYCATCHERS

__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	r	r	
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	