

# 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

<b>Sp</b>	Spring	March–May
<b>S</b>	Summer	June–August
<b>F</b>	Fall	September–November
<b>W</b>	Winter	December–February

### Abundance

<b>c</b>	Common
<b>u</b>	Uncommon
<b>r</b>	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: <http://www.ebird.org>. (Accessed: September 14, 2019)

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	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Waterfowl</b>				
Snow Goose			r	r
Ross's Goose				r
Greater White-fronted Goose			r	r
Cackling Goose	r		r	u
Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
Trumpeter Swan	r		r	r
Tundra Swan	u		u	c
Wood Duck	c	c	c	u
Blue-winged Teal	r	r	r	
Northern Shoveler	r		r	r
Gadwall	u		u	c
American Wigeon	u		u	u
Mallard	c	c	c	c
American Black Duck	u		c	c
Northern Pintail	u		r	u
Green-winged Teal	u		u	u
Canvasback	u		r	c
Redhead	u		u	c
Ring-necked Duck	c	r		
Greater Scaup	r		r	u
Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
Long-tailed Duck	r		r	u
Bufflehead	c		c	c
Common Goldeneye	u		r	c
Hooded Merganser	c		c	c
Common Merganser	c	r	r	c
Red-breasted Merganser	u		r	u
Ruddy Duck	u		u	c
<b>Grebes</b>				
Pied-billed Grebe	c		c	c
Horned Grebe	u		u	u
Red-necked Grebe	u		r	r
Eared Grebe	r		r	r
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
Rock Pigeon	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
<b>Cuckoos</b>				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	c	u	
<b>Swifts</b>				
Chimney Swift	u	u	c	

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		Sp	S	F	W
<b>Hummingbirds</b>					
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	u	u	
<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Allies</b>					
	American Coot	c		u	c
<b>Shorebirds</b>					
	Killdeer	u	c	c	u
	Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
	Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
	Greater Yellowlegs	r		r	
<b>Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers</b>					
	Bonaparte's Gull	r		r	r
	Ring-billed Gull	u		u	c
	Herring Gull	r		r	u
<b>Loons</b>					
	Red-throated Loon	r	r	r	r
	Common Loon	c	u	u	u
<b>Cormorants and Anhingas</b>					
	Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	u
<b>Herons, Ibis, and Allies</b>					
	Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
	Great Egret	r	u	u	u
	Green Heron	u	c		
	White Ibis		r		
<b>Vultures, Hawks, and Allies</b>					
	Black Vulture	c	u	c	c
	Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
	Osprey	u	u	u	
	Northern Harrier	r		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
<b>Owls</b>					
	Great Horned Owl	r		r	r
	Barred Owl	u	r	r	u
<b>Kingfishers</b>					
	Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	c
<b>Woodpeckers</b>					
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
	Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
	Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c

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Hairy Woodpecker	u	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Northern Flicker	c	u	c	c
<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>				
American Kestrel	u		u	r
Merlin			r	r
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers: Pewees, Kingbirds, and Allies</b>				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	
Acadian Flycatcher	u	c	u	
Eastern Phoebe	c	u	c	u
Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	u	
Eastern Kingbird	c	c	u	
<b>Vireos</b>				
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	c	c	c	
<b>Jays, Magpies, Crows, and Ravens</b>				
Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
American Crow	c	c	c	c
Fish Crow	c	c		
Common Raven	u	r	u	u
<b>Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice</b>				
Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
<b>Martins and Swallows</b>				
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
Purple Martin	u	u		
Tree Swallow	c	c	u	
Barn Swallow	c	c	r	
<b>Kinglets</b>				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	c
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		c	u
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r		u	u
White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
<b>Treecreepers</b>				
Brown Creeper	u		u	u
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	u	
<b>Wrens</b>				
House Wren	u	c	u	

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Winter Wren	r		u	u
Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c
<b>Starlings and Mynas</b>				
European Starling	c	c	c	c
<b>Catbirds, Mockingbirds, and Thrashers</b>				
Gray Catbird	c	c	c	u
Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	r
Northern Mockingbird	c	u	c	c
<b>Thrushes</b>				
Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c
Swainson's Thrush	r	u	u	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
Wood Thrush	c	u	u	
American Robin	c	c	c	c
<b>Waxwings</b>				
Cedar Waxwing	u	u	c	u
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
House Sparrow	u	u	u	u
<b>Finches, Euphonias, and Allies</b>				
House Finch	c	c	c	c
Purple Finch	u		u	r
Common Redpoll				
Pine Siskin	u		r	u
American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c
<b>New World Sparrows</b>				
Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	r
Field Sparrow	c	u	u	u
American Tree Sparrow	r		r	r
Fox Sparrow	r		u	u
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
White-crowned Sparrow	r		u	u
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
Savannah Sparrow	r		r	r
Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	u
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>				
Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u		
<b>Blackbirds</b>				
Orchard Oriole	u	u		
Baltimore Oriole	c	u	u	
Red-winged Blackbird	c	u	u	u
Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	u

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Rusty Blackbird	r		r	r
Common Grackle	c	c	u	r
<b>Wood-Warblers</b>				
Ovenbird	u	u	u	
Louisiana Waterthrush	r	r		
Black-and-white Warbler	u	u	u	
Tennessee Warbler	r		r	
Nashville Warbler	r		r	
Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	
American Redstart	u	u	c	
Cape May Warbler	r		r	
Northern Parula	u	u	u	
Magnolia Warbler	u	r	c	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r	r	r	
Blackburnian Warbler	r	u	u	
Yellow Warbler	u	u		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	u	u	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	r	u	
Palm Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	u
Prairie Warbler	u			
Black-throated Green Warbler	u	r	u	
Canada Warbler	r	r	r	
<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</b>				
Scarlet Tanager	u	u	u	
Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
Indigo Bunting	c	c	u	

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**Species observed only once  
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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  
Veery  
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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