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___ Least Flycatcher	r	r		
___ Eastern Phoebe †	u	u	c	o
___ Great Crested Flycatcher †	c	c	c	
___ Western Kingbird	r			
___ Eastern Kingbird †	a	a	c	

LARKS - SWALLOWS - JAYS - CROWS

___ Horned Lark †	c	c	c	c
___ Purple Martin †	c	c		
___ Tree Swallow †	a	c	a	o
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	r			
___ Bank Swallow	r	o	r	
___ Cliff Swallow	r			
___ Barn Swallow †	a	a	a	
___ Blue Jay	o	o	o	o
___ American Crow †	c	c	c	c
___ Fish Crow †	c	c	c	c

TITMICE - NUTHATCHES - WRENS

___ Carolina Chickadee	o	o	o	o
___ Tufted Titmouse	r			
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	r	r		
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch †	u	u	u	u
___ Brown Creeper	u	u		
___ Carolina Wren †	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren †	c	c	c	r
___ Winter Wren	u	c	u	
___ Sedge Wren	o	u	u	
___ Marsh Wren †	u	u	u	

KINGLETS - THRUSHES - THRASHERS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	r	c	c
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	r	c	c
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher †	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Bluebird †	r	r	r	r
___ Veery	r	u		
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o	c		
___ Swainson's Thrush	c			
___ Hermit Thrush	u	c	c	
___ Wood Thrush	u	o	u	
___ American Robin †	c	c	a	u
___ Gray Catbird †	c	c	c	u
___ Northern Mockingbird †	u	u	u	o
___ Brown Thrasher †	c	c	c	u

WAXWINGS - SHRIKES - STARLING

___ Water Pipit	o	o	o	
___ Cedar Waxwing	u	o	c	u

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___ European Starling †	c	c	a	a
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VIREOS - WOOD WARBLERS

___ White-eyed Vireo †	c	c	c	
___ Solitary Vireo	r	r		
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	r			
___ Warbling Vireo	r			
___ Philadelphia Vireo	r			
___ Red-eyed Vireo †	c	c	c	
___ Blue-winged Warbler	r	r		
___ Golden-winged Warbler	r	r		
___ Tennessee Warbler	r			
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	r	r		
___ Nashville Warbler	r			
___ Northern Parula	o	o		
___ Yellow Warbler	c	c	r	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r	r		
___ Magnolia Warbler	r	c		
___ Cape May Warbler	c			
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	o	c		
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	r	a	a
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	r			
___ Blackburnian Warbler	r	r	r	
___ Pine Warbler †	a	a	a	o
___ Prairie Warbler †	a	a	a	
___ Palm Warbler	o	a	o	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	r	r		
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u	u		
___ Cerulean Warbler	r	r		
___ Black-and-white Warbler †	u	u	c	
___ American Redstart	u	a	a	
___ Prothonotary Warbler	r			
___ Worm-eating Warbler	r	r		
___ Swainson's Warbler	r	r		
___ Ovenbird	u	c		
___ Northern Waterthrush	u	c	c	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	r	r		
___ Kentucky Warbler	r	r		
___ Connecticut Warbler	r	r		
___ Common Yellowthroat †	a	a	a	u
___ Wilson's Warbler	o			
___ Canada Warbler	r	r	r	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat †	u	u	o	r

TANAGERS - SPARROWS

___ Summer Tanager †	o	o	r	
___ Scarlet Tanager	o	u		

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___ Northern Cardinal †	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	u		
___ Blue Grosbeak †	u	o	o	
___ Indigo Bunting	u	u	u	
___ Dickcissel	r	r		
___ Rufous-sided Towhee †	c	c	c	c
___ American Tree Sparrow	o			
___ Chipping Sparrow †	c	o	c	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	r			
___ Field Sparrow †	c	c	c	o
___ Vesper Sparrow	o	u		
___ Lark Sparrow	r	r		
___ Savannah Sparrow	c	u	c	c
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	r			
___ Henslow's Sparrow	r	r		
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow †	o	u	u	u
___ Seaside Sparrow †	c	c	c	o
___ Fox Sparrow	u	u	u	
___ Song Sparrow †	c	c	c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	r	r		
___ Swamp Sparrow	c	r	c	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c	c	c	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	r	o	o	o
___ Dark-eyed Junco	u	c	u	
___ Lapland Longspur	o			
___ Snow Bunting	o	u	u	

BLACKBIRDS - FINCHES

___ Bobolink	o	u		
___ Red-winged Blackbird †	a	a	a	a
___ Eastern Meadowlark †	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	r	r		
___ Rusty Blackbird	o	o		
___ Boat-tailed Grackle †	c	c	c	c
___ Common Grackle †	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird †	c	c	c	u
___ Orchard Oriole †	o	o	o	
___ Northern Oriole	o	o	c	
___ Purple Finch	r	o		
___ House Finch	r	r		
___ Red Crossbill	r	r		
___ Common Redpoll	r	r		
___ Pine Siskin	o	o	o	
___ American Goldfinch †	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak	r	r		
___ House Sparrow †	r	r	r	r

ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

These additional 19 species have been seen only once or twice on the refuge:

White-faced Ibis	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Dovekie	Long-tailed Jaeger
Atlantic Puffin	Elegant Tern
Gray Kingbird	Common Ground Dove
Black Vulture	Ash-throated Flycatcher
Broad-winged Hawk	Northern Wheatear
Swainson's Hawk	Black-headed Grosbeak
Mountain Plover	Le Conte's Sparrow
Northern Shrike	Hooded Warbler
Chestnut-collared Longspur	

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The Service also manages National Fish Hatcheries, and provides Federal leadership in habitat protection, fish and wildlife research, technical assistance and the conservation and protection of migratory birds, certain marine mammals and threatened and endangered species.

For further information or to report unusual sightings, please contact:

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Birds



Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

Virginia

The topography of Chincoteague National Wildlife 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 freshwater 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 of the Maryland portion of Assateague Island is managed by the National Park Service whose policies emphasize maintaining natural habitat communities. Birds found on the Virginia portion of the island may also be observed in Maryland. Because of the freshwater impoundments, however, the Virginia portion tends to attract larger numbers of birds.



This folder lists over 296 birds that have been identified on the refuge, and is in accordance with the Sixth American Ornithologists' Union Checklist.

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 within the past 5 years.
- * - A species which occurs and/or nests in only one or two locations in 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

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LOONS - GREBES				
___ Red-throated Loon	u	u	u	
___ Common Loon	c	r	c	c
___ Pied-billed Grebe †	c	u	c	c
___ Horned Grebe	c	c	c	
___ Red-necked Grebe	r	r	r	
___ Eared Grebe		r		
SHEARWATERS - STORM PETRELS				
___ Greater Shearwater	r			
___ Sooty Shearwater	r			
___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel	r			
GANNET - PELICANS - CORMORANTS				
___ Northern Gannet	u	u	u	
___ American White Pelican	o	o	o	
___ Brown Pelican	u	c	u	
___ Great Cormorant	r	r	r	
___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	a	c
BITTERNS - HERONS - IBISES				
___ American Bittern	o	o	o	
___ Least Bittern †	r	r	r	
___ Great Blue Heron	c	u	c	c
___ Great Egret †	c	a	c	u
___ Snowy Egret †	c	a	a	o
___ Little Blue Heron †	c	c	c	o
___ Tricolored Heron †	u	c	c	
___ Cattle Egret †	u	c	c	
___ Green-backed Heron †	u	u	u	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron †	u	c	u	u
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron †	o	o	o	
___ White Ibis	r	r	r	
___ Glossy Ibis †	c	a	c	r
SWANS - GEESE - DUCKS				
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	r	r	r	r
___ Tundra Swan	c	r	c	c
___ Mute Swan †	c	c	c	c
___ Greater White-fronted Goose		r		
___ Snow Goose	c	r	a	c
___ Brant	c	r	c	c
___ Canada Goose †	a	c	a	c
___ Wood Duck †	u	u	c	r
___ Green-winged Teal	c	r	c	c
___ American Black Duck †	c	c	c	c
___ Mallard †	c	u	c	c
___ Northern Pintail	c	r	c	c
___ Blue-winged Teal †	c	u	c	r

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___ Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	c
___ Gadwall †	c	c	c	c
___ Eurasian Wigeon		r	r	
___ American Wigeon	c	r	c	c
___ Canvasback	r	o	o	
___ Redhead	o	o	o	
___ Ring-necked Duck	o	u	u	
___ Greater Scaup	u	u	u	
___ Lesser Scaup	u	u	u	
___ Common Eider		r	r	
___ Oldsquaw	c	u	c	
___ Black Scoter	c	r	c	c
___ Surf Scoter	c	r	c	c
___ White-winged Scoter	c	r	c	c
___ Common Goldeneye	u	u	u	
___ Bufflehead	c	r	c	c
___ Hooded Merganser	u	u	u	
___ Common Merganser		u	u	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	c	r	c	c
___ Ruddy Duck	c	o	c	c
VULTURES - HAWKS - FALCONS				
___ Turkey Vulture	o	o	o	o
___ Osprey †	c	c	c	
___ Bald Eagle	o	o	o	
___ Northern Harrier †	c	o	c	c
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	c	u	
___ Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	o	o	o	
___ Red-tailed Hawk †	u	o	u	u
___ Rough-legged Hawk		r		
___ American Kestrel	o	r	u	o
___ Merlin	o	u	o	
___ Peregrine Falcon †	u	u	u	u
QUAIL - RAILS - COOT				
___ Northern Bobwhite †	a	a	a	a
___ Yellow Rail		r		
___ Black Rail †	r	r	r	
___ Clapper Rail †	c	c	c	u
___ King Rail †	u	o	u	o
___ Virginia Rail †	u	u	u	u
___ Sora	u	u		
___ Purple Gallinule	r	r		
___ Common Moorhen †	r	o	o	
___ American Coot	u	r	c	u

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PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS				
___ Black-bellied Plover	c	c	c	u
___ Lesser Golden-Plover	r	o	u	
___ Wilson's Plover †	u	u		
___ Semipalmated Plover	a	a	c	
___ Piping Plover †	u	u	u	
___ Killdeer †	o	u	u	o
___ American Oystercatcher †	c	c	c	c
___ Black-necked Stilt	r	r	r	
___ American Avocet	o	o	u	r
___ Greater Yellowlegs	u	c	c	u
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u	c	c	o
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o	o	o	
___ Willet †	c	c	u	r
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	r
___ Upland Sandpiper		r	r	
___ Whimbrel	c	c	u	r
___ Hudsonian Godwit		u	o	
___ Marbled Godwit	r	u	o	
___ Ruddy Turnstone	a	c	c	u
___ Red Knot	c	c	u	r
___ Sanderling	a	a	c	c
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	a	a	c	
___ Western Sandpiper	r	c	c	o
___ Least Sandpiper	a	c	c	o
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	c	u	u	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	r	r	o	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	r	c	c	r
___ Dunlin	a	o	a	a
___ Curlew Sandpiper	r	r	r	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	o	c	c	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper		o	u	
___ Ruff	r	r	r	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	a	a	c	o
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	r	u	o
___ Common Snipe	u	r	u	u
___ American Woodcock †	u	u	u	o
___ Wilson's Phalarope	r	r	r	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	o	r	r	
JAEGERS - GULLS - TERNS - AUKS				
___ Pomarine Jaeger		r		
___ Parasitic Jaeger		r		
___ Laughing Gull †	a	a	a	r
___ Little Gull	r	r		
___ Common Black-headed Gull	r	r		

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___ Bonaparte's Gull	u	o	u	
___ Ring-billed Gull	a	c	a	a
___ Herring Gull †	c	c	a	a
___ Iceland Gull	o	o		
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull		o		
___ Glaucous Gull		r		
___ Great Black-backed Gull	c	c	c	c
___ Gull-billed Tern †	u	u	o	
___ Caspian Tern	o	c	c	
___ Royal Tern †	c	c	c	r
___ Sandwich Tern	r	u	o	
___ Roseate Tern		r		
___ Common Tern †	c	c	c	o
___ Forster's Tern †	c	c	c	r
___ Least Tern †	c	c		
___ Black Tern		r	c	o
___ Black Skimmer †	u	c	c	r
DOVES - CUCKOOS - OWLS - SWIFTS - HUMMINGBIRD				
___ Rock Dove	u	u	u	u
___ Mourning Dove †	c	c	c	c
___ Black-billed Cuckoo †	o	r	o	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo †	c	c	c	r
___ Common Barn-Owl †	o	o	o	o
___ Eastern Screech-Owl †	c	c	c	c
___ Great Horned Owl †	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Owl		r		
___ Long-eared Owl		r		
___ Short-eared Owl		o	o	
___ Common Nighthawk †	u	c	u	
___ Chuck-will's-widow †	c	c		
___ Chimney Swift †	c	c	c	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird †	u	u	u	
___ Belted Kingfisher	u	o	c	u
WOODPECKERS - FLYCATCHERS				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	o	o	o	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	o	o	u	u
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o	o		
___ Downy Woodpecker †	u	u	u	u
___ Hairy Woodpecker	o	o	o	
___ Northern Flicker †	c	c	a	c
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher		r		
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee †	c	c	c	
___ Acadian Flycatcher	u			
___ Willow Flycatcher		r		