Birds of Duke Forest

Date	Observer(s)
Locations	

Species	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Great Blue Heron*	0	r	0	0
Great Egret	vr	r	r	
Green Heron*		0		
Black Vulture*	u	u	fc	fc
Turkey Vulture*	С	С	С	С
Canada Goose°	С	С	С	С
Wood Duck*	0	0	r	r
Mallard*	0	0	0	0
Osprey*	r		0	
Bald Eagle*	r		r	vr
Northern Harrier	r		r	vr
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	0	r	u	u
Cooper's Hawk*	0	r	0	0
Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	u	u	u
Broad-winged Hawk*	0	r	0	
Red-tailed Hawk*	fc	fc	fc	fc
American Kestrel*	0		0	u
Merlin	vr		r	vr
Wild Turkey*	0	0	0	0
Northern Bobwhite°	r	r	r	r
Killdeer*	0	0	0	0
Solitary Sandpiper	r		r	
Spotted Sandpiper	r		r	
American Woodcock°	0	r	r	u
Ring-billed Gull	u			fc
Herring Gull	r			0
Rock Dove*	0	0	0	0
Mourning Dove°	С	С	С	С
Yellow-billed Cuckoo°	u	u	u	
Eastern Screech-Owl°	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl°	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl°	u	u	u	u
Common Nighthawk*			0	
Chuck-will's-widow*	r	r		
 Whip-poor-will°	u	u		
Chimney Swift*	С	С	С	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird°	fc	fc	0	
Belted Kingfisher*	0	0	0	0
Red-headed Woodpecker*	0	0	0	0
Red-bellied Woodpecker°	С	С	С	С
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0		0	fc
Downy Woodpecker°	fc	fc	С	С
Hairy Woodpecker°	u	u	u	u
N. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker°	fc	fc	С	С
Pileated Woodpecker°	u	u	u	u

Eastern Wood-Pewee°	fc	fc	u	
Acadian Flycatcher°	fc	fc	r	
Least Flycatcher	vr	10	vr	
Eastern Phoebe*	fc	fc	fc	u
Great Crested Flycatcher°	fc	fc	r	u
Eastern Kingbird*	0	0	r	
White-eyed Vireo°	_			
Blue-headed Vireo°	fc o	fc o	u u	0
Yellow-throated Vireo*				0
Red-eyed Vireo°	0	0	0	
	С	С	fc	
Blue Jay°	С	С	С	С
American Crow°	С	С	С	С
Fish Crow*	0	0	0	vr
Purple Martin*	0	0		
Tree Swallow*	0		0	
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	0	
Bank Swallow	r		r	
Cliff Swallow	r		r	
Barn Swallow*	u	fc	0	
Carolina Chickadee°	С	С	С	С
Tufted Titmouse°	С	С	С	С
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r		r	r
White-breasted Nuthatch°	u	u	fc	fc
Brown-headed Nuthatch°	fc	fc	fc	fc
Brown Creeper	r		r	u
Carolina Wren°	С	С	С	С
House Wren*	0	0	0	r
Winter Wren	r		r	u
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher°	fc	С	fc	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	r		r	С
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	С
Eastern Bluebird°	fc	fc	fc	fc
Veery	0		0	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
Swainson's Thrush	0		0	
Hermit Thrush	0		r	fc
Wood Thrush°	fc	С	fc	
American Robin°	С	С	С	С
Gray Catbird°	u	fc	u	
Northern Mockingbird°	fc	fc	fc	fc
Brown Thrasher°	fc	fc	fc	u
European Starling°	С	С	С	С
Cedar Waxwing*	fc	vr	0	С
Blue-winged Warbler	0	\ \frac{1}{1}	0	
Golden-winged Warbler	vr		r	
Tennessee Warbler	vr		0	
Orange-crowned Warbler	vr		r	
Nashville Warbler				
•	vr	f	0 fo	
Northern Parula° Yellow Warbler	fc	fc	fc	
-	0		0	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	0		0	
Magnolia Warbler	0		u	
Cape May Warbler	r		0	

Black-throated Blue Warbler			- 11	
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler	u c		u o	С
Black-thr. Green Warbler	r		0	U
Blackburnian Warbler	r		0	
Yellow-throated Warbler*	0	_	0	
Pine Warbler°		0		_
Prairie Warbler°	c u	c u	C 0	С
Palm Warbler	0	u	0	r
Bay-breasted Warbler	r			-
Blackpoll Warbler			0	
Black-and-white Warbler*	u	-	0	
American Redstart*	u fc	r	u fc	
Prothonotary Warbler*		r		
	0	0	r	
Worm-eating Warbler Ovenbird°	r		0	
	С	С	0	
Northern Waterthrush	u		0	
Louisiana Waterthrush°	u	u	r	
Kentucky Warbler*	0	0	r	
Common Yellowthroat° Hooded Warbler°	fc	fc	u	
	fc	fc	0	
Wilson's Warbler	vr		r	
Canada Warbler	r		0	
Yellow-breasted Chat°	u	u	r	
Summer Tanager°	u	С	u	
Scarlet Tanager°	u	0	u	
Eastern Towhee°	С	C	C	C
Chipping Sparrow°	fc	fc	fc	fc
Field Sparrow°	fc	fc	fc	fc
Vesper Sparrow	r		r	
Savannah Sparrow	0		0	0
Grasshopper Sparrow*	r		vr	
Fox Sparrow	r			u
Song Sparrow*	fc	r	u	c
Swamp Sparrow	u		0	fc
White-throated Sparrow	С		u	С
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	u		u	С
Northern Cardinal®	С	С	С	С
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	0	-	0	
Blue Grosbeak°	u	fc	u	
Indigo Bunting°	fc	С	fc	
Red-winged Blackbird*	С	u	С	С
Eastern Meadowlark°	u	u	u	u
Rusty Blackbird	r			r
Common Grackle°	С	С	С	С
Brown-headed Cowbird°	fc	С	fc	r
Orchard Oriole*	0	0	r	
Baltimore Oriole	0		0	
Purple Finch	r		r	0
House Finch°	fc	fc	fc	fc
Pine Siskin	r		r	0
American Goldfinch°	С	С	С	С
Evening Grosbeak House Sparrow*	r r	r	r	o r

Abundance Codes

Code		Description
С	common	always present and easy to find in
		appropriate habitat, or not always
		present but found in very large
		numbers when present
fc	fairly	usually present and seen most days in
	common	appropriate habitat
u	uncommon	usually present but not seen most days
O	occasional	may be present but not seen most
		weeks
r	rare	may be present but not detected most
		years
vr	very rare	not present most years

[°] known to breed in Duke Forest

Sp=Spring, mid-March through May Su=Summer, June to mid-August Fa=Fall, mid-August through October Wi=Winter, November to mid-March

Notes

Abundance codes indicate likelihood of seeing a given species in the proper habitat at the proper time of year, however, some species are irregular in certain seasons, particularly winter. For example, Common Grackle is "common" in winter on average, but may be conspicuously absent in some winters while abundant in others.

Also, some species may be relatively common in surrounding areas but, due to habitat restrictions, are not likely to be seen in Duke Forest (e.g., many species of waterfowl or species found in large fields).

In addition, some species may be seen rarely as "flyovers," for example Common Loon in migration.

Data used to compile this checklist come from the authors' personal sightings, sightings published in The Chat and The Bulletin of the Chapel Hill Bird Club, and posted on the Carolinabirds e-mail group.

For the full Triangle Area Bird Checklist, see http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook/chbc

Duke Forest Web Site http://www.env.duke.edu/forest

Rare Possibilities Not Expected in Duke Forest

Water birds possible on ponds or flying overhead

Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant*
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Hooded Merganser

Very rare land birds

Peregrine Falcon Black-billed Cuckoo Olive-sided Flycatcher Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Sedge Wren Marsh Wren Philadelphia Vireo Loggerhead Shrike* Cerulean Warbler Connecticut Warbler Swainson's Warbler White-crowned Sparrow

Accidentals Dates Mississippi Kite 9/19/95, 10/5/95 Swainson's Hawk 12/4/1995 Golden Eagle 9/28/1995 Yellow Rail 9/1/1995 N. Saw-whet Owl 1/7/1970 Rufous Hummingbird 1/24/01-4/4/01

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Downy Woodpecker by Louis Agassiz Fuertes, 1901

Field Notes			

^{*} breeds in surrounding areas but not confirmed in Duke Forest