

	S1	S2	Su	F	W
GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS and FINCHES					
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak			o		o
— • Blue Grosbeak	u	c	c	c	
— • Indigo Bunting	u	c	c	c	
— Purple Finch	o	r		o	o
— House Finch	u	u	u	u	u
— • American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c	c
TITS, KINGLETS and CREEPERS					
— • Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c	c
— • Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c	c
— Golden-crowned Kinglet	c			c	c
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	o		o	u
— Red-breasted Nuthatch	c			c	c
— Brown Creeper	o			o	o
— • Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	u	
THRUSHES, PIPITS and WAXWINGS					
— • Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c	c
— Veery		u		o	
— Gray-cheeked Thrush		r		r	
— Swainson's Thrush		o		o	
— Hermit Thrush	c	c		c	c
— • Wood Thrush	c	c	c	c	c
— • American Robin	c	c	c	c	c
— • Gray Catbird	c	c	c	c	r
— • Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c	c
— • Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c	
— American Pipit	o				o
— Cedar Waxwing	o	o	o	o	o
TANAGERS, ORIOLES and CARDINALS					
— • Scarlet Tanager		c	c	u	
— Baltimore Oriole		u	o	u	
— • Orchard Oriole	u	u	u	u	
— • Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c	c
VIREOS					
— • White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	c	
— • Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	c	
— Blue-headed Vireo	o	o		o	
— Yellow-throated Vireo	o	o			
— Warbling Vireo		r		r	
CUCKOOS					
— Black-billed Cuckoo		o		o	
— Yellow-billed Cuckoo		u	o	o	

WARBLERS

— Blue-winged Warbler		r		r	
— Northern Parula		c		o	
— • Yellow Warbler		u	u	u	
— Chestnut-sided Warbler	o		o		
— Magnolia Warbler		c		o	
— Cape May Warbler		r		r	
— Black-throated Blue Warbler	c		o		
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c		c	c
— Black-throated Green Warbler		u		o	
— Blackburnian Warbler		o			
— Yellow-throated Warbler		o			
— • Pine Warbler	c	c	c	c	
— Prairie Warbler		u	u	o	
— Palm Warbler	o				
— Bay-breasted Warbler		o		o	
— Blackpoll Warbler		c		o	
— Black-and-white Warbler	c	u	o		
— American Redstart		c		u	
— • Prothonotary Warbler	o	u	u		
— Worm-eating Warbler		o	o		
— • Ovenbird	c	c	c	c	
— Louisiana Waterthrush	o	r			
— Hooded Warbler		o			
— • Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	c	r
— Canada Warbler		o			
— • Yellow-breasted Chat		u	u		

SPARROWS, TOWHEES and JUNCOS

— American Tree Sparrow	r			r	r
— • Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	c	r
— • Field Sparrow	c	c	c	c	c
— Grasshopper Sparrow	r	r	r	r	
— Savannah Sparrow	r			r	r
— Fox Sparrow	o			o	o
— • Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c	c
— Swamp Sparrow	o			o	o
— White-throated Sparrow	c	u		c	c
— White-crowned Sparrow	r	r		r	r
— House Sparrow	u	u	u	u	u
— • Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	c	u
— Dark-eyed Junco	c			c	c

SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS

— Chimney Swift	u	u	u	u	
— • Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	u	c	c	u	

Birds

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The Edward H. McCabe Preserve provides habitat for more than 100 species of birds. Its combination of hardwood forest, old fields, tidal freshwater and forested wetlands and agricultural fields attracts a diversity of migrant and nesting birds including waterfowl, raptors and songbirds. The highlight of the avian year is the passage of migratory songbirds on their way north in the spring. May is the best month to witness this phenomenon. Songbirds pass through the area again in September and early October. During the summer, several species nest and raise young. In winter, Great Horned and Screech Owls call after dark and waterfowl search the riverside wetlands for food.

There is always something to see and hear at the McCabe preserve.

SEASONS

Early Spring (15 March - April)	S1
Late Spring (April - 15 June)	S2
Summer (15 June - August)	Su
Fall (September - November)	F
Winter (December - 15 March)	W

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

Common: Fairly abundant and likely to be seen on each visit.	c
Uncommon: Present in small numbers and not always seen.	u
Occasional: Occurs sporadically in proper season and habitat.	o
Rare: Seldom seen.	r
• Indicates a species that nests or has nested on the preserve.	

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WADERS and WATERFOWL

Common Loon			o		
Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	u	u
Great Egret	o	o	o	o	r
Snowy Egret	r	r	r	r	
Snow Goose		o		c	c
Ross's Goose				r	r
Canada Goose	u	u	u	u	u
• Wood Duck	c	c	u	c	o
Green-winged Teal	o			o	o
American Black Duck	u	u		u	u
Mallard	c	u	o	c	c

VULTURES and QUAIL

Black Vulture	c	c	u	c	c
Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c	c
Northern Bobwhite	r	o	o	r	r

OSPREY, HAWKS and EAGLES

Osprey	r	o	o	o	
Northern Harrier	r			r	r
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u			u	u
Cooper's Hawk	u			u	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	r	r	r	r	r
Broad-winged Hawk		r		r	
Red-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	u	u
Bald Eagle	o	o	o	o	o
American Kestrel	c	u	u	c	c
Merlin	r	r		r	r

CROWS and JAYS

American Crow	c	c	c	c	c
Fish Crow	c	c	c	c	u
• Blue Jay	c	c	c	c	c

WRENS

• Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c	c
House Wren	r	r			
Winter Wren	r			r	r

OWLS and NIGHTJARS

• Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u	u
• Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u	u
• Chuck-will's-widow	u	u	u		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	o				

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher	o	o	o	o	o
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RAILS, SHOREBIRDS and GULLS

Sora	r	r		r	
Greater Yellowlegs	o	o			
Lesser Yellowlegs	o	o			
Solitary Sandpiper	o	o			
Spotted Sandpiper	o	o		o	
Wilson's Snipe	o				
American Woodcock	c				
Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c	
Ring-billed Gull	c	o		u	c
Herring Gull	o			o	o
Forster's Tern		o	o	o	

LARKS and SWALLOWS

Horned Lark	o	o	o	o	o
Purple Martin	o	o	o	o	
Tree Swallow	c	c	c	c	r
N. Rough-winged Swallow	r	r	r	r	
Bank Swallow	r	r	r	r	
Barn Swallow	c	c	c	c	

WOODPECKERS and FLYCATCHERS

• Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r			r	r
• Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	c
• Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	u
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c	c
• Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	u		
• Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	u	
• Acadian Flycatcher	u	u	o		
• Great Crested Flycatcher	u	c	c	u	
• Eastern Kingbird	u	c	c	c	

BLACKBIRDS and MEADOWLARKS

• Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c	c
Bobolink		o		o	
Common Grackle	c	c	c	c	c
• European Starling	c	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	c	c
Eastern Meadowlark	o	o	r	o	o

DOVES

Rock Pigeon	u	u	u	u	u
• Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c	c

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