

— American Redstart	.....	c	u	c	-
— Prothonotary Warbler	.....	u	u	u	-
— Worm-eating Warbler	.....	r	-	r	-
— Ovenbird *	.....	c	-	c	-
— Northern Waterthrush	.....	u	-	u	-
— Louisiana Waterthrush *	.....	u	-	u	-
— Kentucky Warbler	.....	u	-	u	-
— Common Yellowthroat	.....	u	u	u	o
— Hooded Warbler	.....	u	u	u	-
— Wilson's Warbler	.....	u	-	u	-

TANAGERS, SPARROWS

— Scarlet Tanager	.....	u	o	u	-
— Northern Cardinal *	.....	c	a	a	c
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak	.....	c	-	u	-
— Indigo Bunting	.....	c	u	u	-
— Rufous-sided Towhee	.....	c	c	c	u
— Chipping Sparrow	.....	u	u	u	o
— Field Sparrow	.....	u	o	u	r
— Song Sparrow *	.....	c	c	c	c
— Swamp Sparrow	.....	c	o	c	u
— White-throated Sparrow	.....	c	-	c	c
— Dark-eyed Junco	.....	c	-	c	c

BLACKBIRDS

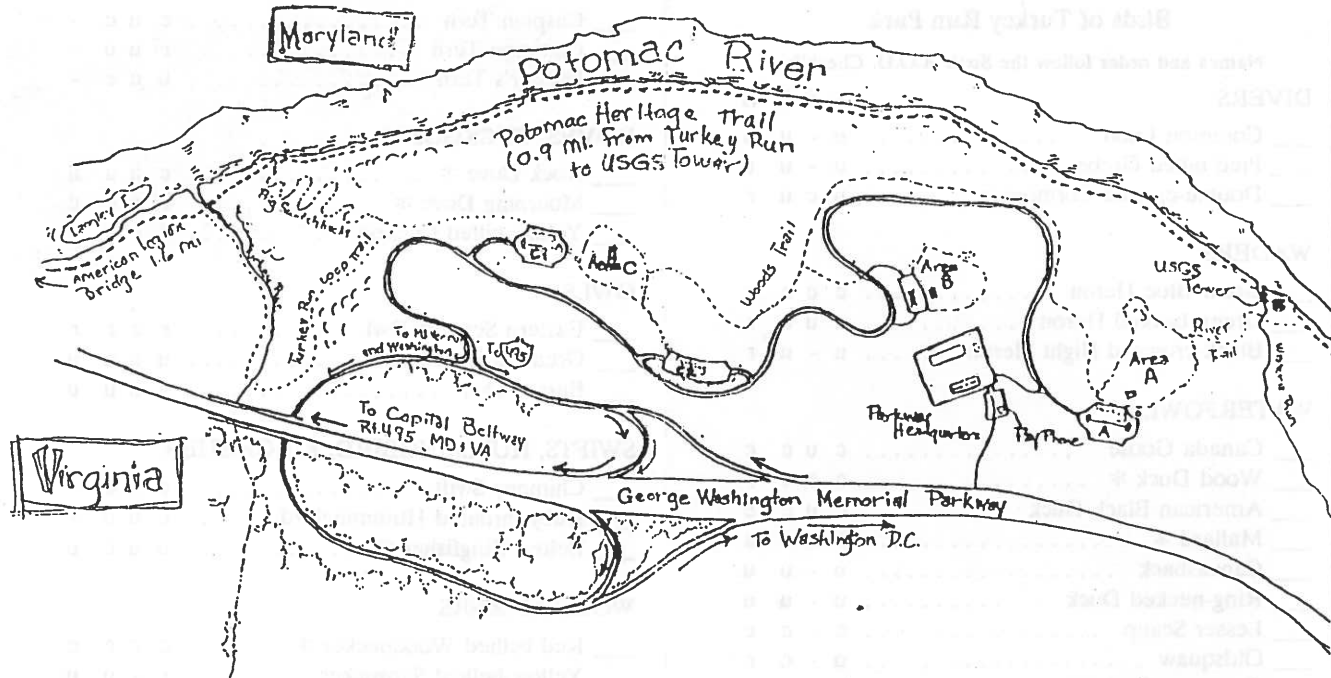
— Red-winged Blackbird	.....	c	a	a	u
— Common Grackle	.....	c	a	a	o
— Brown-headed Cowbird *	.....	c	c	c	u
— Orchard Oriole	.....	u	u	u	-
— Northern Oriole	.....	c	c	u	r

FINCHES

— Purple Finch	.....	o	-	o	u
— House Finch *	.....	c	c	c	c
— American Goldfinch	.....	c	c	c	c
— Pine Siskin	.....	u	-	-	u
— Evening Grosbeak	.....	o	-	-	o
— House Sparrow *	.....	c	a	a	a

FIELD NOTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Weather/Wind</u>	<u># of Species</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>



TURKEY RUN PARK
George Washington Memorial Parkway

DIRECTIONS TO TURKEY RUN PARK

From DC: Take G.W. Parkway north towards McLean, Virginia. The exit to the park entrance is located 1 mile north of Rte. 123 on your right.

From MD: Take I-495 south across American Legion Bridge and exit onto G.W. Parkway. Travel 2 miles to the exit for the park on your right.

From VA: Take I-495 north towards Maryland and exit onto G.W. Parkway or take Rte. 123 and exit onto G.W. Parkway north. Exit is on right.

The National Park Service welcomes reports of additional bird sightings along the George Washington Memorial Parkway not listed here. Please contact:

Natural Resource Manager
George Washington Memorial Parkway
% Turkey Run Park
McLean, Virginia 22101



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Birds
of
Turkey Run Park



George Washington
Memorial Parkway
National Park Service

Turkey Run Park contains over 700 acres of mature second-growth upland forest overlooking the historic Potomac River. Long ago native American Indians prospered from its fertile banks. During the Civil War its proximity to the Federal City of Washington made it necessary for Union troops to occupy its lands. Maintained as rural farmland up to the middle of this century, the area was incorporated into the George Washington Memorial Parkway by an Act of Congress enacted to preserve the natural and scenic integrity of the Potomac Palisades region of the Nation's Capital.

Today Turkey Run Park is a natural home for a wide variety of plants and animals. From the Potomac shoreline to its 200 foot elevations this deciduous forest offers refuge to a multitude of reptiles, amphibians, insects, and mammals including bats, beaver, foxes, and whitetail deer; all of which benefit from the park's abundant growth of trees, plants, and wildflowers. The park is also an especially ideal wilderness habitat for a great number of native and migratory bird species.

Presented here are 143 species of birds observed in Turkey Run Park with their seasonal abundance and breeding data noted.

SEASON

Most birds are migratory. Their seasonal occurrence at Turkey Run Park is coded as follows:

- s** - Spring . . . March, April, May
- S** - Summer . . . June and July
- F** - Fall August to Mid November
- W** - Winter . . . Mid November to February

* - Species with confirmed nesting

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

- a** - abundant . . . Very numerous species
- c** - common . . . Certain to be seen or heard
- u** - uncommon . . Present, may not be seen
- o** - occasional . . Infrequently seen
- r** - rare Not present every year

Birds of Turkey Run Park

Names and order follow the Sixth A.O.U. Checklist

DIVERS s S F W

- ___ Common Loon u - u u
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe u - u u
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant u c u r

WADERS

- ___ Great Blue Heron c c c c
- ___ Green-backed Heron u u u r
- ___ Black-crowned Night Heron u - u r

WATERFOWL

- ___ Canada Goose c u c c
- ___ Wood Duck * c c c r
- ___ American Black Duck c u c c
- ___ Mallard * a c c a
- ___ Canvasback u - u u
- ___ Ring-necked Duck u - u u
- ___ Lesser Scaup c - c c
- ___ Oldsquaw o - o r
- ___ Common Goldeneye o - o r
- ___ Bufflehead c - c c
- ___ Common Merganser c - c c

RAPTORS, QUAIL

- ___ Black Vulture u u u u
- ___ Turkey Vulture u u u u
- ___ Osprey c u c r
- ___ Bald Eagle u u u u
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk u - u c
- ___ Cooper's Hawk o - o o
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk u u u u
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk u o u -
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk u r c c
- ___ American Kestrel o o o u
- ___ Wild Turkey - - - -

SHOREBIRDS

- ___ Killdeer c c c c
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper u - u -
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper c - c -

GULLS, TERNS

- ___ Laughing Gull o u u r
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull c - u r
- ___ Ring-billed Gull a u c a
- ___ Herring Gull c u c c
- ___ Great Black-backed Gull c r c c

- ___ Caspian Tern c u c -
- ___ Common Tern r u u -
- ___ Forster's Tern u c c -

DOVES, CUCKOOS

- ___ Rock Dove * c a a a
- ___ Mourning Dove * c c c c
- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo c c c -

OWLS

- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl r r r r
- ___ Great Horned Owl u u u u
- ___ Barred Owl u u u u

SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRD, KINGFISHER

- ___ Chimney Swift c c c -
- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird u u u -
- ___ Belted Kingfisher * u u u u

WOODPECKERS

- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker * c c c c
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker u - u u
- ___ Downy Woodpecker c c c c
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker u u u u
- ___ Northern Flicker c c c c
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker * o o o o

FLYCATCHERS, LARKS

- ___ Eastern Wood-Pee wee u u c -
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher c c u -
- ___ Eastern Phoebe u u u o
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher u u u -
- ___ Eastern Kingbird u u u o

SWALLOWS

- ___ Purple Martin c o c -
- ___ Tree Swallow c - u -
- ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow c u u -
- ___ Bank Swallow c o u -
- ___ Cliff Swallow r - r -
- ___ Barn Swallow c c c -

JAYS, CROWS

- ___ Blue Jay * c c c c
- ___ American Crow * a a a c
- ___ Fish Crow c c c u

TITMICE, NUTHATCHES, WRENS

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee r - - r

- ___ Carolina Chickadee * c c c c
- ___ Tufted Titmouse * c c c c
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch c c c c
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch o - o o
- ___ Brown Creeper u - u u
- ___ Carolina Wren * c c c c
- ___ House Wren u u u o
- ___ Winter Wren u - u u

THRUSHES, MIMICS

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet u - u u
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet c - c u
- ___ Blue-grey Gnatcatcher c c c o
- ___ Eastern Bluebird o o r r
- ___ Veery u - u -
- ___ Gray-checked Thrush c - c -
- ___ Swainson's Thrush c - c -
- ___ Hermit Thrush u - u r
- ___ Wood Thrush * u u u -
- ___ American Robin * c c c u
- ___ Gray Catbird * c c u r
- ___ Northern Mockingbird * c c c c

WAXWING, STARLING

- ___ Cedar Waxwing u o c u
- ___ European Starling * a a a a

VIREOS

- ___ Solitary Vireo u - u -
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo u u u -
- ___ Warbling Vireo u u u -
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo c c c -

WARBLERS

- ___ Blue-winged Warbler u - u -
- ___ Tennessee Warbler c - c -
- ___ Northern Parula * c u c -
- ___ Yellow Warbler u c u -
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler u - u -
- ___ Magnolia Warbler c - c -
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler u - u -
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler c - c u
- ___ Black-throated Green Warbler u - u -
- ___ Cerulean Warbler * - - - -
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler u - u -
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
- ___ Pine Warbler u - u o
- ___ Palm Warbler u - u o
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler c - c -
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler c - c -