

Black Hill Regional Park

Bird Checklist

Black Hill Regional Park in Montgomery County, Maryland, is located about 30 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. The park surrounds Little Seneca Lake which is known for wintering waterfowl. A pair of bald eagles has nested in or just outside the park since 2006.

This checklist is not a record of all the species that have been identified in the history of the park. Instead, it shows the 205 species that have been observed in the past ten years.

Seasons

Sp	Spring	March–May
S	Summer	June–August
F	Fall	September–November
W	Winter	December–February

Abundance

c	Common
u	Uncommon
r	Rare

This checklist is based on data from eBird:

eBird. 2019. eBird: An online database of bird distribution and abundance. eBird, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York. Available: <http://www.ebird.org>. (Accessed: September 14, 2019)

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		Sp	S	F	W
Waterfowl					
	Snow Goose			r	r
	Ross's Goose				r
	Greater White-fronted Goose			r	r
	Cackling Goose	r		r	u
	Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
	Trumpeter Swan	r		r	r
	Tundra Swan	u		u	c
	Wood Duck	c	c	c	u
	Blue-winged Teal	r	r	r	
	Northern Shoveler	r		r	r
	Gadwall	u		u	c
	American Wigeon	u		u	u
	Mallard	c	c	c	c
	American Black Duck	u		c	c
	Northern Pintail	u		r	u
	Green-winged Teal	u		u	u
	Canvasback	u		r	c
	Redhead	u		u	c
	Ring-necked Duck	c	r	u	c
	Greater Scaup	r		r	u
	Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
	Long-tailed Duck	r		r	u
	Bufflehead	c		c	c
	Common Goldeneye	u		r	c
	Hooded Merganser	c		c	c
	Common Merganser	c	r	r	c
	Red-breasted Merganser	u		r	u
	Ruddy Duck	u		u	c
Grebes					
	Pied-billed Grebe	c		c	c
	Horned Grebe	u		u	u
	Red-necked Grebe	u		r	r
	Eared Grebe	r		r	r
Pigeons and Doves					
	Rock Pigeon	u	u	u	u
	Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
Cuckoos					
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	c	u	
Swifts					
	Chimney Swift	u	u	c	

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Hummingbirds					
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	u	u	
Rails, Gallinules, and Allies					
	American Coot	c		u	c
Shorebirds					
	Killdeer	u	c	c	u
	Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
	Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
	Greater Yellowlegs	r		r	
Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers					
	Bonaparte's Gull	r		r	r
	Ring-billed Gull	u		u	c
	Herring Gull	r		r	u
Loons					
	Red-throated Loon	r	r	r	r
	Common Loon	c	u	u	u
Cormorants and Anhingas					
	Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	u
Hérons, Ibis, and Allies					
	Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
	Great Egret	r	u	u	u
	Green Heron	u	c	u	
	White Ibis		r		
Vultures, Hawks, and Allies					
	Black Vulture	c	u	c	c
	Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
	Osprey	u	u	u	
	Northern Harrier	r		r	r
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
	Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
	Bald Eagle	u	u	c	c
	Red-shouldered Hawk	c	u	c	c
	Red-tailed Hawk	u	r	u	u
Owls					
	Great Horned Owl	r		r	r
	Barred Owl	u	r	r	u
Kingfishers					
	Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	c
Woodpeckers					
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
	Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
	Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
	Hairy Woodpecker	u	c	c	c

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	Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
	Northern Flicker	c	u	c	c
Falcons and Caracaras					
	American Kestrel	u		u	r
	Merlin			r	r
Tyrant Flycatchers: Pewees, Kingbirds, and Allies					
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	
	Acadian Flycatcher	u	c	u	
	Eastern Phoebe	c	u	c	u
	Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	u	
	Eastern Kingbird	c	c	u	
Vireos					
	White-eyed Vireo	u	u	u	
	Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	u	
	Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	
	Warbling Vireo	u	u	u	
	Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
Jays, Magpies, Crows, and Ravens					
	Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
	American Crow	c	c	c	c
	Fish Crow	c	c	c	c
	Common Raven	u	r	u	u
Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice					
	Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
	Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
Martins and Swallows					
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
	Purple Martin	u	u		
	Tree Swallow	c	c	u	
	Barn Swallow	c	c	r	
Kinglets					
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	c
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		c	u
Nuthatches					
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	r		u	u
	White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
Treceepers					
	Brown Creeper	u		u	u
Gnatcatchers					
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	u	
Wrens					
	House Wren	u	c	u	
	Winter Wren	r		u	u
	Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c

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Starlings and Mynas					
	European Starling	c	c	c	c
Catbirds, Mockingbirds, and Thrashers					
	Gray Catbird	c	c	c	u
	Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	r
	Northern Mockingbird	c	u	c	c
Thrushes					
	Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c
	Swainson's Thrush	r	u	u	
	Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
	Wood Thrush	c	u	u	
	American Robin	c	c	c	c
Waxwings					
	Cedar Waxwing	u	u	c	u
Old World Sparrows					
	House Sparrow	u	u	u	u
Finches, Euphonias, and Allies					
	House Finch	c	c	c	c
	Purple Finch	u		u	r
	Common Redpoll				r
	Pine Siskin	u		r	u
	American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c
New World Sparrows					
	Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	r
	Field Sparrow	c	u	u	u
	American Tree Sparrow	r		r	r
	Fox Sparrow	r		u	u
	Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
	White-crowned Sparrow	r		u	u
	White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
	Savannah Sparrow	r		r	r
	Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c
	Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
	Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	u
Yellow-breasted Chat					
	Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u		
Blackbirds					
	Orchard Oriole	u	u		
	Baltimore Oriole	c	u	u	
	Red-winged Blackbird	c	u	u	u
	Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	u
	Rusty Blackbird	r		r	r
	Common Grackle	c	c	u	r
Wood-Warblers					

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Ovenbird	u	u	u	
Louisiana Waterthrush	r	r		
Black-and-white Warbler	u	u	u	
Tennessee Warbler	r		r	
Nashville Warbler	r		r	
Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	
American Redstart	u	u	c	
Cape May Warbler	r		r	
Northern Parula	u	u	u	
Magnolia Warbler	u	r	c	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r	r	r	
Blackburnian Warbler	r	u	u	
Yellow Warbler	u	u		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	u	u	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	r	u	
Palm Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	u
Prairie Warbler	u	u	u	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u	r	u	
Canada Warbler	r	r	r	
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
Scarlet Tanager	u	u	u	
Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
Indigo Bunting	c	c	u	

**Species observed only once
or just a few times in the
past ten years:**

Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Wild Turkey
Common Nighthawk
Sandhill Crane
Dunlin
Semi-palmated Plover
Least Sandpiper
American Woodcock
Lesser Yellowlegs
Little Blue Heron
Great Black-backed Gull

Caspian Tern
Forster's Tern
Black-crowned Night Heron
Golden Eagle
Broad-winged Hawk
Eastern Screech Owl
Peregrine Falcon
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Philadelphia Vireo
Black-capped Chickadee
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
American Pipit
Grasshopper Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow
Boblink
Eastern Meadowlark
Northern Waterthrush
Worm-eating Warbler
Blue-winged Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Pine Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Western Tanager

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