

This checklist includes 146 bird species that have been observed in the Nature Park. Special thanks go to Whitney Morrill, Clint Maddox, and the Big Walnut Birding Club of Putnam County for reporting their observations and helping to create this checklist.

Feel free to report observations of new bird species in the Nature Park to Vanessa Artman, Program Coordinator of the Nature Park, vartman@depauw.edu. We will continue to update this checklist as more observations are reported.

DePauw Nature Park Checklist of Birds

compiled by Vanessa Artman

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

Weather _____

Observers _____



The Turkey Vulture is arguably the most noticeable bird at the Nature Park. Turkey Vultures soar above the quarry or roost in trees along the quarry rim. Sometimes there may be 20 or 30 Turkey Vultures soaring, riding the circulating currents of air above the quarry. Turkey Vultures eat dead animals or carrion. They are considered to be gentle and non-aggressive animals.

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Codes

* = confirmed nesting in Nature Park

When

R = resident, present year-round

S = summer resident, present between April and October

W = winter resident, present between October and April

M = migrant, present during April and October

Where

QP = Quarry Pond

QM = Quarry Meadow

BWC = Big Walnut Creek

F = Forest

M = Meadows

O = Flying over park

Frequency

A = Abundant; seen almost every day in proper habitat/season

FC = Fairly Common; seen regularly but not every day in proper habitat/season

U = Uncommon; seen occasionally in proper habitat/season

R = Rare; has been observed at least once in the Nature Park but is rarely seen

	When	Where	Frequency
Geese			
___ Canada Goose *	R	QP	A
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	M	QP	U
___ Snow Goose	S	QP	FC
Ducks			
___ Bufflehead	M	QP	R
___ Common Merganser	M	QP	R
___ Mallard	R	QP	A
___ Northern Shoveler	M	QP	R
___ Ring-necked Duck	M	QP	U
___ Wood Duck	S	QP, BWC, F	FC
Game Birds			
___ Northern Bobwhite	R	M	R
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	R	M	R
___ Ruffed Grouse	R	F, M	R
___ Wild Turkey	R	F	A
Grebes			
___ Pied-billed Grebe	M	QP	R

	When	Where	Frequency
___ Northern Parula	S	F, BWC	FC
___ Northern Waterthrush	M	F	U
___ Ovenbird	M	F	U
___ Palm Warbler	M	M, F	U
___ Prairie Warbler *	S	M, QM	FC
___ Prothonotary Warbler	M	BWC	U
___ Tennessee Warbler	M	F, M	FC
___ Wilson's Warbler	M	M, F	U
___ Yellow Warbler	S	QM, BWC	FC
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	S	M, QM	FC
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	M	F, M	A
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	S	F, BWC	FC

Tanagers

___ Scarlet Tanager	S	F	FC
___ Summer Tanager	S	F	FC

Sparrows

___ American Tree Sparrow	W	M	FC
___ Chipping Sparrow	S	M	FC
___ Dark-eyed Junco	W	F, M	A
___ Eastern Towhee *	S	F, M	FC
___ Field Sparrow	S	M	FC
___ Fox Sparrow	W	M	U
___ Savannah Sparrow	S	M	U
___ Song Sparrow	R	M	FC
___ Vesper Sparrow	M	M	U
___ White-crowned Sparrow	M	M	FC
___ White-throated Sparrow	S	M	FC

Cardinals and Grosbeaks

___ Blue Grosbeak *	S	M	FC
___ Indigo Bunting *	S	F, M	FC
___ Northern Cardinal *	R	F, M	A
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M	F	U

Blackbirds and Orioles

___ Baltimore Oriole	S	F	FC
___ Brown-headed Cowbird *	S	M, F	FC
___ Common Grackle	M	M	FC
___ Eastern Meadowlark	S	M	U
___ Orchard Oriole	S	M, F	U
___ Red-winged Blackbird *	S	QM, M	A

Finches

___ American Goldfinch	R	F, M	FC
___ House Finch	S	M	U
___ House Sparrow	R	M	U

	When	Where	Frequency
Herons			
___ Great Blue Heron	R	QP, BWC	FC
___ Great Egret	M	QP, BWC	U
___ Green Heron	S	QP	FC
___ Least Bittern	M	QP	R

Vultures

___ Black Vulture	M	QM	R
___ Turkey Vulture *	R	QM	A

Hawks and Falcons

___ American Kestrel	W	QM	U
___ Bald Eagle	R	BWC	U
___ Cooper's Hawk	R	F, QM	U
___ Northern Harrier	M	QP	R
___ Osprey	M	QP	R
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	M	O	R
___ Red-tailed Hawk	R	QM	FC
___ Rough-legged Hawk	M	O	R
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	F	U

Rails

___ American Coot	M	QP	U
___ Sora	M	QM	R

Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane	M	O	FC
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Plovers and Sandpipers

___ American Woodcock	S	M	U
___ Killdeer	S	QM	A
___ Solitary Sandpiper	M	BWC	U
___ Spotted Sandpiper	S	QM	FC

Doves and Pigeons

___ Mourning Dove *	R	QM, M	A
___ Rock Pigeon	R	QM	U

Cuckoos

___ Black-billed Cuckoo	S	F	R
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	S	F	FC

Owls

___ Barred Owl	R	F	FC
___ Eastern Screech Owl	R	F	R
___ Great Horned Owl	R	F	U

Swifts

___ Chimney Swift	S	M	A
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	When	Where	Frequency
Hummingbirds			
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird *	S	F, M	A
Kingfishers			
___ Belted Kingfisher	R	QP, BWC	FC
Woodpeckers			
___ Downy Woodpecker *	R	F	A
___ Hairy Woodpecker *	R	F	A
___ Northern Flicker *	R	F, M	FC
___ Pileated Woodpecker *	R	F	FC
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker *	R	F	FC
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	R	F, M	U
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	M	F, M	U
Flycatchers			
___ Acadian Flycatcher *	S	F	A
___ Eastern Kingbird	S	M, QM	FC
___ Eastern Phoebe *	S	QM, M	FC
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	S	F	A
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	S	F	FC
___ Willow Flycatcher	S	M	FC
Vireos			
___ Blue-headed Vireo	M	F	U
___ Red-eyed Vireo *	S	F	FC
___ Warbling Vireo	S	BWC	FC
___ White-eyed Vireo	S	M	FC
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	S	F	FC
Crows and Jays			
___ American Crow	R	F, M	FC
___ Blue Jay	R	F, M	FC
Swallows			
___ Barn Swallow *	S	BWC, QM	A
___ Cliff Swallow	S	QM	FC
___ Northern Rough-Winged Swallow	S	QM	FC
___ Tree Swallow *	S	BWC, QM	FC
Chickadees, Titmice			
___ Carolina Chickadee *	R	F, M	A
___ Tufted Titmouse *	R	F, M	A
Nuthatches			
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	W	F	R
___ White-breasted Nuthatch *	R	F, M	A

	When	Where	Frequency
Creepers			
___ Brown Creeper	W	F	FC
Wrens			
___ Bewick's Wren	M	M	R
___ Carolina Wren *	R	F, M	A
___ House Wren *	S	F, M	FC
___ Winter Wren	W	F, BWC	U
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers			
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	S	F, M	A
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	W	F	FC
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	M	F	U
Thrushes			
___ American Robin **	R	M, F	A
___ Eastern Bluebird *	R	M	FC
___ Hermit Thrush	M	F	FC
___ Swainson's Thrush	M	F	FC
___ Wood Thrush *	S	F	FC
Mimics			
___ Brown Thrasher *	S	M	FC
___ Gray Catbird	S	M	FC
___ Northern Mockingbird	R	M	U
Starlings			
___ European Starling	R	M	U
Waxwings			
___ Cedar Waxwing	R	F, M	FC
Warblers			
___ American Redstart	M	F	U
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	M	F	U
___ Black-and-white Warbler	M	F	U
___ Blackburnian Warbler	M	F	U
___ Blackpoll Warbler	M	F	U
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	M	F, M	FC
___ Blue-winged Warbler	S	M	U
___ Cape May Warbler	M	F, M	U
___ Cerulean Warbler *	S	F	U
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	M	F	FC
___ Common Yellowthroat	S	M, QM	FC
___ Golden-winged Warbler	M	M	R
___ Kentucky Warbler	S	M, F	FC
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	S	F, BWC	FC
___ Magnolia Warbler	M	F, M	U
___ Nashville Warbler	M	F, M	U