

# Checklist of the Birds of Atlanta

Locality \_\_\_\_\_ Weather \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

This is the official checklist of birds that occur in the Atlanta area including these counties; Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spaulding, and Walton. The status of a particular species reflects its most prevalent seasonal occurrence. Information concerning birds which are rare or accidental, or do not appear on this list, should be forwarded to the **Atlanta Audubon Society, P.O. Box 29189, Atlanta, Georgia 30359 (770-913-0511). Visit [www.atlantaudubon.org](http://www.atlantaudubon.org).**

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**Seasons**  
**Sp** - Spring March-May  
**S** - Summer June-July  
**F** - Fall Aug.-Nov.  
**W** - Winter Dec.-Feb.

**Abbreviations**  
**A** - abundant  
**C** - common  
**U** - uncommon  
**R** - rare

**Status**  
**PR** - permanent resident  
**SR** - summer resident  
**SV** - summer visitor  
     non-breeding  
**WR** - winter resident  
**M** - migrant  
**IRR** - irruptive  
 \*-nesting verified  
 ,, - occurrence during this season

	Sp	S	F	W
Gr. White-fronted Goose M, WR	R		R	R
Snow Goose WR	,,	,,	R	R
Ross's Goose M, WR	R		R	R
Canada Goose* PR	C	C	C	C
Tundra Swan WR	R			R
Wood Duck* PR	C	C	C	C
Gadwall WR	R	,,	U	U
American Wigeon M	U	,,	U	R
American Black Duck WR	R	,,	R	R
Mallard* PR	A	A	A	A
Blue-winged Teal M	C	,,	C	R
Northern Shoveler M	U		U	U
Northern Pintail WR	R	,,	R	R
Green-winged Teal M	U	,,	U	R
Canvasback WR	R		R	R
Redhead WR	R	,,	R	U
Ring-necked Duck WR	U	R	C	C
Greater Scaup WR	R			R
Lesser Scaup WR	U	R	U	C
Surf Scoter WR	R		,,	R
Long-tailed Duck WR	R		,,	R
Bufflehead WR	R	,,	R	U
Common Goldeneye WR	R		R	R

	Sp	S	F	W
Hooded Merganser WR	U	,,	U	C
Common Merganser WR	,,		,,	R
Red-breasted Merganser M	U		U	R
Ruddy Duck WR	U	,,	U	U
<b>QUAIL</b>				
Wild Turkey PR	U	U	U	U
Northern Bobwhite* PR	R	R	R	R
<b>LOONS</b>				
Red-throated Loon W	,,		R	R
Common Loon M, WR	R	,,	R	U
<b>GREBES</b>				
Pied-billed Grebe* PR	C	R	C	C
Horned Grebe WR	U	,,	U	U
Eared Grebe WR	R		R	R
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
Double-crested Cormorant* PR	U	U	U	U
<b>HERONS, EGRETS AND VULTURES</b>				
American Bittern M	U	,,	U	R
Least Bittern* SR	R	R		
Great Blue Heron* PR	U	U	U	U
Great Egret SV	R	U	,,	R
Snowy Egret SV	,,	R	R	
Little Blue Heron* SV	U	U	U	
Tricolored Heron* SV	R	R		
Cattle Egret M	U	,,	U	
Green Heron* SR	C	C	C	R
Black-crowned Night-Heron SV	R	R	R	,,
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron* SR	R	R	R	,,
White Ibis SV		R	R	
Black Vulture* PR	U	U	U	U
Turkey Vulture* PR	C	C	C	C
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
Osprey* M	U	R	U	,,
Bald Eagle PR	R	R	R	R
Northern Harrier WR	U	,,	U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk* PR	U	R	U	U
Coopers Hawk* PR	U	U	U	U
Red-shouldered Hawk* PR	C	C	C	C
Broad-winged Hawk* SR	C	U	C	
Red-tailed Hawk* PR	C	C	C	C
American Kestrel* PR	U	R	U	C
Merlin WR	R	,,	R	R
Peregrine Falcon* PR	R	R	R	R
<b>CRANES, RAILS AND COOTS</b>				
King Rail* PR	R	R	R	R
Virginia Rail* M	U	R	U	U
Sora M	U		U	R
Common Moorhen M	R	,,	R	,,
American Coot* PR	C	R	C	C
Sandhill Crane M	U	,,	C	C
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>				
Black-bellied Plover M	,,		R	,,
American Golden-Plover M	R		R	
Semipalmated Plover M	U	R	U	
Killdeer* PR	C	C	C	C
Greater Yellowlegs M	C	R	C	U
Lesser Yellowlegs M	C	R	C	U
Solitary Sandpiper M	C	R	C	
Willet M	R	,,	R	

	Sp	S	F	W
Spotted Sandpiper* M, SR	C	R	C	,,
Upland Sandpiper* M	U		,,	
Sanderling M		R	R	
Semipalmated Sandpiper M	R	R	R	
Western Sandpiper M	R	R	R	
Least Sandpiper M	U	R	U	R
White-rumped Sandpiper M	R		,,	
Baird's Sandpiper M	,,		R	
Pectoral Sandpiper M	C	U	C	
Dunlin M	,,		R	,,
Stilt Sandpiper M	R	R	R	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper M	,,		R	
Short-billed Dowitcher M	R		R	
Long-billed Dowitcher M	,,		R	
Wilson's Snipe WR	C		C	C
American Woodcock* PR	U	U	U	U
Wilson's Phalarope M	,,	R	R	
Red-necked Phalarope M	R		R	
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
Laughing Gull M	R	,,	R	,,
Bonaparte's Gull M	R		R	U
Ring-billed Gull WR	R		R	C
Herring Gull WR	R		R	R
Caspian Tern M	R	,,	R	
Common Tern M	R	,,	R	
Forster's Tern M	R	,,	R	,,
Black Tern M	R	,,	R	
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
Rock Pigeon* PR	A	A	A	A
Eurasian Collared-Dove PR	R	R	R	R
Mourning Dove* PR	A	A	A	A
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
Black-billed Cuckoo* M	R	,,	R	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo* SR	C	C	C	
<b>OWLS</b>				
Barn Owl* PR	R	R	R	R
Eastern Screech-Owl* PR	C	C	C	C
Great Horned Owl* PR	U	U	U	U
Barred Owl* PR	U	U	U	U
<b>NIGHTHAWKS AND NIGHTJARS</b>				
Chuck-will's-widow* SR	C	C	R	
Whip-poor-will* SR	U	U	R	
Common Nighthawk* SR	C	C	C	,,
<b>SWIFTS AND HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
Chimney Swift* SR	A	A	A	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird* SR	C	C	C	
Black-chinned Hummingbird W	,,		R	R
Calliope Hummingbird W	,,		R	R
Rufous Hummingbird WR	R		R	R
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
Belted Kingfisher* PR	C	C	C	C
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
Red-headed Woodpecker* PR	U	C	U	R
Red-bellied Woodpecker* PR	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker WR	C	,,	C	C
Downy Woodpecker* PR	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker* PR	U	U	U	U
Northern Flicker* PR	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker* PR	C	C	C	C

