

✓	Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
	*Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
	*Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
	*Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C
	*Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<b>FLYCATCHERS - KINGBIRDS</b>					
	*Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
	*Acadian Flycatcher	U	U	U	
	Willow Flycatcher	R		R	
	Least Flycatcher	R		R	
	*Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	R
	Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	U	
	*Eastern Kingbird	C	C	U	
<b>UIREOS</b>					
	*White-eyed Vireo	O	O	O	
	*Yellow-throated Vireo	O	O	O	
	Blue-headed Vireo	U	O	O	
	*Warbling Vireo	C	U	O	
	Philadelphia Vireo	R		R	
	*Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<b>CORVIDS</b>					
	*Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
	*American Crow	C	C	C	C
	Fish Crow	O	O	O	R
<b>SWALLOWS</b>					
	Purple Martin	R	R		
	*Tree Swallow	C	C	U	
	*N. Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U	
	Bank Swallow	R		R	
	Cliff Swallow	R		R	
	*Barn Swallow	C	C	U	
<b>TITS</b>					
	*Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
	Black-capped Chickadee	O		O	O
	*Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	R
	*White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<b>CREEPERS - WRENS</b>					
	Brown Creeper	U		O	U
	*Carolina Wren	C	C	U	U
	*House Wren	C	C	U	R
	Winter Wren	U		O	U
<b>KINGLETS - GNATCATCHERS</b>					
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	O

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	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		U	U
	*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	U	U	
<b>THRUSHES - MIMIDS</b>					
	*Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	U
	Veery	O	O	O	
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R	
	Swainson's Thrush	O		O	
	Hermit Thrush	U		U	U
	*Wood Thrush	C	C	C	
	*American Robin	C	C	C	C
	*Gray Catbird	C	A	C	R
	*Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	U
	*Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	R
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
	*European Starling	C	C	C	C
<b>PIPITS - WAXWINGS</b>					
	*Cedar Waxwing	U		U	O
<b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>					
	*Blue-winged Warbler	U	U	U	
	Golden-winged Warbler	R		R	
	Tennessee Warbler	R		R	
	Orange-Crowned Warbler	R		R	R
	Nashville Warbler	R		R	
	*Northern Parula	U	U	O	
	*Yellow Warbler	U	U	U	
	*Chestnut-sided Warbler	O	R	O	
	Magnolia Warbler	O		O	
	Cape May Warbler	R		R	
	*Black-throated Blue Warbler	O		O	
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	O
	Black-throated Green Warbler	O		O	
	Blackburnian Warbler	R		R	
	Yellow-throated Warbler	R	R	R	
	*Pine Warbler	U		R	
	*Prairie Warbler	O	O	R	
	Palm Warbler	C		U	
	Bay-breasted Warbler	R		R	
	Blackpoll Warbler	O		O	
	Cerulean Warbler	R	R	R	
	*Black-and-white Warbler	U	U	U	
	*American Redstart	C	O	C	
	*Worm-eating Warbler	R	R	R	
	*Ovenbird	C	C	C	
	Northern Waterthrush	R		R	

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	Louisiana Waterthrush	O	R	R	
	*Kentucky Warbler	O	O	O	
	Mourning Warbler	R		R	
	*Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
	Hooded Warbler	R		R	
	Wilson's Warbler	R		O	
	Canada Warbler	O		O	
	Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R	R	
<b>TANAGERS - SPARROWS - GROSBEAKS</b>					
	*Scarlet Tanager	C	C	C	
	*Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	R
	American Tree Sparrow	O		O	O
	*Chipping Sparrow	C	U	U	
	*Field Sparrow	U	U	U	O
	*Savannah Sparrow	O		O	
	Fox Sparrow	O		R	
	*Song Sparrow	A	C	C	C
	*Swamp Sparrow	O		O	R
	White-throated Sparrow	C		C	A
	White-crowned Sparrow	R		R	R
	Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	A	
	*Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
	*Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	O	U	
	Blue Grosbeak	R	R		
	*Indigo Bunting	C	C	U	
<b>BLACKBIRDS - FINCHES</b>					
	*Bobolink	O	O	R	
	*Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	O
	*Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	U	U
	Rusty Blackbird	R		R	R
	*Common Grackle	C	C	C	R
	*Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	R
	*Orchard Oriole	U	O	R	
	*Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	
	Purple Finch	O		O	O
	*House Finch	C	C	C	C
	Common Redpoll	R			R
	Pine Siskin	R			O
	*American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U
	Evening Grosbeak	R			R
	*House Sparrow	O	O	O	O
<b>WRITE YOUR OWN OBSERVATIONS</b>					

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Savannah Sparrow  
 Photo by Bill Moses

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Valley Forge National Historical Park encompasses 3,500 acres of land including forest, riparian, wetland, meadow, and aquatic habitats. The diversity of habitats provides many opportunities for bird watching. The park serves as a refuge for many bird species, particularly grassland birds. Over 227 species of birds have been observed within the park. Some of the best areas to observe birds are on Mount Joy, along Valley Creek and the Schuylkill River, and in meadows throughout the park.

This checklist of birds was developed based on an inventory of birds completed by scientists from The Pennsylvania State University in 1999-2000, and on field observations by park staff, members of the Valley Forge Audubon Society, West Chester Bird Club, and volunteers over the past 30 years. The checklist describes the season these species are most likely to be observed and how abundant they are in each season. Space is provided in the left hand column for you to keep track of the species you observe during your visit.

For additional information or to report a bird species not found on the checklist please contact our staff at VAFO\_Resource\_Management@nps.gov.

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## Checklist Key

### Seasonal Status

Spring (Sp) = March-May

Summer (S) = June-August

Fall (F) = September-November

Winter (W) = December-February

### Relative Abundance

Abundant (A) = may be seen daily, in suitable habitat and season, and counted in relatively large numbers

Common (C) = may be seen daily, in suitable habitat and season, but not in large numbers

Uncommon (U) = likely to be seen monthly, in appropriate season/habitat. May be locally common

Rare (R) = present, but usually seen only a few times each year

Occasional (O) = occurs in the park at least once every few years, but not necessarily every year

\* Population reproduces in the park

**Note:** Species that are present but extremely rare in Valley Forge and are not included on the checklist are: Greater White-fronted Goose, Mute Swan, Tundra Swan, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Ruffed Grouse, Red-necked Grebe, American Bittern, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Glossy Ibis, Northern Goshawk, Golden Eagle, Merlin, Sora Rail, Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Black-billed Cuckoo, Long-eared Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, American Pipit, Prothonotary Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Dickcissel and the Pine Grosbeak.

✓	Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>WATER FOWL</b>					
	Snow Goose	R		R	O
	*Canada Goose	C	C	C	A
	*Wood Duck	C	U	U	R
	Gadwall	R		R	
	American Wigeon	R		R	R
	American Black Duck	U	R	U	C
	*Mallard	C	C	C	C
	Blue-winged Teal	R		R	
	Northern Pintail	R		R	R
	Green-winged Teal	R			R
	Canvasback	R		R	R
	Redhead	R	R		R
	Ring-necked Duck	U		R	U
	Greater Scaup	O		O	R
	Lesser Scaup	O		O	R
	Bufflehead	C		O	C
	Common Goldeneye	R		R	O
	Hooded Merganser	R		R	U
	Common Merganser	U	O	R	C
	Ruddy Duck			R	R
<b>UPLAND FOWL</b>					
	Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	
	Wild Turkey	O	O	O	O
	Northern Bobwhite	R	R	R	
<b>LOONS - GREBES - CORMORANTS</b>					
	Common Loon	O		O	R
	Pied-billed Grebe	O	R	O	U
	Horned Grebe	R		R	R
	Double-crested Cormorant	U		O	
<b>HERONS</b>					
	Great Blue Heron	U	C	C	O
	Little Blue Heron	R	R	R	
	Green Heron	U	C	U	
	Black-crowned Night Heron	R		R	
<b>VULTURES</b>					
	Black Vulture	U	U	U	O
	*Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	U
<b>HAWKS - FALCONS</b>					
	Osprey	O		O	
	Bald Eagle	O	O	O	O
	Northern Harrier	R		O	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U

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	*Coopers Hawk	U	U	U	U
	Red-shouldered Hawk	O		O	R
	Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U	
	*Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
	*American Kestrel	U	U	U	O
	Peregrine Falcon	R		R	
<b>COOTS</b>					
	American Coot	O		R	R
<b>PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS</b>					
	*Killdeer	U		U	
	Greater Yellowlegs	O		O	
	Lesser Yellowlegs	O		O	
	Spotted Sandpiper	C	O	O	
	Solitary Sandpiper	O	R	R	
	Wilson's Snipe	O			
	*American Woodcock	O			
<b>GULLS</b>					
	Ring-billed Gull	C		U	C
	Herring Gull	U		U	U
	Great Black-backed Gull	O			O
<b>PIGEONS and DOVES</b>					
	*Rock Pigeon	C	U	C	U
	*Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
	Black-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O	
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R	R	R	
<b>OWLS</b>					
	Barn Owl	R	R	R	R
	*Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U
	*Great Horned Owl	O	O	O	O
	*Barred Owl	R	R	R	R
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>					
	Common Nighthawk	R		R	
<b>SWIFTS - HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
	*Chimney Swift	C	C	C	
	*Ruby-throated Hummingbird	O	O	O	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
	*Belted Kingfisher	C	U	U	C
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
	*Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		O	U