

The 142-acre Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve provides abundant food and shelter to an astounding variety of birds, both resident and migratory, attracted to one or more of its five distinct habitats: tidal wetlands, riparian forest, creek and bay, wildflower meadow, and brackish lake. Bald eagles nest in the forest, and Eastern bluebirds rear young in the nesting boxes in the meadow. Waterfowl dive in the lake, and herons wade in the salt marsh. All the while, ospreys, hawks, and falcons fly in from the Bay to search for easy prey. Whatever the season, birdsongs fill the air.

Because of its value to wildlife and visiting humans, the preserve is included in the National Park Service's Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network and is an attraction on Virginia's new Birding and Wildlife Trail, developed by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Please visit often and support Hoffler Creek Wildlife Foundation, the non-profit organization responsible for the operation and maintenance of this very special place.

The data represented in this checklist is based on at least one survey at the preserve each month for five years. An X indicates the species was observed at least once during that season.

SEASONS

Spring (SP) (April, May, & June)

Summer (S) (July, August, & September)

Fall (F) (October, November, & December)

Winter (W) (January, February, & March)

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	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
__ LOON, Red-throated	X				__ HAWK, Sharp-shinned	X	X	X	X	__ Forester's	X			
__ GREBE, Pied-billed	X	X	X	X	__ Cooper's	X	X	X		__ Least	X	X		
__ Horned	X		X	X	__ Red-shouldered		X			__ SKIMMER, Black	X			
__ Red-necked	X				__ Broad-winged	X	X	X	X	__ DOVE, Rock	X	X	X	X
__ Eared	X				__ Red-tailed	X	X	X	X	__ Mourning	X	X	X	X
__ PELICAN, Brown	X	X	X		__ KESTREL, American	X				__ CUCKOO, Black-billed	X			
__ CORMORANT, Double-crested	X	X	X	X	__ MERLIN		X	X		__ Yellow-billed	X	X		
__ ANHINGA			X	X	__ FALCON, Peregrine		X	X		__ SCREECH-OWL, Eastern	X		X	X
__ HERON, Great Blue	X	X	X	X	__ BOBWHITE, Northern	X	X			__ OWL, Great Horned	X	X	X	X
__ Little Blue	X				__ RAIL, Clapper	X	X	X		__ Barred	X			
__ Tricolored	X	X			__ King		X			__ NIGHTHAWK, Common		X		
__ Green	X	X			__ Virginia	X				__ SWIFT, Chimney	X	X	X	
__ EGRET, Great	X	X	X	X	__ COOT, American	X	X			__ HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated	X	X		
__ Snowy	X	X	X		__ PLOVER, Black-bellied	X				__ KINGFISHER, Belted	X	X	X	X
__ NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned		X		X	__ Wilson's	X	X			__ WOODPECKER, Red-headed			X	X
__ Yellow-crowned		X	X		__ Semipalmated	X				__ Red-bellied	X	X	X	X
__ VULTURE, Black	X			X	__ KILLDEER	X	X	X		__ Downy	X	X	X	X
__ Turkey	X	X	X	X	__ YELLOWLEGS, Greater	X			X	__ Hairy	X	X	X	X
__ GOOSE, Canada	X	X	X	X	__ Lesser	X				__ Pileated	X	X	X	X
__ SWAN, Tundra	X	X			__ WILLET	X	X			__ SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied				X
__ DUCK, Wood	X	X	X		__ SANDERLING	X				__ FLICKER, Northern	X	X	X	X
__ American Black	X	X	X	X	__ SANDPIPER, Spotted	X	X	X		__ WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern	X	X	X	
__ Ring-necked	X	X	X	X	__ Semipalmated	X				__ FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied		X	X	
__ Ruddy	X		X	X	__ Western	X		X		__ Least		X	X	
__ GADWALL	X		X	X	__ Least	X				__ PHOEBE, Eastern			X	X
__ WIGEON, American	X		X	X	__ White-rumped	X				__ FLYCATCHER, Great-crested	X	X		
__ Eurasian				X	__ Solitary	X				__ KINGBIRD, Eastern	X	X		
__ MALLARD	X	X	X	X	__ DUNLIN	X		X		__ VIREO, White-eyed	X	X	X	
__ TEAL, Blue-winged	X		X		__ RUFF	X				__ Yellow-throated	X	X		
__ Green-winged	X		X	X	__ DOWITCHER, Short-billed	X				__ Blue-headed	X		X	X
__ SHOVELER, Northern	X	X			__ Long-billed	X				__ Warbling	X	X		
__ PINTAIL, Northern	X	X			__ SNIPE, Common	X				__ Philadelphia	X	X		
__ REDHEAD				X	__ WOOD COCK, American			X	X	__ Red-eyed	X	X	X	
__ SCAUP, Greater		X			__ GULL, Laughing	X	X	X	X	__ JAY, Blue	X	X	X	X
__ Lesser	X		X	X	__ Bonaparte's	X				__ CROW, American	X	X	X	X
__ BUFFLEHEAD	X		X	X	__ Ring-billed	X	X	X	X	__ Fish	X	X	X	X
__ GOLDENEYE, Common	X				__ Herring	X	X	X	X	__ MARTIN, Purple	X	X	X	
__ MERGANSER, Hooded	X		X	X	__ Great Black-backed	X	X	X	X	__ SWALLOW, Tree	X	X	X	X
__ Red-breasted	X	X	X		__ KITTIWAKE, Black-legged	X				__ Northern Rough-winged	X	X		
__ Common	X				__ TERN, Gull-billed	X	X			__ Cliff	X			
__ OSPREY	X	X	X	X	__ Caspian		X			__ SWALLOW, Barn	X	X		
__ EAGLE, Bald	X	X	X	X	__ Royal		X	X		__ CHICKADEE, Carolina	X	X	X	X
__ HARRIER, Northern	X		X	X	__ Common	X	X			__ TITMOUSE, Tufted	X	X	X	X

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__ NUTHATCH, Red-Breasted			X	X
__ White-breasted	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed	X		X	X
__ CREEPER, Brown	X		X	X
__ WREN, Carolina	X	X	X	X
__ House	X	X	X	X
__ Winter	X		X	X
__ Sedge		X		
__ Marsh	X	X		
__ KINGLET, Golden-crowned	X		X	X
__ Ruby-crowned	X	X	X	X
__ GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray	X	X		
__ BLUEBIRD, Eastern	X	X		X
__ VEERY		X		
__ THRUSH, Gray-cheeked	X	X	X	
__ Swanson's	X	X		
__ Hermit	X	X	X	X
__ Wood	X	X		
__ ROBIN, American	X	X	X	X
__ CATBIRD, Gray	X	X	X	X
__ MOCKINGBIRD, Northern	X	X	X	X
__ THRASHER, Brown	X	X	X	X
__ STARLING, European	X	X	X	X
__ WAXWING, Cedar	X		X	X
__ WARBLER, Blue-winged		X		
__ Tennessee	X	X		
__ Nashville		X	X	
__ Orange-crowned	X			X
__ Yellow	X	X		
__ Chestnut-sided		X		
__ Magnolia	X	X	X	
__ Cape May		X		
__ Black-throated Blue	X	X	X	
__ Yellow-rumped	X	X	X	X
__ Black-throated Green	X	X		
__ Blackburnian		X		
__ Yellow-throated	X	X	X	
__ Pine	X	X	X	X
__ Prairie	X	X	X	
__ Palm	X		X	
__ Bay-breasted		X		
__ Blackpoll	X			
__ Black-and-white	X	X	X	

	SP	S	F	W
__ Prothonotary			X	
__ Worm-eating			X	
__ Kentucky			X	X
__ Connecticut	X	X	X	
__ Mourning		X	X	
__ Hooded	X			
__ Wilson's		X		
__ Canada		X		
__ Hooded	X			
__ REDSTART, American	X	X	X	
__ OVENBIRD	X	X	X	
__ WATERTHRUSH, Northern		X		
__ Louisiana		X		
__ YELLOWTHROAT, Common	X	X	X	X
__ CHAT, Yellow-breasted	X			
__ TANAGER, Summer	X		X	
__ Scarlet		X		
__ TOWHEE, Eastern	X	X	X	X
__ SPARROW, Chipping	X		X	X
__ Savannah		X		
__ Fox		X	X	
__ Song	X	X	X	X
__ Swamp	X		X	X
__ White-throated	X		X	X
__ JUNCO, Dark-eyed	X		X	X
__ CARDINAL, Northern	X	X	X	X
__ GROSSBEAK, Rose,breasted			X	
__ Blue	X	X		
__ BUNTING, Indigo	X	X		
__ BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	X	X	X	X
__ Rusty	X	X	X	X
__ GRACKLE, Common	X	X	X	X
__ Boat-tailed	X	X	X	X
__ COWBIRD, Brown-headed	X	X	X	X
__ ORIOLE, Orchard	X	X		
__ Baltimore	X	X		
__ FINCH, House	X	X		
__ SISKIN, Pine			X	
__ GOLDFINCH, American	X	X	X	X
__ SPARROW, House	X	X	X	
__ SPOONBILL, Roseate		X		
__ IBIS, White		X		

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Bird Checklist