

Biological Reserve Bird Species List



Turkey Vulture

photo by Tom D. Schultz

This list includes those bird species that have been observed in migration or during censuses of breeding birds at the Biological Reserve. "Near fields" are those fields between Clay Run and the Polly Anderson Field Station. The "far fields" are those fields in the Alrutz Section that lie directly east of Clay Run and the ponds. "Corner Meadow" indicates the clay field at the southeast corner of the Alrutz Section. We welcome any additions or observations, which may be left in the map box or sent to Whitney Stocker or Tom Schultz in the Dept. of Biology and Denison University. Please indicate the species and location of your sighting.

KEY: C = common (should see or hear), U = uncommon (present, but not certain to be found), O = occasional (seen only a few times each year), R = rare (seen at intervals of 2-5 years); SM = spring migrant, FM = fall migrant, WR = winter resident, PR = probable summer resident, BR = confirmed as breeding in the Reserve.

SPECIES

STATUS/HABITAT

CICONIIFORMES

ARDEIDAE - Herons

Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*

O, ponds Alrutz Sect.

Green-backed Heron, *Butorides striatus*

PR, ponds Alrutz Sect.

American Bittern, *Botaurus lentiginosus*

R, ponds Alrutz Sect.

ANSERIFORMES

ANATIDAE - Ducks and Geese

Canada Goose, <i>Branta canadensis</i>	U, WR, BR, ponds Alrutz Sect.
Wood Duck, <i>Aix sponsa</i>	U, BR, Wood Duck Pond
Mallard, <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	O, all ponds

FALCONIFORMES

CANTHARTIDAE - Vultures

Turkey Vulture, <i>Cathartes aura</i>	C, WR, PR, over fields
Black Vulture, <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	C, WR, over fields

ACCIPITRIDAE - Kites, Hawks, Harriers

Bald Eagle, <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	R, overflight
Sharp-shinned Hawk, <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	R, Norpell Woods
Cooper's Hawk, <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	U, BR, woods throughout
Red-shouldered Hawk, <i>Buteo lineatus</i>	U, BR, Norpell Woods
Red-tailed Hawk, <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	C, BR, far fields, woods

PANDIONIDAE - Ospreys

Osprey - <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	R, Alrutz Sect. overflight
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FALCONIDAE - Falcons

American Kestrel, <i>Falco sparverius</i>	R, Waxwing Loop
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GALLIFORMES

PHASIANIDAE - Grouse

Ring-necked Pheasant, <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	U, BR, Alrutz Sect.
Wild Turkey, <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	U, BR, woods throughout

GRUIFORMES

RALLIDAE - Rails

Sora, <i>Porzana carolina</i>	R, FM, ponds Alrutz Sect.
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SCOLOPACIDAE - Sandpipers

American Woodcock, <i>Scolopax minor</i>	U, BR, far fields
Solitary Sandpiper, <i>Tringa solitaria</i>	R, SM, Alrutz Sect. ponds

COLUMBIFORMES

COLUMBIDAE - Pigeons and Doves

Rock Dove, <i>Columba livia</i>	C, BR, barn
Mourning Dove, <i>Zenaida macroura</i>	C, WR, BR, throughout

CUCULIDAE - Cuckoos

Black-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* U, PR, deciduous woods
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus* U, BR, deciduous woods

STRIGIFORMES

STRIGIDAE - Owls

Eastern Screech Owl, *Otus asio* U, WR, PR, wood edges, ponds
Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus* U, WR, near fields
Barred Owl, *Strix varia* U, WR, PR, Norpell, T-O woods

CAPRIMULGIFORMES

CAPRIMULGIDAE - Goatsuckers

Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles major* R, over near fields

APODIFORMES

APODIDAE - Swifts

Chimney Swift, *Chaetura pelagica* C, over near fields

TROCHILIDAE - Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird, *Archilocus colubris* U, PR, woods throughout

CORACIIFORMES

ALCEDINIDAE - Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher, *Ceryle alcyon* U, along Clay Run, Alrutz Sect.

PICIFORMES

PICIDAE - Woodpeckers

Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Melanerpes carolinus* C, WR, BR, deciduous woods
Red-headed Woodpecker, *M. erythrocephalus* R, Alrutz Sect.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus varius* O, Taylor-Ochs woods
Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens* C, WR, BR, woods throughout
Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus* U, WR, BR, woods throughout
Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus* C, WR, BR, open woods, fields
Pileated Woodpecker, *Drycopus pileatus* U, WR, BR, woods throughout

PASSERIFORMES

TYRANNIDAE - Flycatchers

Eastern Pewee, *Contopus virens* C, BR, deciduous woods
Acadian Flycatcher, *Empidonax virens* C, BR, deciduous woods
Willow Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii* U, BR, thickets near ponds
Eastern Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe* U, BR, near field station
Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myarchus crinitus* U, BR, deciduous woods
Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus* U, BR, near and far fields

ALAUDIDAE -Larks

Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris* R, FM, open fields

HIRUDINIDAE - Swallows

Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor* C, BR, near and far fields

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica* U, BR, near barn and station

CORVIDAE - Crows and Jays

Blue Jay, *Cyanocitta cristata* C, WR, BR, woods throughout

American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos* C, WR, BR, throughout

PARIDAE - Titmice and Chickadees

Carolina Chickadee, *Parus carolinensis* C, WR, BR, woods throughout

Tufted Titmouse, *Parus bicolor* C, WR, BR, woods throughout

SITTIDAE - Nuthatches

White -breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis* U, WR, BR, woods throughout

CERTHIIDAE - Creepers

Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana* O, WR, PR, deciduous woods

TROGLODYTIDAE - Wrens,

Carolina Wren, *Thryothorus ludovicianus* U, WR, BR, thickets

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon* C, BR, open woods and thickets

Winter Wren, *Troglodytes troglodytes* R, FM, forest edges

Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris* R, BR, old fields, ponds

MUSCICAPIDAE

SYLVIINAE - Gnatcatchers and Kinglets

Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa* U, WR, deciduous woods

Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula* U, WR, deciduous woods

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Poliophtila caerulea* U, BR, deciduous woods

TURDINAE - Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis* C, BR, near and far fields

Veery, *Catharus fuscens* U, SM, woods, Whitetail Loop

Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus* U, SM, woods, Whitetail Loop

Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus* O, PR, woods, Whitetail Loop

Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina* C, BR, woods throughout

American Robin, *Turdus migratorius* C, BR, wood margins, fields

MIMIDAE - Mimic Thrushes

Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis* C, BR, thickets near ponds

Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottus* U, PR, Woodcock Trail

Brown Thrasher, <i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	U, BR, far fields
BOMBYCILLIDAE - Waxwings	
Cedar Waxwing, <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	U, BR, Waxwing Loop, ponds
STURNIDAE - Starlings	
European Starling, <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	C, BR, near barn
VIREONIDAE - Vireos	
White-eyed Vireo, <i>Vireo griseus</i>	C, BR, Catalpa Trail
Solitary Vireo, <i>Vireo solitarius</i>	U, BR, Ovenbird Loop
Yellow-throated Vireo, <i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	U, BR, Whitetail Loop
Warbling Vireo, <i>Vireo gilvus</i>	O, SM, Ovenbird Loop
Red-eyed Vireo, <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	C, BR, woods throughout
EMBERIZIDAE	
PARULINAE - Wood Warblers	
Blue-winged Warbler, <i>Vermivora pinus</i>	C, BR, Woodcock Trail
Golden-winged Warbler, <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	R, SM, far fields
Tennessee Warbler, <i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	U, SM, wooded edge far fields
Nashville Warbler, <i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	C, SM, wooded edge far fields
Northern Parula, <i>Parula americana</i>	O, PR, Taylor-Ochs woods
Yellow Warbler, <i>Dendroica petechia</i>	C, BR, near ponds
Chestnut-sided Warbler, <i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	U, SM, base Crinoid Hill Trail
Magnolia Warbler, <i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	C, SM, Whitetail/T-O Loops
Cape May Warbler, <i>Dendroica tigrina</i>	R, SM, Crinoid Hill Trail
Black-throated Blue Warbler, <i>D. caerulescens</i>	U, SM, Norpell/Ovenbird Loops
Yellow-rumped Warbler, <i>Dendroica coronata</i>	C, SM, woods throughout
Black-throated Green Warbler, <i>Dendroica virens</i>	C, SM, Norpell/Ovenbird Loops
Blackburnian Warbler, <i>Dendroica fusca</i>	U, SM, Norpell Loop, Crinoid Hill
Yellow-throated Warbler, <i>Dendroica dominica</i>	U, PR, lower Clay Run
Prairie Warbler, <i>Dendroica discolor</i>	U, BR, far fields
Palm Warbler, <i>Dendroica palmarum</i>	R, SM, far fields
Bay-breasted Warbler, <i>Dendroica castanea</i>	O, SM, Taylor-Ochs Loop
Cerulean Warbler, <i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	O, BR, Taylor-Ochs woods
Black-and-White Warbler, <i>Mniotilta varia</i>	U, SM, Hyacinth Trail
American Redstart, <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	C, SM, base Crinoid Hill Trail
Prothonotary Warbler, <i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	R, SM, ponds
Ovenbird, <i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>	C, BR, Ovenbird Loop
Northern Waterthrush, <i>Seiurus novaboracensis</i>	O, SM, Hyacinth Trail
Louisiana Waterthrush, <i>Seiurus motacilla</i>	O, BR, Hyacinth Trail
Kentucky Warbler, <i>Oporornis formosus</i>	U, BR, low woods throughout
Connecticut Warbler, <i>Oporornis agilis</i>	R, SM, Ovenbird Loop
Common Yellowthroat, <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	C, BR, near fields

Hooded Warbler, <i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	O, BR, Taylor-Ochs Loop
Wilson's Warbler, <i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	R, SM, Taylor-Ochs Loop
Canada Warbler, <i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	O, SM, wooded edge far fields
Yellow-breasted Chat, <i>Icteria virens</i>	U, BR, far fields
THRAUPINAE - Tanagers	
Scarlet Tanager, <i>Piranga olivacea</i>	U, BR, Hyacinth Trail, T-O woods
CARDINALINAE - Cardinals and Buntings	
Northern Cardinal, <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	C, WR, BR, wood edges
Rose-breasted Grosbeak, <i>Phoebastria ludoviciana</i>	U, BR, Hyacinth Trail, T-O woods
Indigo Bunting, <i>Passerina cyanea</i>	C, BR, edges of fields
EMBERIZINAE - Sparrows	
Rufous-sided Towhee, <i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	C, WR, BR, Whitetail Loop
American Tree Sparrow, <i>Spizella arborea</i>	U, WR, near fields
Chipping Sparrow, <i>Spizella passerina</i>	U, BR, near and fields
Field Sparrow, <i>Spizella pusilla</i>	C, BR, near and far fields
Grasshopper Sparrow, <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	R, SM, far fields
Fox Sparrow, <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	R, WM, Alrutz Sect. woods
Song Sparrow, <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	C, WR, BR, fields throughout
Swamp Sparrow, <i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	O, WR, ponds
White-throated Sparrow, <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	C, WR, thickets, ponds
White-crowned Sparrow, <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	U, WR, thickets
Dark-eyed Junco, <i>Junco hyemalis</i>	C, WR, wooded edges of fields
ICTERINAE - Blackbirds and Orioles	
Red-winged Blackbird, <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	C, BR, ponds and near fields
Eastern Meadowlark, <i>Sturnella magna</i>	R, near fields
Common Grackle, <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	C, BR, fields
Brown-head Cowbird, <i>Molothrus ater</i>	C, BR, wooded edges of fields
Orchard Oriole, <i>Icterus spurius</i>	O, PR, near ponds
Northern Oriole, <i>Icterus galbula</i>	U, BR, near ponds
FRINGILLINAE - Finches	
House Finch, <i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	C, WR, near fields
American Goldfinch, <i>Carduelis tristis</i>	C, WR, BR, all fields
PASSERIDAE - Weaver Finches	
House Sparrow, <i>Passer domesticus</i>	O, near barn

NOTE: The classification above follows the 6th edition of the AOU Checklist and is still somewhat controversial. Subfamilies that are listed are recognized as families by other authors.

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