

# Checklist of Birds of Augusta County, Virginia

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Symbols and abbreviations appear at the end of the list.

✓	B	Species	Sp	S	F	W
		Fulvous Whistling-Duck			a	a
		Snow Goose	R		R	R
		Ross's Goose	R		R	R
		Greater White-fronted Goose	R		R	R
		Brant			a	a
		Barnacle Goose	a	a		
		Cackling Goose	R		R	R
	*	Canada Goose	C	C	C	A
		Mute Swan	R	a	a	a
		Trumpeter Swan	R			R
		Tundra Swan	U	a	U	U
	*	Wood Duck	C	C	C	U
		Blue-winged Teal	C	R	C	R
		Cinnamon Teal	a			
		Northern Shoveler	R	a	R	U
		Gadwall	U	a	U	C
		Eurasian Wigeon	a			a
		American Wigeon	U	a	U	U
	*	Mallard	A	C	A	A
		American Black Duck	U	a	U	U
		Northern Pintail	U		U	U
		Green-winged Teal	U	a	U	U
		Canvasback	U		U	R
		Redhead	R		R	R
		Ring-necked Duck	C	a	C	C
		Greater Scaup	R		R	R
		Lesser Scaup	U	a	U	U
		Surf Scoter	a		R	a
		White-winged Scoter	R		a	R
		Black Scoter	a		a	a
		Long-tailed Duck	R		R	R
		Bufflehead	U		U	U
		Common Goldeneye	R		R	R
		Hooded Merganser	U	R	U	U
	*	Common Merganser	R	R	R	R
		Red-breasted Merganser	R	a	R	R
		Ruddy Duck	U	a	U	U
		Northern Bobwhite	R	R	R	R
	*	Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
	*	Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U
	*	Ring-necked Pheasant	a	a	a	a
		American Flamingo			a	
	*	Pied-billed Grebe	C	R	C	U
		Horned Grebe	U	a	U	R

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		Red-necked Grebe	R			R
		Eared Grebe	a		a	
	*	Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
		Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	a	a	a
		Common Ground-Dove			a	
		White-winged Dove	a	a		
	*	Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A
	*	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C	
	*	Black-billed Cuckoo	R	R	R	
	*	Common Nighthawk	R	R	U	
	#	Chuck-will's-widow	R	R	R	
	*	Eastern Whip-poor-will	C	C	C	
	*	Chimney Swift	C	C	C	
	*	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C	a
		Calliope Hummingbird	a		a	a
		Rufous Hummingbird (or Allen's) @	a	a	a	R
	*	Virginia Rail	R	R	R	a
	#	Sora	U	R	U	a
		Common Gallinule	R	a	R	
		American Coot	C	R	C	U
		Purple Gallinule	a	a		
		Sandhill Crane	R	a	R	R
		American Avocet	a		R	
		Black-Bellied Plover	R	a	R	
		American Golden-Plover	a		R	
	*	Killdeer	C	U	C	C
		Semipalmated Plover	U	R	U	
		Lesser/Greater Sand-Plover @			a	
		Upland Sandpiper	a	a	a	
		Whimbrel	a			
		Ruddy Turnstone	a		a	
		Red Knot	a			
		Ruff	a			
		Stilt Sandpiper			R	R
		Sanderling	a		R	
		Dunlin	U	a	U	a
		Baird's Sandpiper			R	
		Least Sandpiper	U	R	U	a
		White-rumped Sandpiper	R	a	R	
		Buff-breasted Sandpiper			R	
		Pectoral Sandpiper	U	R	U	a
		Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	R	U	
		Western Sandpiper	a	a	R	
		Short-billed Dowitcher	R	R	R	
		Long-billed Dowitcher			a	a
	*	American Woodcock	U	U	R	R
		Wilson's Snipe	U	a	U	U
	*	Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U	
		Solitary Sandpiper	U	R	U	
		Lesser Yellowlegs	U	R	U	
		Willet	a	a	a	
		Greater Yellowlegs	U	R	U	a
		Wilson's Phalarope	a	a	R	
		Red-necked Phalarope	R		a	
		Red Phalarope	a		a	
		Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	R
		Laughing Gull	a		a	A

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		Ring-billed Gull	U	a	U	U
		Herring Gull	R		R	R
		Least Tern		a	a	
		Caspian Tern	R	R	R	
		Black Tern	R	a	R	
		Common Tern	R		R	
		Forster's Tern	R	a	R	a
		Black Skimmer			a	
		White-tailed Tropicbird			a	
		Red-throated Loon	a		a	a
		Common Loon	R	a	R	R
		Black-capped Petrel			a	
		Wood Stork	a		a	
		Anhinga	a		a	
		Double-crested Cormorant	R	R	R	R
		American White Pelican	a		a	
		American Bittern	R		R	a
	*	Least Bittern		R	a	
	*	Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
		Great Egret	R	U	U	a
		Snowy Egret	a	a	a	
		Little Blue Heron	a	R	a	
		Tricolored Heron	a		a	
		Cattle Egret	R	R	R	
	*	Green Heron	C	C	C	a
		Black-crowned Night-Heron	R	R	R	R
		Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	R	R	R	
		White Ibis		R	a	
		Glossy Ibis	a	a	a	
		Roseate Spoonbill			a	
	*	Black Vulture	C	C	C	C
	*	Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	A
		Osprey	U	R	U	a
		Swallow-tailed Kite			a	a
		Golden Eagle	R	a	U	R
		Northern Harrier	U	R	U	U
	*	Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	U	C	U
	*	Cooper's Hawk	C	U	C	U
		American Goshawk	a		R	R
	*	Bald Eagle	U	U	C	U
		Mississippi Kite	a	a	R	
	*	Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U
	*	Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	A	
		Swainson's Hawk			R	
	*	Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
		Rough-legged Hawk	R		R	R
	*	Barn Owl	U	U	U	U
	*	Eastern Screech-Owl	C	C	C	C
	*	Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
		Snowy Owl	a		a	a
	*	Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
		Long-eared Owl	a		a	a
		Short-eared Owl	R		R	R
		Northern Saw-whet Owl	A		A	R
	*	Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C
	*	Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
	*	Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C

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		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	a	U	U
	*	Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
	*	Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
	*	Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U
	*	Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
	*	American Kestrel	C	U	C	C
		Merlin	R		U	U
		Peregrine Falcon	R	a	R	R
	*	Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C	
		Western Kingbird		a	a	
	*	Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
		Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		a		
		Olive-sided Flycatcher	R		R	
	*	Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
		Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	a	a	R	
	*	Acadian Flycatcher	C	C	C	
		Alder Flycatcher	R	R	a	
	*	Willow Flycatcher	U	C	R	
	*	Least Flycatcher	R	R	R	
	*	Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	R
		Say's Phoebe	a			
		White-Eyed Vireo	U	U	U	a
	*	Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U	
	*	Blue-headed Vireo	U	C	U	a
		Philadelphia Vireo	R		R	
	*	Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	
	*	Red-eyed Vireo	C	A	C	
	#	Loggerhead Shrike	R	R	R	R
		Northern Shrike				a
	*	Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
	*	American Crow	C	C	C	C
	*	Fish Crow	U	U	U	U
	*	Common Raven	U	U	U	U
	*	Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
	*	Black-capped Chickadee	U	U	U	U
	*	Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C
	*	Horned Lark	U	U	U	U
	#	Bank Swallow	U	R	U	
	*	Tree Swallow	C	A	C	R
	*	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	U	C	
	*	Purple Martin	U	C	U	a
	*	Barn Swallow	A	A	A	
	*	Cliff Swallow	U	U	U	
		Cave Swallow	a		a	
		Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	a	U	R
		Golden-crowned Kinglet	U	R	U	U
	*	Cedar Waxwing	C	U	C	R
		Red-breasted Nuthatch	R	R	R	R
	*	White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
		Brown-headed Nuthatch	a	a	a	a
	*	Brown Creeper	U	R	U	U
	*	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C	
		Bewick's Wren (EXTIRPATED)				
	*	Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C
	*	House Wren	U	C	U	a
		Winter Wren	R	R	R	R
	#	Sedge Wren		a	R	

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		Marsh Wren	a		R	a
*		Gray Catbird	C	C	C	R
*		Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	R
*		Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
*		European Starling	A	A	A	A
*		Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C
#		Veery	U	R	U	
		Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R	
		Bicknell's Thrush	a		a	
		Swainson's Thrush	U	a	U	a
		Hermit Thrush	U	a	U	U
*		Wood Thrush	C	C	C	
*		American Robin	A	A	A	U
		House Sparrow	A	A	A	A
		American Pipit	R		R	R
		Evening Grosbeak			a	a
		House Finch	C	C	C	C
		Purple Finch	U		U	R
		Common Redpoll	a		a	R
		Red Crossbill	a	a	a	a
		White-winged Crossbill	a		a	a
		Pine Siskin	U	a	U	R
		American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U
		Lapland Longspur	R		R	R
		Smith's Longspur	a			a
		Snow Bunting	a		R	R
		Bachman's Sparrow	a			
*		Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	C	
		Lark Sparrow	a		a	a
*		Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	R
		Clay-colored Sparrow	a	a	R	a
*		Field Sparrow	C	C	C	U
		Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
		American Tree Sparrow	R		R	R
#		Dark-eyed Junco	C	U	C	C
		White-crowned Sparrow	C	a	C	C
		Harris's Sparrow	a			
		White-throated Sparrow	C	R	C	A
*		Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	R
		Le Conte's Sparrow			a	
		Nelson's Sparrow			a	
		Henslow's Sparrow			a	
*		Savannah Sparrow	C	U	C	U
*		Song Sparrow	A	A	A	A
		Lincoln's Sparrow	R		U	R
		Swamp Sparrow	U		U	U
*		Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	U
*		Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R	R	
		Yellow-headed Blackbird	a		a	
#		Bobolink	U	R	U	
*		Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	U
*		Orchard Oriole	U	U	U	
*		Baltimore Oriole	U	U	U	R
		Scott's Oriole	a			a
*		Red-winged Blackbird	A	A	A	U
*		Brown-headed Cowbird	A	A	A	U

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		Rusty Blackbird	R		R	R
		Brewer's Blackbird	R		a	R
*		Common Grackle	A	A	A	U
*		Ovenbird	C	C	C	
*		Worm-eating Warbler	C	C	C	
*		Louisiana Waterthrush	C	C	C	
		Northern Waterthrush	U	a	U	
		Bachman's Warbler (EXTINCT)		a		
#		Golden-winged Warbler	R	R	R	
#		Blue-winged Warbler	R	R	R	
*		Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	a
		Prothonotary Warbler	R		a	
		Swainson's Warbler	a			
		Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
		Orange-crowned Warbler	R		R	a
		Nashville Warbler	U	a	U	a
		Connecticut Warbler	a		R	
#		Mourning Warbler	R	R	R	
*		Kentucky Warbler	U	U	U	
*		Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	a
*		Hooded Warbler	C	C	C	
*		American Redstart	C	C	C	
		Cape May Warbler	C		C	a
*		Cerulean Warbler	U	U	U	
*		Northern Parula	U	U	U	
		Magnolia Warbler	U	a	U	
		Bay-Breasted Warbler	R		R	
*		Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U	
*		Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
*		Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	C	
		Blackpoll Warbler	C	R	U	
*		Black-throated Blue Warbler	C	U	C	a
		Palm Warbler	R		U	R
*		Pine Warbler	U	U	U	R
#		Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	R	C	U
		Yellow-throated Warbler	R		R	
*		Prairie Warbler	U	R	U	
*		Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C	
*		Canada Warbler	R	R	R	
		Wilson's Warbler	R		R	
		Summer Tanager	R	R	R	
*		Scarlet Tanager	C	C	C	
		Western Tanager	a			a
*		Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
*		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	R	U	a
		Black-headed Grosbeak	a			
*		Blue Grosbeak	U	U	U	
*		Indigo Bunting	A	A	A	a
		Painted Bunting	a			A
#		Dickcissel	R	R	R	R

**(B) Breeding Status Code**

\* Breeds locally - some breeding evidence, not necessarily a nest record.

# Rare and local breeding, not necessarily a nest record.

**Seasons**

- Sp Spring (March – May)
- S Summer (June – July)
- F Fall (August – November)
- W Winter (December – February)

**Relative abundance**

A = Abundant - likely in large numbers in proper habitat.

C = Common - seen most of the time or in small numbers in proper habitat/season.

U = Uncommon - occurs in small numbers or in limited habitat

R = Rare - occurs irregularly in small numbers.

a = Accidental - no more than five records in the given season.

@ = Ambiguous cases, in which two similar species are very hard to distinguish.

**NOTES:**

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Field Notes:  
Please report any sightings of species seen out of season, or any listed as "R" or "a," to Allen Larner at: [larnersky@mindspring.com](mailto:larnersky@mindspring.com)