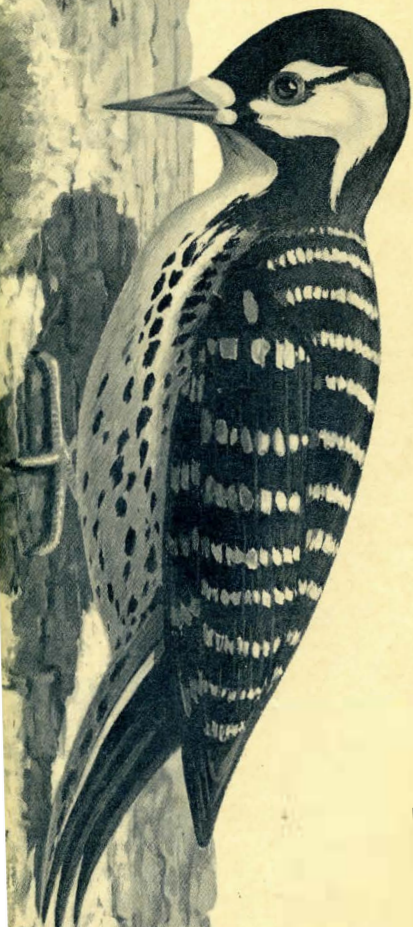


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**BIRDS
of the
Piedmont**

National Wildlife Refuge

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BIRDS OF PIEDMONT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge is located in the wild and beautiful rolling clay hills of the lower Georgia Piedmont. The refuge which contains approximately 35,000 acres, was purchased under the Resettlement Act in the 1930's when erosion, the boll weevil, and finally the great depression made it impossible for the small farms to provide a living for their owners. It is operated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Department of the Interior.

Following establishment of the refuge the eroded hills reverted to pine and hardwood forests with an understory of dogwoods and native shrubs. Today, through an active habitat management program, which works with the natural successional processes, homes are provided for a diverse community of wildlife including many kinds of birds.

Except for a short time during managed deer and turkey hunts, the entire refuge is open for birdwatching. The public use facilities at the office/visitor center and Allison Lake are open year-round. Access to most parts of the refuge is by foot travel only.

A parking area and two wildlife trails are located adjacent to Allison Lake. The Allison Lake trail contains habitat for a variety of birds. Wood ducks utilize the artificial nest structures in Allison Lake, and their broods may be seen during spring and summer months.

The red-cockaded woodpecker trail courses through compartment 14 and ends at an active colony site. Cavity trees in the colony are characterized by accumulations of white pitch and are marked by a painted white stripe at the base of the tree. Birds are more active around the colony site during spring. The trail also provides opportunities to observe the songbirds and perching birds that use the various forest habitats. This trail is 1½ miles long (one way) and involves some strenuous walking.

This folder lists 192 species of birds identified by refuge personnel and qualified visitors. Should you find species of birds not on this list, please contact the Refuge Manager, Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, Round Oak, GA 31038. We are interested in keeping the list updated and need to know the observers, dates, site of observation as well as the species seen.

Birds nesting locally are preceded by an *. Symbols indicative of seasonal abundance of each species are as follows:

Sp March-May; S June-August; F September-November; W December-February

a-abundant; a common species which is very numerous

c-common; certain to be seen in suitable habitat

u-uncommon; present, but not certain to be seen

o-occasional; seen only a few times during a season

r-rare; seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years

Horizontal lines separate family groupings of birds.

	Sp	S	F	W
<u>Pied-billed Grebe</u>	u	u	u	u
<u>Double-crested Cormorant</u>		r		
<u>Anhinga</u>		o		
Great Blue Heron	o	o	o	o
*Green Heron	o	o	o	
Little Blue Heron	r	u	u	
Cattle Egret		u		
Common Egret	u	u	u	u
Snowy Egret	o	o	o	
Louisiana Heron		r		
Yellow-crowned Night Heron		r		
Black-crowned Night Heron			o	r
Least Bittern		r		
American Bittern		r		
<u>White Ibis</u>		r		
Canada Goose	o		o	
Snow Goose (blue phase)			r	
*Mallard	c	u	c	c

	Sp	S	F	W
Black Duck	u		c	c
Gadwall	o		o	
Pintail	o		o	r
Green-winged Teal	o		o	o
Blue-winged Teal	u		u	
American Wigeon	o		o	
Northern Shoveler	o			
*Wood Duck	c	c	c	c
Redhead	r			r
Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
Canvasback	r			r
Lesser Scaup	o			o
Bufflehead	o		o	o
Ruddy Duck	o		o	o
*Hooded Merganser	o		o	o
Common Merganser	r			r
Red-breasted Merganser	r			r
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*Turkey Vulture	o	o	o	o
*Black Vulture	o	o	o	o
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Sharp-shinned Hawk			u	u
*Cooper's Hawk	o	o	o	o
*Red-tailed Hawk	u	c	u	u
*Red-shouldered Hawk	o	o	o	o
Broad-winged Hawk	r	o	r	
Golden Eagle	r			r
Bald Eagle				r
Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk)	u		u	u
Osprey	r		r	
*American Kestrel	u	o	u	u
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*Bobwhite	a	a	a	a
*Turkey	c	c	c	c
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Sandhill Crane	o		o	
King Rail	r	r		
Purple Gallinule		r		
Common Gallinule		r		
American Coot	o		o	o

	Sp	S	F	W
Killdeer	o		o	
*American Woodcock	o	o	o	o
Common Snipe	o		o	o
Upland Sandpiper	o	r	r	
Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	u
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Greater Yellowlegs	o		r	
Lesser Yellowlegs	o		r	
Least Sandpiper	o	o	o	
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*Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
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*Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	c	
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*Screech Owl	c	c	c	c
*Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
*Barred Owl	u	u	u	u
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*Chuck-will's-widow	c	c		
Whip-poor-will	o		o	
*Common Nighthawk	o	o	c	
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*Chimney Swift	c	c	a	
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*Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	o	
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*Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	u
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*Common Flicker	o	o	o	c
*Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
*Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
*Red-headed Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
*Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
*Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
*Red-cockaded Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
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*Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
*Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	c	

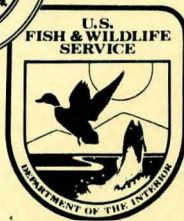
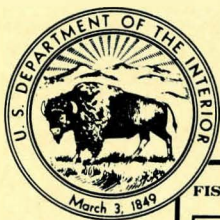
	Sp	S	F	W
Eastern Phoebe	c		c	c
*Acadian Flycatcher	c	c	c	
*Eastern Pewee	c	c	c	
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Horned Lark			r	r
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Tree Swallow	r	r		
Rough-winged Swallow	o	o	o	
Barn Swallow	o	o	o	
*Purple Martin	c	c	c	
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*Blue Jay	a	a	a	a
*American Crow	a	c	c	a
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*Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
*Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
White-breasted Nuthatch	r	r	r	r
*Brown-headed Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
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Brown Creeper	u		u	u
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House Wren	o		r	r
Winter Wren	u		u	u
Bewick's Wren	u		u	u
*Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c
Marsh Wren				o
Sedge Wren	r			
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*Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
*Catbird	u	u	u	r
*Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c
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American Robin	o	r	o	a
*Wood Thrush	c	c	c	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		o	
Veery	o		o	
*Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	a

	Sp	S	F	W
*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
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<u>Water Pipit</u>	u		u	u
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<u>Cedar Waxwing</u>	u		u	u
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*Loggerhead Shrike	o	o	o	o
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*Starling	o	o	o	o
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*White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	r
*Yellow-throated Vireo	c	c	c	
*Solitary Vireo	c	u	c	o
*Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
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Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	
Prothonotary Warbler	o			
Worm-eating Warbler	u		u	
Golden-winged Warbler	u		u	
Tennessee Warbler	r		c	
Northern Parula	o	o	o	
Yellow Warbler	r		r	
Magnolia Warbler	r	r		
Cape May Warbler	r		r	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	o		o	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	c
Blk-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
Cerulean Warbler	r		r	
Blackburnian Warbler			o	
Yellow-throated Warbler	u		u	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r		r	
Blackpoll Warbler	u			
*Pine Warbler	c	c	c	a
*Prairie Warbler	c	c	c	
Palm Warbler	c		c	
Ovenbird	r		r	
Northern Waterthrush	r		r	
*Louisiana Waterthrush	u	u	u	

	Sp	S	F	W
*Kentucky Warbler	u	u	u	
*Yellowthroat	c	c	c	a
*Yellow-breasted Chat	c	c	c	
*Hooded Warbler	c	c	c	
<u>American Redstart</u>	u		u	
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*House Sparrow	o	o	o	o
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Bobolink	c		o	
*Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	c
*Redwinged Blackbird	c	c	c	a
*Orchard Oriole	c	c		
Northern Oriole	r			
Rusty Blackbird	o			o
*Common Grackle	u	u	u	u
<u>Brown-headed Cowbird</u>	o		o	r
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Scarlet Tanager	r			
*Summer Tanager	c	c	c	
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*Cardinal	c	c	c	a
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r		r	
*Blue Grosbeak	u	u	u	
*Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	
Evening Grosbeak			o	r
Purple Finch	u		u	u
Pine Siskin				u
*American Goldfinch	c	u	u	c
*Rufous-sided Towhee	c	c	c	c
Savannah Sparrow	u		u	u
Grasshopper Sparrow	r			
Vesper Sparrow		u	u	u
*Bachman's Sparrow	u	u	u	u
Dark-eyed Junco	a		a	a
*Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	c
*Field Sparrow	c	c	c	c
White-crowned Sparrow	r			
White-throated Sparrow	a		a	a
Fox Sparrow			u	u
Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
Song Sparrow	c		c	c

These five species are of accidental or casual occurrence, and have been seen only once or twice:

- Wood Stork
- Northern Phalarope
- Laughing Gull
- Yellow Rail
- Merlin



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- Nature Trail