

Banshee Reeks is a 730-acre nature preserve in central Loudoun County. The preserve features habitats typical of the Virginia piedmont, including riparian woodland, fields in various stages of succession, upland oak/hickory forest, meadows, and ponds. The Goose Creek, a Virginia Scenic River, and its floodplain are found along the preserve's southern boundary. This bird list is a compilation of information on over 220 species observed at Banshee Reeks or the Dulles Wetlands.

Birds in **Bold** are found at the Dulles Wetlands. Access to the Dulles Wetlands is controlled through special permit by Loudoun County.

Data on the status of many of these species needs to be updated, and it is requested that all sightings be reported in the office located in the visitor center (703-669-0316 or bansheereeks@starpower.net or www.bansheereeks.org).

The following codes can be used to interpret the checklist. These were designed to apply to the average observer. Those with more extensive knowledge of bird vocalizations may record some species more often. Note that avian migration does not coincide exactly with the change of seasons. Consequently, members of certain groups, shorebirds for example, are actually migrating during the summer months and are therefore not summer residents. Some additional species have probably bred in the area but will not be noted until confirmed.

s – spring; March -May
 S – summer; June - August
 F – fall; September - November
 W – winter; December – February

C – common; likely to be seen in correct habitat
 U – uncommon; present in correct habitat but not always seen
 O – occasional; seen only a few times per season
 R – rare; unlikely to be seen, occurs irregularly
 * - confirmed or probable breeder

	s	S	F	W
Red-throated Loon	r			r
Common Loon	o	r	o	
Pied-billed Grebe*	o	o	o	o
Horned Grebe	o		o	o
Double-crested Cormorant	o	o	o	
American Bittern	o		o	
Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	r	u	o	r
Green Heron*	u	c	u	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	
Black Vulture*	u	u	u	u
Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c
Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c
Tundra Swan	o		o	o
Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o
Gadwall	o		o	o
American Wigeon	u		u	o
American Black Duck	o		o	o
Mallard*	c	c	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	u		u	
Northern Shoveler	u		u	o
Northern Pintail	o		o	o
Green-winged Teal	c		c	o
Canvasback	r		r	r
Redhead	r		r	r
Ring-necked Duck	u		u	o
Greater Scaup	r		r	r
Lesser Scaup	r		r	r
Bufflehead	o		o	o
Common Goldeneye	r		r	r
Hooded Merganser	o		o	o
Common Merganser	r		r	r
Red-breasted Merganser				r
Ruddy Duck	r	r	r	r
Osprey	o		o	
Bald Eagle*	o	o	o	o
Northern Harrier	u		u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	u	u
Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	u
Northern Goshawk			r	

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Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
Broad-winged Hawk	u	r	u	
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
Merlin			o	o
American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
Ring-necked Pheasant	r	r	r	r
Ruffed Grouse	r	r	r	r
Northern Bobwhite*	o	o	o	o
Black Rail		r		
Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	
Sora	o		u	
Common Moorhen	o	o	o	
American Coot	o	o	o	
Black-bellied Plover			r	
American Golden-Plover			r	
Semipalmated Plover		o		
Killdeer*	u	u	u	o
Greater Yellowlegs	o	u		
Lesser Yellowlegs	o	u		
Solitary Sandpiper	u	c		
Spotted Sandpiper	u	c		
Upland Sandpiper		r		
Whimbrel	r			
Semipalmated Sandpiper	r	o		
Western Sandpiper		r		
Least Sandpiper	u	c		
White-rumped Sandpiper	o		r	
Baird's Sandpiper		r		
Pectoral Sandpiper	o	o		
Dunlin	r			
Stilt Sandpiper	r	r		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			r	
Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o		
Long-billed Dowitcher		r		
Common Snipe	o		o	o
American Woodcock*	o	o	o	r
Wilson's Phalarope		r		
Bonaparte's Gull	o			
Ring-billed Gull	c	o	c	c
Herring Gull	o	o	o	o

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Caspian Tern	r	o	r	
Common Tern	o		o	
Arctic Tern	r			
Forster's Tern	r		r	
Black Tern	r		r	
Rock Dove*	c	c	c	c
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	
Barn Owl*	u	u	u	u
Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
Short-eared Owl				r
Northern Saw-whet Owl				o
Common Nighthawk	u		u	
Whip-poor-will	r	r		
Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	
Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	u	o
Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
Alder Flycatcher		r		
Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
Least Flycatcher	o		r	
Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	o
Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
Eastern Kingbird*	u	u	u	

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Loggerhead Shrike				r
White-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	
Blue-headed Vireo	o		o	
Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
Warbling Vireo*	o	o	o	
Philadelphia Vireo			o	
Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
American Crow*	c	c	c	c
Fish Crow*	u	u	u	u
Common Raven				r
Purple Martin*	u	u	u	
Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
Bank Swallow	o		o	
Cliff Swallow	o		o	
No. Rough-winged Swallow*	u		u	
Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	
Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
Red-breasted Nuthatch				o
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Brown Creeper	u		u	u
Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
House Wren*	c	c	c	
Winter Wren	o		o	u
Sedge Wren		r		
Marsh Wren	r	r	r	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	
Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
Veery	u		u	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
Bicknell's Thrush	r		r	

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Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	
American Robin*	c	c	c	c
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	r
Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	
European Starling*	c	c	c	c
American Pipit	o		o	r
Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	u
Blue-winged Warbler	o		o	
Golden-winged Warbler			r	
Tennessee Warbler	o		o	
Nashville Warbler	o		o	
Northern Parula*	u	u	u	
Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
Cape May Warbler	o		o	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
Blackburnian Warbler	o		o	
Pine Warbler*	u	u	u	
Prairie Warbler*	u	u	u	
Palm Warbler	o		o	
Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o	
Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
Cerulean Warbler	o		r	
Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	
American Redstart	c		c	
Worm-eating Warbler*	o	o	o	
Ovenbird*	c	c	c	
Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u	u	
Kentucky Warbler	r	r		
Connecticut Warbler			r	
Mourning Warbler	r		o	
Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
Hooded Warbler	o	o		
Wilson's Warbler	r		r	

	s	S	F	W
Canada Warbler	o		o	
Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u	u	
Summer Tanager	r			
Scarlet Tanager*	u	u	u	
Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	o
American Tree Sparrow				u
Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	u
Vesper Sparrow	o		o	
Savannah Sparrow	u	o	u	o
Grasshopper Sparrow*	u	u	u	
Le Conte's Sparrow			r	
Fox Sparrow	o		o	o
Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	
Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	
Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
Bobolink	u		u	
Red-winged Blackbird*	u	u	u	o
Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	o
Rusty Blackbird	o		o	r
Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	o
Baltimore Oriole*	u	u	u	
Orchard Oriole*	u	u	u	
Purple Finch	o		o	o
House Finch*	c	c	c	c
Common Redpoll				r
Pine Siskin				o
American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
Evening Grosbeak				r
House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

BIRDS

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