

Hershey's Mill Bird Checklist

2025 Sightings

Waterfowl

	Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Permanent Resident
	Tundra Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Migrant
X	American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
	Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Migrant
	King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Out of Range
	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Migrant and Breeder

Gamebirds

	Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Permanent Resident
	Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Permanent Resident
	Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Permanent Resident

Pigeons, Doves

	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Permanent Resident

Cuckoos

	Black-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Year-round Resident

Nighthawks

	Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Migrant and Breeder
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Swifts, Hummingbirds

X	Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Migrant and Breeder

Coots and Shorebirds

X	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Migrant
X	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	Migrant and Breeder

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	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	
	Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	
X	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	Migrant
	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	Migrant
X	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Migrant
X	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Migrant
	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	Migrant and Breeder
Gulls			
X	Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	Migrant
X	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
Loons and Grebes			
	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
Cormorants			
X	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
Wading Birds			
	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Year-round Resident
X	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Migrant
X	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Migrant and Breeder
Vultures, Eagles, Hawks			
X	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	American Goshawk	<i>Accipiter atricapillus</i>	
X	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant

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Owls

X	Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops asio</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Permanent Resident
	Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>	Permanent Resident

Kingfishers

X	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
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Woodpeckers

X	Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Permanent Resident

Falcons

X	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Migrant

Flycatchers

	Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescans</i>	Breeder
X	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	Migrant
	Eastern Wood Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Migrant
X	Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Says Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	

Vireos

X	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	Breeder
	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	Migrant
X	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Migrant and Breeder

Jays, Crows

X	Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Permanent Resident

Swallows

X	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Migrant and Breeder

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Titmice, Chickdees, Nuthatches

X	Carolina Chickadee	<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Tufted Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	Winter Resident

Wrens

X	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes hyemalis</i>	Winter Resident
X	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Breeder
X	Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	Permanent Resident

Thrushes, Kinglets

	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	Migrant
X	Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	Migrant
	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Permanent Resident

Waxwings, Starlings

X	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombicilla cedrorum</i>	Permanent Resident

Finches

X	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Permanent Resident
X	House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	Permanent Resident
	Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
	Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>	Winter Resident
X	American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant

Sparrows

X	Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Breeder
X	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident

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	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	Migrant and Winter Resident
X	Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Winter Resident and Migrant
Blackbirds, Orioles			
	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
X	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	Winter Resident
	Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Summer Resident
Wood Warblers			
X	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	Migrant
	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motocilla</i>	Summer Resident
	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Worm-eating warbler	<i>Helmithera vermivorus</i>	Summer Resident
	Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Nashville Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	Migrant
X	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	Migrant
	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Chesnut-sided Warbler	<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	Migrant
	Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	Breeder
X	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	Migrant
	Pine Warbler	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	Year-round Resident and Migrant
	Prairie Warbler	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	Migrant and Breeder
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies			
	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Migrant and Breeder
X	Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Permanent Resident
X	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Migrant and Breeder
	Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina cerulea</i>	Breeder
	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Migrant and Breeder

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Notes:

Species on this list are those cited as "Sighted, identified, and confirmed" by Angela Cote and Bruce

Foreacre in [Hershey's Mill Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System Wildlife List \(5/19/2000\)](#) and updated by residents through 2024.

The revised order, nomenclature and use notes are updated in accordance with the Pennsylvania Society of Ornithology checklist and the American Ornithological Union protocol.

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