

# Checklist of Birds in Albemarle County and Charlottesville

## Compiled by Piedmont Virginia Bird Club

### Relative Abundance

- C** Common-likely to be found in appropriate habitat and season
- U** Uncommon-reported every year, may be difficult to find
- I** Irregular-not reported every year, some years more common
- R** Rare-limited number of reports or located in a limited habitat
- #** Confirmed or probable breeder
- +** Breeds at higher elevation

### Waterfowl

___ Snow Goose	R
___ Cackling Goose	R
___ Canada Goose #	C
___ Mute Swan	I
___ Tundra Swan	R
___ Wood Duck #	C
___ Blue-winged Teal	U
___ Northern Shoveler	U
___ Gadwall	U
___ American Wigeon	U
___ Mallard #	C
___ American Black Duck	U
___ Northern Pintail	U
___ Green-winged Teal	U
___ Canvasback	U
___ Redhead	U
___ Ring-necked Duck	U
___ Greater Scaup	I
___ Lesser Scaup	U
___ Long-tailed Duck	R
___ Bufflehead	U

___ Common Goldeneye	I
___ Hooded Merganser #	C
___ Common Merganser #	I
___ Red-breasted Merganser	I
___ Ruddy Duck	U

### Grouse, Quail, Turkey

___ Northern Bobwhite #	I
___ Ruffed Grouse #	U
___ Wild Turkey #	U

### Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe	C
___ Horned Grebe	I

### Pigeons, Doves

___ Rock Pigeon #	C
___ Mourning Dove #	C

### Cuckoos

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo #	C
___ Black-billed Cuckoo # +	I

### Nightjars

___ Common Nighthawk	U
___ Chuck-will's-widow #	I
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will #	U

### Swifts

___ Chimney Swift #	C
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### Hummingbirds

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird #	C
___ Rufous Hummingbird	R

### Rails, Gallinules, Coots

___ Sora	I
___ American Coot	U

### Shorebirds

___ Semipalmated Plover	I
___ Killdeer #	C
___ Dunlin	R
___ Least Sandpiper	I
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	I
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R
___ American Woodcock #	U
___ Wilson's Snipe	U

___ Spotted Sandpiper	C
___ Solitary Sandpiper	C
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U

### Gulls, Terns

___ Bonaparte's Gull	R
___ Ring-billed Gull	U

### Loons

___ Common Loon	U
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### Cormorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant	U
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### Bitterns, Herons, Ibis

___ American Bittern	R
___ Least Bittern	R
___ Great Blue Heron #	C
___ Great Egret	U
___ Little Blue Heron	R
___ Green Heron #	C
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	R
___ White Ibis	R

### Vultures, Hawks

___ Black Vulture #	C
___ Turkey Vulture #	C
___ Osprey	U
___ Northern Harrier	U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	C
___ Cooper's Hawk #	C
___ Bald Eagle #	U
___ Red-shouldered Hawk #	C
___ Broad-winged Hawk #	U
___ Red-tailed Hawk #	C

### Owls

___ Barn Owl #	R
___ Eastern Screech-Owl #	U
___ Great Horned Owl #	U
___ Barred Owl #	U
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	R

### Kingfishers

___ Belted Kingfisher #	C
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### Woodpeckers

___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C
___ Red-headed Woodpecker #	U
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker #	C
___ Downy Woodpecker #	C
___ Hairy Woodpecker #	C
___ Northern Flicker #	C
___ Pileated Woodpecker#	C

### Falcons

___ American Kestrel #	U
___ Merlin	U
___ Peregrine Falcon	R

### Flycatchers, Kingbirds

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	I
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee #	C
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R
___ Acadian Flycatcher #	C
___ Alder Flycatcher	R
___ Willow Flycatcher	I
___ Least Flycatcher #+	I
___ Eastern Phoebe #	C
___ Great Crested Flycatcher #	C
___ Eastern Kingbird #	C

### Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo #	C
___ Yellow-throated Vireo #	C
___ Blue-headed Vireo # +	C
___ Philadelphia Vireo	I
___ Warbling Vireo #	U
___ Red-eyed Vireo #	C

### Shrikes

___ Loggerhead Shrike	R
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### Jays, Crows, Ravens

___ Blue Jay #	C
___ American Crow #	C
___ Fish Crow #	C
___ Common Raven #	U

### Chickadees, Titmice

___ Carolina Chickadee #	C
___ Black-capped Chickadee	R
___ Tufted Titmouse #	C

### Larks

___ Horned Lark #	U
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### Martins, Swallows

___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow #	C
___ Purple Martin #	U
___ Tree Swallow #	C
___ Bank Swallow	I
___ Barn Swallow #	C
___ Cliff Swallow #	U

### Kinglets

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C

### Nuthatches

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	I
___ White-breasted Nuthatch #	C
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	R

### Creepers

___ Brown Creeper	U
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### Gnatcatchers

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher #	C
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### Wrens

___ House Wren #	C
___ Winter Wren	C
___ Marsh Wren	R
___ Carolina Wren #	C

### Starlings

___ European Starling #	C
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### Mimids

___ Gray Catbird #	C
___ Brown Thrasher #	C
___ Northern Mockingbird #	C

### Thrushes

___ Eastern Bluebird #	C
___ Veery # +	U
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	I
___ Swainson's Thrush	U
___ Hermit Thrush	C
___ Wood Thrush #	C
___ American Robin #	C

### Waxwings

___ Cedar Waxwing #	U
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### Old World Sparrows

___ House Sparrow #	C
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**Pipits**

\_\_\_ American Pipit U

**Finches**

\_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak R

\_\_\_ House Finch # C

\_\_\_ Purple Finch U

\_\_\_ Pine Siskin I

\_\_\_ American Goldfinch # C

**New World Sparrows**

\_\_\_ Grasshopper Sparrow # U

\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow # C

\_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow R

\_\_\_ Field Sparrow # C

\_\_\_ American Tree Sparrow R

\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow U

\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco # + C

\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow U

\_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow C

\_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow U

\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow U

\_\_\_ Song Sparrow # C

\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow U

\_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow U

\_\_\_ Eastern Towhee # C

**Yellow-breasted Chat**

\_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat # U

**Blackbirds, Orioles**

\_\_\_ Bobolink I

\_\_\_ Eastern Meadowlark # C

\_\_\_ Orchard Oriole # C

\_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole # C

\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird # C

\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird # C

\_\_\_ Rusty Blackbird U

\_\_\_ Common Grackle # C

**Wood-Warblers**

\_\_\_ Ovenbird # C

\_\_\_ Worm-eating Warbler # U

\_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush # C

\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush U

\_\_\_ Golden-winged Warbler R

\_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler U

\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler #+ C

\_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler U

\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler I

\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler U

\_\_\_ Connecticut Warbler R

\_\_\_ Mourning Warbler I

\_\_\_ Kentucky Warbler # U

\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat # C

\_\_\_ Hooded Warbler # U

\_\_\_ American Redstart # C

\_\_\_ Cape May Warbler U

\_\_\_ Cerulean Warbler # U

\_\_\_ Northern Parula # C

\_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler U

\_\_\_ Bay-breasted Warbler U

\_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler U

\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler # U

\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler # + U

\_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler C

\_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler # + C

\_\_\_ Palm Warbler U

\_\_\_ Pine Warbler # C

\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler C

\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler # U

\_\_\_ Prairie Warbler # U

\_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler #+ C

\_\_\_ Canada Warbler # + U

\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler U

**Cardinals, Grosbeaks,****Buntings**

\_\_\_ Summer Tanager # U

\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager # C

\_\_\_ Northern Cardinal # C

\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak # + U

\_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak # U

\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting # C

\_\_\_ Dickcissel R

**Fun Albemarle County Facts**

Probable Species: 220

Breeder's: 112

Very Rare/Accidental: 80

Total Species Recorded: 305

**The following species have few records (or multiple sightings of the same bird).**

Ross's Goose

Greater White-fronted Goose

Brant

Trumpeter Swan

Eurasian Wigeon

Surf Scoter

White-winged Scoter

Black Scoter

Red-necked Grebe

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Clapper Rail

King Rail

Virginia Rail

Common Gallinule

Purple Gallinule

Limpkin

Sandhill Crane

American Avocet

Black-bellied Plover

American Golden-Plover

Upland Sandpiper

Whimbrel

Marbled Godwit

Stilt Sandpiper

Ruddy Turnstone

Sanderling

Baird's Sandpiper

White-rumped Sandpiper

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Western Sandpiper

Short-billed Dowitcher

Long-billed Dowitcher

Wilson's Phalarope

Red-necked Phalarope

Red Phalarope

Willet

Laughing Gull

Herring Gull

Least Tern

Caspian Tern

Black Tern

Forster's Tern

Royal Tern

Black Skimmer

Red-throated Loon

Anhinga

Brown Pelican

American White Pelican

Snowy Egret

Tricolored Heron

Cattle Egret

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Glossy Ibis

Roseate Spoonbill

Swallow-tailed Kite

Golden Eagle

Mississippi Kite

Northern Goshawk

Rough-legged Hawk

Snowy Owl

Burrowing Owl

Long-eared Owl

Short-eared Owl

Western Kingbird

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Violet-green Swallow

Sedge Wren

Northern Wheatear

Common Redpoll

Red Crossbill

White-winged Crossbill

Lapland Longspur

Snow Bunting

Lark Sparrow

LeConte's Sparrow

Nelson's Sparrow

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Swainson's Warbler

Western Tanager

Black-headed Grosbeak

Painted Bunting

**Additional species:**

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**Extirpated Species**Bewick's Wren  
Bachman's Sparrow  
Red-cockaded Woodpecker  
Henslow's Sparrow**Extinct Species**

Passenger Pigeon

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**A more detailed, illustrated checklist of Albemarle County VA can be found on eBird at: <https://ebird.org/region/US-VA-003/media?yr=all&m=>**