Species

Seasonal Abundance

Species	Jensi	mui	210	www	un
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
Geese and Ducks					
Snow Goose	c	r	-	c	c
Brant	c	r	r	c	c
Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c	c
Cackling Goose	-	-	-	r	r
Wood Duck*	r	r	r	0	r
Green-Winged Teal	u	u	-	u	u
American Black Duck*	c	с	c	c	c
Mallard*	c	с	c	c	c
Northern Pintail	u	0	-	u	u
Blue-Winged Teal	u	o	-	u	-
Northern Shoveler	o	0	-	u	u
Gadwall	o	О	-	o	0
American Wigeon	О	О	-	О	0
Canvasback	r	-	-	r	r
Redhead	r	-	-	r	r
Ring-Necked Duck	r	-	-	О	0
Greater Scaup	u	-	-	u	u
Lesser Scaup	u	-	-	u	u
Common Eider	r	-	-	o	0
King Eider	r	-	-	r	r
Harlequin Duck	r	-	-	r	r
Long-tailed Duck	С	-	-	С	С
Black Scoter	С	r	_	С	С
Surf Scoter	c	r	-	c	c
White-Winged Scoter	u	_	_	u	u
Common Goldeneye	c	_	_	С	c
BuffleHead	С	-	_	С	С
Hooded Merganser	0	_	_	0	0
Common Merganser	r	_	_	r	r
Red-Breasted Merganser	c	0	0	С	c
Ruddy Duck	u	-	-	u	u
Gamebirds	CI			CI	CI
Northern Bobwhite*	0	0	0	0	О
Wild Turkey*	0	u	u	0	0
Loons, Grebes and Seab	_		u	U	
Red-Throated Loon	С	0	r	С	С
Common Loon	c	0	r	С	С
Pied-billed Grebe	u	u	r	u	u
Horned Grebe	u	r	-	u	u
Red-necked Grebe		-	-		
Eared Grebe	r	-	-	r	r
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	r	-	-	r	r
Gannet, Cormorants, Herons	ond	For	0 ots	_	
Northern Gannet	c	0	r	с	u
Double-Crested Cormorant	c	c	c	С	c
Great Cormorant	u	-	-	u	u
Brown Pelican	r	u	u	u	u

elaware Seashore State Park offers bird enthusiasts unlimited opportunities to study and enjoy the natural world of the Delaware Coast. The park's geographic location puts it in the direct flight path of many birds. The park's variety of marine, estuarine and upland habitats provides critical feeding, resting and nesting areas for migrating and breeding birds.

Delaware Seashore offers excellent birding year-round. In spring and fall, shorebirds, songbirds and raptors move through the park in impressive numbers. In late October and early November thousands of seaducks, cormorants, gannets and loons stream south just offshore as they migrate. Winter offers the chance to see northern visitors like harlequin duck, little gull, orange-crowned warbler and snowy owl. During the summer months the largest concentration of Ospreys in the state is busy raising young on man-made platforms around Rehoboth and Indian River Bays.

Delaware Seashore State Park offers a number of good birding sites. The Indian River Inlet is by far the best place to look for rare gulls, terns and waterbirds. The marshes on the east side of Rehoboth Bay, Thompson and Burtons Island Nature Preserves, and the Fresh Pond area of the park are all great places to look for birds. Two bathhouses and a number of beach-side parking lots allow easy access for those interested in scanning the ocean for seabirds year-round.

Relative Abundance

c - Common Fairly abundant and likely to be seen in proper habitat on each

u - Uncommon Present in small numbers and not always seen on every visit

o - Occasional Occurs sporadically in proper season and habitat

r - Rare Seldom seen

*Indicates a species which has nested within the park

Species in **bold print** are neotropical migrants - they spend the winter in tropical regions of South and Central America

Species in *italicized print* are species that have been introduced into North America by humans.

Seasons

EARLY SPRING = S
March 15 thru April

SEPTEMBER thru
NOVEMBER

LATE SPRING = SP
May 1 thru JUNE 15
WINTER = W
December thru
SUMMER = SU
June 15 thru AUGUST





This checklist includes many species that occur in the park fairly regularly. The list is based on the Seventh Edition of the American Ornithological Union's Checklist of North American Birds. Your sightings are crucial to helping us better understand the abundance and occurrence of birds at Delaware Seashore State Park. If you are not already a regular eBird user, please consider entering your sightings into the eBird database at www.ebird.org.

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BIRDS

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Delaware Seashore State Park

S Sp Su F W

	S	Sp	Su	F	W
Great Blue Heron*	С	c	с	c	c
Great Egret*	c	c	c	c	0
Snowy Egret*	С	С	С	С	r
Little Blue Heron*	О	0	О	0	-
Tricolored Heron*	u	u	u	u	С
Cattle Egret	r	r	r	r	-
Green Heron*	u	u	u	u	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	u	u	u
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	r	r	r	r	-
White Ibis	-	r	r	r	-
Glossy Ibis*	u	u	u	О	-
Vultures and Hav	vks				
Black Vulture*	С	С	С	c	С
Turkey Vulture*	С	С	С	c	С
Osprey*	С	С	С	С	r
Bald Eagle	u	u	u	u	u
Northern Harrier	u	О	-	u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	0	-	u	С
Cooper's Hawk	u	О	О	u	С
Red-shouldered Hawk	r	-	r	r	r
Broad-Winged Hawk	r	r	-	r	-
Red-tailed Hawk*	u	u	u	u	u
Rough-legged Hawk	r	-	-	r	r
Rails					
Clapper Rail*	С	c	с	c	u
Virginia Rail	r	r	r	r	r
Sora	r	r	-	r	-
American Coot	0	r	-	0	С
Shorebirds					
American Oystercatcher*	u	С	С	u	r
				С	u
Black-bellied Plover	u	c	u		
Black-bellied Plover American Golden-Plover	u r	r	u -	r	-
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	S	Sp	Su	F	W
White-Rumped Sandpiper	-	0	0	0	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	0	0	0	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	c	c	с	-
Western Sandpiper	-	r	c	c	r
Short-billled Dowitcher	u	c	с	с	0
Long-billed Dowitcher	0	r	-	0	o
Wilson's Snipe	0	0	-	0	o
American Woodcock*	0	0	0	0	0
Jaegers and Alcie	ds				
Pomarine Jaeger	-	r	-	r	-
Parasitic Jaeger	r	r	-	0	-
Dovekie	-	-	-	-	r
Razorbill	0	-	-	0	o
Gulls and Terns	S				
Bonaparte's Gull	u	u	-	u	u
Black-Headed Gull	r	-	-	r	r
Little Gull	r	-	-	r	r
Laughing Gull*	С	c	С	С	r
Ring-billed Gull	c	c	u	c	c
Herring Gull*	С	c	С	С	С
Iceland Gull	r	-	-	r	r
Lesser Black-backed Gull	u	u	О	u	u
Glaucous Gull	r	-	-	r	r
Great Black-backed Gull*	С	c	С	c	c
Least Tern*	-	u	u	0	-
Gull-billedTern	-	r	r	-	-
Caspian Tern	0	С	u	С	-
Black Tern	-	r	0	r	-
Roseate Tern	-	r	-	-	-
Common Tern*	0	С	С	С	r
Forster's Tern*	С	С	С	С	u
Royal Tern	-	С	С	С	_
Black Skimmer*	-	0	О	0	-
Doves and Cucko	os				
Rock Pigeon*	С	С	С	с	с
Mourning Dove*	С	С	С	c	c
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	0	r	0	-
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	r	r	0	_
Owls and Nightja	ırs				
Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	u
Snowy Owl	r	-	-	r	r
Short-eared Owl	r	-	-	r	r
Common Nighthawk*	0	u	u	u	-
Chuck-will's-widow*	0	u	u	u	-
Whip-poor-will	0	u	u	u	_
Swift, Hummingbird and			G.	a	
	0	u	u	u	Ę
Chimney Swift				u	
Chimney Swift Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	0	u	u	u	_

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	Woodpeckers and Falcons		Бþ	Su	Ì	Ť,
	Red-Headed Woodpecker		r	r	r	
	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	С
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	-	-	0	0
	Downy Woodpecker*	c	С	С	c	С
	Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	u
	Northern Flicker*	u	u	u	С	u
	American Kestrel	u	0	0	u	0
	Merlin	u	r	-	u	0
	Peregrine Falcon			-	u	
	Flycatchers	0	0	_	u	0
	Eastern Wood Pewee*		u	u	u	
	Willow Flycatcher*	-	0	0	- -	_
	Least Flycatcher			-	r	Ė
	Eastern Phoebe*	0	r o	0	u	r
	Great Crested Flycatcher*	-			-	1
	Eastern Kingbird*	-	u	u	0	-
	Viroes and Corvids	-	u	u	u	-
	White-eyed Vireo*		0	0	0	
	Yellow-Throated Vireo	-	c	c	r	-
	Blue-Headed Vireo	-	r	r		-
		-	0	-	0	-
	Warbling Vireo	-	r		r	-
	Red-eyed Vireo* Blue Jay*	-	c	c	c	
		С	c	С	c	С
	American Crow* Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c	c
	Horned Lark and Swallow	C	С	С	С	С
	Horned Lark					0
	Purple Martin*	0	0	0	0	0
	Tree Swallow*	u	c	c	c	-
	Northern Routh-winged Swallow	u -	c	С	c	0
			0	0	0	-
	Bank Swallow	-	0	r	0	-
	Cliff Swallow	-	0	-	0	-
	Barn Swallow* Chickadee, Titmouse, Nuthatch ar	0	C Wre	c	С	-
			_		C	_
	Carolina Chickadee* Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c	c
		c	c	С	c	c
	Red-Breasted Nuthatch Brown-Headed Nuthatch*	0	0	-	0	0
		u	u	u	u	u
	Brown Creeper	u	0	-	u	u
_	House Wren*	r	c	С	С	
	Winter Wren	u	r	-	u	
	Carolina Wren*	С	С	С	С	С
	Marsh Wren*	r	С	С	С	r
	Sedge Wren	r	r	r	r	r
	Gnatcatcher, Kinglets and Thr					
	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher*	с	c	С	С	-
	Golden-Crowned Kinglet	c	u	-	c	С
	Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	u	u	-	u	u

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		S	Sp	Su	F	W
	Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	u	u	u
	Veery	-	0	-	0	-
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	0	-	0	-
	Swainson's Thrush	-	0	-	0	-
	Hermit Thrush	u	u	-	u	u
	Wood Thrush*	u	c	u	u	-
	American Robin*	c	c	c	c	c
	Mimids, Starling, Pipit and V	Vaxw	ing			
	Gray Catbird*	r	c	c	c	r
	Brown Thrasher*	О	c	c	c	0
	Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c	c
	European Starling*	c	c	c	c	c
	American Pipit	r	r	-	r	r
	Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	u	u
	Snow Bunting and Warb	lers				
	Snow Bunting	О	-	-	0	o
	Ovenbird*	-	u	u	u	-
	Worm-eating Warbler	-	0	0	o	-
	Louisiana Waterthrush	О	o	o	r	-
	Northern Waterthrush	-	r	-	r	-
	Golden-Winged Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
	Blue-Winged Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
	Black-and-White Warbler*	r	u	0	u	-
	Prothonotary Warbler	-	0	0	-	-
	Tennessee Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
	Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	-	r	r
	Nashville Warbler	-	r	-	r	r
	Kentucky Warbler	-	r	r	r	-
	Common Yellowthroat*	r	с	с	c	r
	Hooded Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
	American Redstart	-	С	-	С	-
	Cape May Warbler	-	r	-	0	-
	Northern Parula	-	С	-	С	-
	Magnolia Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
	Bay-Breasted Warbler	-	r	-	u	-
	Blackburnian Warbler	-	0	-	0	-
	Yellow Warbler*	-	С	u	С	-
	Chestnut-Sided Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
	Blackpoll Warbler	-	С	-	С	-
	Black-Throated Blue Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
	Palm Warbler	0	u	-	С	О
	Pine Warbler*	С	c	c	c	0
	Yellow-Rumped Warbler	С	c	-	c	c
	Yellow-Throated Warbler	0	0	0	r	-
	Prairie Warbler*	-	c	c	c	-
	Black-throated Green Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
	Candada Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
	Wilson's Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
	Yellow-breasted Chat*	r	u	u	u	r
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	Sparrows					
l	Eastern Towhee*	С	С	c	С	(
1	American Tree Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1
(Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	c	
I	Field Sparrow*	С	С	С	c	
5	Savannah Sparrow	c	u	-	с	
1	Nelson's Sparrow	0	-	-	0	,
5	Saltmarsh Sparrow*	0	u	u	u	(
5	Seaside Sparrow*	0	С	c	с	(
I	Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	0	
5	Song Sparrow*	С	С	С	С	
I	Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	-	r	1
5	Swamp Sparrow*	u	u	u	u	1
1	White-throated Sparrow	c	С	-	С	,
1	White-crowned Sparrow	0	r	-	0	,
I	Dark-eyed Junco	С	О	-	С	
	Tanagers, Cardinal and Grost	ea	ks			
5	Summer Tanager	-	r	r	r	-
5	Scarlet Tanager	-	0	r	0	
1	Northern Cardinal*	С	С	С	С	,
]	Rose-Breasted Grosbeak	-	О	-	0	
1	Blue Grosbeak*	-	С	С	c	
1	Indigo Bunting*	-	c	С	С	
	Blackbirds					
1	Bobolink	-	u	-	u	
I	Red-Winged Blackbird*	c	С	С	С	
1	Eastern Meadowlark*	0	0	0	0	
I	Boat-tailed Grackle*	С	С	С	c	
(Common Grackle*	С	c	С	С	
I	Brown-Headed Cowbird*	С	С	С	c	
1	Baltimore Oriole*	-	u	0	u	
	Orchard Oriole*	-	u	u	u	
	Finches and House Sparro	W				
I	House Finch*	С	С	С	c	
I	Purple Finch	r	-	-	r	1
(Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	1
	Pine Siskin	r	-		r	1
1	American Goldfinch*	с	С	С	С	,
1	House Sparrow*	С	С	С	С	(

Accidental

The following species have been seen at Delaware Seashore State Park fewer than five times. If you see any of these species or another that is not included in the list above, please report your sighting to the staff at the Indian River Life-Saving Station.

Western Grebe Clark's Grebe Audubon's Shearwater Ross's Gull

Arctic Tern Black Guillemot Thick-billed Murre Clay-colored Sparrow