

Seasons

EARLY SPRING = S
March 15 *thru* April

FALL = F
SEPTEMBER *thru*
NOVEMBER

LATE SPRING = SP
May 1 *thru* JUNE 15

WINTER = W
December *thru*
MARCH 15

SUMMER = SU
June 15 *thru* AUGUST

Relative Abundance

c - Common Fairly abundant and likely to be seen in proper habitat on each visit

u - Uncommon Present in small numbers and not always seen on every visit

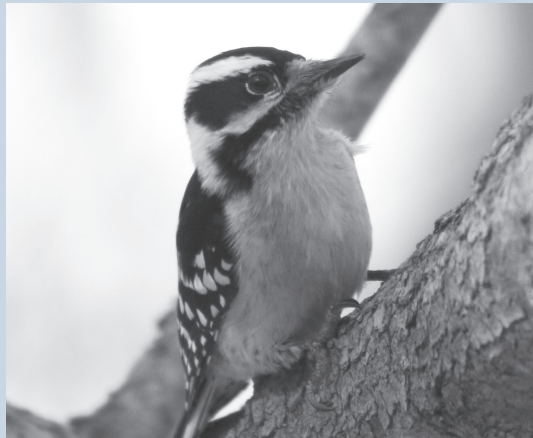
o - Occasional Occurs sporadically in proper season and habitat

r - Rare Seldom seen

*Indicates a species that nests or has nested in the park or on nearby privately-owned land.

Species in **bold print** are neotropical migrants - they spend the winter in tropical regions of South and Central America

Species in *italicized print* are species that have been introduced into North America by humans.



White Clay Creek State Park offers some of the best birding in Delaware. The park is especially known for the diversity of birds that pass through the park during spring migration from late April to late May. But the park has much to offer birders in the other three seasons as well.



The forested corridor along the creek is the place to be in spring. Warblers are the star attraction, but a host of other songbirds, raptors and other birds may also be observed. During the summer breeding season, birders may find Kentucky, Hooded, Blue-winged and Cerulean Warblers, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Scarlet Tanager and Veery, among others. Songbirds and raptors move through the park once again in the fall. While bird life is sparser in winter, birders may find irruptive finches from the far north or a Black-capped Chickadee mixed in with the resident Carolinas Chickadees. Look for Woodpeckers and nuthatches in the forest and sparrows in the fields and hedgerows.

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This checklist includes 211 species that occur in the Park fairly regularly. The list is based on the Seventh Edition of the American Ornithological Union's Checklist of North American Birds. Your sightings are crucial to helping us better understand the abundance and occurrence of birds at Delaware Seashore State Park. Report your sightings to the Nature Center or enter them into the eBird database at www.ebird.org to help us improve future checklists.

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BIRDS
of
White Clay Creek State Park

Species *Seasonal Abundance*
S Sp Su F W

| Geese, Swans and Ducks | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snow Goose | o | - | - | o | o |
| Cackling Goose | r | - | - | r | r |
| Canada Goose* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Mute Swan | r | r | r | r | r |
| Tundra Swan | r | - | - | r | r |
| Wood Duck* | r | u | u | u | r |
| Gadwall | r | - | - | r | r |
| American Wigeon | r | - | - | r | r |
| American Black Duck | u | u | u | u | u |
| Mallard* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Blue-winged Teal | o | o | - | o | - |
| Northern Shoveler | r | - | - | r | r |
| Northern Pintail | o | - | - | r | r |
| Green-winged Teal | r | - | - | r | r |
| Canvasback | r | - | - | r | r |
| Redhead | r | - | - | r | r |
| Ring-necked Duck | r | - | - | r | r |
| Lesser Scaup | r | - | - | r | r |
| Bufflehead | r | - | - | r | r |
| Common Goldeneye | r | - | - | r | r |
| Hooded Merganser | o | o | - | r | r |
| Common Merganser | r | - | - | r | r |
| Gamebirds, Loon and Grebe | | | | | |
| Northern Bobwhite | r | r | r | r | r |
| <i>Ring-necked Pheasant</i> | r | r | r | r | r |
| Wild Turkey* | o | o | o | o | o |
| Common Loon | o | o | - | o | o |
| Pied-billed Grebe | o | - | - | - | o |
| Cormorant, Herons, Egrets and Ibis | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | o | o | o | o | o |
| American Bittern | r | r | r | r | r |
| Great Blue Heron | c | c | c | c | c |
| Great Egret | - | o | o | o | - |
| Snowy Egret | - | o | o | o | - |
| Little Blue Heron | - | o | o | o | - |
| Cattle Egret | - | o | o | o | - |
| Green Heron* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | - | r | r | r | - |
| Glossy Ibis | - | o | o | o | - |
| Vultures, Hawks and Eagles | | | | | |
| Black Vulture | c | c | c | c | c |
| Turkey Vulture* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Osprey | - | u | o | u | - |
| Swallow-tailed Kite | - | r | - | - | - |
| Bald Eagle | u | u | u | u | u |
| Northern Harrier | o | - | - | o | o |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | o | o | - | o | o |

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| Cooper's Hawk* | u | u | o | u | u |
|------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Red-shouldered Hawk* | u | u | u | u | u |
| Broad-winged Hawk* | - | o | o | u | - |
| Red-tailed Hawk* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Rails, Shorebirds, Gulls and Terns | | | | | |
| Virginia Rail | r | r | r | r | r |
| American Coot | o | - | - | - | o |
| Killdeer* | u | u | u | u | u |
| Spotted Sandpiper | - | u | u | u | - |
| Solitary Sandpiper | - | u | - | u | - |
| Greater Yellowlegs | - | r | - | r | - |
| Least Sandpiper | - | r | - | r | - |
| Wilson's Snipe | o | - | - | - | o |
| American Woodcock* | o | o | r | r | r |
| Laughing Gull | - | r | r | r | - |
| Ring-billed Gull | o | o | o | o | o |
| Herring Gull | o | o | o | o | o |
| Forster's Tern | - | r | - | - | - |
| Doves, Cuckoos, Owls and Nightjars | | | | | |
| <i>Rock Pigeon*</i> | c | c | c | c | c |
| Mourning Dove* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo* | - | r | r | r | - |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | - | u | u | o | - |
| Barn Owl | r | r | r | r | r |
| Eastern Screech-Owl* | u | u | u | u | u |
| Great Horned Owl* | u | u | u | u | u |
| Barred Owl* | u | u | u | u | u |
| Long-eared Owl | r | - | - | - | r |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | - | - | - | - | r |
| Common Nighthawk | - | o | - | o | - |
| Eastern Whip-poor-will | - | r | r | r | - |
| Swift, Hummingbird, Kingfisher and Woodpeckers | | | | | |
| Chimney Swift* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Belted Kingfisher* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | - | r | - | r | - |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | u | - | - | u | u |
| Downy Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Hairy Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Northern Flicker* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Pileated Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Falcons and Flycatchers | | | | | |
| American Kestrel* | o | o | o | o | o |
| Merlin | o | o | - | o | o |
| Peregrine Falcon | r | r | r | r | r |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | - | r | - | r | - |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee* | - | c | c | c | - |

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| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | - | r | - | r | - |
|--------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Acadian Flycatcher* | - | c | c | - | - |
| Alder Flycatcher | - | r | - | r | - |
| Willow Flycatcher* | - | o | o | - | - |
| Least Flycatcher | - | o | - | o | - |
| Eastern Phoebe* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Great Crested Flycatcher* | - | c | c | o | - |
| Eastern Kingbird* | - | c | c | u | - |
| Vireos, Corvids, Horned Lark and Swallows | | | | | |
| White-eyed Vireo* | - | c | c | u | - |
| Yellow-throated Vireo* | - | u | u | o | - |
| Blue-headed Vireo | - | u | - | u | - |
| Warbling Vireo* | - | u | u | o | - |
| Philadelphia Vireo | - | - | - | r | - |
| Red-eyed Vireo* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Blue Jay* | c | c | c | c | c |
| American Crow* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Fish Crow* | u | u | u | u | u |
| Horned Lark | r | r | r | r | r |
| Purple Martin* | - | u | u | u | - |
| Tree Swallow* | r | c | c | c | r |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow* | - | u | u | u | - |
| Bank Swallow | - | o | r | o | - |
| Barn Swallow* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Tits, Nuthatches, Creeper and Wrens | | | | | |
| Carolina Chickadee* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Black-capped Chickadee | r | - | - | - | r |
| Tufted Titmouse* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | o | - | - | o | o |
| White-breasted Nuthatch* | u | u | u | u | u |
| Brown Creeper | u | - | - | u | u |
| House Wren* | r | c | c | c | r |
| Winter Wren | o | - | - | o | o |
| Marsh Wren | - | r | r | - | - |
| Carolina Wren* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Gnatcatcher, Kinglets, Thrushes and Mimids | | | | | |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* | - | c | c | u | - |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | u | - | - | u | u |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | u | - | - | u | u |
| Eastern Bluebird* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Veery* | - | c | c | u | - |
| Gray-checked Thrush | - | o | - | o | - |
| Bicknell's Thrush | - | r | - | r | - |
| Swainson's Thrush | - | o | - | o | - |
| Hermit Thrush | u | u | - | u | u |
| Wood Thrush* | - | c | c | u | - |
| American Robin* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Gray Catbird* | r | c | c | c | r |

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| Brown Thrasher* | o | c | c | c | o |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Northern Mockingbird* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Starling, Pipit, Waxwing and Warblers | | | | | |
| European Starling* | c | c | c | c | c |
| American Pipit | r | - | - | - | r |
| Cedar Waxwing* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Ovenbird* | - | c | c | u | - |
| Worm-eating Warbler | - | r | r | r | - |
| Louisiana Waterthrush* | u | u | u | u | - |
| Northern Waterthrush | - | u | - | u | - |
| Golden-winged Warbler | - | r | - | r | - |
| Blue-winged Warbler* | - | o | o | o | - |
| Black-and-white Warbler* | - | c | o | c | - |
| Prothonotary Warbler* | - | r | r | r | - |
| Tennessee Warbler | - | o | - | o | - |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | r | - | - | r | r |
| Nashville Warbler | - | o | - | o | - |
| Connecticut Warbler | - | - | - | r | - |
| Mourning Warbler | - | r | - | r | - |
| Kentucky Warbler* | - | o | o | o | - |
| Common Yellowthroat* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Hooded Warbler* | - | o | o | - | - |
| American Redstart* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Cape May Warbler | - | o | - | o | - |
| Cerulean Warbler* | - | r | r | r | - |
| Northern Parula* | - | c | u | c | - |
| Magnolia Warbler | - | c | - | c | - |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | - | u | - | u | - |
| Blackburnian Warbler | - | u | - | u | - |
| Yellow Warbler* | - | c | u | u | - |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | - | u | r | c | - |
| Blackpoll Warbler | - | c | - | c | - |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | - | c | - | c | - |
| Palm Warbler | o | u | - | u | o |
| Pine Warbler* | - | o | r | o | - |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | u | c | - | c | u |
| Yellow-throated Warbler* | - | r | r | r | - |
| Prairie Warbler* | - | u | o | u | - |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | - | c | - | c | - |
| Canada Warbler | - | u | - | u | - |
| Wilson's Warbler | - | o | - | o | - |
| Yellow-breasted Chat* | - | u | u | u | - |
| Sparrows, Tanagers | | | | | |
| Eastern Towhee* | c | c | c | c | c |
| American Tree Sparrow | r | - | - | - | r |
| Chipping Sparrow* | r | c | c | c | r |
| Field Sparrow* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Vesper Sparrow | r | - | - | r | r |
| Savannah Sparrow | u | - | - | u | u |

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| Grasshopper Sparrow | - | r | r | r | - |
|--------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fox Sparrow | o | - | - | o | o |
| Song Sparrow* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | r | - | - | r | r |
| Swamp Sparrow | r | r | r | r | r |
| White-throated Sparrow | c | - | - | c | c |
| White-crowned Sparrow | r | - | - | r | r |
| Dark-eyed Junco | c | - | - | c | c |
| Summer Tanager | - | r | r | r | - |
| Scarlet Tanager* | - | c | c | u | - |
| Cardinal, Grosbeak, Bunting and Blackbirds | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | c | c | c | c | c |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | - | c | r | c | - |
| Blue Grosbeak* | - | u | u | o | - |
| Indigo Bunting* | - | c | c | c | - |
| Bobolink | - | u | o | u | - |
| Red-winged Blackbird* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Eastern Meadowlark* | r | o | o | o | r |
| Rusty Blackbird | r | - | - | - | r |
| Common Grackle* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Brown-headed Cowbird* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Orchard Oriole* | - | c | c | u | - |
| Baltimore Oriole* | - | c | c | u | r |
| Finches and House Sparrow | | | | | |
| House Finch* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Purple Finch | u | - | - | - | u |
| Red Crossbill | - | - | - | - | r |
| White-winged Crossbill | - | - | - | - | r |
| Common Redpoll | - | - | - | - | r |
| Pine Siskin | r | | | r | r |
| American Goldfinch* | c | c | c | c | c |
| Evening Grosbeak | | | | | r |
| <i>House Sparrow*</i> | c | c | c | c | c |

