

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage Checklist – Birds

This checklist was revised as of September 1, 1999 based on the records of the previous 20 years of ANP participants, the 1992 checklist by Gardner & Sundell, and the Allegheny State Park checklist published in 1995 by the Park. This checklist is intended for use by ANP participants and thus reflects the birds likely to be observed in the Park during late May and early June. This version features abundance codes (described on the back) that provide the user with an indication of the likelihood of observing each species. The birds are classified in accordance with AOU 7th edition. This checklist includes 153 species and was prepared by Frank Gardner and Dick Miga.

A=Abundant C=Common U=Uncommon R=Rare O=Occasional V=Vagrant

Obs	Code	Species
LOONS		
	O	Common Loon
CORMORANTS		
	O	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS, and BITTERNs		
	O	American Bittern
	A	Great Blue Heron
	V	Great Egret
	C	Green Heron
NEW WORLD VULTURES		
	A	Turkey Vulture
DUCKs and GEESE		
	A	Canada Goose
	C	Wood Duck
	V	American Black Duck
	A	Mallard
	O	Blue-winged Teal
	O	Greater Scaup
	R	Hooded Merganser
	C	Common Merganser
	O	Red-breasted Merganser
HAWKS and EAGLES		
	C	Osprey
	R	Bald Eagle
	V	Northern Harrier
	U	Sharp-shinned Hawk
	U	Cooper's Hawk
	O	Northern Goshawk
	C	Red-shouldered Hawk
	C	Broad-winged Hawk
	C	Red-tailed Hawk
	V	Rough-legged Hawk
	V	Golden Eagle
FALCONS		
	R	American Kestrel
PHEASANTS, GROUSE, and TURKEYS		
	O	Ring-necked Pheasant
	U	Ruffed Grouse
	U	Wild Turkey
PLOVERS		
	C	Killdeer
SANDPIPERs		
	O	Solitary Sandpiper
	U	Spotted Sandpiper
	U	American Woodcock
GULLS and TERNS		
	C	Ring-billed Gull
	O	Herring Gull
	O	Great Black-backed Gull
	R	Black Tern
PIGEONS and DOVES		
	U	Rock Dove
	C	Mourning Dove

Obs	Code	Species
NEW WORLD CUCKOOs		
	C	Black-billed Cuckoo
	U	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
OWLS		
	R	Eastern Screech Owl
	U	Great-horned Owl
	C	Barred Owl
	O	Northern Saw-Whet Owl
NIGHTJARs		
	R	Common Nightjar
SWIFTS		
	A	Chimney Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS		
	A	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
KINGFISHERs		
	C	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERs		
	A	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
	C	Downy Woodpecker
	C	Hairy Woodpecker
	A	Northern Flicker
	C	Pileated Woodpecker
TYRANT FLYCATCHERs		
	U	Olive-sided Flycatcher
	A	Eastern Wood Peewee
	R	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
	U	Acadian Flycatcher
	A	Alder Flycatcher
	A	Willow Flycatcher
	C	Least Flycatcher
	A	Eastern Phoebe
	A	Great Crested Flycatcher
	V	Western Kingbird
	A	Eastern Kingbird
VIREOs		
	C	Blue-headed Vireo
	R	Yellow-throated Vireo
	U	Warbling Vireo
	A	Red-eyed Vireo
CROWs and JAYs		
	A	Blue Jay
	A	American Crow
	U	Common Raven
SWALLOWs		
	R	Purple Martin
	A	Tree Swallow
	C	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
	O	Bank Swallow
	A	Barn Swallow
	C	Cliff Swallow
CHICKADEES and TITs		
	A	Black-capped Chickadee
	U	Tufted Titmouse

Obs	Code	Species
NUTHATCHES		
	U	Red-breasted Nuthatch
	U	White-breasted Nuthatch
CREEPERS		
	U	Brown Creeper
WRENS		
	O	Carolina Wren
	A	House Wren
	U	Winter Wren
KINGLETS		
	U	Golden-crowned Kinglet
GNATCATCHERS		
	R	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
THRUSHES		
	C	Eastern Bluebird
	A	Veery
	R	Swainson's Thrush
	C	Hermit Thrush
	C	Wood Thrush
	A	American Robin
MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS		
	A	Gray Catbird
	R	Brown Thrasher
STARLINGS		
	A	European Starling
WAXWINGS		
	A	Cedar Waxwing
NEW WORLD WARBLERS		
	C	Blue-winged Warbler
	O	Golden-winged Warbler
	O	Tennessee Warbler
	R	Nashville Warbler
	U	Northern Parula
	A	Yellow Warbler
	A	Chestnut-sided Warbler
	A	Magnolia Warbler
	U	Black-throated Blue Warbler
	C	Yellow-rumped Warbler
	A	Black-throated Green Warbler
	A	Blackburnian Warbler
	U	Yellow-throated Warbler
	R	Pine Warbler
	O	Prairie Warbler
	O	Bay-breasted Warbler
	O	Blackpoll Warbler
	R	Cerulean Warbler
	R	Black and White Warbler
	A	American Redstart
	A	Ovenbird
	R	Northern Waterthrush
	U	Louisiana Waterthrush
	O	Kentucky Warbler
	C	Mourning Warbler
	A	Common Yellowthroat
	C	Hooded Warbler
	O	Wilson's Warbler
	R	Canada Warbler
TANAGERS		
	C	Scarlet Tanager

Obs	Code	Species
SPARROWS		
	C	Eastern Towhee
	A	Chipping Sparrow
	C	Field Sparrow
	U	Savannah Sparrow
	A	Song Sparrow
	C	Swamp Sparrow
	O	White-throated Sparrow
	A	Dark-eyed Junco
BUNTINGS		
	C	Northern Cardinal
	A	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
	A	Indigo Bunting
BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, and ORIOLES		
	U	Bobolink
	A	Red-winged Blackbird
	U	Eastern Meadowlark
	A	Common Grackle
	A	Brown-headed Cowbird
	O	Orchard Oriole
	A	Baltimore Oriole
SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, and ALLIES		
	A	Purple Finch
	C	House Finch
	O	Pine Siskin
	A	American Goldfinch
OLD WORLD SPARROWS		
	C	House Sparrow
ADDITIONAL SPECIES OBSERVED		

Abundance Code Descriptions:

- A – Abundant – hard to miss
- C – Common – easy to find with a little work
- U – Uncommon – few seen each year, easy to miss
- R – Rare – typically seen less than 1 year in 3
- O – Occasional – very rare, seen less than 1 year in 10
- V – Vagrant – a bird that has strayed outside of its normal range or migration route.