

GOATSUCKERS-HUMMING- BIRD-KINGFISHER	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck-will's-widow*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will	-	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	u	o	r	u	u

WOODPECKERS	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker*	c	c	u	c	c

FLYCATCHERS-SHRIKES-VEREOS	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher*	-	o	u	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe*	o	o	o	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher*	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird*	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo*	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	-	o	-	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo*	-	c	c	c	-

CROWS-SWALLOWS-TITMICE	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	c	c	u	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	r	r	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin*	-	c	c	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c	c

NUTHATCHES-WRENS-KINGLETS	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	c	-	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	o	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren*	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	o	r	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren*	-	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	-	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	u	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	o	c	o	c	-

THRUSHES	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird*	o	o	o	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	u	u	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush*	-	c	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin*	c	c	c	c	c

THRASHERS-PIPIT-WAXWING	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird*	r	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher*	o	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	r	r	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	u	u

WARBLERS	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula*	-	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler*	-	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	-	c	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler	-	r	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	c	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler*	o	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler*	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	-	r	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	-	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler*	r	u	o	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	-	c	-	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Prothonotary Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Worm-eating Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat*	r	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	-	r	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat	-	r	c	r	-

TANAGERS-SPARROWS	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	-	o	r	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	-	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow*	o	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	u	c	-	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	o	u	u	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r	-	-	-	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Seaside Sparrow*	r	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow*	u	u	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	c	c	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	r	r	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	c	u	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting	o	-	-	o	o

FINCHES-BLACKBIRDS-WEAVER	Seasonal Abundance				
	S	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	-	r	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark*	o	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Boar-tailed Grackle*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle*	c	u	u	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole*	-	o	r	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole*	-	u	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	r	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll	-	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	-	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	r	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c	c

Accidental
The following species have been seen at Delaware Seashore State Park fewer than five times. If you see any of these species or another that is not included in the list above, please report your sighting to the staff at the Indian River Life-Saving Station.

Western Grebe	Arctic Tern
Clark's Grebe	Black Guillemot
Audubon's Shearwater	Thick-billed Murre
Ross's Gull	Clay-colored Sparrow

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Wildlife

Delaware Seashore State Park offers bird enthusiasts unlimited opportunities to study and enjoy the natural world of the Delaware Coast. The park's geographic location puts it in the direct flight path of many birds. The variety of marine, estuarine and upland habitats provides critical feeding, resting and nesting areas for migrating and breeding birds.

Delaware Seashore offers excellent birding year-round. In spring and fall, shorebirds, songbirds and raptors move through the park in impressive numbers. In late October and early November thousands of seaducks, cormorants, gannets and loons stream south just offshore as they migrate. Winter offers the chance to see northern visitors like Herring Gull, Little Gull, Orange-crowned Warbler and Snowy Owl. During the summer months the largest concentration of Ospreys in the state is busy raising young on man-made platforms around Rehoboth and Indian River Bays.

Delaware Seashore State Park offers a number of good birding sites. The Indian River Inlet is by far the best place to look for rare gulls, terns and waterbirds. The marshes on the east side of Rehoboth Bay, Thompson and Bartons Island Nature Preserves, and the Fresh Pond area of the park are all great places to look for birds. Two bathhouses and a number of beach-side parking lots allow easy access for those interested in scanning the ocean for seabirds year-round.

Seasons

Early Spring (March 15 - April)	S
Late Spring (May 1 - June 15)	Sp
Summer (June 15 - August)	Su
Fall (September - November)	F
Winter (December - March 15)	W

Relative Abundance

Common	c	Fairly abundant and likely to be seen in proper habitat on each visit
Uncommon	u	Present in small numbers and not always seen on every visit
Occasional	o	Occurs sporadically in proper season and habitat
Rare	r	Seldom seen

* indicates a species that nests or has nested in the park

Species in **bold print** are neotropical migrants - they spend the winter in tropical regions of South and Central America.

Species in *italicized print* are species that have been introduced into North America by humans.

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LOONS-GREBS

<input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Loon	c	u	r	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	u	u	r	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	u	u	r	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe	u	u	r	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe	r	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Eared Grebe	r	-	-	r	r

STORM-PETREL PELICANS-CORMORANTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Storm-Petrel	-	-	r	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Gannet	c	u	r	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Pelican	r	u	u	r	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	u	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Cormorant	u	r	-	u	u

BITTERNS-HERONS-IBISES

<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	r	r	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	c	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	c	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron	o	o	o	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Tricolored Heron	u	u	u	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret	r	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron*	r	c	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	c	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	-	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Glossy Ibis	u	u	o	o	-

VULTURES-GEESE SWANS-DUCKS

<input type="checkbox"/> Black Vulture	u	u	o	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	c	r	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	c	o	o	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brant	c	r	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	r	r	-	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	u	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	o	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	u	o	-	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	o	o	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	u	o	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	c	u	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback	r	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead	r	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	r	-	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup	u	-	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup	u	-	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Eider	r	-	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull	r	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Surf Scoter	c	-	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Scoter	o	-	-	o	o

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DUCKS (cont.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Black Scoter	c	-	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed Duck	u	-	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	c	o	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	r	-	-	r	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	r	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser	r	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser	c	o	r	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck	o	-	-	u	u

HAWKS-FALCONS

<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey*	c	c	c	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	o	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	u	o	-	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	c	u	-	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	u	-	-	u	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	r	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	r	-	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk*	o	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	-	c	r
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	c	o	-	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	u	r	-	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon	o	o	r	u	o

TURKEY-QUAIL-RAILS

<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	r	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	u	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapper Rail	c	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	r	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	r	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	o	r	-	o	o

JABBERS-GULLS

<input type="checkbox"/> Pomarine Jaeger	-	r	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Parasitic Jaeger	-	r	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c	r

GULLS-TERNS-ALCID

<input type="checkbox"/> Little Gull	r	-	-	-	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Gull	r	-	-	-	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	c	u	-	u	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	c	c	o	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Iceland Gull	r	-	-	-	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Black-backed Gull	r	-	-	-	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Glaucous Gull	r	-	-	-	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Black-backed Gull*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-legged Kittiwake	-	-	-	-	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Gull-billed Tern	r	r	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern	-	c	u	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Tern	-	c	o	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich Tern	-	r	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Roseate Tern	-	r	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern	o	c	c	c	r

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GULLS-TERNS-ALCID (cont.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	c	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Tern*	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	-	r	o	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Skimmer*	-	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Razorbill	-	-	-	-	r

PLOVERS-SANDPIPERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	c	c	-	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover	-	r	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> piping Plover*	o	r	r	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Oystercatcher*	u	u	u	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	u	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	r	u	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Willet	r	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	-	c	u	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Whimbrel	-	o	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Turnstone	c	c	r	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Knot	-	u	-	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanderling	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Sandpiper	-	r	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper	-	c	c	c	-
<input type="checkbox"/> White-rumped Sandpiper	-	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper	-	u	u	u	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Sandpiper	u	o	-	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin	c	c	-	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Sandpiper	-	o	o	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Dowitcher	c	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher	r	-	-	r	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Snipe	o	o	-	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	o	o	o	o	o

DOVES-CUCKOOS-OWLS

<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Dove*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	-	r	-	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	o	r	o	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl	-	-	-	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	r	-	-	r	r