

The 142-acre Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve provides abundant food and shelter to an astounding variety of birds, both resident and migratory, attracted to one or more of its five distinct habitats: tidal wetlands, riparian forest, creek and bay, wildflower meadow, and brackish lake. Bald eagles nest in the forest, and Eastern bluebirds rear young in the nesting boxes in the meadow. Waterfowl dive in the lake, and herons wade in the salt marsh. All the while, ospreys, hawks, and falcons fly in from the Bay to search for easy prey. Whatever the season, birdsongs fill the air.

Because of its value to wildlife and visiting humans, the preserve is included in the National Park Service’s Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network and is an attraction on Virginia’s new Birding and Wildlife Trail, developed by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Please visit often and support Hoffler Creek Wildlife Foundation, the non-profit organization responsible for the operation and maintenance of this very special place.

The data represented in this checklist is based on at least one survey at the preserve each month for five years. An X indicates the species was observed at least once during that season.

SEASONS

Spring (SP) (April, May, & June)

Summer (S) (July, August, & September)

Fall (F) (October, November, & December)

Winter (W) (January, February, & March)

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	SP	S	F	W
___ LOON, Red-throated	X			
___ GREBE, Pied-billed	X	X	X	
___ Horned	X		X	
___ Red-necked	X			
___ Eared	X			
___ PELICAN, Brown	X	X	X	
___ CORMORANT, Double-crested	X	X	X	
___ ANHINGA			X	X
___ HERON, Great Blue	X	X	X	X
___ EGRET, Great	X	X	X	X
___ Snowy	X	X	X	
___ HERON, Little Blue	X			
___ Tricolored	X	X		
___ HERON, Green	X	X		
___ NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned	X			X
___ Yellow-crowned	X	X		
___ VULTURE, Black	X			X
___ Turkey	X	X	X	X
___ GOOSE, Canada	X	X	X	X
___ SWAN, Tundra			X	X
___ DUCK, Wood	X	X	X	
___ GADWALL	X		X	X
___ WIGEON, American	X		X	X
___ DUCK, American Black	X	X	X	X
___ MALLARD	X	X	X	X
___ TEAL, Blue-winged	X		X	
___ SHOVELER, Northern			X	X
___ PINTAIL, Northern			X	X
___ TEAL, Green-winged	X		X	X
___ REDHEAD				X
___ DUCK, Ring-necked	X	X	X	X
___ SCAUP, Greater				X
___ Lesser	X		X	X
___ BUFFLEHEAD	X		X	X
___ GOLDENEYE, Common			X	
___ MERGANSER, Hooded	X		X	X
___ Red-breasted	X	X	X	
___ DUCK, Ruddy	X		X	X
___ OSPREY	X	X	X	X
___ EAGLE, Bald	X	X	X	X
___ HARRIER, Northern	X		X	X
___ HAWK, Sharp-shinned	X	X	X	X

	SP	S	F	W
___ Cooper’s	X		X	X
___ HAWK, Red-shouldered		X		
___ Broad-winged	X	X	X	X
___ Red-tailed	X	X	X	X
___ KESTREL, American			X	
___ MERLIN			X	X
___ FALCON, Peregrine		X	X	
___ BOBWHITE, Northern	X	X		
___ RAIL, Clapper	X	X	X	
___ King		X		
___ Virginia	X			
___ COOT, American			X	X
___ PLOVER, Black-bellied	X			
___ PLOVER, Wilson’s	X	X		
___ Semipalmated	X			
___ KILLDEER	X	X	X	
___ YELLOWLEGS, Greater	X			X
___ Lesser	X			
___ WILLET	X	X		
___ SANDPIPER, Spotted	X	X	X	
___ SANDERLING	X			
___ SANDPIPER, Semipalmated	X			
___ Western	X			X
___ Least	X			
___ White-rumped	X			
___ DUNLIN	X			X
___ RUFF	X			
___ DOWITCHER, Short-billed	X			
___ Long-billed	X			
___ SNIPE, Common	X			
___ WOOD COCK, American			X	X
___ GULL, Laughing	X	X	X	X
___ Bonaparte’s	X			
___ Ring-billed	X	X	X	X
___ Herring	X	X	X	X
___ Great Black-backed	X	X	X	X
___ KITTIWAKE, Black-legged			X	
___ TERN, Gull-billed	X	X		
___ Caspian		X		
___ Royal		X	X	
___ Common	X	X		
___ Forester’s	X			

	SP	S	F	W
___ Least	X	X		
___ SKIMMER, Black	X			
___ DOVE, Rock	X	X	X	X
___ Mourning	X	X	X	X
___ CUCKOO, Black-billed	X			
___ Yellow-billed	X	X	X	
___ SCREECH-OWL, Eastern	X		X	X
___ OWL, Great Horned	X	X	X	X
___ Barred	X			
___ NIGHTHAWK, Common		X		
___ SWIFT, Chimney	X	X	X	
___ HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated	X	X		
___ KINGFISHER, Belted	X	X	X	X
___ WOODPECKER, Red-headed			X	X
___ Red-bellied	X	X	X	X
___ SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied				X
___ WOODPECKER, Downy	X	X	X	X
___ Hairy	X	X	X	X
___ FLICKER, Northern	X	X	X	X
___ WOODPECKER, Pileated	X	X	X	X
___ WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern	X	X	X	
___ FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied		X	X	
___ Least		X	X	
___ PHOEBE, Eastern	X		X	X
___ FLYCATCHER, Great-crested	X	X		
___ KINGBIRD, Eastern	X	X		
___ VIREO, White-eyed	X	X	X	
___ Yellow-throated	X	X		
___ Blue-headed	X		X	
___ Warbling	X	X		
___ Philadelphia		X	X	
___ Red-eyed	X	X	X	
___ JAY, Blue	X	X	X	X
___ CROW, American	X	X	X	X
___ Fish	X	X	X	X
___ MARTIN, Purple	X	X		X
___ SWALLOW, Tree	X	X	X	X
___ Northern Rough-winged	X	X		
___ Cliff		X		
___ SWALLOW, Barn	X	X		
___ CHICKADEE, Carolina	X	X	X	X
___ TITMOUSE, Tufted	X	X	X	X

	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
___ NUTHATCH, Red-breasted			X	X	___ Blackpoll	X			
___ White-breasted	X	X	X		___ Black-and-white	X	X	X	
___ Brown-headed	X		X	X	___ REDSTART, American	X	X	X	
___ CREEPER, Brown	X		X	X	___ WARBLER, Prothonotary		X		
___ WREN, Carolina	X	X	X	X	___ Worm-eating		X		
___ House	X	X	X	X	___ OVENBIRD	X	X	X	
___ Winter	X		X	X	___ WATERTHRUSH, Northern		X		
___ Sedge		X			___ Louisiana		X		
___ Marsh	X	X			___ WARBLER, Kentucky		X	X	
___ KINGLET, Golden-crowned	X		X	X	___ WARBLER, Connecticut	X	X	X	
___ Ruby-crowned	X	X	X	X	___ Mourning		X	X	
___ GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray	X	X			___ YELLOWTHROAT, Common	X	X	X	X
___ BLUEBIRD, Eastern	X	X		X	___ WARBLER, Hooded	X			
___ VEERY		X			___ Wilson's		X		
___ THRUSH, Gray-cheeked	X	X	X		___ Canada		X		
___ Swainson's	X	X			___ CHAT, Yellow-breasted	X			
___ Hermit	X	X	X	X	___ TANAGER, Summer	X		X	
___ Wood	X	X			___ Scarlet		X		
___ ROBIN, American	X	X	X	X	___ TOWHEE, Eastern	X	X	X	X
___ CATBIRD, Gray	X	X	X	X	___ SPARROW, Chipping	X		X	X
___ MOCKINGBIRD, Northern	X	X	X	X	___ Savannah			X	
___ THRASHER, Brown	X	X	X	X	___ Fox			X	X
___ STARLING, European	X	X	X	X	___ Song	X	X	X	X
___ WAXWING, Cedar	X		X	X	___ Swamp	X		X	X
___ WARBLER, Blue-winged		X			___ White-throated	X		X	X
___ Tennessee	X	X			___ JUNCO, Dark-eyed	X		X	X
___ Nashville		X	X		___ CARDINAL, Northern	X	X	X	X
___ PARULA, Northern	X	X	X		___ GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted			X	
___ WARBLER, Orange-crowned				X	___ Blue	X	X		
___ Yellow	X	X			___ BUNTING, Indigo	X	X		
___ Chestnut-sided		X			___ BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	X	X	X	X
___ Magnolia	X	X	X		___ BLACKBIRD, Rusty	X	X	X	X
___ Cape May		X			___ GRACKLE, Common	X	X	X	X
___ Black-throated Blue	X	X	X		___ Boat-tailed	X	X	X	X
___ Yellow-rumped	X	X	X	X	___ COWBIRD, Brown-headed	X	X	X	X
___ Black-throated Green	X	X			___ ORIOLE, Orchard	X	X		
___ Blackburnian		X			___ Baltimore	X	X		
___ Yellow-throated	X	X	X		___ FINCH, House	X	X		
___ Pine	X	X	X	X	___ SISKIN, Pine			X	
___ Prairie	X	X	X		___ GOLDFINCH, American	X	X	X	X
___ Palm	X		X		___ SPARROW, House	X	X	X	
___ Bay-breasted		X							

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