

## FIELD NOTES

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Species Total \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Weather \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Observer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your help is needed in keeping this list accurate and up-to-date. Please report any unlisted, endangered, threatened, or accidental birds to Dave Rieger at:

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## Some things you can do for wildlife

- **Respect the Environment**—All facets of our environment—soils, plants, animals, air, water—are interrelated in a complex system.
- **Build and Erect Bird Houses**—Artificial nest boxes provide many kinds of cavity nesting birds with places to raise their young. House wrens, house finches, bluebirds and woodpeckers are just some of the bird species which can be expected to nest in appropriately placed nest boxes.
- **Feed Birds in Winter**—Bird feeders can entice countless birds to within easy viewing distance. Cardinals, chickadees, nuthatches, goldfinches and many others can be easily attracted to your yard where they can brighten up a gloomy winter day.
- **Plant Seedlings**—Food producing plants can fulfill the food and cover needs of many kinds of animals, and beautify a lawn as well. and bluebirds are just a few of the animals being helped through this program.



## Schuylkill County Outdoor Recreation Map

### MAP FEATURES:

- FISHING & HUNTING SITES
- HIKING, BIKING, CAMPING
- BIRDWATCHING LOCATIONS
- SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

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SCHUYLKILL  
COUNTY, PA

**BIRD  
CHECKLIST**

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# Official Checklist to the Birds of Schuylkill County

This checklist contains a list of 288 birds plus two hybrids that have been identified in Schuylkill County, of which 140 have been confirmed as breeding. This list is in accordance with version 6.7 of the American Birding Association's Checklist of North American Birds.

## Seasons

**Sp**...spring.....March-May

**S**.....summer.....June-August

**F**.....fall.....September-November

(shorebirds July through October)

**W**....winter.....December-February

## Relative Seasonal Abundance

**C**-Common-should be encountered frequently, 50% of field trips or more.

**U**-Uncommon-encountered less than 50% of trips, but may not always be seen.

**O**-Occasional-hard to predict, may vary from year to year. May be present but hard to find.

**R**-Rare-seldom encountered on a yearly basis. May be several years with no sightings.

**A**-Accidental-encountered less than once every 5 years.

## Breeding Status

**cb** = common breeding bird. Can be found nesting in proper habitat.

**ub** = uncommon breeding bird. Nesting can usually be found in proper habitat, but can be hard to locate. May be present in low numbers.

**rb** = rarely seen breeding bird. Nesting has been documented relatively few times since 1983 and, in some cases, only once.

\*Note: The above frequency codes cannot be considered to be absolute.

An asterik at the end of the bird's name denotes that it is a species listed in PA as *birds of special concern*. Reasons for this status range from population decrease, habitat loss, indicator for particular habitats, and those listed by the state as either protected or endangered. Info:

<http://pgc.state.pa.us/pgc/cwp/view.asp?a=496&q=162144>

**SP S F W B**

	SP	S	F	W	B
Greater White-fronted Goose	-	-	-	a	-
Snow Goose	u	-	o	o	-
Brant	r	-	o	r	-
Canada Goose	c	c	c	c	cb
Mute Swan	u	u	u	u	ub
Tundra Swan	u	-	o	r	-
Wood Duck	c	c	c	u	cb
Gadwall	o	-	o	r	-
American Wigeon	u	r	u	u	-
American Black Duck*	c	o	c	u	rb
Mallard	c	c	c	c	cb
Blue-winged Teal	u	-	u	r	-
Northern Shoveler	o	-	o	o	-
Northern Pintail	u	-	u	r	-
Green-winged Teal*	u	r	u	o	-
Canvasback	o	-	o	r	-
Redhead	o	-	o	r	-
Ring-necked Duck	c	r	u	r	-
Greater Scaup	o	-	o	r	-
Lesser Scaup	u	-	u	o	-
Surf Scoter	r	-	r	-	-
White-winged Scoter	r	-	o	-	-
Black Scoter	r	-	o	-	-
Long-tailed Duck	o	-	o	r	-
Bufflehead	u	r	c	u	-
Common Goldeneye	u	-	u	u	-
Hooded Merganser	u	r	c	u	rb
Common Merganser	u	r	c	c	-
Red-breasted Merganser	u	-	o	r	-
Ruddy Duck*	u	r	u	o	-
Ring-necked Pheasant	o	o	o	o	ub
Ruffed Grouse	u	u	u	u	ub
Wild Turkey	c	u	c	c	cb
Northern Bobwhite*	o	o	o	o	rb
Red-throated Loon	o	-	o	r	-
Common Loon	c	r	u	o	-
Pied-billed Grebe*	u	r	o	r	rb
Horned Grebe	o	-	u	r	-
Red-necked Grebe	o	-	r	-	-
Northern Gannet	-	-	a	-	-
Double-crested Cormorant	u	r	u	r	-
Anhinga	a	-	a	-	-
American Bittern*	o	-	o	-	-
Least Bittern*	a	-	-	-	-
Great Blue Heron*	c	u	c	u	ub
Great Egret*	r	o	u	-	-
Snowy Egret	r	a	-	-	-
Little Blue Heron	-	a	a	-	-
Tricolored Heron	a	-	-	-	-
Cattle Egret	a	a	-	-	-
Green Heron	c	c	u	-	ub
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	o	r	r	-	-
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	r	-	-	-	-
White Ibis	-	-	a	-	-
Glossy Ibis	-	-	a	-	-
Black Vulture	o	u	o	o	rb
Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	u	ub
Osprey*	c	u	c	r	-
Swallow-tailed Kite	-	-	a	-	-

**SP S F W B**

	SP	S	F	W	B
Mississippi Kite	r	-	r	-	-
Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	o	rb
Northern Harrier*	u	o	c	u	rb
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	c	u	c	u	ub
Cooper's Hawk	u	o	u	o	ub
Northern Goshawk*	o	r	o	r	rb
Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	o	c	u	ub
Broad-winged Hawk*	c	u	c	-	ub
Swainson's Hawk	-	-	r	-	-
Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c	cb
Rough-legged Hawk	r	-	o	o	-
Golden Eagle*	o	-	u	u	-
American Kestrel	c	c	c	u	cb
Merlin	o	-	o	-	-
Gyrfalcon	-	-	a	-	-
Peregrine Falcon*	o	-	o	-	-
Virginia Rail*	r	r	r	-	rb
Sora*	r	r	r	-	-
Common Moorhen*	a	a	-	-	-
American Coot*	o	r	u	u	-
Sandhill Crane	a	-	a	-	-
Black-bellied Plover	-	-	r	-	-
American Golden-Plover	-	-	r	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	o	r	o	-	-
Killdeer	c	c	c	o	cb
American Avocet	-	-	a	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	-	ub
Solitary Sandpiper*	u	o	u	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	o	o	u	-	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	o	u	-	-
Upland Sandpiper*	-	a	a	-	-
Ruddy Turnstone	-	-	a	-	-
Sanderling	-	-	a	-	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	o	o	-	-
Western Sandpiper	-	-	r	-	-
Least Sandpiper	u	o	u	-	-
Baird's Sandpiper	-	-	a	-	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	r	r	o	-	-
Dunlin	o	-	o	-	-
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	a	-	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	r	-	-
Wilson's Snipe*	u	o	u	r	-
American Woodcock*	c	o	o	-	ub
Wilson's Phalarope	r	r	-	-	-
Red-necked Phalarope	a	a	-	-	-
Laughing Gull	-	a	-	a	-
Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	o	r	-
Ring-billed Gull	u	o	u	c	-
Herring Gull	u	-	o	o	-
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	a	-	-
Great Black-backed Gull	r	-	r	o	-
Sabine's Gull	-	-	a	-	-
Least Tern	-	a	-	-	-
Caspian Tern	-	a	r	-	-
Black Tern*	a	-	-	-	-
Common Tern	r	r	r	-	-
Forster's Tern	-	-	a	-	-



	SP	S	F	W	B
Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c	cb
Eurasian Collared-Dove	a	-	-	-	-
White-winged Dove	-	a	-	-	-
Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c	cb
Monk Parakeet	-	-	a	-	-
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	o	-	ub
Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	r	-	ub
Barn Owl*	o	o	o	o	rb
Eastern Screech-Owl	c	c	c	c	cb
Great Horned Owl	c	u	c	c	cb
Snowy Owl	-	-	-	r	-
Barred Owl	u	u	u	u	ub
Long-eared Owl*	r	-	-	r	-
Short-eared Owl*	a	-	r	r	-
Northern Saw-whet Owl	o	o	u	o	rb
Common Nighthawk*	u	u	u	-	ub
Chuck-will's-widow	a	-	-	-	-
Whip-poor-will*	u	u	o	-	rb
Chimney Swift*	c	u	c	-	ub
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	u	c	-	ub
Rufous Hummingbird	-	-	r	r	-
Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	u	ub
Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	r	o	r	-
Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	u	c	u	ub
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	o	u	o	rb
Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	cb
Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	ub
Black-backed Woodpecker	-	-	a	-	-
Northern Flicker	c	c	c	o	cb
Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	ub
Olive-sided Flycatcher*	o	-	o	-	-
Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	c	c	-	ub
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*	r	-	r	-	-
Acadian Flycatcher*	o	o	-	-	ub
Alder Flycatcher*	o	o	-	-	-
Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	-	-	ub
Least Flycatcher	u	u	o	-	ub
Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	r	cb
Great Crested Flycatcher	u	c	u	-	ub
Eastern Kingbird	u	c	u	-	ub
Loggerhead Shrike*	-	-	a	a	-
Northern Shrike	-	-	r	r	-
White-eyed Vireo	u	o	o	-	ub
Yellow-throated Vireo*	o	u	o	-	ub
Blue-headed Vireo*	u	u	c	-	ub
Warbling Vireo	o	o	o	-	ub
Philadelphia Vireo	r	-	o	-	-
Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	-	cb
Blue Jay	c	c	c	c	cb
American Crow	c	c	c	c	cb
Fish Crow	u	o	o	o	rb
Common Raven	u	u	u	o	ub
Horned Lark	o	o	u	u	ub
Purple Martin	u	u	o	-	ub
Tree Swallow	c	c	c	-	cb

	SP	S	F	W	B
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	o	-	ub
Bank Swallow*	u	u	o	-	ub
Cliff Swallow	o	u	o	-	ub
Barn Swallow	c	c	u	-	cb
Carolina Chickadee	r	-	r	r	-
Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c	cb
Boreal Chickadee	a	-	-	a	-
Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c	cb
Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	u	u	rb
White-breasted Nuthatch	c	u	c	c	ub
Brown Creeper	u	o	u	u	ub
Carolina Wren	c	c	c	u	cb
Bewick's Wren	-	a	-	-	-
House Wren	c	c	c	-	cb
Winter Wren*	u	o	u	o	rb
Marsh Wren*	r	r	r	-	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	o	c	u	rb
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	r	c	u	-
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	u	c	-	ub
Eastern Bluebird	c	c	u	u	cb
Townsend's Solitaire	-	-	a	-	-
Veery	u	c	u	-	ub
Gray-cheeked Thrush	o	-	r	-	-
Bicknell's Thrush	r	-	r	-	-
Swainson's Thrush*	u	r	u	a	-
Hermit thrush	u	o	c	u	ub
Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	a	cb
American Robin	c	c	c	o	cb
Gray Catbird	c	c	c	r	cb
Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	u	cb
Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	r	ub
European Starling	c	c	c	c	cb
American Pipit	u	-	u	r	-
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	a	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	c	u	u	o	ub
Blue-winged Warbler*	c	u	o	-	ub
Golden-winged Warbler*	o	o	o	-	rb
Brewster's Hybrid	r	r	-	-	-
Lawrence's Hybrid	r	-	-	-	-
Tennessee Warbler	u	r	u	-	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	a	-	r	-	-
Nashville Warbler	u	o	u	-	rb
Northern Parula	c	u	u	-	ub
Yellow Warbler	c	c	o	-	cb
Chestnut-sided Warbler	c	u	u	-	ub
Magnolia Warbler	u	u	u	-	ub
Cape May Warbler	o	-	o	-	-
Black-throated Blue Warbler*	u	u	u	-	ub
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	o	c	o	rb
Black-throated Green Warbler*	c	u	c	a	cb
Blackburnian Warbler*	u	o	u	-	ub
Yellow-throated Warbler	a	r	a	-	rb
Pine Warbler	u	u	u	r	ub
Prairie Warbler*	c	c	u	-	cb
Palm Warbler	u	-	u	r	-
Bay-breasted Warbler	u	-	u	-	-
Blackpoll Warbler*	u	-	u	-	-
Cerulean Warbler*	o	o	r	-	-

	SP	S	F	W	B
Black and White Warbler	c	u	c	-	cb
American Redstart	c	u	u	-	ub
Prothonotary Warbler*	a	a	-	-	-
Worm-eating Warbler*	u	u	o	-	ub
Ovenbird	c	c	u	-	cb
Northern Waterthrush	u	r	o	-	rb
Louisiana Waterthrush*	c	u	u	-	ub
Kentucky Warbler*	o	o	o	-	rb
Connecticut Warbler	a	-	r	-	-
Mourning Warbler	o	-	o	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	r	cb
Hooded Warbler	u	u	u	-	ub
Wilson's Warbler	u	-	u	-	-
Canada Warbler*	u	u	u	-	ub
Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u	r	-	ub
Summer Tanager*	a	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Tanager*	c	u	u	-	ub
Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	o	cb
American Tree Sparrow	o	-	o	c	-
Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	r	cb
Clay-colored Sparrow	r	-	r	-	-
Field Sparrow	c	c	u	o	cb
Vesper Sparrow	o	o	o	r	rb
Savannah Sparrow	u	u	o	r	rb
Grasshopper Sparrow*	o	o	o	-	rb
Henslow's Sparrow*	a	-	a	-	-
Fox Sparrow	u	-	u	o	-
Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c	cb
Lincoln's Sparrow	o	-	o	-	-
Swamp Sparrow	u	o	u	o	rb
White-throated Sparrow	c	r	c	c	-
White-crowned Sparrow	u	-	o	o	-
Dark-eyed Junco	u	o	c	c	ub
Lapland Longspur	-	r	o	r	-
Snow Bunting	-	-	o	o	-
Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c	cb
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c	u	o	-	ub
Blue Grosbeak	r	r	r	-	-
Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	-	cb
Dickcissel	a	-	a	-	-
Bobolink	u	u	r	-	ub
Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	u	o	cb
Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	o	ub
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	a	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	u	-	o	o	-
Brewer's Blackbird	a	-	a	-	-
Common Grackle	c	c	c	o	cb
Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	o	cb
Orchard Oriole	o	o	-	-	rb
Baltimore Oriole	c	c	u	a	ub
Pine Grosbeak	a	-	a	r	-
Purple Finch	o	r	u	o	rb
House Finch	c	c	c	c	cb
Red Crossbill*	a	-	r	r	-
White-winged Crossbill	a	-	r	r	-
Common Redpoll	-	-	r	o	-
Hoary Redpoll	-	-	a	a	-
Pine Siskin*	o	r	o	o	rb
American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c	cb
Evening Grosbeak	r	-	r	o	-
House Sparrow	c	c	c	c	cb

## Selected Schuylkill County Bird Hotspots

- Bear Creek Environmental Area, Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Rt. 895, Summit Station
- Frog Hollow Environmental Education Center, Stone Mountain Road, Friedensburg
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Dreherstown, off Rt. 895
- The Island, Schuylkill Haven, off Broadway Street Bridge
- Landingville Dam & Marsh, one mile south of Landingville
- Lebanon Reservoir, Suedberg, off Rt. 443
- Locust Lake State Park, off Rt. 54, Barnesville
- Rt. 183 Hawk Watch, summit of Blue Mountain on Schuylkill/Berks county line
- State Game Lands 308, off Rt. 924, Brandonville
- State Game Lands 80, near Rock
- State Game Lands 106, near Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
- State Game Lands 110, near Port Clinton
- State Game Lands 132, near Hegins
- State Game Lands 160, Rock, off Rt. 895
- State Game Lands 211, near Lebanon Reservoir
- State Game Lands 222, near Lewistown Valley/Hecla outside of New Ringgold
- State Game Lands 227, near Hometown
- State Game Lands 229, Tremont, off Rt. 209
- State Game Lands 257, near South Tamaqua
- State Game Lands 264, near Tower City/Sheridan
- State Game Lands 286, near Sch. Haven/Adamsdale
- Stonehedge Gardens, Inc., just off intersection of Rts. 309/443 in South Tamaqua
- Swatara State Park, Rt 443, Suedberg
- Sweet Arrow Lake County Park, off Rt. 443, Pine Grove
- Tuscarora State Park, off Rt. 309, Tamaqua

# Test your birding knowledge:

(See answers at bottom of page)



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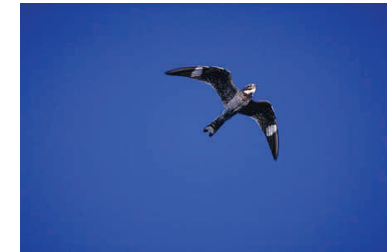
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ANSWERS: 1. Broad-winged Hawk 2. Red-eyed Vireo 3. Double-crested Cormorant 4. Green Heron 5. Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6. Black Tern 7. Cape May Warbler 8. Common Nighthawk 9. Barred owl