

**Field Checklist of the Birds of Howard  
County, Maryland**  
**Howard County Bird Club**  
**Maryland Ornithological Society**

_____	Gtr White-fronted Goose *	✓ A
_____	Snow Goose	M,WV
_____	Ross's Goose *	✓ A
_____	Brant *	✓ H
_____	Cackling Goose	WV
_____	● Canada Goose	M,PR
_____	● Mute Swan	C
_____	Tundra Swan	M,WV
_____	● Wood Duck	M,SR,WV
_____	● Gadwall	M,WV
_____	Eurasian Wigeon *	✓ A
_____	American Wigeon	M,WV
_____	● American Black Duck	M,WV
_____	● Mallard	M,PR
_____	Blue-winged Teal	M
_____	Northern Shoveler	M,WV
_____	Northern Pintail	M,WV
_____	Green-winged Teal	M,WV
_____	Canvasback	M,WV
_____	Redhead	M,WV
_____	Ring-necked Duck	M,WV
_____	Greater Scaup	✓ M,WV
_____	Lesser Scaup	M,WV
_____	Surf Scoter	✓ C
_____	White-winged Scoter	✓ C
_____	Black Scoter	✓ C
_____	Long-tailed Duck	M,WV
_____	Bufflehead	M,WV
_____	Common Goldeneye	M,WV
_____	● Hooded Merganser	M,WV
_____	● Common Merganser	M,WR
_____	Red-breasted Merganser	M,WV
_____	Ruddy Duck	M,WV
_____	● Northern Bobwhite	PR
_____	● Ring-necked Pheasant	PR
_____	● Wild Turkey	PR
_____	Red-throated Loon *	✓ C
_____	Common Loon	M,WV
_____	Pied-billed Grebe	M,WV
_____	Horned Grebe	M,WV
_____	Red-necked Grebe	✓ C
_____	Eared Grebe *	✓ A
_____	Western Grebe *	✓ H
_____	Double-crested Cormorant	M,SV,WV
_____	Anhinga	✓ A
_____	American Bittern	✓ M
_____	Least Bittern	✓ C
_____	● Great Blue Heron	M,PR
_____	Great Egret	M,SV
_____	Snowy Egret	✓ M,SV
_____	Little Blue Heron	✓ M,SV
_____	Tricolored Heron *	✓ A

_____	Cattle Egret	✓ M,SV
_____	● Green Heron	M,SR
_____	Black-crowned Night-Heron	M,SV
_____	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	✓ SV
_____	White Ibis *	✓ C
_____	Glossy Ibis	✓ C
_____	● Black Vulture	M,PR
_____	● Turkey Vulture	M,PR
_____	Osprey	M,SV
_____	Mississippi Kite *	✓ A
_____	● Bald Eagle	M,PR
_____	Northern Harrier	M,WV
_____	Sharp-shinned Hawk	M,WR
_____	● Cooper's Hawk	M,PR,WV
_____	Northern Goshawk *	✓ M,WV
_____	● Red-shouldered Hawk	M,PR
_____	● Broad-winged Hawk	M,SR
_____	● Red-tailed Hawk	M,PR
_____	Rough-legged Hawk	✓ M,WV
_____	Golden Eagle *	✓ C
_____	● American Kestrel	M,PR
_____	Merlin	M,WV
_____	Peregrine Falcon	M,WV
_____	King Rail *	✓ C
_____	● Virginia Rail	✓ M, SR
_____	● Sora	✓ M
_____	● Common Gallinule	✓ C
_____	American Coot	M,WV
_____	Limpkin *	✓ A
_____	Sandhill Crane *	✓ C
_____	Black-bellied Plover	✓ C
_____	American Golden-Plover	✓ C
_____	Semipalmated Plover	M
_____	Piping Plover *	✓ A
_____	● Killdeer	M,PR
_____	Black-necked Stilt *	✓ A
_____	American Avocet *	✓ C
_____	● Spotted Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Solitary Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Greater Yellowlegs	M,SV
_____	Lesser Yellowlegs	M,SV
_____	Upland Sandpiper	✓ C
_____	Whimbrel*	✓ H
_____	Ruddy Turnstone *	✓ H
_____	Red Knot *	✓ H
_____	Sanderling	✓ C
_____	Semipalmated Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Western Sandpiper *	✓ C
_____	Least Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	White-rumped Sandpiper *	✓ C
_____	Baird's Sandpiper *	✓ A
_____	Pectoral Sandpiper	M,SV
_____	Dunlin	✓ C
_____	Stilt Sandpiper *	✓ C
_____	Buff-breasted Sandpiper *	✓ C
_____	Short-billed Dowitcher *	✓ C
_____	Long-billed Dowitcher *	✓ A

_____	Wilson's Snipe	M,WV
_____	● American Woodcock	M,SR,WV
_____	Wilson's Phalarope *	✓ A
_____	Red Phalarope *	✓ A
_____	Bonaparte's Gull	M,WV
_____	Laughing Gull	✓ C
_____	Ring-billed Gull	M,SV,WR
_____	Herring Gull	M,WR
_____	Thayer's Gull *	✓ A
_____	Iceland Gull	✓ C
_____	Lesser Black-backed Gull	✓ C
_____	Glaucous Gull	✓ C
_____	Great Black-backed Gull	M,WV
_____	Least Tern	✓ A
_____	Caspian Tern	M,SV
_____	Black Tern	✓ C
_____	Common Tern *	✓ C
_____	Forster's Tern	M
_____	● Rock Pigeon	PR
_____	Eurasian Collared-Dove	✓ A
_____	● Mourning Dove	PR
_____	● Yellow-billed Cuckoo	M,SR
_____	● Black-billed Cuckoo	M,SR
_____	● Barn Owl	✓ C
_____	● Eastern Screech-Owl	PR
_____	● Great Horned Owl	PR
_____	Snowy Owl *	✓ A
_____	● Barred Owl	PR
_____	Long-eared Owl	✓ C
_____	Short-eared Owl	✓ C
_____	Northern Saw-whet Owl	✓ C
_____	Common Nighthawk	M
_____	Chuck-will's-widow *	✓ C
_____	● Eastern Whip-poor-will	✓ M,SR?
_____	● Chimney Swift	M,SR
_____	● Ruby-throated Hummingbird	M,SR
_____	Rufous Hummingbird *	✓ A
_____	● Belted Kingfisher	PR
_____	● Red-headed Woodpecker	M,WV, SR
_____	● Red-bellied Woodpecker	PR
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	M,WV
_____	● Downy Woodpecker	PR
_____	● Hairy Woodpecker	PR
_____	● Northern Flicker	M,PR
_____	● Pileated Woodpecker	PR
_____	Olive-sided Flycatcher	M
_____	● Eastern Wood-Pewee	M,SR
_____	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	✓ M
_____	● Acadian Flycatcher	M,SR
_____	Alder Flycatcher	✓ C
_____	● Willow Flycatcher	M,SR
_____	● Least Flycatcher	M,SV
_____	● Eastern Phoebe	M,SR,WV
_____	● Great Crested Flycatcher	M,SR
_____	● Eastern Kingbird	M,SR
_____	Loggerhead Shrike *	✓ C
_____	Northern Shrike *	✓ A

_____	● White-eyed Vireo	M,SR	_____	Orange-crowned Warbler	M	_____	● Red-winged Blackbird	M,PR
_____	● Yellow-throated Vireo	M,SR	_____	Nashville Warbler	M	_____	● Eastern Meadowlark	PR
_____	Blue-headed Vireo	M	_____	Connecticut Warbler	✓ M (fall)	_____	● Yellow-headed Blackbird *	✓ A
_____	● Warbling Vireo	M,SR	_____	Mourning Warbler	✓ M	_____	Rusty Blackbird	M,WV
_____	Philadelphia Vireo	M (fall)	_____	● Kentucky Warbler	M,SR	_____	Brewer's Blackbird *	✓ A
_____	● Red-eyed Vireo	M,SR	_____	● Common Yellowthroat	M,SR	_____	● Common Grackle	M,PR
_____	● Blue Jay	M,PR	_____	● Hooded Warbler	M,SR	_____	● Brown-headed Cowbird	M,PR
_____	● American Crow	PR	_____	● American Redstart	M,SR	_____	● Orchard Oriole	M,SR
_____	● Fish Crow	PR	_____	Cape May Warbler	M	_____	● Baltimore Oriole	M,SR
_____	● Common Raven	✓ C	_____	● Cerulean Warbler	M,SR	_____	Purple Finch	M,WV
_____	● Horned Lark	M,PR	_____	● Northern Parula	M,SR	_____	● House Finch	PR
_____	● Purple Martin	M,SR	_____	Magnolia Warbler	M	_____	Red Crossbill *	✓ C
_____	● Tree Swallow	M,SR	_____	Bay-breasted Warbler	M	_____	White-winged Crossbill *	✓ C
_____	● N. Rough-winged Swallow	M,SR	_____	Blackburnian Warbler	M	_____	Common Redpoll	✓ C
_____	● Bank Swallow	M,SV	_____	● Yellow Warbler	M,SR	_____	Pine Siskin	M,WV
_____	● Barn Swallow	M,SR	_____	Chestnut-sided Warbler	M	_____	● American Goldfinch	PR
_____	● Cliff Swallow	M,SR	_____	Blackpoll Warbler	M	_____	Evening Grosbeak	✓ C
_____	● Carolina Chickadee	PR	_____	Black-throated Blue Warbler	M	_____	● House Sparrow	PR
_____	Black-capped Chickadee *	✓ WV	_____	Palm Warbler	M	_____	● Breeding evidence (may be a single record)	
_____	● Tufted Titmouse	PR	_____	● Pine Warbler	M,SR	_____	* Asterisk indicates written details or a photograph are required.	
_____	Red-breasted Nuthatch	M,WV	_____	Yellow-rumped Warbler	M,WV	_____	✓ Not recorded annually in county	
_____	● White-breasted Nuthatch	M,PR	_____	● Yellow-throated Warbler	M,SR	PR - Permanent Resident		
_____	Brown Creeper	M,WR	_____	● Prairie Warbler	M,SR	SR - Summer Resident		
_____	● Carolina Wren	PR	_____	Black-throated Green Warbler	M	SV - Summer Visitor		
_____	● House Wren	M,SR	_____	Canada Warbler	M	WR - Winter Resident		
_____	Winter Wren	M,WR	_____	Wilson's Warbler	M	WV - Winter Visitor		
_____	Sedge Wren *	✓ C	_____	● Yellow-breasted Chat	M,SR	M - Migrant		
_____	Marsh Wren	✓ M	_____	● Eastern Towhee	M,PR	C - Casual - (at least 6 records; highly irregular occurrence)		
_____	● Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	M,SR	_____	Bachman's Sparrow *	✓ H	A - Accidental - (1-5 records with photo or specimen; 3-5 without)		
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet	M,WR	_____	American Tree Sparrow	M,WR	H - Hypothetical - (1-2 records without a photograph, specimen, or Maryland/District of Columbia Records Committee acceptance)		
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	M,WV	_____	● Chipping Sparrow	M,SR,WV	[For C, A, or H categories, <b>activate the Rare Bird Alert:</b> call 301-725-5037]		
_____	● Eastern Bluebird	PR	_____	Clay-colored Sparrow *	✓ C	Hybrids		
_____	● Veery	M,SR	_____	● Field Sparrow	M,PR	_____ Brewster's Warbler *		
_____	Gray-cheeked Thrush	M	_____	● Vesper Sparrow	✓ M,SR	_____ Lawrence's Warbler *		
_____	Bicknell's Thrush *	✓ A	_____	Lark Sparrow *	✓ A	Historical Record		
_____	Swainson's Thrush	M	_____	● Savannah Sparrow	M,WR,SR?	Swallow-tailed Kite * - specimen 1879		
_____	Hermit Thrush	M,WR	_____	● Grasshopper Sparrow	M,SR	Extirpated		
_____	● Wood Thrush	M,SR	_____	Henslow's Sparrow *	✓ C	Ruffed Grouse		
_____	● American Robin	M,PR	_____	LeConte's Sparrow *	✓ A	Passenger Pigeon		
_____	Varied Thrush *	✓ A	_____	Nelson's Sparrow *	✓ C	● Bewick's Wren		
_____	● Gray Catbird	M,SR,WV	_____	Fox Sparrow	M,WR	Spring - March-May		
_____	● Northern Mockingbird	PR	_____	● Song Sparrow	M,PR	Summer - June-July		
_____	● Brown Thrasher	M,SR,WV	_____	Lincoln's Sparrow	M	Autumn - August-November		
_____	● European Starling	PR	_____	Swamp Sparrow	M,WR	Winter - December-February		
_____	American Pipit	M,WV	_____	White-throated Sparrow	M,WR	Compiled by the Howard County Bird Club, a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society based on 55+ years of records.[AOU52/MOS] Revised 11/2011		
_____	● Cedar Waxwing	M,PR	_____	Harris's Sparrow *	✓ A	Visit our web page:		
_____	Lapland Longspur *	✓ C	_____	White-crowned Sparrow	M,WR	<a href="http://www.howardbirds.org">http://www.howardbirds.org</a>		
_____	Snow Bunting *	✓ C	_____	Dark-eyed Junco	M,WR			
_____	● Ovenbird	M,SR	_____	Summer Tanager	✓ M,SV			
_____	● Worm-eating Warbler	M,SR	_____	● Scarlet Tanager	M,SR			
_____	● Louisiana Waterthrush	M,SR	_____	● Northern Cardinal	PR			
_____	Northern Waterthrush	M	_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M			
_____	● Blue-winged Warbler	M,SR	_____	● Blue Grosbeak	M,SR			
_____	Golden-winged Warbler	✓ M	_____	● Indigo Bunting	M,SR			
_____	● Black-and-white Warbler	M,SR	_____	Painted Bunting *	✓ A			
_____	● Prothonotary Warbler	M,SR	_____	● Dickcissel *	✓ C			
_____	Tennessee Warbler	M	_____	Bobolink	M			