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Bird Checklist



Welcome to

Natural Lands Trust's Stroud Preserve! This 571-acre property is a rolling mosaic of once pastured grasslands, working farmlands, wetlands, and woodlands that provides diverse habitats for a variety of birds and other wildlife... habitats that are preserved forever.

But protecting land from future development is only the first step in conservation; we must actively care for the lands we own as well. At Stroud and many of our other 40+ preserves, our land managers employ a range of stewardship techniques to improve habitat for birds and other wildlife. Such projects include creation of new wetland areas to enhance biodiversity, reforestation of former farm fields, and use of prescribed fire to regenerate grasslands and wildflower meadows.

This checklist was developed to help you identify the birds you are likely to see at Stroud. The list includes 120 species that have been observed at the preserve and notes their general seasonal occur-

rence. It was compiled based on nearly 8,000 sightings made over a 12-year period.

You may want to check off birds you observe over the course of several visits. It's a great way to uncover the seasonal rhythms of the preserve. Happy birding!

Our thanks to volunteer Jim McVoy for compiling this list.

We invite you to contribute your own bird sightings to our database. Please email them to sightings@natlands.org.

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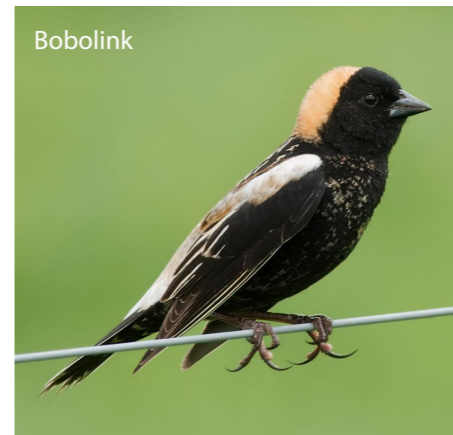
Population:

- A** – Abundant: almost certain to be seen and very numerous
- C** – Common: likely to be seen in suitable habitat but not in large numbers
- U** – Uncommon: present in suitable habitat but might be seen infrequently
- O** – Occasional: seen only a few times each season
- R** – Rare: seen only once or twice in a span of several years
- *** – birds known to nest on or near the preserve

Seasonal Occurrence:

- Sp** – Spring: March through May
- Su** – Summer: June through August
- F** – Fall: September through November
- W** – Winter: December through February
(Seasons noted are approximate)

Bobolink



✓	Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W
GREBES					
	Pied-billed Grebe				O
CORMORANTS					
	Double-crested Cormorant	O		O	
BITTERNS AND HERONS					
	Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	U
	Great Egret	U	U		
	Green Heron	U	C	C	
VULTURES					
	Black Vulture	U	U	U	
	Turkey Vulture	A	A	A	C
SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS					
	Mute Swan	O			
	Snow Goose	O			
	Canada Goose*	C	C	A	C
	Wood Duck*	C	U	C	
	Mallard*	A	A	C	U
	American Black Duck	O			O
	Ring-necked Duck	O			O
	Hooded Merganser				O
	Common Merganser	O			
	Ruddy Duck			O	
KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS					
	Osprey	O			
	Bald Eagle	R			
	Northern Harrier	U		R	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	R
	Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U
	Red-shouldered Hawk		O		
	Broad-winged Hawk	O		O	
	Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	U
FALCONS					
	American Kestrel	U		U	U
	Merlin	R			
PHEASANTS, TURKEYS, AND QUAIL					
	Ring-necked Pheasant	O			
	Northern Bobwhite		O		
PLOVERS					
	Killdeer	O			
SANDPIPERS					
	Solitary Sandpiper	R			

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	Spotted Sandpiper	R	R		
	Pectoral Sandpiper			R	
GULLS AND TERNS					
	Ring-billed Gull	U			U
	Herring Gull	R			
	Common Tern	R			
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
	Rock Dove	C	C	C	U
	Mourning Dove*	C	A	A	C
CUCKOOS					
	Black-billed Cuckoo		O	O	
OWLS					
	Great Horned Owl*	O			
GOATSUCKERS					
	Common Nighthawk	O		O	
SWIFTS					
	Chimney Swift	O	C	A	
HUMMINGBIRDS					
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird		O		
KINGFISHERS					
	Belted Kingfisher*	C	C	C	C
WOODPECKERS					
	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
	Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
	Hairy Woodpecker*	O		O	
	Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C
	Pileated Woodpecker*	O			
FLYCATCHERS					
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	C		
	Acadian Flycatcher	C	C	U	
	Willow Flycatcher*	U	C	U	
	Least Flycatcher	U		U	
	Eastern Phoebe*	C	C	C	
	Great Crested Flycatcher	R			
	Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	U	
VIREOS					
	White-eyed Vireo*	O			
	Warbling Vireo*	C	C		
	Red-eyed Vireo*	U	C		
JAYS AND CROWS					
	Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C

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	American Crow*	C	C	A	C
SWALLOWS					
	Tree Swallow*	A	A	A	
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	C	C		
	Barn Swallow*	C	A	C	
TITMICE AND CHICKADEES					
	Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
	Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
NUTHATCHES					
	White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
CREEPERS					
	Brown Creeper	R	R	R	R
WRENS					
	Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C
	House Wren*	C	C		
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS					
	Golden-crowned Kinglet			U	
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	O		
THRUSHES					
	Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	U
	Veery*		U		
	Hermit Thrush			U	
	Wood Thrush*	C	C		
	American Robin*	A	A	C	U
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS					
	Gray Catbird*	C	A	C	
	Northern Mockingbird*	C	A	C	C
	Brown Thrasher*	C	U	O	
STARLINGS					
	European Starling*	A	A	A	A
WAXWINGS					
	Cedar Waxwing*	U	C	U	
WARBLERS					
	Blue-winged Warbler	O		O	
	Tennessee Warbler	R		R	
	Nashville Warbler	R			
	Northern Parula	O	O	O	
	Yellow Warbler*	C	C	U	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	O			
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	U		U	

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	Black-throated Green Warbler	O			
	Pine Warbler	O			
	Prairie Warbler	O		O	
	Palm Warbler	O		O	
	Black-and-white Warbler	O			
	American Redstart	O		O	
	Ovenbird	O	U	O	
	Louisiana Waterthrush	O			
	Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	
	Canada Warbler	O		O	
TANAGERS					
	Scarlet Tanager*	U	U		
SPARROWS					
	Eastern Towhee*	C	C	C	
	American Tree Sparrow				O
	Chipping Sparrow*	C	C		
	Field Sparrow*	U	U	U	
	Savannah Sparrow	U			
	Fox Sparrow	R			
	Song Sparrow*	C	A	C	C
	Swamp Sparrow	O		O	
	White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
	White-crowned Sparrow			O	
	Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	Q
CARDINALS AND GROSBEAKS					
	Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
	Blue Grosbeak		O		
	Indigo Bunting		C		
BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES					
	Bobolink*	C	A	U	
	Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A		O
	Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C		
	Common Grackle*	C	A	O	O
	Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	U
	Orchard Oriole*	U	C		
	Baltimore Oriole*	C	U		
FINCHES					
	House Finch*	U	U	C	O
	American Goldfinch*	C	A	A	C
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
	House Sparrow*	O	C	O	