

Field Checklist of the Birds of Howard County, Maryland

Howard County Bird Club

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_____	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	A
_____	Snow Goose	M,WV
_____	Ross's Goose *	C
_____	Gtr White-fronted Goose *	C
_____	Pink-footed Goose *	A
_____	Brant *	H
_____	Cackling Goose	WV
_____	● Canada Goose	M,PR
_____	● Mute Swan *	C
_____	Trumpeter Swan	A
_____	Tundra Swan	M,WV
_____	● Wood Duck	M,SR,WV
_____	Blue-winged Teal	M
_____	Northern Shoveler	M,WV
_____	● Gadwall	M,WV
_____	Eurasian Wigeon *	A
_____	American Wigeon	M,WV
_____	● Mallard	M,PR
_____	● American Black Duck	M,WV
_____	Northern Pintail	M,WV
_____	Green-winged Teal	M,WV
_____	Canvasback	M,WV
_____	Redhead	M,WV
_____	Ring-necked Duck	M,WV
_____	Greater Scaup	M,WV
_____	Lesser Scaup	M,WV
_____	King Eider *	A
_____	Surf Scoter *	C
_____	White-winged Scoter *	C
_____	Black Scoter *	C
_____	Long-tailed Duck	M,WV
_____	Bufflehead	M,WV
_____	Common Goldeneye	M,WV
_____	● Hooded Merganser	M,WV
_____	● Common Merganser	M,WR
_____	Red-breasted Merganser	M,WV
_____	Ruddy Duck	M,WV
_____	● Northern Bobwhite *	PR
_____	● Wild Turkey	PR
_____	● Ring-necked Pheasant *	PR
_____	● Rock Pigeon	PR
_____	Eurasian Collared-Dove *	A
_____	White-winged Dove *	A
_____	● Mourning Dove	PR
_____	● Yellow-billed Cuckoo	M,SR
_____	● Black-billed Cuckoo	M,SR
_____	Common Nighthawk	M
_____	Chuck-will's-widow *	C
_____	● Eastern Whip-poor-will	M,SR?
_____	● Chimney Swift	M,SR
_____	Mexican Violetear *	A
_____	● Ruby-throated Hummingbird	M,SR
_____	Rufous Hummingbird *	A
_____	King Rail *	C
_____	Clapper Rail *	A

_____	● Virginia Rail	M, SR
_____	● Sora	M
_____	● Common Gallinule *	C
_____	American Coot	M,WV
_____	Black Rail *	A
_____	Limpkin *	A
_____	Sandhill Crane *	C
_____	Black-necked Stilt *	A
_____	American Avocet *	C
_____	Black-bellied Plover	M
_____	American Golden-Plover	M
_____	● Killdeer	M,PR
_____	Semipalmated Plover	M
_____	Piping Plover *	A
_____	Upland Sandpiper	C
_____	Whimbrel*	H
_____	Short-billed Dowitcher *	C
_____	Long-billed Dowitcher *	A
_____	● American Woodcock	M,SR,WV
_____	Wilson's Snipe	M,WV
_____	Wilson's Phalarope *	A
_____	Red Phalarope *	A
_____	● Spotted Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Solitary Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Lesser Yellowlegs	M,SV
_____	Greater Yellowlegs	M,SV
_____	Ruddy Turnstone *	H
_____	Red Knot *	H
_____	Stilt Sandpiper *	C
_____	Buff-breasted Sandpiper *	C
_____	Sanderling	C
_____	Dunlin	C
_____	Baird's Sandpiper *	C
_____	White-rumped Sandpiper *	C
_____	Least Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Pectoral Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Western Sandpiper *	C
_____	Semipalmated Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Little Gull *	A
_____	Black-legged Kittiwake *	A
_____	Sabine's Gull *	A
_____	Bonaparte's Gull	M,WV
_____	Laughing Gull	M
_____	Ring-billed Gull	M,SV,WR
_____	American Herring Gull	M,WR
_____	Great Black-backed Gull	M,WV
_____	Glaucous Gull *	C
_____	Lesser Black-backed Gull *	C
_____	Iceland Gull *	C
_____	Least Tern *	A
_____	Caspian Tern	M,SV
_____	Black Tern	C
_____	Forster's Tern	M
_____	Common Tern *	C
_____	Pied-billed Grebe	M,WV
_____	Horned Grebe	M,WV
_____	Red-necked Grebe *	C
_____	Eared Grebe *	A
_____	Western Grebe *	H

_____	Red-throated Loon *	C
_____	Common Loon	M,WV
_____	Wood Stork	A
_____	Anhinga *	A
_____	Double-crested Cormorant	M,SV,WV
_____	White Ibis *	C
_____	Glossy Ibis	C
_____	American Bittern	M
_____	Least Bittern *	C
_____	● Yellow-crowned Night Heron	SV
_____	Black-crowned Night Heron	M,SV
_____	Little Blue Heron	M,SV
_____	Tricolored Heron *	A
_____	Snowy Egret *	C
_____	● Green Heron	M,SR
_____	Western Cattle Egret	M,SV
_____	Great Egret	M,SV
_____	● Great Blue Heron	M,PR
_____	● Black Vulture	M,PR
_____	● Turkey Vulture	M,PR
_____	● Osprey	M,SV
_____	Swallow-tailed Kite *	A
_____	Golden Eagle *	C
_____	Sharp-shinned Hawk	M,WR
_____	● Cooper's Hawk	M,PR
_____	American Goshawk *	M,WV
_____	Northern Harrier	M,WV
_____	● Bald Eagle	M,PR
_____	● Broad-winged Hawk	M,SR
_____	● Red-shouldered Hawk	M,PR
_____	Mississippi Kite *	C
_____	● Red-tailed Hawk	M,PR
_____	Rough-legged Hawk *	M,WV
_____	● American Barn Owl *	C
_____	● Eastern Screech-Owl	PR
_____	Snowy Owl *	A
_____	● Great Horned Owl	PR
_____	● Barred Owl	PR
_____	Long-eared Owl	C
_____	Short-eared Owl	C
_____	Northern Saw-whet Owl	C
_____	● Belted Kingfisher	PR
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	M,WV
_____	● Red-headed Woodpecker	M,WV, SR
_____	● Red-bellied Woodpecker	PR
_____	● Downy Woodpecker	PR
_____	● Hairy Woodpecker	PR
_____	● Pileated Woodpecker	PR
_____	● Northern Flicker	M,PR
_____	● American Kestrel	M,PR
_____	Merlin	M,WV
_____	Peregrine Falcon	M,WV
_____	Olive-sided Flycatcher	M
_____	● Eastern Wood-Pewee	M,SR
_____	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	M
_____	● Acadian Flycatcher	M,SR
_____	Alder Flycatcher *	C
_____	● Willow Flycatcher	M,SR
_____	● Least Flycatcher	M,SV

_____	● Eastern Phoebe	M,SR,WV
_____	● Ash-throated Flycatcher	A
_____	● Great Crested Flycatcher	M,SR
_____	Western Kingbird	A
_____	● Eastern Kingbird	M,SR
_____	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A
_____	● White-eyed Vireo	M,SR
_____	● Yellow-throated Vireo	M,SR
_____	Blue-headed Vireo	M
_____	Philadelphia Vireo	M (fall)
_____	● Warbling Vireo	M,SR
_____	● Red-eyed Vireo	M,SR
_____	Loggerhead Shrike *	C
_____	Northern Shrike *	A
_____	● Blue Jay	M,PR
_____	● American Crow	PR
_____	● Fish Crow	PR
_____	● Common Raven	C,PR
_____	● Carolina Chickadee	PR
_____	Black-capped Chickadee *	C,WV
_____	● Tufted Titmouse	PR
_____	● Horned Lark	M,PR
_____	● Bank Swallow	M,SV
_____	● Tree Swallow	M,SR
_____	● Purple Martin	M,SR
_____	● N. Rough-winged Swallow	M,SR
_____	● Barn Swallow	M,SR
_____	● Cliff Swallow	M,SR
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	M,WV
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet	M,WR
_____	● White-breasted Nuthatch	M,PR
_____	Red-breasted Nuthatch	M,WV
_____	Brown Creeper	M,WR
_____	● Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	M,SR
_____	● Northern House Wren	M,SR
_____	Winter Wren	M,WR
_____	Sedge Wren *	C
_____	Marsh Wren	M
_____	● Carolina Wren	PR
_____	● European Starling	PR
_____	● Gray Catbird	M,SR,WV
_____	● Brown Thrasher	M,SR,WV
_____	● Northern Mockingbird	PR
_____	● Eastern Bluebird	PR
_____	Mountain Bluebird *	A
_____	Varied Thrush *	A
_____	● Veery	M,SR
_____	Gray-cheeked Thrush	M
_____	Bicknell's Thrush *	A,M
_____	Swainson's Thrush	M
_____	Hermit Thrush	M,WR
_____	● Wood Thrush	M,SR
_____	● American Robin	M,PR
_____	● Cedar Waxwing	M,PR
_____	● House Sparrow	PR
_____	American Pipit	M,WV
_____	Evening Grosbeak *	C
_____	● House Finch	PR
_____	Purple Finch	M,WV

_____	Common Redpoll *	C
_____	Red Crossbill *	C
_____	White-winged Crossbill *	C
_____	Pine Siskin	M,WV
_____	● American Goldfinch	PR
_____	Lapland Longspur *	C
_____	Snow Bunting *	C
_____	Grasshopper Sparrow	M,SR
_____	● Chipping Sparrow	M,SR,WV
_____	Clay-colored Sparrow *	C
_____	● Field Sparrow	M,PR
_____	Lark Sparrow *	A
_____	American Tree Sparrow	M,WR
_____	Fox Sparrow	M,WR
_____	Dark-eyed Junco	M,WR
_____	White-crowned Sparrow	M,WR
_____	Harris's Sparrow *	A
_____	White-throated Sparrow	M,WR
_____	● Vesper Sparrow	M,SR
_____	LeConte's Sparrow *	A
_____	Nelson's Sparrow *	M
_____	● Savannah Sparrow	M,WR,SR?
_____	Henslow's Sparrow *	C
_____	● Song Sparrow	M,PR
_____	Lincoln's Sparrow	M
_____	Swamp Sparrow	M,WR
_____	● Eastern Towhee	M,PR
_____	● Yellow-breasted Chat	M,SR
_____	Yellow-headed Blackbird *	A
_____	Bobolink	M
_____	● Eastern Meadowlark	PR
_____	● Orchard Oriole	M,SR
_____	● Baltimore Oriole	M,SR
_____	● Red-winged Blackbird	M,PR
_____	● Brown-headed Cowbird	M,PR
_____	Rusty Blackbird	M,WV
_____	Brewer's Blackbird *	A
_____	● Common Grackle	M,PR
_____	● Ovenbird	M,SR
_____	● Worm-eating Warbler	M,SR
_____	● Louisiana Waterthrush	M,SR
_____	Northern Waterthrush	M
_____	Golden-winged Warbler	M
_____	● Blue-winged Warbler	M,SR
_____	● Black-and-white Warbler	M,SR
_____	● Prothonotary Warbler	M,SR
_____	Tennessee Warbler	M
_____	Orange-crowned Warbler	M,WV
_____	Nashville Warbler	M
_____	Connecticut Warbler	M (fall)
_____	Mourning Warbler	M
_____	● Kentucky Warbler	M,SR
_____	● Common Yellowthroat	M,SR
_____	● Hooded Warbler	M,SR
_____	● American Redstart	M,SR
_____	Cape May Warbler	M
_____	● Cerulean Warbler	M,SR
_____	● Northern Parula	M,SR
_____	Magnolia Warbler	M

_____	Bay-breasted Warbler	M
_____	Blackburnian Warbler	M
_____	● Yellow Warbler	M,SR
_____	Chestnut-sided Warbler	M
_____	Blackpoll Warbler	M
_____	Black-throated Blue Warbler	M
_____	Palm Warbler	M
_____	● Pine Warbler	M,SR
_____	Yellow-rumped Warbler	M,WV
_____	● Yellow-throated Warbler	M,SR
_____	● Prairie Warbler	M,SR
_____	Black-throated Green Warbler	M
_____	Canada Warbler	M
_____	Wilson's Warbler	M
_____	Summer Tanager	M,SV
_____	● Scarlet Tanager	M,SR
_____	Western Tanager	A
_____	● Northern Cardinal	PR
_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M
_____	● Blue Grosbeak	M,SR
_____	● Indigo Bunting	M,SR
_____	Painted Bunting *	A
_____	● Dickcissel *	M,SV,WV

● Breeding evidence (may be a single record)
 * Asterisk indicates written details or a photograph are required.

PR - Permanent Resident	WR - Winter Resident
SR - Summer Resident	WV - Winter Visitor
SV - Summer Visitor	M - Migrant

C - Casual - (at least 6 records; highly irregular occurrence)
 A - Accidental - (1-5 records with photo or specimen; 3-5 without)
 H - Hypothetical - (1-2 records without a photograph, specimen, or Maryland/District of Columbia Records Committee acceptance)

[For C, A, or H categories, use the **Contact Us** tab at the top of the howardbirds.website page on the web]

Hybrids	Extirpated
_____ Brewster's Warbler *	Ruffed Grouse
_____ Lawrence's Warbler *	Passenger Pigeon
	Bewick's Wren

Spring - March-May Autumn - August-November
 Summer - June-July Winter - December-February

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