



Birds of Shenandoah

More than 190 species of resident and transient birds are known to use the Park. Approximately half of these species breed in the park including eighteen species of warblers. Roughly thirty bird species are year-round residents. Due to the Park's location along the crest of the Blue Ridge and the extent of forested habitat, Shenandoah provides essential habitat for neotropical migratory birds, both for nesting and as a travel corridor.

This list was compiled using the NPSpecies database in January 2023. You can find the most up-to-date information, as well as expanded definitions of the tags at: <https://irma.nps.gov/NPSpecies/>.

Abundance (Abd): Abundant (A), Common (C), Uncommon (Uc), Rare (R), Occasional (O), Unknown (U).

Season: when species is most easily encountered. Spring (Sp) is March - May, Summer (S) is June - August, Fall (F) is September - October, Winter (W) is November - February.

Habitat: Aquatic (AQ), Cultural (CU), Forest Edge (FE), Meadow (ME), Mesic forest (MF), Rock Outcrop (RO), Shrub/Scrub (SS), Wetland (WL), Xeric forest (XF), Park-wide (PW).

Seasonality (Seas): whether or not a species reproduces in Shenandoah National Park. Breeder (B), Resident (R), Migratory (M), Vagrant (V), Not Applicable (blank).

Rarity Rank (Rnk): any combination of global (G) rarity and state (S) rarity from 1-5. Critically imperiled (G1 or S1), imperiled (G2 or S2), vulnerable (G3 or S3), apparently secure (G4 or S4), secure (G5 or S5). You may also see: inexact numeric rank (?), questionable taxonomy (Q), subspecies status (T), or unranked (blank).

	Abd	Season				Habitat	Seas	Rnk
		Sp	S	F	W			
Cooper's Hawk <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	MF XF	B	G5 S3S3
Northern Goshawk <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	O			.	.	MF XF	M	G5
Sharp-shinned Hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	MF XF	B	G5 S3S4
Spotted Sandpiper <i>Actitis macularia</i>	R	.		.		WL	M	
Northern Saw-whet Owl (<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>)	R	.		.	.	MF	M	G5 S1S2
Red-winged Blackbird <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	WL	B	G5 S5
Wood Duck <i>Aix sponsa</i>	Uc	.	.	.		WL	B	G5 S5
Henslow's Sparrow <i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	O		.	.		ME	V	
Grasshopper Sparrow <i>Ammodramus saviannarum</i>	R		.	.		ME	M	G5 S4
Green-winged Teal <i>Anas crecca</i>	O	.		.			V	
Blue-winged Teal <i>Anas discors</i>	O	.		.			V	
Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	O	.		.		WL	M	G5 S4
American Black Duck <i>Anas rubripes</i>	O			.			V	G5 S4
Water Pipit <i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	R	.		.		ME	M	
Whip-poor-will <i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	Uc	.	.	.		FE	B	
Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	R	.		.	.	RO	M	G5 S1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird <i>Archilochus colubris</i>	C	.	.	.		PW	B	G5 S5
Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i>	O		.				V	G5 S2S3
Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	WL	R	G5 S3S5
Short-eared Owl <i>Asio flammeus</i>	O				.	ME	V	G5 S1S3
Long-eared Owl <i>Asio otus</i>	O					PW	V	G5 S1S2
Tufted Titmouse <i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	C	.	.	.	.	CU MF	B	G5 S5
Upland Sandpiper <i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	R	.	.			ME	M	G5
Cedar Waxwing <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	PW	B	G5 S4
Ruffed Grouse <i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	O	.	.	.	.	MF	B	G5 S5
American Bittern <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	O	.		.			V	G5 S1S2
Canada Goose <i>Branta canadensis</i>	O	.		.	.	ME WL	M	G5 S3S4
Great Horned Owl <i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Uc	PW	B	G5 S5



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	Abd	Sp	S	F	W			
Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	O			•			V	G5
Red-tailed Hawk <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	C	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S4
Rough-legged Hawk <i>Buteo lagopus</i>	O				•	PW	V	G5 S1
Red-shouldered Hawk <i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Uc	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S4
Broad-winged Hawk <i>Buteo platypterus</i>	C	•	•	•		PW	B	G5 S4
Green Heron <i>Butorides virescens</i>	O	•	•	•		PW	V	G5 S5
Lapland Longspur <i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	O	•		•	•	ME	M	G5 S1
Canada Warbler <i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	R	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S3S4
Wilson's Warbler <i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	O	•		•		SS	V	G5
Northern Cardinal <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	A	•	•	•	•	CU SS	B	G5 S5
Common Redpoll <i>Carduelis flammea</i>	R				•	PW	V	
Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>	C	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S4
Veery <i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	C	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S4
Hermit Thrush <i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Uc	•		•	•	PW	M	G5 S1S2
Gray-cheeked Thrush <i>Catharus minimus</i>	R	•		•		MF	M	G5
Swainson's Thrush <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Uc	•	•			PW	M	G5 S1
Brown Creeper <i>Certhia americana</i>	Uc	•		•	•	PW	R	G5 S3S5
Chimney Swift <i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	C	•	•	•		PW	B	G4G5 S5
Killdeer <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	O	•	•	•		CU ME	B	G5 S5
Common Nighthawk <i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Uc	•	•	•		CU ME	B	G5 S4
Northern Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i>	R	•		•	•	ME WL	R	
Evening Grosbeak <i>Coccythraustes vespertinus</i>	O	•		•	•	PW	M	G5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Uc	•	•	•		MF XF	B	G5 S5
Black-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Uc	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S4
Northern Flicker <i>Colaptes auratus</i>	C	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S5
Northern Bobwhite <i>Colinus virginianus</i>	O	•	•	•	•	ME SS	R	G4,5 S5
Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>	Uc	•	•	•	•	CU	B	G5
Olive-sided Flycatcher <i>Contopus cooperi</i>	O	•		•		FE	M	

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	Abd	Sp	S	F	W			
Eastern Wood-pewee <i>Contopus virens</i>	C	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S5
Black Vulture <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	C	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S4
American Crow <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	A	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S5
Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>	C	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S4
Fish Crow <i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	O	•	•	•	•		V	G5 S4
Blue Jay <i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	C	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S5
Tundra Swan (<i>Cygnus columbianus columbianus</i>)	O	•		•			V	
Pine Warbler <i>Dendroica pinus</i>	Uc	•	•	•	•	MF XF	B	
Bobolink <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	R	•		•		ME	M	G5 S1S2
Pileated Woodpecker <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Uc	•	•	•	•	MF XF	B	G5 S5
Gray Catbird <i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	C	•	•	•		CU,FE SS	B	G5 S5
Alder Flycatcher <i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	O	•		•		SS	M	G5 S1S2
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher <i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	Uc	•	•	•		MF	M	G5
Least Flycatcher <i>Empidonax minimus</i>	R	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S3S4
Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii</i>	O	•		•		SS	M	G5 S4
Acadian Flycatcher <i>Empidonax virens</i>	C	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S5
Horned Lark <i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	O	•	•	•	•	ME	V	G5 S4
Rusty Blackbird <i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	O	•		•		MF WL	M	G4
Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i>	R	•		•			M	G5
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	R	•	•	•	•	RO	B	G4 S1S2
American Kestrel <i>Falco sparverius</i>	O	•	•	•		CU ME	B	G5 S4
Wilson's Snipe <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	O	•		•		WL	M	
Kentucky Warbler <i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	Uc	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S5
Mourning Warbler <i>Geothlypis philadelphia</i>	O	•		•		MF	M	G5 S1
Common Yellowthroat <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	O	•	•	•		FE WL	B	G5 S5
House Finch <i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	Uc	•	•	•	•	CU	B	G5
Purple Finch <i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	O	•		•	•	CU,ME MF	M	G5 S1S5
Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	R	•	•	•	•	PW	V	G5 S3S4

	Season					Habitat	Seas	Rnk
	Abd	Sp	S	F	W			
Worm-eating Warbler <i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	Uc	.	.	.		MF XF	B	G5 S4
Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Uc	.	.	.		CU ME	B	G5 S5
Wood Thrush <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	A	.	.	.		MF	B	G4 S5
Yellow-breasted Chat <i>Icteria virens</i>	O	.	.	.		SS	B	G5 S5
Baltimore Oriole <i>Icterus galbula</i>	R	.	.	.		CU,FE MF,WL	B	G5 S5
Orchard Oriole <i>Icterus spurius</i>	R	.	.	.		CU,FE MF,WL	B	G5 S4
Dark-eyed Junco <i>Junco hyemalis</i>	A	.	.	.	.	PW	B	G5 S4
Northern Shrike <i>Lanius excubitor</i>	O				.	PW	V	
Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i>	O	.		.			V	G5 S4
Ring-billed gull <i>Larus delawarensis</i>	O	.		.			V	G5
Red Crossbill <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	O	.	.	.	.	MF	V	G5 S1
White-winged Cross-bill (<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>)	O				.	MF	V	G5
Belted Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	O	.	.	.	.	WL	R	G5 S5
Eastern Screech-Owl <i>Megascops asio</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	MF XF	B	G5 S5
Red-bellied Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	C	.	.	.	.	MF	B	G5 S5
Red-headed Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>)	R	.	.	.	.	FE,MF XF	R	G5 S4
Wild Turkey <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	CU,ME MF,SS	B	G5 S5
Swamp Sparrow <i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	R	.		.		ME WL	M	G5 S1S4
Lincoln's Sparrow <i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>	O	.		.		SS WL	M	G5
Song Sparrow <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	C	.	.	.	.	FE,SS WL	B	G5 S5
Northern Mocking-bird (<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>)	Uc	.	.	.	.	CU ME	B	G5 S5
Black-and-white Warbler (<i>Mniotilta varia</i>)	Uc	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S5
Brown-headed Cow-bird (<i>Molothrus ater</i>)	C	.	.	.	.	CU ME	B	G5 S5
Great Crested Flycatcher <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	C	.	.	.		CU,FE SS	B	G5 S5
Black-crowned Night-heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	O	.					V	G5 S3S4
Connecticut Warbler <i>Oporornis agilis</i>	O	.		.		FE SS	M	G4G5
Orange-crowned Warbler <i>Oreothlypis celata</i>	R	.		.		MF	M	

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	Abd	Sp	S	F	W			
Tennessee Warbler <i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>	Uc	.		.		PW	M	
Nashville Warbler <i>Oreothlypis ruficapilla</i>	R	.		.		MF	M	
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	R	.	.	.			V	G5 S4
Louisiana Waterthrush <i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	Uc	.	.	.		WL	B	G5 S5
Northern Waterthrush <i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	O	.		.		MF WL	M	G5 S1
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	CU	B	G5
Savannah Sparrow <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	O	.		.		ME	M	G5 S3S4
Fox Sparrow <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	Uc	.		.	.	MF SS	R	G5 S3
Blue Grosbeak <i>Passerina caerulea</i>	R	.	.	.		FE SS	M	G5 S5
Indigo Bunting <i>Passerina cyanea</i>	A	.	.	.		FE SS	B	G5 S5
Cliff Swallow <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	O	.	.	.		PW	M	G5 S3S4
Double-crested Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax auritus floridanus</i>)	O	.		.			V	
Ring-necked Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	O	.	.	.	.		V	G5
Rose-breasted Grosbeak <i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	C	.	.	.		CU,MF XF	B	G5 S4
Downy Woodpecker <i>Picoides pubescens</i>	C	.	.	.	.	PW	B	
Hairy Woodpecker <i>Picoides villosus</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	PW	B	
Pine Grosbeak <i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	O				.	PW	V	G5
Eastern Towhee <i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	C	.	.	.	.	SS FE	B	G5 S5
Scarlet Tanager <i>Piranga olivacea</i>	C	.	.			PW	B	G5 S5
Summer Tanager <i>Piranga rubra</i>	R	.		.		PW	M	G5 S5
Snow Bunting <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	R			.	.	ME	V	G5
Pied-billed Grebe <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	O					PW	V	G5 S1S4
Black-capped Chickadee <i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	R	.	.	.	.	CU,MF XF	R	G5 S5
Carolina Chickadee <i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	C	.	.	.	.	CU,ME MF	B	G5 S5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher <i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	Uc	.	.	.		FE MF	B	G5 S5
Vesper Sparrow <i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	R	.		.		ME	M	G5 S4
Purple Martin <i>Progne subis</i>	R	.	.	.		PW	M	G5 S5
Common Grackle <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	C	.	.	.		PW	B	G5 S5

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	Abd	Sp	S	F	W			
Virginia Rail <i>Rallus limicola</i>	O	.					V	G5 S2S3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet <i>Regulus calendula</i>	C	.		.	.	MF	R	G5 S2S5
Golden-crowned Kinglet (<i>Regulus satrapa</i>)	C	.		.	.	MF	R	G5 S3
Bank Swallow <i>Riparia riparia</i>	R	.		.		PW	M	G5 S5
Eastern Phoebe <i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	C	.	.	.	.	CU FE	B	G5 S5
American Woodcock <i>Scolopax minor</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	ME MF	B	G5 S5
Ovenbird <i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	A	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S5
Northern Parula <i>Setophaga americana</i>	C	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S5
Black-throated Blue Warbler <i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	Uc	.	.	.		MF	M	G5 S4
Bay-breasted Warbler <i>Setophaga castanea</i>	O	.		.		MF	M	G5
Cerulean Warbler <i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	Uc	.	.	.		MF	B	G4 S3S4
Hooded Warbler <i>Setophaga citrina</i>	C	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S5
Yellow-rumped Warbler <i>Setophaga coronata</i>	Uc	.		.	.	MF	M	G5 S5
Prairie Warbler <i>Setophaga discolor</i>	Uc	.	.	.		SS	B	G5 S5
Yellow-throated Warbler <i>Setophaga dominica</i>	O	.		.		MF XF	M	G5 S4
Blackburnian Warbler <i>Setophaga fusca</i>	R	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S3
Magnolia Warbler <i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	Uc	.		.		MF	M	G5 S2
Palm Warbler <i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	O	.		.		PW	M	G5
Chestnut-sided Warbler <i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	C	.	.	.		FE MF	B	G5 S4
Yellow Warbler <i>Setophaga petechia</i>	O	.		.		SS	M	G5 S5
American Redstart <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	A	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S5
Blackpoll Warbler <i>Setophaga striata</i>	O	.		.		MF XF	M	G5
Cape May Warbler <i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	Uc	.		.		MF XF	M	G5
Black-throated Green Warbler <i>Setophaga virens</i>	Uc	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S4
Eastern Bluebird <i>Sialia sialis</i>	C	CU ME	B	G5 S5
Red-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta canadensis</i>	O	.		.	.	MF	R	G5 S3S4

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White-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	C	MF	B	G5 S5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker <i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Uc	.		.	.	FE MF	R	G5 S1S4
Pine Siskin <i>Spinus pinus</i>	R	.		.	.	PW	M	G5 S4
American Goldfinch <i>Spinus tristis</i>	A	.	.	.	.	CU,ME SS	B	G5 S5
American Tree Sparrow (<i>Spizella arborea</i>)	R					FE SS	M	
Chipping Sparrow <i>Spizella passerina</i>	C	.	.	.	.	PW	B	G5 S5
Field Sparrow <i>Spizella pusilla</i>	C	.	.	.	.	SS ME	B	G5 S5
Northern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Uc	.	.	.		PW	M	G5 S5
Caspian Tern <i>Sterna caspia</i>	O						V	
Barred Owl <i>Strix varia</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	MF WL	B	G5 S5
Eastern Meadowlark <i>Sturnella magna</i>	R	.	.	.	.	ME	B	G5 S5
European Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Uc	.	.	.	.	CU	B	G5
Tree Swallow <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	R	.		.		PW	B	G5 S5
Carolina Wren <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	C	.	.	.	.	SS	B	G5 S5
Brown Thrasher <i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Uc	.	.	.		CU ME	B	G5 S5
Solitary Sandpiper <i>Tringa solitaria</i>	R	.		.		WL	M	G5
House Wren <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Uc	.	.	.		PW	B	G5 S5
Winter Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	R	.	.	.	.	MF	B	
American Robin <i>Turdus migratorius</i>	C	.	.	.	.	PW	B	G5 S5
Eastern Kingbird <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	O	.	.	.		FE SS	B	G5 S5
Golden-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	O	.	.	.		MF SS	M	G4 S3
Blue-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	R	.	.			FE	M	G5 S3
Yellow-throated Vireo <i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	Uc	.	.	.		FE	B	G5 S4
Warbling Vireo <i>Vireo gilvus</i>	R	.	.	.		PW	M	G5 S4
White-eyed Vireo <i>Vireo griseus</i>	Uc	.	.	.		SS	B	G5 S5
Red-eyed Vireo <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	A	.	.	.		MF	B	G5 S5
Philadelphia Vireo <i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	R	.		.		PW	M	G5

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Blue-headed <i>Vireo solitarius</i>	C	•	•	•		MF	B	G5 S4
Mourning Dove <i>Zenaida macroura</i>	C	•	•	•	•	PW	B	G5 S5
White-throated Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Uc	•		•	•	PW	R	G5
White-crowned Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	R	•		•	•	SS	R	G5 S4