

Whether you are a beginner or are an old hand at birding, we think you will find the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area good territory. This checklist should be of help letting you know what birds to expect and when.

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area lies on a great migration flyway. Untold numbers of birds pass through the area on their way to and from North, Central, and South America. Tremendous flocks of blackbirds use the Delaware Valley as their migratory route. Spring is particularly colorful with passing warblers and other perching birds. Summer brings a lull as nesting species retire to protective nest sites. However, August marks the beginning of the greatest show above the earth with the majestic pageant of migrating hawks and eagles. The Recreation Area affords several good vantage points along the Kittatinny-Shawangunk Ridge and Corridor for observing this spectacular Fall phenomenon.

This checklist is written for use within and nearby the National Recreation Area. It follows the usual order given in The Sibley Guide to Birds, second edition, 2014, which in 2000 established David Allen Sibley as the author and illustrator of the nation’s supreme and most comprehensive guide to birds.

The following are of accidental occurrence in the area:

- Greater Scaup
- Long-tailed Duck
- White-winged Scoter
- Surf Scoter
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- Glossy Ibis
- Gyrfalcon
- King Rail
- Upland Sandpiper
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Northern Phalarope
- Dovekie
- Iceland Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- Snowy Owl
- American Three-toed Woodpecker
- Carolina Chickadee
- Bewick’s Wren
- Brewster’s Warbler
- Lawrence’s Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Summer Tanager
- Blue Grosbeak
- Dickcissel



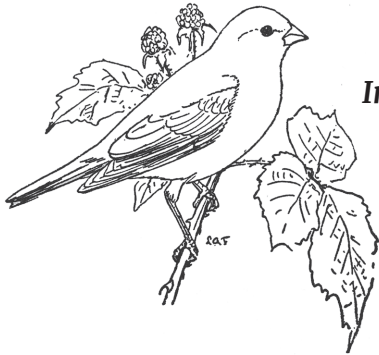
Accidentals

	S	S	F	W
○ Snow Goose	U		U	
○ Brant	U		U	
○ Canada Goose	C	C	C	C
○ Mute Swan	C	C	C	C
○ Tundra Swan			R	
○ Wood Duck	C	C	C	R
○ Gadwall	R			
○ American Wigeon	U		U	R
○ American Black Duck	C	C	C	C
○ Mallard	C	C	C	C
○ Blue-winged Teal	U	R	U	
○ Northern Pintail	U		U	
○ Green-winged Teal	U		U	
○ Canvasback	U		R	
○ Redhead	R		R	
○ Ring-necked Duck	C		U	
○ Lesser Scaup	U		U	
○ Bufflehead	C		C	C
○ Common Goldeneye	C		C	
○ Hooded Merganser	R	U		
○ Common Merganser	U	C	C	
○ Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	

○ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	U
○ Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	U	U
○ Rusty Blackbird	U		U	R
○ Common Grackle	C	C	C	U
○ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	C
○ Orchard Oriole	U	U		
○ Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	

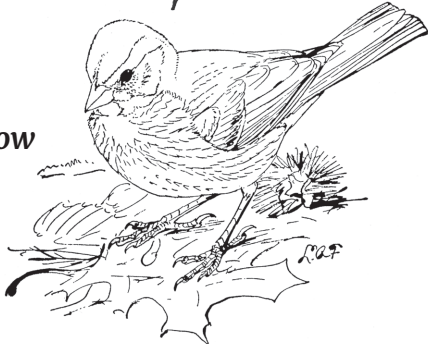
○ Pine Grosbeak	R		R	R
○ Purple Finch	C	R	C	U
○ House Finch	C	C	C	C
○ Red Crossbill				R
○ White-winged Crossbill				R
○ Common Redpoll				U

○ Pine Siskin	C		C	U
○ American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C
○ Evening Grosbeak	R		U	U
○ House Sparrow	C	C	C	C



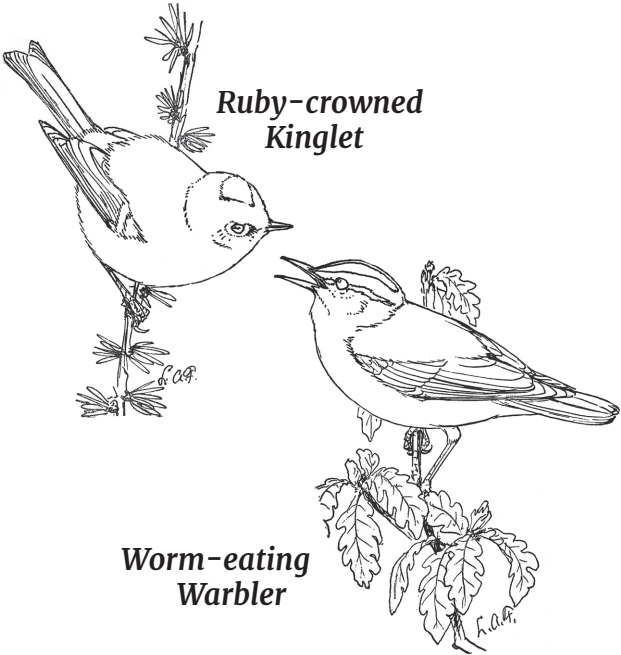
Indigo Bunting

Fox Sparrow



Warblers – Sparrows – Blackbirds – Finches

	S	S	F	W
○ Black Vulture	C	C	C	U
○ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	U
○ Osprey	C	C	C	
○ Bald Eagle	U	U		U
○ Northern Harrier	C		C	R
○ Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	R	C	R
○ Cooper’s Hawk	R	R	U	R
○ Red-shouldered Hawk	C	U	C	U
○ Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C	
○ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
○ Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U
○ Golden Eagle	U		U	U
○ Virginia Rail	R	R	R	
○ Sora	R	R	R	
○ Common Gallinule	R	U	R	
○ American Coot	U	U	U	
○ Black-bellied Plover	R		R	
○ American Golden-Plover			R	
○ Semipalmated Plover	R		R	
○ Killdeer	C	C	C	U
○ Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C	
○ Solitary Sandpiper	U		U	
○ Greater Yellowlegs	U		U	
○ Lesser Yellowlegs	U		U	



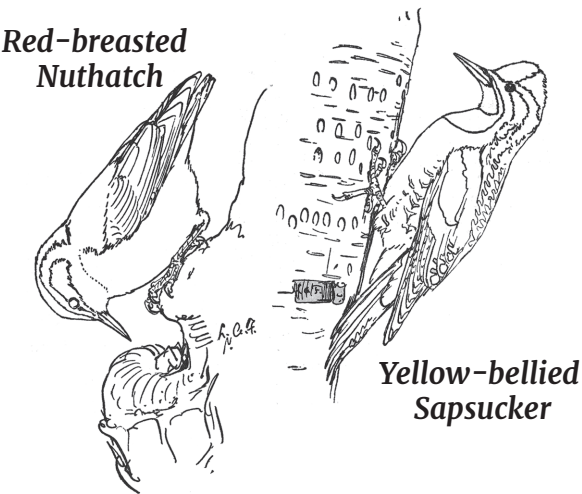
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Worm-eating Warbler

○ Ovenbird	C	C	C	
○ Worm-eating Warbler		R	U	R
○ Louisiana Waterthrush	U	U	U	
○ Northern Waterthrush	U	U	U	
○ Golden-winged Warbler	R	U	R	
○ Blue-winged Warbler	U	C	U	
○ Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
○ Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
○ Orange-crowned Warbler			R	
○ Nashville Warbler	U	U	U	
○ Connecticut Warbler	R		R	
○ Mourning Warbler	R		R	
○ Kentucky Warbler	R		R	
○ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
○ Hooded Warbler	R	R	R	
○ American Redstart	C	C	C	
○ Cape May Warbler	C		C	

Wrens – Kinglets – Thrushes – Warblers

	S	S	F	W
○ Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	R
○ Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	U	
○ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R	C	U	
○ Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
○ Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
○ Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U
○ Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
○ American Kestrel	U	U	U	U
○ Merlin	U		U	
○ Peregrine Falcon	R		R	
○ Olive-sided Flycatcher	R		U	
○ Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
○ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			U	
○ Acadian Flycatcher	U	U		
○ Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U	
○ Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U	
○ Least Flycatcher	U	U	U	
○ Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	
○ Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C	U
○ Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	



Red-breasted Nuthatch

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

○ Northern Shrike			R	R
○ Loggerhead Shrike	R		R	R
○ White-eyed Vireo	R		R	
○ Yellow-throated Vireo	R	U	R	
○ Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U	
○ Warbling Vireo	U	C		
○ Philadelphia Vireo	R		U	
○ Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	

○ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
○ American Crow	C	C	C	C
○ Fish Crow	U		U	
○ Common Raven	U	U	U	U

○ Horned Lark	U	U	U	C
○ Purple Martin	C	C	C	
○ Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
○ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	
○ Bank Swallow	C	C	C	
○ Cliff Swallow	U	U	U	
○ Barn Swallow	C	C	C	

○ Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
○ Boreal Chickadee			R	R
○ Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C


○ Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	R	C	C
○ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C

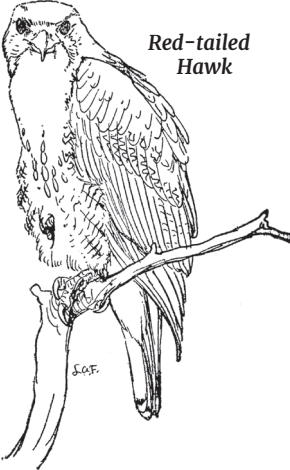
Woodpeckers – Flycatchers – Vireos  
Crows – Swallows – Chickadees

NOTES

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Red-tailed Hawk

Birds of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (NJ and PA)

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Spotted Sandpiper



Least Bittern



Turkey Vulture



Cooper's Hawk

SEASON

As bird behavior doesn't exactly fit calendar seasons we have modified seasonal designations as follows:

S (Spring)

S (Summer)

F (Fall)

W (Winter)

March – May

June – July

August – October

November – February

Relative abundance of species is indicated as follows:  
C (Common) . . . . . you should see these  
U (Uncommon) . . . . . you might see these  
R (Rare) . . . . . you will seldom see these  
Blank spaces indicate insufficient data.

If you should find an unlisted, rare, or out-of-the-ordinary bird, please tell us about it. Talk to a park ranger, write to the Brandwein Institute, Historic Callahan House, Box 873, Milford, PA 18337 or call 570-296-6752.

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	S	S	F	W
○ Cerulean Warbler	C	U	C	
○ Northern Parula	C	R	C	
○ Magnolia Warbler	C	R	C	
○ Bay-breasted Warbler	U	U	U	
○ Blackburnian Warbler	CV	U	C	
○ Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
○ Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	C	
○ Blackpoll Warbler	C		C	
○ Black-throated Blue Warbler	C	U	C	
○ Palm Warbler	C		C	
○ Pine Warbler	U	R	U	
○ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	R	C	R
○ Yellow-throated Warbler	R			
○ Prairie Warbler	U	U	U	
○ Black-throated Green Warbler	C	U	C	
○ Canada Warbler	C	C	C	
○ Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
○ Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R	R	
○ Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	R
○ American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C
○ Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	R
○ Field Sparrow	C	C	C	U
○ Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	
○ Savannah Sparrow	C	R	C	
○ Grasshopper Sparrow		R		
○ Henslow's Sparrow	R	R		
○ Fox Sparrow	C		C	R
○ Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C
○ Lincoln's Sparrow	U	U	U	
○ Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U	R
○ White-throated Sparrow	U	R	C	C
○ White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	R
○ Dark-eyed Junco	C	R	C	C
○ Scarlet Tanager	C	C	C	
○ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
○ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C	
○ Indigo Bunting	C	C	C	
○ Bobolink		U	U	
○ Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	
○ Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U
○ Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C
○ Red-throated Loon	R		R	
○ Common Loon	U	C	C	U
○ Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	U
○ Horned Grebe				
○ Red-necked Grebe	R		R	
○ Double-crested Cormorant	R		R	
○ American Bittern	R	R	R	
○ Least Bittern	R			
○ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	U
○ Great Egret		U	U	
○ Snowy Egret		U	U	
○ Little Blue Heron		R	R	
○ Green Heron	C	C	C	
○ Black-crowned Night Heron	R		R	

	S	S	F	W
○ Brown Creeper	U	U	C	C
○ House Wren	C	C	C	
○ Winter Wren	U	R	C	U
○ Marsh Wren		U		
○ Carolina Wren	U	U	U	U
○ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U	
○ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	R	C	C
○ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U
○ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C
○ Veery	U	U	U	
○ Gray-cheeked Thrush	C		C	
○ Swainson's Thrush	C		C	
○ Hermit Thrush	C	U	C	R
○ Wood Thrush	C	C	C	
○ American Robin	C	C	C	U
○ Gray Catbird	C	C	C	R
○ Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	R
○ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
○ European Starling	C	C	C	C
○ American Pipit	C		C	
○ Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U
○ Lapland Longspur				R
○ Snow Bunting				U
○ Pectoral Sandpiper	U		U	
○ Wilson's Snipe	C		C	U
○ American Woodcock	C	C	C	U
○ Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	
○ Ring-billed Gull	C	R	C	U
○ Herring Gull	C	R	C	U
○ Great Black-backed Gull	U		U	
○ Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
○ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
○ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C	C
○ Black-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C	C
○ Barn Owl	U	U	U	R
○ Eastern Screech Owl	C	C	C	C
○ Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C
○ Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
○ Long-eared Owl	U	R	U	R
○ Short-eared Owl	U	U		U
○ Northern Saw-whet Owl		R		R
○ Common Nighthawk	C	U	C	
○ Eastern Whip-poor-will		U		
○ Chimney Swift	C	C	C	
○ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C		
○ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U

About Birds and Birding

Ducks – Loons – Grebes – Herons

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