

# 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
_____	Hudsonian 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
_____	Mississippi Kite *	C
_____	● 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)  
 ● Eastern 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  
 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  
 ● Northern 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)

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Hybrids	Extirpated
____ Brewster's Warbler *	Ruffed Grouse
____ Lawrence's Warbler *	Passenger Pigeon
	Bewick's Wren
	Bachman's Sparrow

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

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