DOVES - CUCKOOS - WOODPECKERS

	Sp	Su	F	W
☐ Rock Dove*	C	C	C	C
☐ Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C
☐ Black-billed Cuckoo	U		U	
☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	U		U	
☐ Common Nighthawk	U	U	U	O
☐ Ruby-throated Hummingbird			U	
☐ Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	U	R
☐ Red-headed Woodpecker	U		U	U
☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	
☐ Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
☐ Hairy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
☐ Northern Flicker*	C	U	C	U

PASSERINE (PERCHING) BIRDS

	Sp	Su	F	W
☐ Great Crested Flycatcher	U		U	
☐ Western Kingbird			R	
☐ Eastern Kingbird	C	U	C	
☐ Eastern Phoebe*	U	U	U	
☐ Eastern Pewee	R		U	
☐ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*	R		R	
☐ Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U	
☐ Least Flycatcher	U		U	
☐ Horned Lark*	C	U	U	U
☐ Water Pipit	U		U	U
☐ Purple Martin	R		R	
☐ Cliff Swallow	R		R	
☐ Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	
☐ Tree Swallow*	C	C	C	
☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	U	U	U	
☐ Bank Swallow	U		U	
☐ Chimney Swift	U		U	
☐ American Crow*	C	C	C	C
☐ Fish Crow*	C	C	C	C
☐ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
☐ Black-capped Chickadee	C		C	C
☐ Tufted Titmouse	U		U	U
☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U
☐ White-breasted Nuthatch*	U		U	U
☐ Brown Creeper	U		U	
☐ House Wren*	U	U	U	
☐ Winter Wren	U		U	U
☐ Carolina Wren	U		U	
☐ Sedge Wren			R	
☐ Marsh Wren*	C	C	C	U
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		C	
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U		U	
☐ Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	
☐ Gray Catbird*	U		U	R
☐ Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	U
☐ American Robin*	C	C	C	
☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R	
☐ Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
☐ Hermit Thrush	U		U	
☐ Veery	U		U	
☐ Wood Thrush	U		U	
☐ Loggerhead Shrike			R	
☐ Cedar Waxwing	U		U	U
☐ Yellow-throated Vireo	R			
☐ Warbling Vireo	U		U	
☐ Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	
☐ White-eyed Vireo	U		U	
☐ Solitary Vireo*	U		U	
☐ Northern Parula	U		U	
☐ Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U	
☐ Blackpoll Warbler	C		C	
☐ Black-and-white Warbler	C		C	U
☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler	U		U	
☐ Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
☐ Cape May Warbler	U		U	
☐ Blackburnian Warbler	U		U	
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler*	U		U	
☐ Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
☐ American Redstart	C	U	C	
☐ Prairie Warbler	U	R	U	
☐ Palm Warbler	U		U	
☐ Blue-winged Warbler	R		U	
☐ Yellow Warbler*	U	U	U	
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	U
☐ Canada Warbler	U		U	
☐ Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
☐ Orange-crowned Warbler			U	
☐ Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
☐ Nashville Warbler	U		U	
☐ Connecticut Warbler	R		R	
☐ Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	
☐ Northern Waterthrush	U		U	
☐ Louisiana Waterthrush	U		U	
☐ Ovenbird	C		C	
☐ Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	U
☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird			R	
☐ Rusty Blackbird	U		U	
☐ Common Grackle*	C	C	C	C
☐ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	
☐ Bobolink	U	U	C	
☐ Eastern Meadowlark	U		U	
☐ Northern Oriole*	U	U	U	
☐ Scarlet Tanager	U		U	
☐ House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
☐ Dickcissel			R	
☐ Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U
☐ Lapland Longspur			R	R
☐ Snow Bunting			U	U
☐ European Starling*	C	C	C	C
☐ Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
☐ Purple Finch	U		U	U
☐ House Finch*	U	U	U	U
☐ Common Redpoll				R
☐ American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
☐ Pine Siskin	U		U	U
☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		U	
☐ Blue Grosbeak*		U	U	
☐ Indigo Bunting*	U	U	U	
☐ Rufous-sided Towhee	U		U	
☐ Swamp Sparrow*	C	C	C	U
☐ White-throated Sparrow	C		C	U
☐ White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
☐ Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
☐ Field Sparrow	U		U	U
☐ American Tree Sparrow	U		U	U
☐ Lincoln's Sparrow			U	
☐ Vesper Sparrow	U		U	
☐ Fox Sparrow		U	U	U
☐ Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
☐ Savannah Sparrow*	C		C	C
☐ Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	U	U	U	
☐ Seaside Sparrow*	U	U	U	

SPECIES OF ACCIDENTAL OCCURRENCE

Franklins Gull • Chuck-Will's-Widow • Thayer's Herring Gull • White Ibis • Ruffed Grouse • Lark • Sparrow Red-necked Grebe

Please report any sighting of birds that are not included in this list to:

Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission
Environment Center
Two DeKorte Park Plaza
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
201-460-8300

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BIRDS OF THE HACKENSACK MEADOWLANDS



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Most birds are migratory. Their seasonal occurrence is coded as follows:

SEASONS

Sp	Spring	March - May
Su	Summer	June - July
F	Fall	August - October
W	Winter	November - February

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

c	Common	should see
u	Uncommon	might see
r	Rare	seldom see
*	Nests in the Meadowlands	

This check list was compiled by the HMDC/EC staff with the help of Richard Kane, Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen and Don Smith. It covers the 19,730 acre Hackensack Meadowlands District which is comprised of the Hackensack River, salt and fresh water wetlands and uplands. These diverse habitats attract over 260 species of birds. Names of listing are in accord with the Sixth A.O.U. check list and The Auk 38th A.O.U. supplement 1991, as amended.

Most of the birds seen in the Meadowlands are migrants who spend a few weeks or a season here. Each season has a predominant group of migrants: in the winter, waterfowl, raptors and gulls are present in large numbers; in the spring, waterfowl and shorebirds as they migrate north to breeding grounds; in the summer, many species of waterfowl, wading birds and songbirds are present; and in the fall the shorebirds stop over as they migrate to South America.

Many other birds use the Meadowlands as a summer breeding ground or as a permanent home.

LOONS - GREBES - WATERFOWL

	Sp	Su	F	W
❑ Red-throated Loon	u		u	
❑ Common Loon	u	u	u	u
❑ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	c
❑ Horned Grebe	u		u	u
❑ Red-necked Grebe				c
❑ Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	c
❑ Fulvous Whistling Duck	r	r	r	r
❑ Tundra Swan	u			c
❑ Mute Swan*	c	c	c	u
❑ Snow Goose	u		u	
❑ Brant	u		u	
❑ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c
❑ American Black Duck*	c	c	c	c
❑ Gadwall*	c	c	c	c
❑ Mallard*	c	c	c	c
❑ Northern Pintail	c		c	c
❑ American Wigeon	c		c	u
❑ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	u
❑ Green-winged Teal*	c	c	c	c
❑ Blue-winged Teal*	c	c	c	r
❑ Northern Shoveler	c		c	c
❑ Oldsquaw	r		r	r
❑ Surf Scoter	r		r	r
❑ White-winged Scotor	r		r	r
❑ Canvasback	c		c	c
❑ Redhead	u		u	u
❑ Ring-neck Duck	c		u	
❑ Greater Scaup	u		u	u
❑ Lesser Scaup	c		u	c
❑ Common Goldeneye	u		u	u
❑ Bufflehead	u		c	c
❑ Ruddy Duck*	c	c	c	c
❑ Hooded Merganser	c		u	u
❑ Common Merganser	c		c	c
❑ Red-breasted Merganser	c		c	c

GULLS - TERNS - SKIMMERS

	Sp	Su	F	W
❑ Glaucous Gull	r			r
❑ Iceland Gull	r		r	r
❑ Herring Gull	c	c	c	c
❑ Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	c
❑ Laughing Gull	u	c	c	
❑ Black-headed Gull	r		r	r
❑ Bonaparte's Gull	u		u	u
❑ Lesser Black-backed Gull	r	r	r	r
❑ Great Black-backed Gull	c	c	c	
❑ Gull-billed Tern	r	r	r	
❑ Caspian Tern	r	r	r	
❑ Royal Tern		r	r	
❑ Roseate Tern			r	
❑ Common Tern	c	u	u	
❑ Forster's Tern	u	u	u	
❑ Least Tern	c	c	c	
❑ Black Tern	u	u	u	
❑ Black Skimmer	u	c	u	

HERONS - EGRETS - BITTERN - IBIS

	Sp	Su	F	W
❑ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
❑ Little Blue Heron	u	c	c	
❑ Tricolored Heron	u	u	u	
❑ Great Egret	c	c	c	
❑ Snowy Egret	c	c	c	
❑ Cattle Egret	c	c	c	
❑ Black-crowned Night Heron*	c	c	c	c
❑ Yellow-crowned Night Heron*	r	c	r	
❑ Green Heron*	c	c	c	
❑ Least Bittern*	c	c	u	r
❑ American Bittern	c	u	c	c
❑ Glossy Ibis	c	c	c	

PHEASANTS - RAILS - COOTS

	Sp	Su	F	W
❑ Ring-necked Pheasant	c	c	c	c
❑ Virginia Rail	u		u	u
❑ King Rail	u	u	u	u
❑ Clapper Rail*	u	u	u	u
❑ Sora	u		u	
❑ Yellow Rail	r		r	r
❑ American Coot	c	c	c	c
❑ Common Moorhen*	c	c	c	u

SHOREBIRDS

	Sp	Su	F	W
❑ Black-necked Stilt	r		r	
❑ American Avocet		r	r	
❑ Ruddy Turnstone	r		u	
❑ Red Knot	r		r	
❑ Black-bellied Plover	c		c	
❑ Lesser Golden Plover	r		u	
❑ Semipalmated Plover	u	c	c	
❑ Killdeer*	c	c	c	u
❑ Short-billed Dowitcher	c	c	c	
❑ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	c	u	
❑ Common Snipe	c		c	
❑ American Woodcock*	c	u	c	
❑ Willet	r		r	
❑ Hudsonian Godwit			r	
❑ Marbled Godwit			r	
❑ Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	u
❑ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c	u
❑ Solitary Sandpiper	c	c	c	
❑ Upland Sandpiper*			u	
❑ Sanderling		r	r	
❑ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	
❑ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
❑ Ruff		r	r	
❑ Stilt Sandpiper		c	c	
❑ Curlew Sandpiper			r	
❑ Dunlin	c		c	u
❑ Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	
❑ Western Sandpiper		u	u	
❑ Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	
❑ White-rumped Sandpiper	u	u	u	
❑ Baird's Sandpiper			r	
❑ Wilson's Phalarope	u	u	u	
❑ Red-necked Phalarope		u	u	
❑ Red Phalarope		r	r	
❑ Whimbrel	r	r	r	

BIRDS OF PREY

	Sp	Su	F	W
❑ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	u
❑ Osprey	c	c	c	
❑ Bald Eagle	r	r	r	
❑ Northern Harrier*	c	u	c	c
❑ Sharp-shinned Hawk	r		r	r
❑ Cooper's Hawk	r		r	r
❑ Northern Goshawk				r
❑ Red-shouldered Hawk	r		r	
❑ Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
❑ Red-tailed Hawk	u		u	c
❑ Rough-legged Hawk	u			c
❑ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	c
❑ Merlin	u		u	u
❑ Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
❑ Barn Owl*	u	u	u	u
❑ Eastern Screech Owl*			u	u
❑ Great Horned Owl				r
❑ Snowy Owl				r
❑ Barred Owl	r	r	r	u
❑ Long-eared Owl			u	u
❑ Short-eared Owl	u		u	c