

	Sp	Su	F	W
American crow	U	U	C	C
Fish crow	O		O	O
Common raven			R	
Swallows				
Purple martin	O	O		
Tree swallow	O	O	O	
Northern rough-winged swallow	O	O	O	
Bank swallow	O		O	
Barn swallow	O	O		
Chickadees and Titmice				
Carolina chickadee	C	C	C	C
Tufted titmouse	C	A	C	C
Nuthatches and Creepers				
Red-breasted nuthatch	R		R	R
White-breasted nuthatch	C	C	U	C
Brown creeper	O		O	U
Wrens				
House wren	O	O		
Winter wren	O		O	U
Marsh wren	O		O	
Sedge wren			O	
Carolina wren	C	C	U	C
Gnatcatches and Kinglets				
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	C	C	U	
Golden-crowned kinglet	O		U	U
Ruby-crowned kinglet	O		U	O
Thrushes				
Eastern bluebird	U	U	U	U
Veery	O		O	
Gray-cheeked thrush	O		O	
Swainson's thrush	O		O	
Hermit thrush	O		O	U
Wood thrush	U	C	U	
American robin	O		U	U
Mockingbirds and Thrashers				
Gray catbird	U	U	U	
Brown thrasher	O	O	U	O
Northern mockingbird	O	O	O	O
Starlings				
European starling			R	
Waxwings				
Cedar waxwing	U		O	O
Wood-warblers				
Ovenbird	C	A	O	
Worm-eating warbler	U	U	O	
Louisiana waterthrush	U	U	O	
Northern waterthrush	O		O	
Blue-winged warbler	U	O		
Black-and-white warbler	U	U	O	
Prothonotary warbler	U	U		
Kentucky warbler	O	U		
Common yellowthroat	C	C	U	
Hooded warbler	U	U		
American redstart	U	U	O	

	Sp	Su	F	W
Northern parula	C	C	O	
Yellow warbler	U	U	U	
Chestnut-sided warbler	O		O	
Magnolia warbler	O		U	
Bay-breasted warbler	O			
Blackburnian warbler	O			
Blackpoll warbler	U		O	
Black-throated blue warbler	U		U	
Yellow-throated warbler	U	U	U	
Palm warbler	O		U	
Pine warbler	U	U	U	
Yellow-rumped warbler	U		C	U
Prairie warbler	O		O	
Black-throated green warbler	U		U	
Cape May warbler	O		O	
Canada warbler	U		U	
Wilson's warbler	R			
Yellow-breasted chat	R	R		
Sparrows and Allies				
Eastern towhee	U	U	U	U
Field sparrow	O			
Chipping sparrow	O	O		
Fox sparrow	O		O	O
Song sparrow	U		U	U
Swamp sparrow	U		O	U
White-throated sparrow	C		U	C
Dark-eyed junco	U		O	U
Cardinals and Tanagers				
Summer tanager	O	U		
Scarlet tanager	U	C	O	
Rose-breasted grosbeak	O	O	O	
Blue grosbeak			R	
Northern cardinal	C	C	U	U
Indigo bunting	U	U		
Dickcissel			R	
Blackbirds				
Red-winged blackbird	C	A	A	U
Rusty blackbird	O		O	O
Common grackle	O	C	C	O
Brown-headed cowbird	U	U		
Orchard oriole	U	U		
Baltimore oriole	U	U		R
Finches and Allies				
Purple finch	R			R
House finch	U	U	U	U
Pine siskin	R			
American goldfinch	C	U	U	U

Date: _____ Time: _____

Observers: _____

A Checklist of the
—BIRDS—
at Crow's Nest



Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve

Water Trail Access

2500 Brooke Road
Stafford, Virginia 22554

Interior Trail Access (Thurs. – Sun.)

81 Raven Road
Stafford, Virginia 22554

Hours vary by season:

March 15 – Oct. 31 • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Nov. 1 – March 14 • 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Crow's Nest was dedicated as Virginia's 54th natural area preserve in 2008. The diverse plant communities within the preserve provide important habitat for a variety of birds, including breeding birds, neo-tropical migrants and over-wintering waterfowl. Bird diversity peaks during fall and spring migrations when waves of neo-tropical migrants pass through Virginia.

The Accokeek Overlook Trail and the canoe launch boardwalk provide birders with access to the freshwater tidal marsh along Accokeek Creek and adjacent hardwood forest. The Raven Road access, open Thurs. through Sun., features 8 miles of hiking trails within the interior of the preserve.

This checklist identifies more than 160 species that have been seen within or from the shoreline of Crow's Nest. The list will be updated as more information becomes available. All additions, corrections and comments to the checklist should be sent to michael.lott@dcr.virginia.gov.

Birds known to breed at Crow's Nest are shown in **bold**. Many birds are migratory; therefore, their seasonal occurrence is coded as follows:

Seasonal occurrence

Sp	Spring	<i>March-May</i>
Su	Summer	<i>June-September</i>
F	Fall	<i>September-November</i>
W	Winter	<i>December-February</i>

Relative abundance

A	<i>abundant</i>	a species which is very numerous
C	<i>common</i>	likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
U	<i>uncommon</i>	present, but not certain to be seen
O	<i>occasional</i>	seen only a few times during a season
R	<i>rare</i>	may be present but not every year

	Sp	Su	F	W
Ducks, Geese and Swans				
Snow goose			R	
Canada goose	C	U	A	C
Mute swan				R
Tundra swan	U		C	A
Wood duck	C	U	C	O
Gadwall	U		U	C
American wigeon	O		U	U
American black duck	U		C	C
Mallard	U		A	A
Blue-winged teal	O		U	
Northern shoveler	O		O	O
Northern pintail	O		O	U
Green-winged teal	O		U	O
Canvasback	O			U
Redhead				U
Ring-necked duck	O		O	C
Lesser scaup	O		O	O
Bufflehead	O		O	U
Common goldeneye				O
Hooded merganser	O		U	C
Common merganser	O			U
Red-breasted merganser	O		O	U
Ruddy duck	O		U	U
Turkeys				
Wild turkey	U	U	U	U
Loons and Grebes				
Common loon				O
Pied-billed grebe	O		O	O
Horned grebe	O			O
Red-necked grebe	R			R
Cormorants and Herons				
Double-crested cormorant	U	O	U	U
Great blue heron	C	C	C	U
Great egret		O	U	R
Green heron	O	O	O	
Glossy ibis		R		
New World Vultures				
Black vulture	U	O	O	O
Turkey vulture	C	U	U	U
Hawks, Eagles and Allies				
Osprey	U	U	R	
Bald eagle	C	U	U	U
Northern harrier			O	
Sharp-shinned hawk	O			U
Cooper's hawk	O		O	U
Red-shouldered hawk	U	O	U	O
Red-tailed hawk	U		U	U
American kestrel	R			
Merlin			O	
Peregrine falcon				R
Rails and Coots				
King rail		R		

	Sp	Su	F	W
Sora			U	
American coot	U		U	U
Plovers				
Killdeer			U	O
Sandpipers and Allies				
Spotted sandpiper	O		O	
Solitary sandpiper	O		O	
Greater yellowlegs	O		O	O
Wilson's snipe	O			O
American woodcock	O	O	O	O
Gulls and Terns				
Bonaparte's gull	O		O	O
Laughing gull		O	C	O
Ring-billed gull	C	O	C	A
Herring gull	U			U
Great black-backed gull	O			O
Caspian tern	O		O	
Forster's tern	O	O	O	
Pigeons and Doves				
Mourning dove	U	U	U	O
Cuckoos				
Yellow-billed cuckoo	U	U	U	O
Owls				
Eastern screech-owl	O	O	O	O
Great horned owl	O	O	O	O
Barred owl	U	U	U	U
Swifts				
Chimney swift	O	O	O	
Hummingbirds				
Ruby-throated hummingbird	O	U		
Kingfishers				
Belted kingfisher	U	U	U	U
Woodpeckers and Allies				
Red-headed woodpecker	O	O	O	O
Red-bellied woodpecker	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied sapsucker			U	U
Downy woodpecker	C	C	C	C
Hairy woodpecker	U	U	U	U
Northern flicker	U	U	U	U
Pileated woodpecker	C	U	U	C
Tyrant Flycatchers				
Eastern wood-pewee	U	C	O	
Acadian flycatcher	U	C	O	
Least flycatcher	R			
Eastern phoebe	U	U	U	O
Great crested flycatcher	U	U		
Eastern kingbird	U	U		
Vireos, Jays and Crows				
White-eyed vireo	U	U	O	
Yellow-throated vireo	U	U	O	
Blue-headed vireo	O		O	
Red-eyed vireo	C	A	O	
Blue jay	C	C	C	U