

## Bird Checklist for Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

This checklist is from the wildlife refuge at the south end of Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Many of the species are migrants that pass through the area for relatively brief periods of time. Migration times can be spectacular birding times in New Jersey at places like Island Beach State Park and the wildlife refuge. There are not many places along the Jersey coast's barrier islands that still have large blocks of natural vegetation, hence birds on the move are somewhat funneled into these limited resting places.

The key for the list:

### Season

s - Spring - March-May

S - Summer - June-August

F - Fall - September-November

W - Winter - December-February

\* - birds known to nest on or near the refuge

Italics indicate threatened/endangered species

### Relative Abundance

a - abundant: a species which is very numerous

c - common: likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat

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

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

r - rare: may be present but not every year

LOONS-GREBES	s	S	F	W
___ Red-throated Loon	o	-	o	u
___ Common Loon	o	r	o	o
___ Pied-billed Grebe	u	o	u	o
___ Horned Grebe	u	-	u	u
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SHEARWATERS-PELICANS-CORMORANTS	s	S	F	W
___ Sooty Shearwater	r	r	-	-
___ Northern Gannet	r	r	u	-
___ American White Pelican	r	-	-	r
___ Brown Pelican	-	u	-	-
___ Great Cormorant	-	-	-	r
___ Double-crested Cormorant	u	o	c	u
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BITTERNs-HERONS-IBISES	s	S	F	W
___ American Bittern*	u	o	u	u
___ Least Bittern*	u	u	u	-

___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	u
___ Great Egret*	c	c	c	o
___ Snowy Egret*	c	c	c	o
___ Little Blue Heron*	u	u	u	o
___ Tricolored Heron*	u	u	u	o
___ Cattle Egret*	u	u	u	-
___ Green-backed Heron*	u	u	u	-
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	o	o	o	-
___ White Ibis	-	r	r	-
___ Glossy Ibis*	a	a	o	o

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SWANS-GEESE-DUCKS

	s	S	F	W
___ Tundra Swan	o	-	u	o
___ Mute Swan*	c	c	c	u
___ Greater White-Fronted Goose	-	-	o	o
___ Snow Goose	a	o	a	a
___ Ross' Goose	-	-	r	r
___ Brant	a	o	c	c
___ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c
___ Wood Duck*	u	o	u	r
___ Green-winged Teal*	c	o	a	c
___ American Black Duck*	a	c	a	a
___ Mallard*	c	u	c	o
___ Northern Pintail*	c	o	a	u
___ Blue-winged Teal*	c	u	a	o
___ Northern Shoveler*	c	o	c	c
___ Gadwall*	c	c	c	u
___ Eurasian Wigeon	-	-	r	r
___ American Wigeon	c	o	c	o
___ Canvasback	o	-	o	r
___ Redhead	o	-	o	r
___ Ring-necked Duck	o	-	o	o
___ Greater Scaup	c	-	c	u
___ Lesser Scaup	o	-	o	o
___ Oldsquaw	u	-	u	u
___ Black Scoter	u	r	u	u
___ Surf Scoter	u	r	o	u
___ White-winged Scoter	u	r	u	u
___ Common Goldeneye	u	-	u	u
___ Bufflehead	c	o	c	c
___ Hooded Merganser	c	r	u	u
___ Common Merganser	o	-	o	o
___ Red-breasted Merganser	u	r	u	u
___ Ruddy Duck*	u	u	u	o

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VULTURES-HAWKS-FALCONS

	s	S	F	W
___ Turkey Vulture	o	o	o	r
___ Osprey*	u	u	u	-
___ <i>Bald Eagle</i>	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Harrier*	u	o	u	u
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	-	u	o
___ Cooper's Hawk	o	-	o	r

___ Northern Goshawk	-	-	r	r
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	o	r	o	r
___ Broad-winged Hawk*	o	o	o	-
___ Red-tailed Hawk	o	o	u	o
___ Rough-legged Hawk	o	-	o	u
___ Golden Eagle	r	-	r	r
___ American Kestrel*	u	u	u	o
___ Merlin	o	-	u	o
___ <i>Peregrine Falcon*</i>	u	u	u	u

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GROUSE-QUAIL-TURKEY

___ Ring-necked Pheasant	r	r	r	r
___ Ruffed Grouse*	o	o	o	o
___ Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Bobwhite*	u	u	u	u

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RAILS-CRANES

___ Yellow Rail	r	r	r	-
___ Black Rail	r	r	r	-
___ Clapper Rail*	c	c	c	o
___ King Rail	o	o	o	r
___ Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	o
___ Sora*	u	u	u	r
___ Common Moorhen*	o	o	o	-
___ American Coot*	u	o	u	u

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PLOVERS-SANDPIPERS

___ Black-bellied Plover	c	o	c	o
___ American Golden Plover	r	-	o	-
___ Semipalmated Plover	u	u	c	r
___ <i>Piping Plover*</i>	u	u	o	-
___ Killdeer*	u	u	u	r
___ American Oystercatcher*	o	u	u	r
___ Black-necked Stilt	o	-	o	-
___ American Avocet	o	o	o	r
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	u	c	u
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u	o	c	r
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o	o	o	-
___ Willet*	c	a	u	r
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	u	o	u	-
___ Upland Sandpiper	-	r	r	-
___ Whimbrel	u	o	u	o
___ Hudsonian Godwit	-	o	o	-
___ Marbled Godwit	-	o	o	r
___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	o	c	r
___ Red Knot	o	u	u	-
___ Sanderling	c	o	c	o
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	a	a	a	o
___ Western Sandpiper	u	u	c	o
___ Least Sandpiper	a	u	c	o
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	o	o	o	-

___ Baird's Sandpiper	-	-	r	-
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	o	o	u	-
___ Purple Sandpiper	r	-	r	-
___ Dunlin	a	o	a	a
___ Curlew Sandpiper	r	r	r	-
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	u	u	r
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	o	o	-
___ Ruff	r	r	r	-
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	c	a	c	-
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	o	o	u	r
___ Common Snipe	u	o	u	o
___ American Woodcock*	u	o	u	o
___ Wilson's Phalarope	r	o	o	-
___ Red-necked Phalarope	-	r	o	-
___ Red Phalarope	r	r	r	-

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GULLS-TERNS	s	S	F	W
___ Laughing Gull*	c	a	c	r
___ Common Black-headed Gull	r	-	r	-
___ Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	o	o
___ Ring-billed Gull	c	o	u	c
___ Herring Gull*	a	a	a	a
___ Iceland Gull	r	r	-	r
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	r	r	r	r
___ Glaucous Gull	r	-	-	r
___ Great Black-backed Gull*	c	u	c	c
___ Gull-billed Tern*	u	u	u	-
___ Caspian Tern	r	o	o	-
___ Royal Tern	o	o	u	-
___ Sandwich Tern	r	r	r	-
___ <i>Roseate Tern</i>	o	o	-	-
___ Common Tern*	c	c	c	-
___ Forster's Tern*	c	c	c	-
___ <i>Least Tern*</i>	c	c	o	-
___ Black Tern	-	o	o	-
___ Black Skimmer*	c	c	c	r

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DOVES-OWLS-SWIFTS-HUMMINGBIRD	s	S	F	W
___ Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
___ Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	o	-
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	-
___ Barn Owl*	r	o	o	r
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Snowy Owl	-	-	r	r
___ Barred Owl	r	r	r	r
___ Short-eared Owl	u	-	o	o
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	r	-	r	r
___ Common Nighthawk	o	o	u	-
___ Chuck-will's-widow	u	u	-	-
___ Whip-poor-will*	u	u	u	-
___ Chimney Swift	o	o	o	-

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	o	-
___ Belted Kingfisher*	o	u	u	o

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WOODPECKERS-FLYCATCHERS	s	S	F	W
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	-	o	o	-
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	o	-	o	o
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o	-	o	-
___ Downy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Hairy Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Flicker*	u	u	c	o
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	o	o	o	-
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	-	r	-
___ Willow Flycatcher	o	r	r	-
___ Least Flycatcher	o	-	o	-
___ Eastern Phoebe*	u	r	u	-
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u	-
___ Western Kingbird	-	-	r	-
___ Eastern Kingbird*	u	u	u	-

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LARKS-SWALLOWS-JAYS-CROWS	s	S	F	W
___ Horned Lark*	u	o	u	u
___ Purple Martin*	u	u	u	-
___ Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	o
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	o	o	o	-
___ Bank Swallow*	o	o	o	-
___ Cliff Swallow	r	-	r	-
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	-
___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	o
___ American Crow*	u	o	u	o
___ Fish Crow*	c	c	c	o

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TITMICE-NUTHATCHES-WRENS	s	S	F	W
___ Black-capped Chickadee	r	-	-	r
___ Carolina Chickadee*	u	u	u	u
___ Tufted Titmouse*	u	u	u	u
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	-	o	o
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	o	o	o	o
___ Brown Creeper	o	-	o	o
___ Carolina Wren*	u	u	u	o
___ House Wren*	u	u	u	-
___ Winter Wren	r	-	r	r
___ Sedge Wren	r	-	r	r
___ Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	o

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KINGLETS-THRUSHES-THRASHERS	s	S	F	W
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	o
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	o	-	o	o
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	o	u	-
___ Eastern Bluebird	r	r	r	r

___ Veery	u	-	o	-
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o	-	o	-
___ Swainson's Thrush	u	-	o	-
___ Hermit Thrush	u	-	u	u
___ Wood Thrush*	u	o	u	-
___ American Robin*	c	c	c	u
___ Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	r
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	u
___ Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	r

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WAXWINGS-SHRIKES-STARLINGS

	s	S	F	W
___ American Pipit	-	-	o	r
___ Cedar Waxwing	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Shrike	r	-	r	r
___ Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	r	-
___ European Starling*	a	a	a	o

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VIREOS-WOOD WARBLERS

	s	S	F	W
___ White-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	-
___ Solitary Vireo	o	-	o	-
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	r	-	r	-
___ Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	o	-
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	-
___ Blue-winged Warbler	u	o	u	-
___ Golden-winged Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Tennessee Warbler	o	-	r	-
___ Nashville Warbler	o	-	r	-
___ Northern Parula	u	o	u	-
___ Yellow Warbler*	c	c	u	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Cape May Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	u
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Blackburnian Warbler	u	-	o	-
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Pine Warbler*	u	u	u	r
___ Prairie Warbler	c	u	c	-
___ Palm Warbler	o	-	o	o
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Blackpoll Warbler	c	-	c	-
___ Cerulean Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Black-and-white Warbler*	c	o	c	-
___ American Redstart	u	-	u	-
___ Prothonotary Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Worm-eating Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Ovenbird*	u	u	u	-
___ Northern Waterthrush	u	-	u	-
___ Connecticut Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Mourning Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	r
___ Hooded Warbler*	o	o	o	-

___ Wilson's Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Canada Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	o	o	o	-

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TANAGERS-SPARROWS	s	S	F	W
___ Summer Tanager	r	-	-	-
___ Scarlet Tanager*	u	u	o	-
___ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o	-	r	-
___ Blue Grosbeak	o	o	o	-
___ Indigo Bunting*	o	o	o	-
___ Dickcissel	-	-	-	r
___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	u	u	u	o
___ American Tree Sparrow	u	-	-	u
___ Chipping Sparrow*	u	u	u	-
___ Field Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Vesper Sparrow	r	-	r	-
___ Lark Sparrow	-	-	r	-
___ Savannah Sparrow	c	-	c	o
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	o	o	o	-
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	c	c	c	o
___ Seaside Sparrow*	c	c	c	o
___ Fox Sparrow	o	-	o	o
___ Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
___ Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	u	u
___ White-throated Sparrow	c	-	c	c
___ White-crowned Sparrow	o	r	o	r
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c	-	c	u
___ Lapland Longspur	r	-	-	r
___ Snow Bunting	o	-	r	o

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BLACKBIRDS-FINCHES	s	S	F	W
___ Bobolink	o	o	u	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	u
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	r	r	-
___ Rusty Blackbird	r	-	r	-
___ Boat-tailed Grackle*	u	u	u	-
___ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	o
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	o
___ Orchard Oriole*	o	o	r	-
___ Northern Oriole	u	o	o	-
___ Purple Finch	o	-	o	o
___ House Finch*	o	o	o	o
___ Common Redpoll	-	-	-	r
___ Pine Siskin	o	-	o	o
___ American Goldfinch*	u	u	u	u
___ Evening Grosbeak	o	-	o	o
___ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

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