

FLYCATCHERS - HORNED LARKS - SWALLOWS - JAYS & CROWS - CHICKADEES & NUTHATCHES

s S F W

- ___ Eastern Kingbird† a a c
- ___ Western Kingbird r r
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher† c c c
- ___ Eastern Phoebe† u u c o
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher u
- ___ Willow Flycatcher r
- ___ Least Flycatcher r r
- ___ Eastern Wood Pewee† c c c
- ___ Horned Lark† c c c c
- ___ Tree Swallow† a c a o
- ___ Bank Swallow r o r
- ___ Rough-winged Swallow r
- ___ Barn Swallow† a a a
- ___ Purple Martin c c
- ___ Blue Jay u o u o
- ___ Common Crow† a a a a
- ___ Fish Crow† c c c c
- ___ Carolina Chickadee o o o o
- ___ Tufted Titmouse r
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch r r
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch o o o
- ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch† u u c c
- ___ Brown Creeper u u u

WRENS - MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS - THRUSHES

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- ___ House Wren† c c c r
- ___ Winter Wren u c u
- ___ Carolina Wren† c c c c
- ___ Long-billed Marsh Wren† u u u
- ___ Short-billed Marsh Wren o u u
- ___ Mockingbird† o o o o
- ___ Gray Catbird† a a a u
- ___ Broyín Thrasher† c c a u

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- ___ American Robin u c u
- ___ Wood Thrush u o u
- ___ Hermit Thrush u c c
- ___ Swainson's Thrush c
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush o c
- ___ Veery r u
- ___ Eastern Bluebird† r r r r

GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS - PIPITS - WAXWINGS - VIREOS - WARBLERS - BLACKBIRDS

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- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher† c c c
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet c c c
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet c c c
- ___ Water Pipit o o o
- ___ Cedar Waxwing u o c u
- ___ Starling† c c a a
- ___ White-eyed Vireo† a a a
- ___ Solitary Vireo r r
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo† c c c
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler† u u c
- ___ Prothonotary Warbler r
- ___ Tennessee Warbler r
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler r r
- ___ Nashville Warbler r
- ___ Northern Parula o o
- ___ Yellow Warbler c c r
- ___ Magnolia Warbler r c
- ___ Cape May Warbler c
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler o c
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler a a a
- ___ Black-throated Green Warbler r
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler r r r
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler r r
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler u u
- ___ Pine Warbler† a a a o
- ___ Prairie Warbler† a a a
- ___ Palm Warbler† o a o
- ___ Ovenbird o c

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- ___ Northern Waterthrush u c c
- ___ Kentucky Warbler† r r
- ___ Common Yellowthroat† a a a o
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat† o o o r
- ___ Wilson's Warbler o
- ___ Canada Warbler r r r
- ___ American Redstart u a a
- ___ House Sparrow† r r r r
- ___ Bobolink o c
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark† a a a a
- ___ Redwinged Blackbird† a c a a
- ___ Orchard Oriole† o o
- ___ Northern Oriole o o c
- ___ Rusty Blackbird r
- ___ Boat-tailed Grackle† a a a a
- ___ Common Grackle† c u c c
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird† c u c c

TANAGERS - GROSBEAKS - SPARROWS & BUNTINGS

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- ___ Scarlet Tanager o u
- ___ Summer Tanager† o o r
- ___ Cardinal† c c c c
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak r u
- ___ Blue Grosbeak r r
- ___ Indigo Bunting u u u
- ___ Dickcissel r r
- ___ Evening Grosbeak r
- ___ Purple Finch r o
- ___ Pine Siskin o u o
- ___ American Goldfinch† c c c c
- ___ Red Crossbill r r
- ___ Rufous-sided Towhee† c c c c
- ___ Savannah Sparrow c o c c
- ___ Ipswich Savannah Sparrow u u u
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow r
- ___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow† o u u u
- ___ Seaside Sparrow c c c o

s S F W

- ___ Vesper Sparrow o u
- ___ Lark Sparrow r r
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco u c u
- ___ Tree Sparrow r u
- ___ Chipping Sparrow† c o c
- ___ Field Sparrow† c o c o
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow r o r
- ___ White-throated Sparrow c c c
- ___ Fox Sparrow u u u
- ___ Swamp Sparrow c r c c
- ___ Song Sparrow c u c c
- ___ Lqpland Longspur o
- ___ Snow Bunting ũ u u

NOTES

Location _____

Date _____ Total _____

Observers _____

Weather _____ Wind _____

Time _____

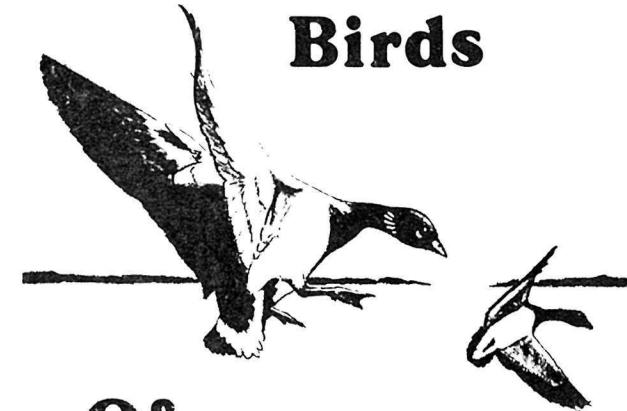
An additional list of accidental species seen only once or twice on the refuge is available on request. Please report any sightings of birds not in agreement with this list to:

Refuge Manager
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
 P.O. Box 62 Chincoteague, Virginia 23336

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Birds

Of Chincoteague NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The topography of Chincoteague Refuge consists of wide sandy beach backed by a series of low dunes which fall away to extensive salt marshes bordering Chincoteague Bay. Some parts of the refuge, particularly the southern end, also contain extensive areas of pine and oak interspersed with ponds and potholes. Several shallow fresh-water impoundments were developed to make the refuge more attractive to waterfowl. Thousands of brant, geese, and ducks winter on the refuge. Shorebirds are an outstanding feature of the migration periods.

Large numbers of herons and egrets can usually be found on the impoundments from mid-spring to late fall.

Most birds are migratory therefore their seasonal occurrence is coded as follows:

SEASON

- s — Spring March-May
 - S — Summer June-August
 - F — Fall September-November
 - W — Winter December-February
- † = Nesting has occurred on the refuge

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

- a — **abundant** a species which is very numerous.
- c — **common** certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat.
- u — **uncommon** present, but not certain to be seen.
- o — **occasional** seen only a few times during a season.
- r — **rare** seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.

The 262 species listed here are in accordance with the fifth, (1959) A.O.U. Check List as amended.

LOONS - GREBES - COMORANTS - HERONS - IBISES - SWANS, GEESE, & DUCKS

	s	S	F	W
___ Common Loon	a	r	a	c
___ Red-throated Loon	c	c	c	
___ Red-necked Grebe	r	r	r	
___ Horned Grebe	a	r	a	a
___ Pied-billed Grebe†	c	u	c	c
___ Gannet	u	u	u	
___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	u	
___ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
___ Green Heron†	c	c	c	r
___ Little Blue Heron†	c	c	a	o
___ Cattle Egret†	c	c	c	r

	s	S	F	W
___ Great Egret†	c	a	a	u
___ Snowy Egret†	a	a	a	r
___ Louisiana Heron†	c	a	a	o
___ Black-crowned Night Heron†	c	c	c	u
___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron	o	o	o	o
___ Least Bittern†	r	r	r	
___ American Bittern	u	u	u	
___ Glossy Ibis†	c	a	c	r
___ White Ibis	r	r	r	
___ Mute Swan	o	o	o	r
___ Whistling Swan	u	u	u	
___ Canada Goose	a	r	a	c
___ Brant	a	a	a	
___ Snow Goose	c	c	u	
___ Fulvous Tree Duck	r	r	r	
___ Mallard†	c	u	c	c
___ Black Duck†	a	c	a	a
___ Gadwall†	c	c	c	c
___ Pintail	c	r	c	c
___ Green-winged Teal	a	r	a	c
___ Blue-winged Teal†	a	c	a	r
___ European Wigeon	r	r		
___ American Wigeon	a	r	a	a
___ Northern Shoveler	a	o	a	a
___ Wood Duck†	o	o	o	r
___ Redhead	o	o	o	
___ Ring-necked Duck	o	u	u	
___ Canvasback	r	u	u	
___ Greater Scaup	u	u	u	
___ Lesser Scaup	u	u	u	
___ Common Goldeneye	u	u	u	
___ Bufflehead	a	c	a	
___ Oldsquaw	c	u	c	
___ Common Eider	r	r	r	
___ White-winged Scoter	c	c	u	
___ Surf Scoter	a	a	a	
___ Common Scoter	c	c	c	
___ Ruddy Duck	c	o	c	c
___ Hooded Merganser	u	c	c	
___ Common Merganser	u	u		
___ Red-breasted Merganser	c	r	c	c

VULTURES - HAWKS - EAGLES - QUAIL-RAILS - COOTS - PLOVERS

	s	S	F	W
___ Turkey Vulture	o	o	o	o
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	c	u	
___ Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	u	o	u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	o	o	o	
___ Rough-legged Hawk	r	r	o	
___ Bald Eagle	o	o	o	
___ Marsh Hawk†	c	o	c	c
___ Osprey†	c	c	c	
___ Peregrine Falcon	o	u	o	
___ Merlin	o	u	r	
___ American Kestrel	u	r	c	u
___ Bobwhite†	a	a	a	a
___ King Rail†	u	o	u	o
___ Clapper Rail†	a	a	a	u
___ Virginia Rail†	u	u	u	u
___ Sora	u	r	u	
___ Black Rail†	r	r	r	
___ Common Gallinule†	o	u	u	
___ American Coot	c	o	a	c
___ American Oystercatcher†	c	u	c	u
___ Semipalmated Plover	c	c	c	
___ Piping Plover†	c	c	u	
___ Wilson's Plover†	u	u		
___ Killdeer†	u	u	u	u
___ American Golden Plover	r	o		
___ Black-bellied Plover	c	u	c	u
___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	c	c	u

SNIPES - SANDPIPERS - PHALAPOPES - GULLS & TERNS - SKIMMERS

	s	S	F	W
___ American Woodcock	u	o		
___ Common Snipe	c	c	u	
___ Whimbrel	c	a	u	r
___ Upland Sandpiper	r	r		
___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	u	c	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	r	u	u	
___ Willet†	a	a	u	r

	s	S	F	W
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	u
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	a	o
___ Red Knot	c	c	u	r
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	c	c	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	r	u	u	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	r	r	o	
___ Least Sandpiper	a	a	a	o
___ Curlew Sandpiper	r	r	r	r
___ Dunlin	a	u	a	a
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	a	a	c	o
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	r	r	o	o
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	c	u	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	a	a		
___ Western Sandpiper	c	u	c	o
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r			
___ Marbled Godwit	r	u	o	
___ Hudsonian Godwit	u	o		
___ Ruff	o	o		
___ Sanderling	a	a	a	c
___ American Avocet	r	o	u	r
___ Black-necked Stilt	r	r		
___ Wilson's Phalarope	o	o		
___ Northern Phalarope	r	r		
___ Glaucous Gull	o	o		
___ Iceland Gull	o	o		
___ Great Black-backed Gull	c	u	c	c
___ Herring Gull†	a	c	a	a
___ Ring-billed Gull	a	c	a	a
___ Laughing Gull†	a	a	a	r
___ Bonaparte's Gull	u	u	u	
___ Little Gull	r	r	r	r
___ Gull-billed Tern†	u	u	o	
___ Forster's Tern†	a	a	a	r
___ Common Tern†	a	a	a	o
___ Roseate Tern	r			
___ Least Tern†	c	c	r	
___ Royal Tern†	c	c	c	
___ Sandwich Tern	r	r	r	
___ Caspian Tern	c	o	c	
___ Black Tern	u	a	a	
___ Black Skimmer†	c	c	c	r
___ Dovekie	r			

DOVES - CUCKOOS - OWLS - NIGHTHAWKS - HUMMINGBIRDS - KINGFISHERS - WOODPECKERS

	s	S	F	W
___ Rock Dove	r	r	r	r
___ Mourning Dove†	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo†	c	c	c	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo†	u	r	u	
___ Barn Owl†	o	o	o	o
___ Screech Owl†	c	c	c	c
___ Great Horned Owl†	c	c	c	c
___ Short-eared Owl	o	o		
___ Chuck-will's-widow†	c	c		
___ Common Nighthawk†	u	c	u	
___ Chimney Swift†	c	c	c	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird†	u	u	u	
___ Belted Kingfisher	c	u	c	c
___ Common Flicker†	c	c	a	c
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	r	r	o	o
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	o	r	r	
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r	r	o	
___ Hairy Woodpecker	r	o	o	
___ Downy Woodpecker†	u	u	u	u



WOOD PEWEE