

Pocono Environmental Education Center
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Bird Checklist

The following checklist is designed to serve as an aide in keeping a tally of different avian species observed within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA). The DWGNRA and the Pocono Environmental Education Center (P.E.E.C.) welcome you to get outside and enjoy the birds. The Recreation Area offers plenty of options for birding and we hope that you will take part and enjoy what is out there.

Located inside the Kittatinny Mountains, this area is home to numerous migrants from our majestic Bald Eagles to the tiny Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

Spring is a pleasant time to enjoy the massive northern migration of songbirds, which includes a potential of seeing 20+ species of warbler. Summer is alive with many neotropical migrants establishing nests and displaying vibrant colors from the passionate red of a Scarlet Tanager to the captivating blue of the Indigo Bunting. Fall migration kicks off in August with thousands of migrating raptors flying south for the winter. Winter may be harsh, but the area provides a great chance to see some winter finches which during some years, will only migrate as far south as Northern Pennsylvania.

The seasons are broken down as such:

Spring.....March-May
Summer.....June-July
Fall.....August-October
Winter.....November-February

The following letters found on the list refer to the likelihood of finding the species in its correct habitat during that season. For information on proper habitat consult a field guide.

C.....Common.....You should see this species
U.....Uncommon.....You might see this species
R.....Rare.....You will seldom see this species

Blank species indicate insufficient data.

* - Denotes a known breeder in the DWGNRA within the previous five years of 2008

For some productive birding spots be sure to the following locations within the park:

- Freeman Tract Road
- Zimmerman's Farm
- Pocono Environmental Education Center
- Park Service Headquarters
- Raymondskill's Falls
- Eshback's Landing
- Milford Beach
- Smithfield Beach

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Bird Name	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
WATERFOWL				
Common Loon	C	R	C	U
Red-necked Grebe	R		R	
Horned Grebe	R		R	
Pied-billed Grebe	C	U	C	U
Double-crested Cormorant	R		R	
Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	U
Green Heron*	C	C	C	
Great Egret	R	U	R	
Snowy Egret	R	U	R	
Black-crowned Night Heron	U	U	U	
Least Bittern	R	R	R	
American Bittern	R		R	
Tundra Swan	R		R	
Mute Swan*	U	U	U	U
Snow Goose	U		U	
Brant	R		R	
Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
Wood Duck*	U	U	U	R
Green-winged Teal	U		U	
Blue-winged Teal	U		U	
American Black Duck*	C	U	U	U
Mallard*	C	C	C	C
Northern Pintail	U		U	
American Widgeon	U		U	
Gadwall			R	
Canvasback	R		R	
Redhead	R		R	
Ring-necked Duck	C		U	
Greater Scaup	R		R	
Lesser Scaup	R		R	
Long-tailed Duck	R		R	
Common Goldeneye	U		U	C
Bufflehead	U		U	R
Ruddy Duck	R		R	
Hooded Merganser	U		U	R
Common Merganser*	C	U	C	C
HAWKS				
Black Vulture	U	U	U	
Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	R
Osprey	U	R	U	
Bald Eagle*	C	C	C	C
Golden Eagle	R		R	
Northern Harrier	U	R	U	
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	R	C	U

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Cooper's Hawk*	U	U	C	U
Northern Goshawk	R	R	U	R
Red-shouldered Hawk*	U	U	C	U
Broad-winged Hawk*	U	C	C	
Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U
American Kestrel*	C	C	C	C
Merlin	R	R	R	
Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	
UPLAND				
Ruffed Grouse*	C	C	C	C
Ring-necked Pheasant (stocked)	U	U	U	U
Bobwhite (stocked)	U	U	U	U
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
Virginia Rail	R	R	R	
Sora	R	R	R	
Common Moorhen	R	R	R	
American Coot	U		U	R
SHOREBIRDS				
Semipalmated Plover	R		R	
Killdeer*	C	C	C	U
Greater Yellowlegs	U		U	
Lesser Yellowlegs	U		U	
Solitary Sandpiper	U		U	
Spotted Sandpiper*	C	C	C	
Least Sandpiper	U		U	
Pectoral Sandpiper	U		U	
Wilson's Snipe	C		C	
American Woodcock*	C	C	C	R
GULLS				
Herring Gull	C	U	C	U
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	R
Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	
Greater Black-backed Gull	U		U	
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	C	C	C	
Black-billed Cuckoo*	C	C	C	
OWLS				
Barn Owl	R	R	R	R
Eastern Screech Owl*	C	C	C	C
Great-horned Owl*	C	C	C	C
Barred Owl*	C	C	C	C
Long-eared Owl	U		U	R
Short-eared Owl	R		R	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U		U	



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Common Nighthawk		U		
Whip-poor-will		R		
Chimney Swift*		C		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*		C	U	
Belted Kingfisher*	C	C	C	U
WOODPECKERS				
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C
Red-headed Woodpecker*	R	R	R	R
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	R	U	U
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
FLYCATCHERS				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	R		R	
Eastern Wood Peewee*	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R		R	
Acadian Flycatcher*		U		
Alder Flycatcher	R	R		
Willow Flycatcher*		U		
Least Flycatcher*	U	U	U	
Eastern Phoebe*	C	C	C	
Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	C	
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	C	
Horned Lark	U		R	U
SWALLOWS				
Tree Swallow*	C	C	C	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	C	C	U	
Bank Swallow*	C	C	U	
Barn Swallow*	C	C	U	
Cliff Swallow*	U	U	U	
Purple Martin	U	U	U	
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
Common Raven	R	R	R	R
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow*	C	C	C	C
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Boreal Chickadee				R
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	U
Brown Creeper*	C	U	C	U
House Wren*	C	C	C	
Carolina Wren*	U	U	U	U
Marsh Wren	R	R	R	



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Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		U	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	U	U	
THRUSHES				
American Robin*	C	C	C	U
Wood Thrush*	C	C	C	
Hermit Thrush	C		C	
Swainson's Thrush	U		R	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R	
Veery*	C	C	C	
Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	U
Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	R
Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	R
American Pipit	U		U	
Cedar Waxwing*	C	C	C	U
Northern Shrike	R		R	R
Loggerhead Shrike	R		R	R
European Starling*	C	C	C	C
White-eyed Vireo	R	R	R	
Yellow-throated Vireo*	U	U	U	
Blue-headed Vireo*	U	U	U	
Warbling Vireo*	U	C	U	
Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	
Philadelphia Vireo	R		R	
WARBLERS				
Blue-winged Warbler*	C	C	C	
Golden-winged Warbler*	U	U	U	
Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)	R	R	R	
Laurence's Warbler (hybrid)	R	R	R	
Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
Orange-crowned Warbler	R		R	
Nashville Warbler	C	U	C	
Northern Parula*	C	U	C	
Yellow Warbler*	C	C	C	
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	C	U	C	
Magnolia Warbler	C	R	C	
Cape May Warbler	C		C	
Black-throated Blue Warbler*	C	R	C	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R
Black-throated Green Warbler*	C	U	C	
Blackburnian Warbler*	C	U	C	
Yellow-throated Warbler	R	R	R	
Pine Warbler	U	R	U	
Prairie Warbler*	C	C	C	
Palm Warbler	C		C	
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
Blackpoll Warbler	C		C	



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Cerulean Warbler*	U	U	U	
Black and White Warbler*	C	C	U	
American Redstart	C	C	U	
Prothonotary Warbler	R	R	R	
Worm-eating Warbler*	U	U	U	
Ovenbird*	C	C	C	
Northern Waterthrush*	U	U	U	
Louisiana Waterthrush*	U	U	U	
Kentucky Warbler	R	R	R	
Connecticut Warbler	R		R	
Mourning Warbler	R		R	
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	R
Hooded Warbler*	U	U	U	
Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
Canada Warbler	U	U	R	
Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R	R	
Summer Tanager	R		R	
Scarlet Tanager*	C	C	C	
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	C	C	C	
Blue Grosbeak	R		R	
Indigo Bunting*	C	C	C	
Eastern Towhee*	C	C	C	R
SPARROWS				
American Tree Sparrow	U		U	C
Chipping Sparrow*	C	C	C	
Field Sparrow*	C	C	C	
Vesper Sparrow*	U	U	U	
Savannah Sparrow	U	R	U	
Grasshopper Sparrow	R	R	R	
Henslow's Sparrow	R		R	
Fox Sparrow	C		C	
Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	R		R	
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	R
Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	C
Lapland Longspur	R		R	R
Snow Bunting	R		R	R
Bobolink	U	U	U	
Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	U
Eastern Meadowlark	U	C	U	U
Rusty Blackbird	U		U	R
Common Grackle*	C	C	C	R
Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	U
Orchard Oriole	U	U	U	
Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	C	
Pine Grosbeak	R			R
Purple Finch	C		U	C



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House Finch*	C	C	C	C
Red Crossbill*	R			R
White-winged Crossbill	R			R
Common Redpoll	U			U
Pine Siskin	C		U	U
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	R			R
House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C

Accidentals or Extralimitals**

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Glossy Ibis
White Ibis
Red-breasted Merganser
White-rumped Sandpiper
Dunlin
Stilt Sandpiper
Red-necked Phalarope
Black-backed Woodpecker
Western Kingbird
Carolina Chickadee
Townsend's Solitaire
Sedge Wren
Sandhill Crane

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