

Falls Lake Bird Checklist (299)



Seasons

Sp - Spring - March to May
 Su - Summer - June to August
 Fa - Falls - September to November
 Wi - Winter - December to February

Abundance Codes

A - Abundant - always present in large numbers
 C - Common - almost always present
 F - Fairly Common - usually seen most days
 U - Uncommon - present but not always seen
 O - Occasional - not always seen or low numbers
 R - Rare - not seen most years
 V - Very Rare - seen once every five or more years
 I - Irregular - highly variable from year to year
 X - Accidental - not to be expected

* known to breed

~ suspected breeding

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	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	-	-	X	-
Snow Goose	-	-	X	-
Canada Goose*	C	F	C	C
Brant	-	-	-	X
Tundra Swan	V	-	V	V
Wood Duck*	F	F	U	U
Gadwall	V	-	R	O
American Wigeon	R	-	O	O
American Black Duck	O	O	U	U
Mallard*	C	C	C	C
Blue-winged Teal*	O	R	O	V
Northern Shoveler	R	-	R	R
Northern Pintail	R	-	R	R
Green-winged Teal	R	-	U	O
Canvasback	V	-	V	R
Redhead	V	-	V	R
Ring-necked Duck	R	-	R	F
Greater Scaup	V	-	V	V
Lesser Scaup	R	-	R	O
Surf Scoter	-	-	X	-
White-winged Scoter	-	-	-	X
Black Scoter	-	-	X	X
Long-tailed Duck	X	-	-	X
Bufflehead	R	-	R	U
Common Goldeneye	V	-	V	R
Hooded Merganser	O	-	V	U
Red-breasted Merganser	R	-	R	R
Common Merganser	R	-	R	R
Ruddy Duck	R	-	O	O
Wild Turkey*	O	O	O	O
Northern Bobwhite*	U	U	U	U
Red-throated Loon	-	-	V	V
Common Loon	U	-	F	U
Pied-billed Grebe*	R	-	F	F
Horned Grebe	R	-	O	O
Red-necked Grebe	-	-	X	-
Eared Grebe	-	-	-	X
Western Grebe	-	-	X	-
Sooty Shearwater	-	-	X	-
Northern Gannet	-	-	X	-
American White Pelican	X	-	-	X
Brown Pelican	-	-	X	X
Double-crested Cormorant*	C	C	C	F
Great Cormorant	-	-	-	X
Anhinga	R	-	-	-

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Magnificent Frigatebird	-	X	-	-
American Bittern	V	-	V	V
Least Bittern*	V	V	-	-
Great Blue Heron*	F	F	C	F
Great Egret	R	O	C	V
Snowy Egret	V	O	-	-
Little Blue Heron	R	O	V	-
Tricolored Heron	X	O	R	-
Cattle Egret	R	R	R	-
Green Heron*	U	U	O	V
Black-crowned-Night Heron	R	R	V	-
Yellow-crowned-Night Heron*	R	O	R	-
White Ibis	-	U	R	-
Glossy Ibis	V	R	R	-
Wood Stork	-	X	-	-
Black Vulture*	U	U	F	F
Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	C
Osprey*	U	U	U	V
Mississippi Kite~	V	V	V	-
Bald Eagle*	U	F	U	O
Northern Harrier	O	R	U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	O	R	U	U
Cooper's Hawk*	O	O	O	O
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U
Broad-winged Hawk*	U	V	O	-
Red-tailed Hawk*	F	F	F	F
Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	-	X
American Kestrel*	O	R	U	U
Merlin	R	-	O	R
Peregrine Falcon	V	-	O	V
Yellow Rail	-	-	X	-
King Rail~	V	V	-	-
Virginia Rail	V	-	-	-
Sora	V	-	-	-
Common Moorhen	X	-	-	-
American Coot	U	R	U	F
Black-bellied Plover	R	R	O	-
American Golden Plover	X	-	O	-
Wilson's Plover	-	X	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	R	R	O	-
Piping Plover	-	X	X	-
Killdeer*	F	F	F	F
American Avocet	-	X	X	-
Greater Yellowlegs	O	O	O	V

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Lesser Yellowlegs	O	O	O	V
Solitary Sandpiper	F	F	O	-
Willet	V	R	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	F	F	R	-
Upland Sandpiper	R	R	V	-
Whimbrel	-	X	-	-
Hudsonian Godwit	-	-	X	-
Marbled Godwit	-	X	X	-
Ruddy Turnstone	R	R	O	-
Red Knot	-	V	V	-
Sanderling	R	R	O	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	R	R	-
Western Sandpiper	V	R	R	X
Least Sandpiper	U	O	O	V
White-rumped Sandpiper	R	R	R	-
Baird's Sandpiper	-	V	R	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	O	U	O	V
Dunlin	R	-	U	-
Stilt Sandpiper	-	O	O	-
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	O	-
Ruff	-	X	-	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	V	U	R	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	X	-	V	-
Wilson's Snipe	U	R	O	U
American Woodcock*	O	R	R	U
Wilson's Phalarope	-	R	R	-
Red-necked Phalarope	-	-	X	-
Red Phalarope	-	-	X	-
Parasitic Jaeger	-	-	X	-
Laughing Gull	R	R	R	-
Little Gull	-	-	X	X
Bonaparte's Gull	U	-	C	F
Ring-billed Gull	C	O	U	A
Herring Gull	O	R	O	U
California Gull	-	-	-	X
Iceland Gull	-	-	-	X
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	V
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	X
Great Black-Backed Gull	V	-	V	V
Caspian Tern	O	O	O	-
Royal Tern	-	X	X	-
Sandwich Tern	-	-	X	-
Common Tern	R	R	R	-
Forster's Tern	R	R	O	-

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Least Tern	-	-	X	-
Bridled Tern	-	-	X	-
Sooty Tern	-	-	X	-
Black Tern	V	O	R	-
Rock Pigeon*	C	C	C	C
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C
Common Ground Dove	X	-	-	-
Black-billed Cuckoo	R	-	R	-
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	U	U	U	-
Barn Owl~	X	-	-	-
Eastern Screech Owl*	U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U
Barred Owl*	U	U	U	U
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	X
Northern Saw-whet Owl*	-	-	-	X
Common Nighthawk*	R	R	U	-
Chuck-will's Widow*	O	O	-	-
Whip-poor-will*	F	F	R	-
Chimney Swift*	C	C	C	-
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	F	F	U	-
Rufous Hummingbird	-	-	-	V
Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	U	U
Red-headed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	-	U	F
Downy Woodpecker*	F	F	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Northern Flicker*	F	F	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	X	-	-
Eastern Wood-pewee*	F	F	U	-
Acadian Flycatcher*	F	F	R	-
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	X	-	-	-
Alder Flycatcher	-	X	-	-
Willow Flycatcher	V	-	V	-
Least Flycatcher	X	-	V	-
Eastern Phoebe*	F	F	F	U
Great Crested Flycatcher*	F	F	O	-
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	O	-
Loggerhead Shrike~	O	R	R	O
White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	U	X
Blue-headed Vireo*	O	R	U	O
Yellow-throated Vireo*	U	U	U	X
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	R	-

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Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	U	-
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow*	U	U	O	R
Common Raven	R	-	-	R
Horned Lark	X	-	-	V
Purple Martin*	C	C	-	-
Tree Swallow*	F	O	U	-
No. Rough-winged Swallow*	F	F	O	-
Bank Swallow	U	R	-	-
Cliff Swallow*	U	U	-	-
Barn Swallow*	C	C	R	-
Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch	I	-	I	I
White-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	F	F
Brown-headed Nuthatch*	F	F	F	F
Brown Creeper	O	-	O	U
Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren	X	-	-	-
House Wren*	U	U	U	O
Winter Wren	R	-	O	U
Sedge Wren	V	-	V	V
Marsh Wren	V	-	V	V
Golden-crowned Kinglet	O	-	O	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	F	-	F	C
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	O	X
Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	C
Veery	O	-	O	-
Gray-cheeked Thrush	R	-	O	-
Bicknells Thrush	X	-	-	-
Swainson's Thrush	U	-	U	-
Hermit Thrush	U	-	U	F
Wood Thrush*	C	C	C	-
American Robin*	C	C	C	A
Gray Catbird*	F	F	F	R
Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher *	F	F	F	U
European Starling*	C	C	C	A
White Wagtail	-	-	X	-
American Pipit	O	-	O	U
Cedar Waxwing~	C	R	U	C
Blue-winged Warbler	O	R	O	-
Golden-winged Warbler	R	-	R	-

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(Brewster's) Warbler	X	-	-	-
Tennessee Warbler	R	-	O	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	V	-	R	V
Nashville Warbler	R	-	O	-
Northern Paula*	C	C	F	-
Yellow Warbler	U	O	R	-
Chestnut-sided Warbler	O	-	O	-
Magnolia Warbler	O	-	U	-
Cape May Warbler	O	-	O	-
Black-throated Blue Warbler	U	-	U	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	-	C	C
Black-throated Green Warbler	O	-	O	-
Blackburnian Warbler	R	-	O	-
Yellow-throated Warbler*	F	F	R	V
Pine Warbler*	C	C	C	C
Prarie Warbler*	C	C	O	-
Palm Warbler	O	-	U	O
Bay-breasted Warbler	O	-	O	-
Blackpoll Warbler	U	-	O	-
Cerulean Warbler	V	R	-	-
Black-and-white Warbler~	F	R	U	R
American Redstart*	C	U	F	-
Prothonotary Warbler*	F	F	R	-
Worm-eating Warbler	O	R	O	-
Ovenbird*	C	C	U	-
Northern Waterthrush	U	R	O	-
Louisiana Waterthrush*	U	U	R	-
Kentucky Warbler*	O	O	R	-
Connecticut Warbler	-	-	V	-
Mourning Warbler	-	X	-	-
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	U	O
Hooded Warbler*	F	F	O	-
Wilson's Warbler	R	-	O	-
Canada Warbler	O	-	O	-
Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	C	R	-
Summer Tanager*	C	C	U	-
Scarlet Tanager*	F	F	O	-
Eastern Towhee*	C	C	C	C
American Tree Sparrow	-	-	-	V
Chipping Sparrow*	C	C	C	F
Clay-colored Sparrow	-	-	X	-
Field Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Vesper Sparrow	O	-	R	V
Savannah Sparrow	F	-	F	F

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Grasshopper Sparrow*	O	R	R	-
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	-	-	-	X
Seaside Sparrow	-	-	X	-
Fox Sparrow	R	-	O	U
Song Sparrow*	C	R	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	V	-	V	-
Swamp Sparrow	F	-	F	C
White-throated Sparrow	C	-	C	A
White-crowned Sparrow	O	-	O	O
Harris's Sparrow	X	-	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco	F	-	C	A
Lapland Lonspur	-	-	X	-
Snow Bunting	-	-	V	V
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	-	U	-
Blue Grosbeak*	C	C	F	-
Indigo Bunting*	C	C	F	-
Painted Bunting	-	X	-	X
Dickcissel	-	X	-	-
Bobolink	F	-	U	-
Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	I
Eastern Meadowlark*	U	U	U	U
Rusty Blackbird	O	-	O	U
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	-	X
Common Grackle	C	C	C	I
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	F	I
Orchard Oriole*	U	U	R	-
Baltimore Oriole	U	R	U	R
Purple Finch	O	-	O	U
House Finch*	U	U	U	U
Red Crossbill	X	-	X	X
Pine Siskin	I	-	I	I
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	I	-	I	I
House Sparrow*	U	U	U	U

Additions to the checklist should be sent to Falls Lake SRA, 13304 Creedmoor Road, Wake Forest NC 27587 or email to Brian.Bockhahn@ncdenr.gov. Include complete details and photographs if possible.

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