# 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: <u>http://www.ebird.org</u>. (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	с	С	с	C
Trumpeter Swan	r		r	r
Tundra Swan	u		u	С
Wood Duck	с	с	с	u
Blue-winged Teal	r	r	r	
Northern Shoveler	r		r	r
Gadwall	u		u	С
American Wigeon	u		u	u
Mallard	С	с	С	С
American Black Duck	u		с	С
Northern Pintail	u		r	u
Green-winged Teal	u		u	u
Canvasback	u		r	С
Redhead	u		u	с
Ring-necked Duck	С	r	u	С
Greater Scaup	r		r	u
Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
Long-tailed Duck	r		r	u
Bufflehead	С		С	С
Common Goldeneye	u		r	С
Hooded Merganser	С		С	С
Common Merganser	С	r	r	С
Red-breasted Merganser	u		r	u
Ruddy Duck	u		u	С
Grebes				
Pied-billed Grebe	С		С	С
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	С	С	С	с
Cuckoos				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	с	u	
Swifts				
Chimney Swift	u	u	С	

Hummingbirds				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	u	u	
Rails, Gallinules, and Allies		-		
American Coot	С		u	С
Shorebirds			-	
Killdeer	u	С	С	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	<b>U</b>	ŭ	ŭ	
Double-crested Cormorant	С	u	С	u
Herons, Ibis, and Allies		ŭ	•	
Great Blue Heron	С	С	С	С
Great Egret	r	u	u	u
Green Heron	u	C	u	u
White Ibis		r	4	
Vultures, Hawks, and Allies				
Black Vulture	С	u	С	С
Turkey Vulture	C	C	c	c
Osprey	u	u	u	C
Northern Harrier	r	ŭ	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	ŭ		u	4
Great Horned Owl	r		r	r
Barred Owl	u	r	r	u
Kingfishers	u	•	•	u
Belted Kingfisher	С	С	С	С
Woodpeckers		C	C C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	С	C
Downy Woodpecker	C C	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker	u	c	c	С
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Pileated Woodpecker	с	с	с	с
Northern Flicker	С	u	с	с
Falcons and Caracaras	1	1	I	
American Kestrel	u		u	r
Merlin			r	r
Tyrant Flycatchers: Pewees, Kingbirds, and Allies	1	1	<u> </u>	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	с	с	с	
Acadian Flycatcher	u	С	u	
Eastern Phoebe	с	u	с	u
Great Crested Flycatcher	с	С	u	
Eastern Kingbird	с	с	u	
Vireos	1	1	1	
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	с	с	с	
Jays, Magpies, Crows, and Ravens				
Blue Jay	с	с	с	С
American Crow	С	С	С	С
Fish Crow	с	с	с	С
Common Raven	u	r	u	u
Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice				
Carolina Chickadee	С	С	С	С
Tufted Titmouse	С	С	С	С
Martins and Swallows				
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
Purple Martin	u	u		
Tree Swallow	С	С	u	
Barn Swallow	С	С	r	
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	С
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		С	u
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r		u	u
White-breasted Nuthatch	С	С	С	С
Treecreepers				
Brown Creeper	u		u	u
Gnatcatchers				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	С	С	u	
Wrens				
House Wren	u	С	u	
Winter Wren	r		u	u
Carolina Wren	С	С	С	С

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Black-and-white Warbler	u	u	u	
Tennessee Warbler	r		r	
Nashville Warbler	r		r	
Common Yellowthroat	С	С	u	
American Redstart	u	u	С	
Cape May Warbler	r		r	
Northern Parula	u	u	u	
Magnolia Warbler	u	r	С	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r	r	r	
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Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	u	u	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	r	u	
Palm Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	С		С	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	С	С	С	С
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
Indigo Bunting	С	С	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** Veerv 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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