

Horsepen Bird Atlas

A total of 106 different bird species have been observed in Countryside's Horsepen nature preserve during the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's (LWC's) 5-year bird atlas program, which ends on December 31 this year. Of those species, 68 were observed in Horsepen during their breeding season, earning it the designation of one of the richest bird breeding areas in the county. Countryside's Board of Directors granted permission for Horsepen to be monitored by a local naturalist for the bird atlas, and his efforts have been supplemented by several Countryside residents. A complete listing of the results to date follows, with confirmed breeders indicated by CO, probable breeders by a PR, and possible breeders by a PO. A detailed explanation of the codes used and other information about the atlas program may be found on LWC's website at loudounwildlife.org/Bird Atlas.htm. Take binoculars the next time you go for a walk in Horsepen and look for a bird consistently returning to the same spot, which could indicate nest building or the feeding of young. You may even discover a previously unreported species! Of course, you will observe from afar and not disturb the bird family.

****see below for a detailed list of the different bird species observed in CountrySide****

Draft Results for Horse Pen (private)

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SUMMARY:

68 total species: 33 CO, 15 PR, 20 PO, (plus 38 OB)

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Horse Pen (private) Species List

Species	Best Evidence
Canada Goose	● CO FL
Wood Duck	● CO FL
American Black Duck	○ OB E
Mallard	⊗ PO X
Blue-winged Teal	○ OB E
Bufflehead	○ OB E
Hooded Merganser	○ OB E
Pied-billed Grebe	⊗ PO X
Double-crested Cormorant	○ OB E
Great Blue Heron	○ OB O
Green Heron	⊗ PO X
Black Vulture	⊗ PO X
Turkey Vulture	⊗ PO X
Osprey	○ OB E
Bald Eagle	⊗ PO X
Cooper's Hawk	⊗ PO X
Red-shouldered Hawk	● CO FL
Broad-winged Hawk	○ OB E
Red-tailed Hawk	⊗ PO X
Killdeer	○ OB E
American Woodcock	○ OB E
Ring-billed Gull	○ OB E
Rock Pigeon	⊗ PO X
Mourning Dove	● CO FL
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	● PR T
Barred Owl	● CO FL
Chimney Swift	⊗ PO X
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	⊗ PO X
Belted Kingfisher	● PR A
Red-headed Woodpecker	○ OB E
Red-bellied Woodpecker	● CO FL
Downy Woodpecker	● CO CF
Hairy Woodpecker	⊗ PO X
Northern Flicker (unid.	● PR T
Pileated Woodpecker	● CO FL
Eastern Wood-Pewee	● CO FL

Acadian Flycatcher	<input type="radio"/>	PR T
Eastern Phoebe	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NY
Great Crested Flycatcher	<input type="radio"/>	PR N
Eastern Kingbird	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NB
Yellow-throated Vireo	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Red-eyed Vireo	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Blue Jay	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X
American Crow	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Fish Crow	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Purple Martin	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Tree Swallow	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NY
Northern Rough-winged	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NY
Barn Swallow	<input type="radio"/>	OB O
Carolina Chickadee	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NY
Tufted Titmouse	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
White-breasted Nuthatch	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Brown Creeper	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Carolina Wren	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
House Wren	<input type="radio"/>	PR B
Winter Wren	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NE
Eastern Bluebird	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NY
Hermit Thrush	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Wood Thrush	<input type="radio"/>	PR T
American Robin	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO ON
Gray Catbird	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Northern Mockingbird	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X
Brown Thrasher	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
European Starling	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Cedar Waxwing	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO CF
Northern Parula	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Yellow Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Magnolia Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Blackburnian Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Prairie Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	PR T
Blackpoll Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Cerulean Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Black-and-white Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Prothonotary Warbler	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Worm-eating Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	PR T
Ovenbird	<input type="radio"/>	PR T
Louisiana Waterthrush	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X

Common Yellowthroat	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NB
Canada Warbler	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Yellow-breasted Chat	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X
Scarlet Tanager	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PR P
Eastern Towhee	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PR T
Chipping Sparrow	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X
Field Sparrow	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PR T
Song Sparrow	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X
Swamp Sparrow	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
White-throated Sparrow	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Dark-eyed Junco (unid. race)	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Northern Cardinal	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Blue Grosbeak	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Indigo Bunting	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO FL
Red-winged Blackbird	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO CF
Rusty Blackbird	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
Common Grackle	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO CF
Brown-headed Cowbird	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PR C
Orchard Oriole	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X
Baltimore Oriole	<input type="radio"/>	OB E
House Finch	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CO NE
American Goldfinch	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PR P
House Sparrow	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PO X