

s = SPRING (MAR APR MAY)
S = SUMMER (JUN JLY AUG)
F = FALL (SPT OCT NOV)
W = WINTER (DEC JAN FEB)

A=Abundant; **C**=Common
U=Uncommon; **R**=Rare
B=Breeder; **T**=Transit; **W**=Winter Visitor
S=Summer Visitor; **P**=Possible

A word of **CAUTION**: the trails and the woods are full of ticks and chiggers during the warmer months and you should spray your legs and feet with an insect repellent and check for ticks afterwards if you should do any hiking.

There are over 900 species of birds seen in North America with a total of **4xx** seen in the state of Virginia and a total of 247 species seen in Halifax County.



	Number		SEASONS					Number		SEASONS			
	Seen	Status	s	S	F	W		Seen	Status	s	S	F	W
Great White-fronted Goose		T				R			S		R	R	
Snow Goose		T				R			S		U	U	
Ross's Goose		W				R			B	C	C	C	
Canada Goose		B	A	A	A	A			T		R	R	
Tundra Swan		T			R	R			T		R	R	
Mute Swan		W				R			T		R		
Wood Duck		B	C	C	C	C			B	A	A	A	
Mallard		B	U	U	C	C			B	A	A	A	
American Black Duck		B	U	U	U	U			B	U	U	C	
Gadwall		W	U		U	U			PB	U	U		
Green-winged Teal		W	U		U	U			B	C	C	C	
American Wigeon		W	U		U	U			W	U	U	U	
Northern Pintail		W	U		U	U			B	C	U	U	
Northern Shoveler		W	U		U	U			B	U	U	U	
Blue-winged Teal		W	U		U	U			B	C	C	C	
Canvasback		W	R		U	U			B	U	U	U	
Redhead		W	R		R	R			W	R		R	
Ring-necked Duck		W	U		U	U			B	C	C	C	
Greater Scaup		W	U		U	U			B	U	U	C	
Lesser Scaup		W	U		U	U			W			R	
Bufflehead		W	C		C	A			W			R	
Common Goldeneye		W	U		U	U			T			R	
Hooded Merganser		PB	C	R	C	C			T			R	
Common Merganser		W	C		C	C			W	U		U	
Red-breasted Merganser		W	R		R	R			T	R		R	
Ruddy Duck		W	U		U	U			T	U		U	
Northern Bobwhite		B	U	U	U	U			T	U		U	
Wild Turkey		B	C	C	C	C			B	A	A	A	
Red-throated Loon		W			R	R			T		R	R	
Common Loon		W			R	R			T	U		U	
Pied-billed Grebe		PB	U	U	U	U			T	R		R	
Horned Grebe		W	U		U	U			T			R	
Red-necked Grebe		W	R			R			T	U	U	U	
Double-crested Cormorant		PB	U	C	C	U			T	U	U	U	
Anhinga		T			R				T	U	U	U	
American White Pelican		T	R		R				PB	U	U	U	
American Bittern		T	R						T	R	R		
Least Bittern		PB	R	R	R	R			T		R	R	
Great Blue Heron		B	A	A	A	C			T		R	R	
Cattle Egret		S			U	U			T	U	U	U	
Snowy Egret		S			U	U			T	U	U	U	
Great Egret		S			C	C			T	U	U	U	
Tricolored Heron									S		R	R	
Little Blue Heron									S		U	U	
Green Heron									B	C	C	C	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron									T		R	R	
Glossy Ibis									T		R	R	
White Ibis									T		R		
Turkey Vulture									B	A	A	A	
Black Vulture									B	A	A	A	
Osprey									B	U	U	C	
Mississippi Kite									PB	U	U		
Bald Eagle									B	C	C	C	
Northern Harrier									W	U	U	U	
Sharp-shinned Hawk									B	C	U	C	
Cooper's Hawk									B	U	U	U	
Broad-winged Hawk									B	C	C	C	
Red-shouldered Hawk									B	U	U	U	
Rough-legged Hawk									W	R		R	
Red-tailed Hawk									B	C	C	C	
American Kestrel									B	U	U	C	
Merlin									W			R	
Peregrine Falcon									W			R	
Sora									T			R	
Black Rail									T			R	
American Coot									W	U		U	
Sandhill Crane									T	R		R	
Black-bellied Plover									T	U		U	
American Golden-Plover									T	U		U	
Killdeer									B	A	A	A	
Wilson's Plover									T		R	R	
Semipalmated Plover									T	U		U	
Piping Plover									T	R		R	
American Avocet									T			R	
Greater Yellowlegs									T	U	U	U	
Lesser Yellowlegs									T	U	U	U	
Solitary Sandpiper									T	U	U	U	
Spotted Sandpiper									PB	U	U	U	
Upland Sandpiper									T	R	R		
Marbled Godwit									T		R	R	
Ruddy Turnstone									T		R	R	
Sanderling									T	U	U	U	
Semipalmated Sandpiper									T	U	U	U	
Western Sandpiper									T	U	U	U	

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	Seen	Status	s	S	F	W	
Least Sandpiper		T	U	U	U	U	
White-rumped Sandpiper		T		R	R	R	
Dunlin		T	U	U	U		
Stilt Sandpiper		T		R	R		
Pectoral Sandpiper		T	U	U	U		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		T		R	R		
Short-billed Dowitcher		T	U	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe		W	U		U	U	
American Woodcock		B	U	U	U	U	
Wilson's Phalarope		T			U		
Red Phalarope		T				R	
Bonaparte's Gull		W	U		U	C	
Laughing Gull		W				R	
Ring-billed Gull		W	C	R	A	A	
Herring Gull		W	U		U	U	
Black Tern		T		U	U		
Common Tern		T	U	U	U		
Forster's Tern		T		R	R		
Caspian Tern		T	U	U	U		
Rock Dove		B	U	U	U	U	
Eurasian Collared-Dove		PB	R	R			
Mourning Dove		B	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		B	U	C	U		
Barn Owl		PB	R	R	R	R	
Great Horned Owl		B	C	C	C	C	
Barred Owl		B	C	C	C	C	
Eastern Screech-Owl		B	C	C	C	C	
Northern Saw-whet Owl		W				R	
Common Nighthawk		T		U	U		
Chuck-will's-widow		PB	R	R			
Eastern Whip-poor-will		B	U	U			
Chimney Swift		B	C	C	C		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		B	C	C	C		
Belted Kingfisher		B	C	C	C	U	
Red-headed Woodpecker		B	C	U	U	A	
Red-bellied Woodpecker		B	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		W	U		U	U	
Hairy Woodpecker		B	U	U	U	U	
Downy Woodpecker		B	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker		B	A	A	C	C	
Pileated Woodpecker		B	C	C	C	C	
Eastern Wood-Pewee		B	C	C	U		

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	Seen	Status	s	S	F	W	
Acadian Flycatcher		B	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		T	R		R		
Eastern Phoebe		B	C	C	C	U	
Great Crested Flycatcher		B	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird		B	C	C	C		
Loggerhead Shrike		W				R R	
White-eyed Vireo		B	C	C	C		
Yellow-throated Vireo		B	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo		T	U		U		
Red-eyed Vireo		B	C	C	C		
Philadelphia Vireo		T	R		R		
Warbling Vireo		PB	U	U	U		
Blue Jay		B	A	A	A	A	
Fish Crow		B	C	C	C		
American Crow		B	A	A	A	A	
Common Raven		PB	R	R	R	R	
Horned Lark		PB	R	R	R	R	
Purple Martin		B	U	U	R		
Tree Swallow		B	U	U	R	U	
Barn Swallow		B	C	C	R		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		B	C	C	C		
Bank Swallow		PB	U	U			
Cliff Swallow		B	U	U	R		
Tufted Titmouse		B	A	A	A	A	
Carolina Chickadee		B	A	A	A	A	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		W	U		U	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch		B	C	C	C	C	
Brown-headed Nuthatch		B	C	C	C	C	
Brown Creeper		W	U		U	U	
House Wren		B	C	C	U	R	
Winter Wren		W	U		C	C	
Carolina Wren		B	C	C	C	C	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		W	C		C	C	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		W	C		C	C	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		B	A	A	C		
Eastern Bluebird		B	A	A	C	C	
Gray-cheeked Thrush		T	U		U		
Veery		T	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush		T	U		U		
Hermit Thrush		W	U		C	C	
Wood Thrush		B	C	C	C		
American Robin		B	A	A	A	C	

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	Seen	Status	s	S	F	W	
Gray Catbird		B	C	C	C	R	
Northern Mockingbird		B	A	A	C	C	
Brown Thrasher		B	C	C	C	U	
European Starling		B	A	A	A	A	
American Pipit		T	U		U	U	
Cedar Waxwing		B	C	C	C	C	
Snow Bunting		W				R	
Blue-winged Warbler		T	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler		T	R		R		
Tennessee Warbler		T	R		R		
Orange-crowned Warbler		T	R		R		
Nashville Warbler		T	R		R		
Northern Parula		B	C	C	C	C	
Yellow Warbler		B	C	C	C	C	
Chestnut-sided Warbler		T	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler		T	C		C		
Cape May Warbler		T	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler		T	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler		W	C		A	A	
Black-throated Green Warbler		T	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler		T	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler		T	U		U		
Palm Warbler		T	U		U	U	
Yellow-throated Warbler		B	U	U			
Prairie Warbler		B	C	C	U		
Bay-breasted Warbler		T	R		R		
Blackpoll Warbler		T	U		U		
Pine Warbler		B	A	A	C	C	
Black-and-white Warbler		B	U	U	U		
American Redstart		B	C	U	C		
Worm-eating Warbler		T	U		U		
Swainson's Warbler		T	U		U		
Prothonotary Warbler		B	U	U			
Ovenbird		B	U	U	U		
Louisiana Waterthrush		PB	U	U	U		
Northern Waterthrush		T	U		U		
Mourning Warbler		T	R		R		
Connecticut Warbler		T	R		R		
Kentucky Warbler		PB	R	R	R		
Canada Warbler		T	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler		T			R		
Hooded Warbler		B	U	U	U		



**Birds of Halifax County
Checklist**

by Jeffrey C. Blalock

Welcome to the Tobacco Heritage Trail between Cotton Mill Park and the Berry Hill Plantation Estate in Halifax County.

This list was constructed from the nearly 32 years of birdwatching in Halifax County and this will be a guide as to what may be seen on this trail. Be sure to enjoy the butterflies, dragonflies and wild flowers along the trail as well as White-tailed Deer, reptiles and amphibians.

Birds with the status of Abundant and Common should be found if you look for them in the right habitat and season. Birds with the status of Uncommon or Rare will range from easy to hard to find. Some warbler species migrating in the fall are found in small numbers but they are usually found every fall. Thus they are Uncommon. Winter finches (such as Purple Finch), Pine Siskin, Evening Grosbeak and the Red-breasted Nuthatch can be found easily in some winters and not found at all the next and are also considered Uncommon or Rare.

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	Number		SEASONS				
	Seen	Status	s	S	F	W	
Common Yellowthroat		B	A	A	C		
Yellow-breasted Chat		B	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee		B	C	C	C	C	
American Tree Sparrow		W			R	R	
Field Sparrow		B	C	C	C	U	
Chipping Sparrow		B	A	A	C	U	
Vesper Sparrow		PB	R	R	R		
Savannah Sparrow		W	U		U	U	
Grasshopper Sparrow		B	U	U			
Song Sparrow		B	C	C	C	C	
Swamp Sparrow		W	U		U	U	
Fox Sparrow		W	U	U	U		
White-throated Sparrow		W	A	A	A	A	
White-crowned Sparrow		W	R		R	R	
Dark-eyed Junco		W	U		C	A	
Summer Tanager		B	C	C	C		
Scarlet Tanager		B	C	C	C		
Northern Cardinal		B	A	A	A	A	
Dickcissel		PB	R	R			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		T	U		U		
Blue Grosbeak		B	U	U	U		
Indigo Bunting		B	C	A	C		
Eastern Meadowlark		B	C	C	C	C	
Bobolink		T	U		U		
Red-winged Blackbird		B	C	C	U	U	
Rusty Blackbird		W	U		U	U	
Brewer's Blackbird		W			R	R	
Common Grackle		B	A	A	A	U	
Brown-headed Cowbird		B	C	C	C	C	
Orchard Oriole		B	C	C	U		
Baltimore Oriole		B	C	C	U		
Purple Finch		W	R		R	R	
House Finch		B	C	C	C	C	
Pine Siskin		W	R		R	R	
Evening Grosbeak		W	R		R	R	
American Goldfinch		B	A	A	A	A	
House Sparrow		B	C	C	C	C	
Sparrow, House		B	C	C	C	C	