



# Schuylkill County, PA Bird Checklist



This checklist contains a list of 287 birds plus 2 hybrids that have been identified in Schuylkill County, of which 140 have been confirmed as breeding. This list is in accordance with version 6.7 of the American Birding Association's Checklist of North American Birds.



Golden-winged Warbler



Eastern Bluebird



Scarlet Tanager

## Seasons

**Sp** = spring: March-May

**S** = summer: June-August

**F** = fall: September-November (shorebirds July through October)

**W** = winter: December-February

## Relative Seasonal Abundance

**C** = Common - encountered frequently, 50% of field trips or more.

**U** = Uncommon - encountered less than 50% of trips, but may not always be seen.

**O** = Occasional - hard to predict, may vary from year to year. May be present but hard to find.

**R** = Rare - seldom encountered on a yearly basis. May be several years with no sightings.

**A** = Accidental - encountered less than once every 5 years.

## Breeding Status

**cb** = common breeding bird. Can be found nesting in proper habitat.

**ub** = uncommon breeding bird. Nesting can usually be found in proper habitat, but can be hard to locate. May be present in low numbers.

**rb** = rarely seen breeding bird. Nesting has been documented relatively few times since 1983 and, in some cases, only once.

\*Note: The above frequency codes cannot be considered to be absolute.

\*Species marked with an asterisk are listed as in Pennsylvania as birds of special concern. Reasons for this status range from population decrease, habitat loss, indicator for particular habitats, and those listed by the state as either protected or endangered.

For further details, please visit the following link:

<http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/pgc/cwp/view.asp?a=496&q=162144>

	SP	S	F	W	B
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	-	-	-	a	-
__ Snow Goose	u	-	o	o	-
__ Brant	r	-	o	r	-
__ Canada Goose	c	c	c	c	cb
__ Mute Swan	u	u	u	u	ub
__ Tundra Swan	u	-	o	r	-
__ Wood Duck	c	c	c	u	cb
__ Gadwall	o	-	o	r	-
__ American Wigeon	u	r	u	u	-
__ American Black Duck*	c	o	c	u	rb
__ Mallard	c	c	c	c	cb
__ Blue-winged Teal	u	-	u	r	-
__ Northern Shoveler	o	-	o	o	-
__ Northern Pintail	u	-	u	r	-
__ Green-winged Teal*	u	r	u	o	-
__ Canvasback	o	-	o	r	-
__ Redhead	o	-	o	r	-
__ Ring-necked Duck	c	r	u	r	-
__ Greater Scaup	o	-	o	r	-
__ Lesser Scaup	u	-	u	o	-

	SP	S	F	W	B
__ Surf Scoter	r	-	r	-	-
__ White-winged Scoter	r	-	o	-	-
__ Black Scoter	r	-	o	-	-
__ Long-tailed Duck	o	-	o	r	-
__ Bufflehead	u	-	c	u	-
__ Common Goldeneye	u	-	u	u	-
__ Hooded Merganser	u	r	c	u	rb
__ Common Merganser	u	r	c	c	-
__ Red-breasted Merganser	u	-	o	r	-
__ Ruddy Duck*	u	r	u	o	-
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	o	o	o	o	ub
__ Ruffed Grouse	u	u	u	u	ub
__ Wild Turkey	c	u	c	c	cb
__ Northern Bobwhite*	o	o	o	o	ub
__ Red-throated Loon	o	-	o	r	-
__ Common Loon	c	r	u	o	-



__Pied-billed Grebe*	u	r	o	r	rb
__Horned Grebe	o	-	u	r	-
__Red-necked Grebe	o	-	r	-	-
__Northern Gannet	-	-	a	-	-
__Double-crested Cormorant	u	r	u	r	-
__Anhinga	a	-	a	-	-
__American Bittern*	o	-	o	-	-
__Least Bittern*	a	-	-	-	-
__Great Blue Heron*	c	u	c	u	ub
__Great Egret*	r	o	u	-	-
__Snowy Egret	r	r	-	-	-
__Little Blue Heron	-	a	a	-	-
__Tri-colored Heron	a	-	-	-	-
__Cattle Egret	a	a	-	-	-
__Green Heron	c	c	u	-	ub
__Black.-crowned Night-Heron*	o	r	r	-	-
__Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	r	-	-	-	-
__White Ibis	-	-	a	-	-
__Glossy Ibis	-	-	a	-	-
__Black Vulture	o	u	o	o	rb
__Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	u	ub
__Osprey*	c	u	c	r	-
__Swallow-tailed Kite	-	a	-	-	-
__Mississippi Kite	a	-	a	-	-
__Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	o	-
__Northern Harrier*	u	o	c	u	ub
__Sharp-shinned Hawk*	c	u	c	u	ub
__Cooper's Hawk	u	o	u	o	ub
__Northern Goshawk*	o	r	o	r	rb
__Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	o	c	u	ub
__Broad-winged Hawk*	c	u	c	-	ub
__Swainson's Hawk	-	-	r	-	-
__Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c	cb
__Rough-legged Hawk	r	-	o	o	-
__Golden Eagle*	o	-	u	u	-
__American Kestrel	c	c	c	u	cb
__Merlin	o	-	o	-	-
__Gyr Falcon	-	-	a	-	-
__Peregrine Falcon*	o	-	o	-	-
__Virginia Rail*	r	r	r	-	rb
__Sora*	r	r	r	-	-
__Common Moorhen*	a	a	-	-	-
__American Coot*	o	r	u	u	-

__Sandhill Crane	a	-	a	-	-
__Black-bellied Plover	-	-	r	-	-
__American Golden Plover	-	-	r	-	-
__Semipalmated Plover	o	r	o	-	-
__Killdeer	c	c	c	o	cb
__American Avocet	-	-	a	-	-
__Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	-	ub
__Solitary Sandpiper*	u	o	u	-	-
__Greater Yellowlegs	o	o	u	-	-
__Lesser Yellowlegs	u	o	u	-	-
__Upland Sandpiper*	-	a	a	-	-
__Ruddy Turnstone	-	-	a	-	-
__Sanderling	-	-	a	-	-
__Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	o	o	-	-
__Western Sandpiper	-	-	r	-	-
__Least Sandpiper	u	o	u	-	-
__Baird's Sandpiper	-	-	a	-	-
__Pectoral Sandpiper	r	r	o	-	-
__Dunlin	o	-	o	-	-
__Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	a	-	-
__Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	r	-	-
__Wilson's Snipe*	u	o	u	r	-
__American Woodcock*	c	o	o	-	ub
__Wilson's Phalarope	r	r	-	-	-
__Red-necked Phalarope	a	a	-	-	-
__Laughing Gull	-	a	-	a	-
__Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	o	r	-
__Ring-billed Gull	u	-	o	o	-
__Herring Gull	u	o	u	c	-
__Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	a	-	-
__Great Black-backed Gull	r	-	r	o	-
__Sabine's Gull	-	-	a	-	-
__Least Tern	-	a	-	-	-
__Caspian Tern	-	a	r	-	-
__Black Tern*	a	-	-	-	-
__Common Tern	r	r	r	-	-
__Forster's Tern	-	-	a	-	-
__Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c	cb
__Eurasian Collared-Dove	a	-	-	-	-
__White-winged Dove	-	a	-	-	-
__Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c	cb



__Monk Parakeet	-	-	a	-	-
__Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	o	-	ub
__Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	r	-	ub
__Barn Owl*	o	o	o	o	ub
__Eastern Screech Owl	c	c	c	c	cb
__Great Horned Owl	c	u	c	c	cb
__Snowy Owl	-	-	-	r	-
__Barred Owl	u	u	u	u	ub
__Long-eared Owl*	r	-	-	r	-
__Short-eared Owl*	a	-	r	r	-
__Northern Saw-whet Owl	o	o	u	o	rb
__Common Nighthawk*	u	u	u	-	ub
__Chuck-will's-widow	a	-	-	-	-
__Whip-poor-will*	o	o	o	-	rb
__Chimney Swift*	c	u	c	-	ub
__Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	u	c	-	ub
__Rufous Hummingbird	-	-	r	r	-
__Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	u	ub
__Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	r	o	r	-
__Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	u	c	u	ub
__Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	o	u	o	rb
__Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	cb
__Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	ub
__Black-backed Woodpecker	-	-	a	-	-
__Northern Flicker	c	c	c	o	cb
__Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	ub
__Olive-sided Flycatcher*	o	-	o	-	-
__Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	c	c	-	ub
__Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*	r	-	r	-	-
__Acadian Flycatcher*	o	o	-	-	ub
__Alder Flycatcher*	o	o	-	-	-
__Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	-	-	ub
__Least Flycatcher	u	u	o	-	ub
__Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	r	cb
__Great Crested Flycatcher	u	c	u	-	ub
__Eastern Kingbird	u	c	u	-	ub
__Loggerhead Shrike*	-	-	r	r	-
__Northern Shrike	-	-	r	r	-
__White-eyed Vireo	u	o	o	-	ub
__Yellow-throated Vireo*	o	u	o	-	ub
__Blue-headed Vireo*	u	u	c	-	ub
__Warbling Vireo	o	o	o	-	ub
__Philadelphia Vireo	r	-	o	-	-
__Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	-	cb
__Blue Jay	c	c	c	c	cb
__American Crow	c	c	c	c	cb
__Fish Crow	u	o	o	o	rb
__Common Raven	o	o	o	o	ub
__Horned Lark	o	o	u	u	rb
__Purple Martin	u	c	o	-	cb
__Tree Swallow	c	c	c	-	cb
__N. Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	o	-	ub
__Bank Swallow*	u	c	o	-	cb
__Cliff Swallow	o	u	o	-	ub
__Barn Swallow	c	c	u	-	cb

__Carolina Chickadee	r	-	r	r	-
__Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c	cb
__Boreal Chickadee	a	-	-	a	-
__Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c	cb
__Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	u	u	rb
__White-breasted Nuthatch	c	u	c	c	ub
__Brown Creeper	u	o	u	u	ub
__Carolina Wren	c	c	c	u	cb
__Bewick's Wren	-	a	-	-	-
__House Wren	c	c	c	-	cb
__Winter Wren*	u	o	u	o	rb
__Marsh Wren*	r	r	r	-	-
__Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	o	c	u	rb
__Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	r	c	u	-
__Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	u	c	-	ub
__Eastern Bluebird	c	c	u	o	cb
__Townsend's Solitaire	-	-	a	-	-
__Veery	u	c	u	-	ub
__Gray-cheeked Thrush	o	-	r	-	-
__Bicknell's Thrush	r	-	r	-	-
__Swainson's Thrush*	u	r	u	o	-
__Hermit Thrush	u	o	c	u	ub
__Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	r	cb
__American Robin	c	c	c	o	cb
__Gray Catbird	c	c	c	r	cb
__Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	u	cb
__Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	r	ub
__European Starling	c	c	c	c	cb
__American Pipit	u	-	u	r	-
__Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	a	-	-
__Cedar Waxwing	c	u	u	o	ub



__Blue-winged Warbler*	c	u	o	-	ub
__Golden-winged Warbler*	o	o	o	-	rb
__Brewster's Hybrid	r	r	-	-	-
__Lawrence's Hybrid	a	-	-	-	-
__Tennessee Warbler	u	r	u	-	-
__Orange-crowned Warbler	a	-	r	-	-
__Nashville Warbler	u	o	u	-	rb
__Northern Parula	c	u	u	-	ub
__Yellow Warbler	c	c	o	-	cb
__Chestnut-sided Warbler	c	u	u	-	ub
__Magnolia Warbler	u	u	u	-	ub
__Cape May Warbler	o	-	o	-	-
__Black-throated Blue Warbler*	u	u	u	-	ub

__Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	o	c	o	rb
__Black-throated Green Warbler*	c	u	c	a	cb
__Blackburnian Warbler*	u	o	u	-	ub
__Yellow-throated Warbler	a	r	a	-	rb
__Pine Warbler	u	u	u	r	ub
__Prairie Warbler*	c	c	u	-	cb
__Palm Warbler	u	-	u	r	-
__Bay-breasted Warbler	u	-	u	-	-
__Blackpoll Warbler*	u	-	u	-	-
__Cerulean Warbler*	o	o	r	-	-
__Black & White Warbler	c	u	c	-	cb
__American Redstart	c	u	u	-	ub
__Prothonotary Warbler*	a	a	-	-	-
__Worm-eating Warbler*	u	u	o	-	ub
__Ovenbird	c	c	u	-	cb
__Northern Waterthrush	u	r	o	-	rb
__Louisiana Waterthrush*	c	u	u	-	ub
__Kentucky Warbler*	o	o	o	-	rb
__Connecticut Warbler	a	-	r	-	-
__Mourning Warbler	o	-	o	-	-
__Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	r	cb
__Hooded Warbler	u	u	u	-	ub
__Wilson's Warbler	u	-	u	-	-
__Canada Warbler*	u	u	u	-	ub
__Yellow-Breasted Chat*	u	u	r	-	ub

__Summer Tanager*	a	-	-	-	-
__Scarlet Tanager*	c	u	u	-	ub

__Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	o	cb
__American Tree Sparrow	o	-	o	c	-
__Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	r	cb
__Clay-colored Sparrow	r	-	r	-	-
__Field Sparrow	c	c	u	o	cb
__Vesper Sparrow	o	o	o	r	rb
__Savannah Sparrow	u	u	o	r	rb
__Grasshopper Sparrow*	o	o	o	-	rb
__Henslow's Sparrow*	a	-	a	-	-
__Fox Sparrow	u	-	u	o	-
__Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c	cb
__Lincoln's Sparrow	o	-	o	-	-
__Swamp Sparrow	u	o	u	o	rb
__White-throated Sparrow	c	r	c	c	-
__White-crowned Sparrow	u	-	o	o	-
__Dark-eyed Junco	u	r	c	c	rb
__Lapland Longspur	-	r	o	r	-

__Snow Bunting	-	-	o	o	-
__Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c	cb
__Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c	u	o	-	ub
__Blue Grosbeak	r	r	r	-	-
__Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	-	cb
__Dickcissel	a	-	a	-	-

__Bobolink	u	o	r	-	ub
__Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	u	o	cb
__Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	o	ub
__Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	a	-	-
__Rusty Blackbird	u	-	o	o	-
__Brewer's Blackbird	a	-	a	-	-
__Common Grackle	c	c	c	o	cb
__Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	o	cb
__Orchard Oriole	o	o	-	-	rb
__Baltimore Oriole	c	c	u	a	cb



__Pine Grosbeak	a	-	r	r	-
__Purple Finch	o	r	u	o	rb
__House Finch	c	c	c	c	cb
__Red Crossbill*	a	-	r	r	-
__White-winged Crossbill	a	-	r	r	-
__Common Redpoll	-	-	r	o	-
__Hoary Redpoll	-	-	a	a	-
__Pine Siskin*	o	r	o	o	rb
__American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c	cb
__Evening Grosbeak	r	-	o	o	-
__House Sparrow	c	c	c	c	cb



## Selected Schuylkill County Bird Hotspots

- Air Products Wildlife Sanctuary, Hometown
- Bear Creek Environmental Area, Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Rt. 895, Summit Station
- Frog Hollow Environmental Education Center, Stone Mountain Road, Friedensburg
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Dreherstown, off Rt. 895
- Landingville Dam & Marsh, one mile south of Landingville
- Lebanon Reservoir, Suedberg, off Rt. 443
- Locust Lake State Park, off Rt. 54, Barnesville
- Rt. 183 Hawk Watch, summit of Blue Mountain on Schuylkill/Berks county line
- State Game Lands 80, near Rock
- State Game Lands 106, near Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
- State Game Lands 110, near Port Clinton
- State Game Lands 132, near Hegin
- State Game Lands 160, Rock, off Rt. 895
- State Game Lands 211, near Lebanon Reservoir
- State Game Lands 222, near Lewistown Valley/Hecla outside of New Ringgold
- State Game Lands 227, near Hometown
- State Game Lands 229, Tremont, off Rt. 209
- State Game Lands 257, near South Tamaqua
- State Game Lands 264, near Tower City/Sheridan
- State Game Lands 286, near Schuylkill Haven/Adamsdale
- State Game Lands 308, off Rt. 924, Brandonville
- Swatara State Park, Rt 443, Suedberg
- Sweet Arrow Lake County Park, off Rt. 443, Pine Grove
- Tuscarora State Park, off Rt. 309, Tamaqua

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