

JAYS & CROWS	W	s	S	F
_____ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
_____ American Crow*	c	c	c	c
LARKS				
_____ Horned Lark	o	o	-	o
SWALLOWS				
_____ Purple Martin	-	u	f	u
_____ Tree Swallow	-	r	o	u
_____ No. Rough-winged Swallow	-	u	r	u
_____ Bank Swallow	-	u	o	r
_____ Cliff Swallow*	-	r	-	r
_____ Barn Swallow*	-	u	u	f
CHICKADEES & TITMOUSES				
_____ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
_____ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
NUTHATCHES				
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	r
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
CREEPERS				
_____ Brown Creeper	u	f	-	f
WRENS				
_____ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
_____ House Wren*	-	c	c	f
_____ Winter Wren	r	u	-	u
_____ Sedge Wren	-	-	-	o
_____ Marsh Wren	-	-	-	r
KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS, & THRUSHES				
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet#	u	f	-	f
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	f	-	f
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	f	-	f
_____ Eastern Bluebird	r	r	r	r
_____ Veery	-	u	-	r
_____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	f	-	f
_____ Swainson's Thrush	-	c	-	c
_____ Hermit Thrush	-	u	-	u
_____ Wood Thrush	-	u	o	r
_____ American Robin*	u	c	c	c
MIMIDS				
_____ Gray Catbird*	-	f	u	f
_____ Northern Mockingbird*	u	u	u	u
_____ Brown Thrasher*	o	f	r	f
STARLINGS				
_____ European Starling*	c	c	c	c



Golden-crowned Kinglet



Yellow Warbler



Indigo Bunting

PIPITS	W	s	S	F
_____ American Pipit	o	o	-	u
WAXWINGS				
_____ Cedar Waxwing	r	f	r	f
WOOD WARBLERS				
_____ Blue-winged Warbler	-	u	o	u
_____ Golden-winged Warbler	-	r	-	u
_____ Tennessee Warbler	-	c	-	c
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler	-	r	-	u
_____ Nashville Warbler	-	f	-	f
_____ Northern Parula	-	r	o	u
_____ Yellow Warbler*#	-	f	f	u
_____ Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	f	-	f
_____ Magnolia Warbler	-	f	-	c
_____ Cape May Warbler	-	u	-	r
_____ Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	o	-	o
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	u	c	-	c
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	f	-	f
_____ Blackburnian Warbler	-	u	-	u
_____ Yellow-throated Warbler	-	o	o	r
_____ Prairie Warbler	-	o	o	r
_____ Palm Warbler	-	f	-	f
_____ Bay-breasted Warbler	-	f	-	c
_____ Blackpoll Warbler	-	r	-	o
_____ Cerulean Warbler	-	r	-	o
_____ Black-and-white Warbler	-	f	o	f
_____ American Redstart	-	f	-	c
_____ Prothonotary Warbler	-	o	-	-
_____ Worm-eating Warbler	-	r	r	r
_____ Ovenbird	-	f	-	f
_____ Northern Waterthrush	-	u	-	u
_____ Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	o
_____ Kentucky Warbler	-	u	-	r
_____ Connecticut Warbler	-	o	-	o
_____ Mourning Warbler	-	r	-	r
_____ Common Yellowthroat*	-	f	u	f
_____ Hooded Warbler	-	r	-	-
_____ Wilson's Warbler	-	u	-	u
_____ Canada Warbler	-	u	-	u
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat	-	u	r	r
SPARROWS & ALLIES				
_____ Eastern Towhee*	u	f	u	f
_____ American Tree Sparrow	r	r	-	r
_____ Chipping Sparrow	-	u	-	u
_____ Field Sparrow	u	u	r	u
_____ Vesper Sparrow	-	o	-	o
_____ Savannah Sparrow	-	o	-	r

	W	s	S	F
_____ Fox Sparrow	r	u	-	u
_____ Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow	-	u	-	u
_____ Swamp Sparrow	u	u	-	u
_____ White-throated Sparrow	f	c	-	c
_____ White-crowned Sparrow	o	r	-	r
_____ Dark-eyed Junco	f	f	-	f
_____ Lapland Longspur	r	-	-	r
_____ Snow Bunting	o	-	-	o
CARDINALS & GROSBEAKS				
_____ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	f	-	f
_____ Blue Grosbeak	-	o	-	-
_____ Indigo Bunting*#	-	c	f	u
_____ Dickcissel	-	o	-	o
TANAGERS				
_____ Summer Tanager	-	u	-	u
_____ Scarlet Tanager	-	f	-	u
BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES				
_____ Bobolink	-	-	-	o
_____ Red-winged Blackbird*	r	u	u	u
_____ Eastern Meadowlark*	r	r	r	r
_____ Rusty Blackbird	-	r	-	r
_____ Common Grackle*	r	c	f	c
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird*	r	f	f	u
_____ Orchard Oriole	-	u	r	-
_____ Northern Oriole*	-	f	u	u
FINCHES				
_____ Purple Finch	r	r	-	r
_____ House Finch*	c	c	c	c
_____ Pine Siskin	-	-	-	r
_____ American Goldfinch*	f	c	c	c
_____ House Sparrow	c	c	c	c

EXTREMELY RARE AND ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

Brant	Common Moorhen
Mute Swan	Hudsonian Godwit
Tundra Swan	Curlew Sandpiper
Red-throated Loon	Red Phalarope
Red-necked Grebe	Black-headed Gull
Eared Grebe	California Gull
Western Grebe	Thayer's Gull
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	Iceland Gull
American White Pelican**	Great Black-backed Gull
Brown Pelican	Sabine's Gull
American Bittern	Black-legged Kittiwake
Least Bittern	Gull-billed Tern
Tricolored Heron	Long-billed Murrelet
Reddish Egret	Barn Owl
White-faced/Glossy Ibis sp.	Snowy Owl
Wood Stork	Short-eared Owl
King Rail	Whooping Crane
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Bewick's Wren
Roseate Spoonbill	

** Becoming more common

EXTINCT AND EXTIRPATED SPECIES

Swallow-tailed Kite*	Passenger Pigeon
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Birds
AT THE FALLS OF THE OHIO



Great egret with a double-crested cormorant below it.

The area covered by this checklist includes the Falls of the Ohio State Park, as well as the waters and shorelines of the Ohio River above and below McAlpine Dam. It also includes the islands in the immediate vicinity including Goose, Sand and Shippingport Islands. This checklist follows the arrangement and nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist, 7th ed. (1998) and subsequent supplements. Thanks to members of the Beckham Bird Club for assisting in compilation. Last updated November 2023.

Should you observe a species not noted on the checklist, please notify the staff at the Falls of the Ohio State Park.



Checklist Key

Seasons
W = winter (Dec-Feb) **S** = summer (June-July)
s = spring (Mar-May) **F** = fall (Aug-Nov)

Abundance
— = not recorded
o = occasional
r = rare, or not to be expected, but sometimes observed
u = uncommon, or often present, but can be hard to find
f = fairly common, or usually present, and observed most of the time
c = common, or usually numerous and should be observed

* = indicates breeding has been confirmed within the Falls of the Ohio area.
= Photo in brochure

WATERFOWL				
_____ Snow Goose	r	r	-	r
_____ Canada Goose	f	f	f	f
_____ Wood Duck*	-	u	u	u
_____ Gadwall	u	u	-	f
_____ American Wigeon	u	u	-	u
_____ American Black Duck	f	f	o	f
_____ Mallard*	c	c	f	c
_____ Blue-winged Teal*	-	f	o	f
_____ Northern Shoveler	o	u	-	u
_____ Northern Pintail	o	r	-	r
_____ Green-winged Teal	r	r	-	u
_____ Canvasback	f	u	-	u
_____ Redhead	r	u	-	u
_____ Ring-necked Duck	f	f	o	f
_____ Greater Scaup	r	r	-	r
_____ Lesser Scaup	f	f	-	f
_____ Surf Scoter	o	-	-	r
_____ White-winged Scoter	o	-	-	o

	W	s	S	F
_____ Black Scoter	o	-	-	o
_____ Long-tailed Duck	o	o	-	o
_____ Bufflehead#	u	f	-	f
_____ Common Goldeneye	u	u	-	u
_____ Hooded Merganser	u	u	-	u
_____ Common Merganser	u	r	-	r
_____ Red-breasted Merganser	u	f	o	f
_____ Ruddy Duck	r	u	-	u

LOONS & GREBES				
_____ Common Loon	r	u	-	f
_____ Pied-billed Grebe	u	f	o	f
_____ Horned Grebe	r	u	-	u

CORMORANTS				
_____ Double-crested Cormorant*	u	c	r	c

HERONS & EGRETS				
_____ Great Blue Heron*	f	c	c	c
_____ Great Egret*	-	u	f	f
_____ Snowy Egret	-	o	r	r
_____ Little Blue Heron*	-	r	r	r
_____ Cattle Egret*	-	r	r	r
_____ Green Heron*	-	f	f	f
_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	-	c	c	f
_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	-	r	r	r

VULTURES				
_____ Black Vulture	f	c	c	c
_____ Turkey Vulture	r	f	c	f

RAPTORS				
_____ Osprey*#	-	u	u	f
_____ Bald Eagle*	r	-	-	r
_____ Northern Harrier	o	-	-	o
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	-	u
_____ Cooper's Hawk	u	u	r	f
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	u
_____ Broad-winged Hawk	-	r	-	u
_____ Red-tailed Hawk	f	f	f	f
_____ Rough-legged Hawk	o	-	-	-
_____ American Kestrel*	f	f	f	f
_____ Merlin	-	-	-	r
_____ Peregrine Falcon*	u	u	u	u

DOVES				
_____ Rock Dove*	c	c	c	c
_____ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c

MARSH BIRDS				
_____ Sora	-	-	-	r
_____ American Coot	u	f	o	f
_____ Sandhill Crane	r	r	-	u

SHOREBIRDS				
_____ Black-bellied Plover	-	r	-	u
_____ American Golden-Plover	-	-	-	u
_____ Semipalmated Plover	-	r	o	u
_____ Piping Plover	-	o	-	r
_____ Killdeer*	u	f	c	c
_____ American Avocet	-	o	-	r
_____ Spotted Sandpiper*	-	u	u	f
_____ Solitary Sandpiper	-	u	r	u
_____ Greater Yellowlegs	-	r	r	u
_____ Willet	-	r	o	r
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs	-	u	r	f
_____ Upland Sandpiper	-	-	-	o
_____ Marbled Godwit	-	o	-	o
_____ Ruddy Turnstone	-	r	o	u
_____ Red Knot	-	-	-	o
_____ Sanderling	-	o	o	u
_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	u	r	f
_____ Western Sandpiper	-	-	o	u
_____ Least Sandpiper#	r	u	u	f
_____ White-rumped Sandpiper	-	r	o	o
_____ Baird's Sandpiper	-	-	-	u
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper	o	u	u	f
_____ Dunlin	o	r	-	u
_____ Stilt Sandpiper	-	-	-	u
_____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	-	u
_____ Short-billed Dowitcher	-	r	r	u
_____ Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	o
_____ Wilson's Snipe	-	-	-	r
_____ American Woodcock*	-	u	r	-
_____ Wilson's Phalarope	-	-	-	r
_____ Red-necked Phalarope	-	-	-	o

GAME BIRDS				
_____ Northern Bobwhite*	r	r	r	r

WOODPECKERS				
_____ Red-headed Woodpecker	-	u	-	u
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	f	f	f	f
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	u	-	u
_____ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
_____ Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Flicker*	f	f	f	f
_____ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

GULLS & TERNS				
_____ Laughing Gull	-	r	o	o
_____ Franklin's Gull	o	o	-	r
_____ Bonaparte's Gull	r	f	o	f
_____ Ring-billed Gull	c	f	r	f
_____ Herring Gull	f	u	o	u
_____ Glaucous Gull	o	-	-	-
_____ Least Tern	-	o	o	o
_____ Caspian Tern#	-	u	r	f
_____ Black Tern	-	r	o	u
_____ Common Tern	-	r	o	r
_____ Forster's Tern	o	u	o	u

CUCKOOS				
_____ Black-billed Cuckoo	-	r	-	r
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	f	r	f

OWLS				
_____ Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
_____ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
_____ Barred Owl	o	o	o	o

GOATSUCKERS & ALLIES				
_____ Common Nighthawk	-	u	u	f
_____ Whip-poor-will	-	r	-	-
_____ Chimney Swift	-	f	f	c
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	-	u	u	f
_____ Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	f	f

VIREOS				
_____ White-eyed Vireo	-	u	-	u
_____ Yellow-throated Vireo	-	u	-	u
_____ Blue-headed Vireo	-	u	-	u
_____ Warbling Vireo	-	f	u	u
_____ Philadelphia Vireo	-	u	-	u
_____ Red-eyed Vireo	-	f	r	f

FLYCATCHERS				
_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	r	-	r
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee	-	f	u	f
_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	r	-	r
_____ Acadian Flycatcher	-	u	-	r
_____ Alder Flycatcher	-	r	-	-
_____ Willow Flycatcher*	-	u	u	-
_____ Least Flycatcher	-	f	-	u
_____ Eastern Phoebe	-	u	-	u
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher	-	u	o	u
_____ Eastern Kingbird*#	-	f	u	r



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Osprey



Least Sandpipers. Photo by Garrick Fields



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Eastern Kingbird