



Ruby Throated Hummingbird

Migration is a challenging and stressful venture for all birds as they travel to and from their wintering and breeding grounds. Depending upon the species, their movements may be continental, hemispheric or even global. Regardless of the distance traveled, migratory birds rely heavily on stopover sites for a successful journey.

Prime stopover sites provide migrants with three essential resources: water, food and protection. These elements allow migratory species to rehydrate, refuel and rest along the migration corridor, thus greatly increasing their ability to successfully complete the flight to their final destination. The existence of quality stopover habitats is a critical link in the survival of all migratory bird species.

The diversity of habitats found at the Schiff Nature Preserve attracts a variety of migratory birds during spring migration. Leaf-out of the mature deciduous forest provides prey for insectivorous species as they glean insects from the canopy. The forest and shrubby thickets provide shelter and protection from avian and mammalian predators. Migrants target Schiff's streams, seeps and ponds as a source of both food and water throughout the stopover period.

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Pileated Woodpecker



Eastern Bluebirds

Work still needs to be done to add to our understanding of bird distribution at Schiff. Please send comments or sightings to: info@schiffnaturepreserve.org or call the Nature Center at 973-543-6004. Reports should include sighting date, exact location, observed behavior and photographs, if possible.

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Paper info to come

Birds

OF SCHIFF NATURE PRESERVE



Eastern Screech Owl

This list contains all 154 bird species known to occur at the Schiff Nature Preserve.



Bird Checklist of Schiff Nature Preserve Area

Key To Status

* = Species Last Observed on the Schiff Scout Reservation by the Boy Scouts in 1962

C - Common; Frequently seen, sometimes daily

U - Uncommon; Present in small numbers

S - Scarce; may not be present daily

R - Rare; only several records per year

VR - Very Rare; species is irruptive, vagrant, or regionally sparse; does not occur annually

Winter: Within Half a Month of Dec to Feb – indicates
Spring: Within Half a Month of Mar to May no presence
Summer: Within Half a Month of Jun to Aug
Fall: Within Half a Month of Sept to Aug

Common Name

Current Status
Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall

Waterfowl

<input type="checkbox"/> Duck, American Black *	R	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Duck, Ruddy*	R	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Duck, Wood	S	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Goose, Canada	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Merganser, Common	R	R	R	R

Game Birds

<input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant, Ring-necked	R	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey, Eastern Wild	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Grouse, Ruffed*	VR	VR	VR	VR

Diving Birds

<input type="checkbox"/> Cormorant, Double-crested	R	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Loon, Common*	R	R	–	R

Sandpipers

<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer*	–	S	S	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandpiper, Least*	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandpiper, Spotted	–	S	–	–
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodcock, American	R	S	R	S

Herons

<input type="checkbox"/> Bittern, American*	V	R	V	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Heron, Great Blue	S	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Heron, Green	–	S	S	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Night-Heron, Black-crowned*	R	R	R	R

Gulls & Terns

<input type="checkbox"/> Gull, Herring *	S	S	S	S
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Owls

<input type="checkbox"/> Owl, Barred	R	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Owl, Eastern Screech	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Owl, Great Horned	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Owl, Snowy*	VR	VR	–	VR

Hawks & Hawk-like

<input type="checkbox"/> Eagle, Bald	R	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawk, Broad-winged	–	R	R	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawk, Cooper's	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawk, Red-shouldered *	R	R	R	R

<input type="checkbox"/> Hawk, Red-tailed	U	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawk, Sharp-shinned *	U	U	–	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Kestrel, American	S	S	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	–	S	R	S

Vultures

<input type="checkbox"/> Vulture, Black	S	S	S	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Vulture, Turkey	C	C	C	C

Goatsuckers / Nighthjars

<input type="checkbox"/> Nighthawk, Common *	–	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will *	–	VR	VR	VR

Woodpeckers

<input type="checkbox"/> Flicker, Northern	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Nuthatch, Red-breasted	S	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Nuthatch, White-breasted	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	U	U	–	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker, Downy	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker, Hairy	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker, Pileated	C	C	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker, Red-bellied	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker, Red-headed*	VR	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Creeper, Brown	S	S	–	S

Crows

<input type="checkbox"/> Crow, American	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Crow, Fish*	S	S	S	S

Cuckoos

<input type="checkbox"/> Cuckoo, Black-billed*	–	S	S	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Cuckoo, Yellow-billed*	–	S	S	S

Pigeons & Doves

<input type="checkbox"/> Dove, Mourning	C	C	C	C
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Blackbirds

<input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird, Red-winged	S	U	S	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird, Rusty*	R	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird, Brown-headed	S	C	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Grackle, Common	S	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Oriole, Baltimore	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Oriole, Orchard	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Starling, European	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink*	–	R	R	R

Mimics

<input type="checkbox"/> Catbird, Gray	–	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Mockingbird, Northern	S	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Thrasher, Brown	R	U	U	S

Thrushes

<input type="checkbox"/> Bluebird, Eastern	U	C	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	–	U	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Kinglet, Golden-crowned	S	S	–	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	S	S	–	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Robin, American	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Thrush, Hermit	S	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Thrush, Swainson's	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Thrush, Wood	–	U	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	–	–	U	–

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Flycatchers

<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatcher, Acadian	–	VR	–	VR
<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatcher, Great Crested	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatcher, Least*	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatcher, Olive-sided*	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatcher, Willow	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied*	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Kingbird, Eastern	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Peewee, Eastern Wood	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Phoebe, Eastern	–	U	U	S

Tanagers

<input type="checkbox"/> Tanager, Scarlet	–	U	U	S
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Swallows

<input type="checkbox"/> Martin, Purple*	–	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallow, Barn	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallow, Cliff*	–	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallow, No. Rough-winged	–	S	S	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallow, Tree	–	C	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Swift, Chimney	–	S	S	S

Larks

<input type="checkbox"/> Meadowlark, Eastern*	VR	R	VR	R
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Waxwings

<input type="checkbox"/> Waxwing, Cedar	U	U	U	U
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Chickadee-Like

<input type="checkbox"/> Chickadee, Black-capped	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Titmouse, Tufted	C	C	C	C

Jays

<input type="checkbox"/> Jay, Blue	C	C	C	C
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Kingfishers

<input type="checkbox"/> Kingfisher, Belted	S	U	S	S
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Buntings

<input type="checkbox"/> Bunting, Indigo	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Bunting, Snow*	VR	VR	–	VR

Finch-like

<input type="checkbox"/> Finch, House	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Finch, Purple	S	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldfinch, American	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Grosbeak, Evening*	VR	VR	–	VR
<input type="checkbox"/> Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Redpoll, Common	VR	VR	–	VR
<input type="checkbox"/> Siskin, Pine	VR	VR	–	VR
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardinal, Northern	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Crossbill, Red*	VR	VR	–	VR

Shrikes

<input type="checkbox"/> Shrike, Northern	VR	VR	–	VR
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Vireos

<input type="checkbox"/> Vireo, Blue-headed	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Vireo, Red-eyed	–	C	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Vireo, Warbling	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Vireo, White-eyed	–	RV	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Vireo, Yellow-throated	–	U	U	S

Wrens

<input type="checkbox"/> Wren, Carolina	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Wren, House	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Wren, Winter	R	S	–	S

Sparrows

<input type="checkbox"/> Junco, Dark-eyed	U	U	–	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, American Tree	S	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Chipping	S	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Field	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Fox	S	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, House	S	S	S	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Lincoln's	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Savannah	R	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Song	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Swamp	S	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Vesper*	–	VR	–	VR
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, White-throated	C	U	–	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Towhee, Eastern	VR	C	C	S

Hummingbirds

<input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	–	U	U	S
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Warblers

<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Parula, Northern	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Redstart, American	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Bay-breasted	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Black-and-white	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Blackburnian	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Blackpoll	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Black-throated Blue	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Black-throated Green	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Blue-winged	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Canada	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Chestnut-sided	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Hooded	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Magnolia	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Mourning	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Nashville	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Orange-crowned	VR	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Palm	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Pine	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Prairie	–	S	–	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Tennessee	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Wilson's	–	R	–	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Worm-eating	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Yellow	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Yellow-rumped	S	U	–	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Waterthrush, Louisiana	–	U	U	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellowthroat, Common	–	U	U	S

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