

Birds of Roaring Brook Nature Center and vicinity



Frequency and Abundance:

c - common	certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat.
f - fairly common	present, but not certain to be seen.
u - uncommon	seen or heard only a few times during the season.
r - rare	occurs annually in very low numbers and may not be seen each year.
i - irruptive	species may be represented by many individuals in one year and may be absent in the next.
v - casual visitor	only a few seen every decade.
(m) - migrant	only seen migrating overhead.

Season:

s - spring	March - May
S - summer	June - July
F - fall	August - November
W - winter	December - February

* Denotes species has nested on property.

GEESE AND DUCKS

	s	S	F	W
Snow Goose (m)	u		u	
Canada Goose*	f	f	f	u
Wood Duck*	f	f	f	
American Black Duck	r		r	
Mallard*	f	f	f	u
Common Merganser	u	u	u	

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

Ruffed Grouse*	r	r	r	r
Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c

LOONS AND CORMORANTS

Common Loon (m)	r		r	
Double-crested Cormorant(m)	u		u	

HERONS

Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	
Green Heron	u	u	r	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				v

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture	f	f	f	r
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HAWKS

Osprey	u		u	
Bald Eagle	u	r	u	r
Northern Harrier (m)	r		r	
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	u	r	u	u
Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	u
Broad-winged Hawk*	f	f	f	
Red-tailed Hawk	f	f	f	f
American Kestrel	r	r	r	

SHOREBIRDS AND GULLS

Killdeer	u		u	
Solitary Sandpiper	r		r	
Spotted Sandpiper	r		r	
American Woodcock*	u	r	u	
Ring-billed Gull	u		u	u
Herring Gull	u		u	u
Great Black-backed Gull	u		u	u

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon*	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c

CUCKOOS

Black-billed Cuckoo	r	r		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	r	r		

OWLS AND NIGHTJARS

Eastern Screech-Owl*	r	r	r	r
Great Horned Owl*	u	r	u	f
Barred Owl*	f	f	f	f
Northern Saw-whet Owl				r r
Common Nighthawk (m)	r		u	
Whip-poor-will*	r	r		

SWIFTS AND HUMMINGBIRDS

Chimney Swift	f	u	u	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	f	c	f	

KINGFISHERS AND WOODPECKERS

Belted Kingfisher	f	f	f	r
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	f	f	f	f
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	r	u	r
Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker	f	f	f	f
Northern Flicker*	f	f	f	r
Pileated Woodpecker	f	f	f	f

PERCHING BIRDS	s	S	F	W
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		r	
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
Acadian Flycatcher	r		r	
Alder Flycatcher	r	r		
Willow Flycatcher	r		u	
Least Flycatcher	u		r	
Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	
Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	f	f	
Northern Shrike				v
Eastern Kingbird*	u	u		
Yellow-throated Vireo*	f	f	u	
Blue-headed Vireo	f	r	f	
Warbling Vireo	r		r	
Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
American Crow*	c	c	c	c
Common Raven	u	r	u	u
Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
No. Rough-winged Swallow	u			
Cliff Swallow*	r			
Barn Swallow*	f	f	f	
Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	r	r	r
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Brown Creeper	u	r	u	u
Carolina Wren*	f	f	f	f
House Wren*	c	c	c	
Winter Wren*	u	u	u	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	f		f	f
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	f		f	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	f	f	u	
Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	f	u
Veery*	c	c	f	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
Bicknell's Thrush	r		r	
Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
Hermit Thrush*	f	u	f	r
Wood Thrush*	c	c	f	
American Robin*	c	c	c	u
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	
Northern Mockingbird*	f	f	f	u
Brown Thrasher	r		r	
European Starling*	c	c	f	f
Cedar Waxwing	f	u	f	u
Blue-winged Warbler*	f	f	f	
Golden-winged Warbler	v			
Tennessee Warbler	r		r	
Nashville Warbler	u		u	
Northern Parula	f		f	
Yellow Warbler*	f	f	f	
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	f	f	f	
Magnolia Warbler	f		f	
Cape May Warbler	r		r	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	f		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	r	c	
Black-throated Green Warbler*	c	c	f	
Blackburnian Warbler*	f	f	u	
Pine Warbler	u		u	
Prairie Warbler*	u	r	u	
Palm Warbler	u		u	
Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Black-and-white Warbler*	c	c	f	

PERCHING BIRDS (con't)	s	S	F	W
American Redstart*	c	f	c	
Worm-eating Warbler*	u	u	u	
Ovenbird*	c	c	f	
Northern Waterthrush	r		r	
Louisiana Waterthrush*	c	f	f	
Mourning Warbler	r		r	
Common Yellowthroat*	c	f	f	
Wilson's Warbler	r		r	
Canada Warbler	f		f	
Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c	
Eastern Towhee*	f	u	f	
American Tree Sparrow				r
Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Field Sparrow*	u	u	u	
Fox Sparrow	u		u	
Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	u
Lincoln's Sparrow	r		r	
Swamp Sparrow	u		u	
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
White-crowned Sparrow	r		r	
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	f	f	f	
Indigo Bunting*	f	f	f	
Bobolink	r		r	
Red-winged Blackbird*	f	u	f	
Eastern Meadowlark	r			
Rusty Blackbird	r		r	
Common Grackle*	f	f	f	r
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	f	r
Baltimore Oriole*	c	f	u	
Pine Grosbeak (i)				v
Purple Finch	u	r	u	u
House Finch*	c	c	c	c
Common Redpoll (i)				i
Pine Siskin (i)	i		i	i
American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	f
Evening Grosbeak (i)	v		v	v
House Sparrow*	r	r	r	r

The following species have been observed on fewer than five occasions in the vicinity of the Nature Center.

- Pied-billed Grebe
- American Bittern
- Great Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Northern Pintail
- Hooded Merganser
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon
- Ring-necked Pheasant (escape)
- Northern Bobwhite (escape)
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Long-eared Owl
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- American Pipit
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Kentucky Warbler
- White-winged Crossbill

Please report rare, casual or unlisted species to the RBNC office, or call (860) 693-0263.

Thank you

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