

**SWALLOWS**

Marlin, Purple	o S				
Swallow, Tree	a S				
Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	u S*				
Swallow, Bank	o S				
Swallow, Barn	a S*				

**JAYS AND CROWS**

Jay, Blue	a P*				
Crow, American	a P*				
Crow, Fish	o P				

**TITMICE**

Chickadee, Black-capped	r W				
Chickadee, Carolina	a P*				
Titmouse, Tufted	a P*				

**NUTHATCHES**

Nuthatch, Red-breasted	u W				
Nuthatch, White-breasted	u P*				

**CREEPERS**

Creeper, Brown	u W				
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**WRENS**

Wren, Carolina	a P*				
Wren, House	a S*				
Wren, Winter	o W				

**KINGLETS & GNATCATCHER**

Kinglet, Golden-crowned	u W				
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	u W				
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	c S*				

**THRUSHES**

Bluebird, Eastern	c P*				
Veery	c S*				
Thrush, Gray-checked	r T				
Thrush, Swainson's	o T				
Thrush, Hermit	u W				
Thrush, Wood	c S*				
Robin, American	a P*				

**MIMIC THRUSHES**

Catbird, Gray	c P*				
Mockingbird, Northern	c P*				
Thrasher, Brown	c S*				

**WAXWINGS**

Waxwing, Cedar	c P*				
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**STARLINGS**

Starling, European	c P*				
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**VIREOS**

Vireo, White-eyed	c S*				
Vireo, Solitary	u T				
Vireo, Yellow-throated	u S*				
Vireo, Warbling	o S*				
Vireo, Philadelphia	r T				
Vireo, Red-eyed	c S*				

**WOOD WARBLERS**

Warbler, Blue-winged	u S*				
Warbler, Golden-winged	r T				
Warbler, Tennessee	o T				
Warbler, Nashville	o T				
Parula, Northern	c S*				
Warbler, Yellow	u S*				
Warbler, Chesnut-sided	o S*				
Warbler, Magnolia	c T				
Warbler, Cape May	o T				
Warbler, Black-throated Blue	c T				
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	u W				
Warbler, Black-throated Green	c T				
Warbler, Blackburnian	o T				
Warbler, Yellow-throated	o S*				
Warbler, Pine	o S*				
Warbler, Prairie	u S*				
Warbler, Palm	u T				
Warbler, Bay-breasted	u T				
Warbler, Blackpoll	c T				
Warbler, Cerulean	u S*				
Warbler, Black-and-white	o S*				
Redstart, American	c S*				
Warbler, Prothonotary	o T				
Warbler, Worm-eating	r S				
Ovenbird	c S*				
Waterthrush, Northern	u T				
Waterthrush, Louisiana	c S*				
Warbler, Kentucky	o S*				
Warbler, Connecticut	r T				
Warbler, Mourning	r T				
Yellowthroat, Common	c S*				
Warbler, Hooded	u S*				
Warbler, Wilson's	o T				
Warbler, Canada	c T				
Chat, Yellow-breasted	u S*				

**TANAGERS**

Tanager, Summer	r S				
Tanager, Scarlet	u S*				

**SPARROWS**

Cardinal, Northern	a P*				
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	u T				
Grosbeak, Blue	o S*				
Bunting, Indigo	c S*				
Towhee, Rufous-sided	c P*				
Sparrow, American Tree	o W				
Sparrow, Chipping	c S*				
Sparrow, Field	c P*				
Sparrow, Vesper	r T				
Sparrow, Savannah	o W				
Sparrow, Grasshopper	o S*				
Sparrow, Fox	o W				
Sparrow, Song	a P*				
Sparrow, Swamp	o W				
Sparrow, White-throated	a W				
Sparrow, White-crowned	u W				

Junco, Dark-eyed	c W				
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**BLACKBIRDS**

Bobolink	o T				
Blackbird, Red-winged	a P*				
Meadowlark, Eastern	o P*				
Blackbird, Rusty	o W				
Grackle, Common	a P*				
Cowbird, Brown-headed	a P*				
Oriole, Orchard	u S*				
Oriole, Northern	u S*				

**FINCHES**

Finch, Purple	u W				
Finch, House	a P*				
Crossbill, Red	r W				
Crossbill, White-winged	r W				
Redpoll, Common	r W				
Siskin, Pine	o W				
Goldfinch, American	a P*				
Grosbeak, Evening	o W				

**WEAVER FINCHES**

Sparrow, House	u P*				
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**OTHER**


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# BIRDS

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## WHITE CLAY CREEK VALLEY



At White Clay Creek State Park and Preserve, visitors can observe a wide variety of birdlife. In addition to a community of year-round residents, bird populations in the park and preserve change with the seasons.

The White Clay Creek flows from the Piedmont Plateau of Chester County, Pennsylvania to the Coastal Plain of New Castle County, Delaware. The park and preserve are in the middle of this interface of geologic zones and offers a unique opportunity for wildlife enthusiasts to view birds of different habitats in one location.

Once occupied by Lenape Indians, the area is rich in both cultural and natural history. The White Clay Creek Preserve is also unique because it spans the Pennsylvania-Delaware state line; it is managed by both states. This checklist includes birds found throughout the park and preserve.

#### FALL

In Spring and Fall, White Clay Creek is a popular resting ground for neo-tropical migrants traveling between their summer and winter habitats. The presence of these transient species and the arrival of the park's summer residents provides rewarding experiences for all outdoor enthusiasts.

#### SUMMER

Summertime offers visitors the opportunity to seek out the valley's breeding birds. The breeding bird population is highlighted by sixteen species of wood warblers, including Cerulean and Hooded Warblers. Summertime birding also brings out other colorful beauties like the Indigo Bunting, Scarlet Tanager, Orchard Oriole, and Northern Oriole.

#### WINTER

Once the leaves fall from the trees, the valley's fulltime residents become the focus of attention. A walk along the creek banks might bring an encounter with the ever-present Belted Kingfisher or one of the many duck species that find refuge there. A stroll through the preserve's rolling foothills offers a good chance to view the resident woodpeckers (including the elusive Pileated Woodpecker) or even a glimpse of a Wild Turkey.

### Abundance

- a -Abundant:** a species which is very numerous.
- c -Common:** certain to be heard or seen in suitable habitat.
- u -Uncommon:** present but not certain to be seen.
- o -Occasional:** seen only a few times during the season.
- r -Rare:** seen at intervals of 2 - 5 years.

### Status

- \*** Breeding (documented evidence).
- T** Transient (migratory).
- S** Summer resident (transient implied).
- W** Winter resident (transient implied).
- P** Permanent resident

Names and phylogenetic sequence follow the A.O.U. checklist of North American Birds (sixth edition, 1983).  
Cover illustration: Cerulean Warbler

#### LOONS

Loon, Common ..... o T

#### GREBES

Grebe, Pied-billed ..... o W

#### HERONS AND EGRETS

Bittern, American ..... r S  
 Heron, Great Blue ..... u P  
 Egret, Great ..... u S  
 Egret, Snowy ..... o S  
 Heron, Little Blue ..... o S  
 Egret, Cattle ..... c S  
 Heron, Green-backed ..... c S \*  
 Night-Heron, Black-crowned ..... r T  
 Ibis, Glossy ..... o S

#### GEESE AND DUCKS

Swan, Tundra ..... r T  
 Goose, Snow ..... o W  
 Goose, Canada ..... c P \*  
 Duck, Wood ..... u S \*  
 Teal, Green-winged ..... o W  
 Duck, American Black ..... u P  
 Mallard ..... c P \*  
 Pintail, Northern ..... o W  
 Teal, Blue-winged ..... o T  
 Shoveler, Northern ..... r T  
 Gadwall ..... r W  
 Wigeon, American ..... r W  
 Canvasback ..... r T  
 Redhead ..... r T  
 Duck, Ring-necked ..... o W  
 Scaup, Lesser ..... o W  
 Goldeneye, Common ..... o W  
 Bufflehead ..... o W  
 Merganser, Hooded ..... o T  
 Merganser, Common ..... o W  
 Duck, Ruddy ..... r T

#### VULTURES, HAWKS, FALCONS

Vulture, Black ..... u P  
 Vulture, Turkey ..... c P \*  
 Osprey ..... o T  
 Eagle, Bald ..... r W  
 Harrier, Northern ..... o W  
 Hawk, Sharp-shinned ..... o W  
 Hawk, Cooper's ..... u W  
 Hawk, Red-shouldered ..... o P \*  
 Hawk, Broad-winged ..... u S \*  
 Hawk, Red-tailed ..... c P \*  
 Hawk, Rough-legged ..... o W  
 Kestrel, American ..... u P \*  
 Merlin ..... r T

#### GAMEBIRDS

Pheasant, Ring-necked ..... o P \*  
 Turkey, Wild ..... u P \*

Bobwhite, Northern ..... u P \*

#### RAILS AND COOTS

Rail, Virginia ..... r P  
 Coot, American ..... o W

#### SHOREBIRDS & GULLS

Killdeer ..... u P \*  
 Sandpiper, Solitary ..... u T  
 Sandpiper, Spotted ..... u S  
 Snipe, Common ..... o W  
 Woodcock, American ..... o S \*  
 Gull, Ring-billed ..... u P  
 Gull, Herring ..... o P

#### DOVES AND PIGEONS

Dove, Rock ..... c P \*  
 Dove, Mourning ..... a P \*

#### CUCKOOS

Cuckoo, Black-billed ..... r S  
 Cuckoo, Yellow-billed ..... u S \*

#### OWLS

Barn-Owl, Common ..... r P  
 Screech-Owl, Eastern ..... u P \*  
 Owl, Great Horned ..... u P \*  
 Owl, Barred ..... u P \*  
 Owl, Long-eared ..... r W

#### NIGHTHAWKS

Nighthawk, Common ..... o T  
 Whip-poor-will ..... r S

#### SWIFTS

Swift, Chimney ..... c S \*

#### HUMMINGBIRDS

Hummingbird, Ruby-throated ..... u S \*

#### KINGFISHERS

Kingfisher, Belted ..... c P \*

#### WOODPECKERS

Woodpecker, Red-headed ..... r T  
 Woodpecker, Red-bellied ..... c P \*  
 Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied ..... u W  
 Woodpecker, Downy ..... a P \*  
 Woodpecker, Hairy ..... u P \*  
 Flicker, Northern ..... c P \*  
 Woodpecker, Pileated ..... u P \*

#### FLYCATCHERS & LARKS

Flycatcher, Olive-sided ..... r T  
 Wood-Pewee, Eastern ..... c S \*  
 Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied ..... r T  
 Flycatcher, Acadian ..... a S \*  
 Flycatcher, Willow ..... o S \*  
 Flycatcher, Least ..... r S  
 Phoebe, Eastern ..... c S \*  
 Flycatcher, Great Crested ..... u S \*  
 Kingbird, Eastern ..... c S \*  
 Lark, Horned ..... r P