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Assateague Island National Seashore

Birding Checklist
Virginia District

Located along the Atlantic migratory flyway, Assateague Island plays host to a wide variety of both migratory and resident bird species. Because of its mid-latitude location within the migratory routes of both Northern and Southern species, the island provides a diversity of species throughout the year. The island's rich mosaic of beach, dune, forest and marsh habitats provides a home for a wide array of shorebirds, songbirds, raptors, waterfowl, and waders.

Whether hiking a nature trail, taking a stroll along the beach, or exploring the backcountry, Assateague can provide many memorable birding experiences.

Ducks, Geese and Swans

- Greater Snow Goose
- Brant
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Mute Swan
- Tundra Swan
- Wood Duck
- Blue-winged Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Gadwall
- Eurasian Wigeon
- American Wigeon
- Mallard
- American Black Duck
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Ring-necked Duck
- Redhead
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Common Eider
- Harlequin Duck
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- Eurasian Wigeon
- American Wigeon
- Wood Duck

Grouse, Quail and Allies

- Northern Bobwhite
- Wild Turkey

Loons and Grebes

- Common Loon
- Red-throated Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe

Gulls

- Black-headed Gull
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Laughing Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Ring-billed Gull

Terns and Skimmers

- Black Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Gull-billed Tern
- Least Tern
- Royal Tern
- Sandwich Tern
- Black Skimmer

Gannet, Pelicans and Cormorants

- Northern Gannet
- American White Pelican
- Brown Pelican
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Cormorant



Shearwaters and Storm-Petrels

- ___ Cory's Shearwater
- ___ Sooty Shearwater
- ___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel

Long Legged Waders

- ___ American Bittern
- ___ Least Bittern
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Short-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Cattle Egret
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Snowy Egret
- ___ White Egret sp
- ___ Great Blue Heron
- ___ Little Blue Heron
- ___ Tricolored Heron
- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron
- ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
- ___ Glossy Ibis
- ___ White Ibis
- ___ White-faced Ibis
- ___ American Oystercatcher
- ___ American Avocet
- ___ Black-necked Stilt
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Whimbrel
- ___ Willet
- ___ Ruff
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope
- ___ Red-necked Phalarope

Rails

- ___ Clapper Rail
- ___ King Rail
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Common Gallinule

Sandpipers

- ___ Dunlin
- ___ Red Knot
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper
- ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- ___ Least Sandpiper
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ___ Purple Sandpiper
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper
- ___ Upland Sandpiper
- ___ Western Sandpiper
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper

Snipe and Woodcock

- ___ American Woodcock
- ___ Wilson's Snipe

Plovers

- ___ American Golden-Plover
- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ Piping Plover
- ___ Wilson's Plover
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Killdeer

Auks

- ___ Dovekie
- ___ Razorbill

Falcons, Hawks and Vultures

- ___ American Kestrel
- ___ Merlin
- ___ Peregrine Falcon
- ___ Osprey
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Northern Harrier
- ___ Cooper's Hawk
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Sharp Shinned Hawk
- ___ Black Vulture
- ___ Turkey Vulture
- ___ Northern Goshawk

Owls

- ___ Barn Owl
- ___ Barred Owl
- ___ Eastern Screech Owl
- ___ Great Horned Owl
- ___ Long-eared Owl
- ___ Northern Saw-whet Owl
- ___ Short-eared Owl
- ___ Snowy Owl

Pigeons and Doves

- ___ Rock Pigeon
- ___ Mourning Dove

Turkey, Quail and Goatsuckers

- ___ Northern Bobwhite
- ___ Wild Turkey
- ___ Eastern Whip-Poor-Will
- ___ Common Nighthawk
- ___ Chuck-wil's-widow

Woodpeckers

- ___ Downy Woodpecker
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker
- ___ Northern Flicker
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Blackbirds, Finches and Allies

- ___ Bobolink
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird
- ___ Rusty Blackbird
- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark
- ___ Boat-tailed Grackle
- ___ Common Grackle
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird
- ___ Baltimore Oriole
- ___ Orchard Oriole
- ___ House Finch
- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ American Goldfinch
- ___ Pine Siskin

Jays, Crows, Larks and Shrikes

- ___ Blue Jay
- ___ American Crow
- ___ Fish Crow
- ___ Horned Lark

Hummingbirds

- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Kinglets, Thrushes and Thrashers

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
- ___ Eastern Bluebird
- ___ Veery
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
- ___ Swainson's Thrush
- ___ Hermit Thrush
- ___ Wood Thrush
- ___ American Robin
- ___ Gray Catbird
- ___ Northern Mockingbird
- ___ Brown Thrasher

Starlings, Pitpits and Waxings

- ___ American Pitpit
- ___ Cedar Waxwing
- ___ European Starling

Swallows

- ___ Purple Martin
- ___ Tree Swallow
- ___ N. Rough-winged Swallow
- ___ Bank Swallow
- ___ Barn Swallow

Kingfishers, Swifts and Cuckoos

- ___ Belted Kingfisher
- ___ Chimney Swift
- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo
- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Chickadees and Nuthatches

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee
- ___ Carolina Chickadee
- ___ Tufted Titmouse
- ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ Brown Creeper

Wrens

- ___ Carolina Wren
- ___ House Wren
- ___ Marsh Wren
- ___ Sedge Wren
- ___ Winter Wren

Flycatchers

- ___ Acadian Flycatcher
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Phoebe
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- ___ Eastern Kingbird

Vireos

- ___ Blue-headed Vireo
- ___ Philadelphia Vireo
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo
- ___ White-eyed Vireo
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo

Tanagers, Sparrows and Allies

- Eastern Towhee
- Scarlet Tanager
- Summer Tanager
- Western Tanager
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Henslow's Sparrow
- House Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- LeConte's Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Nelson's Sparrow
- Saltmarsh Sparrow
- Seaside Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Indigo Bunting
- Painted Bunting
- Snow Bunting
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Blue Grosbeak
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Northern Cardinal

Warblers

- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Black-and-White Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Cerulean Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Connecticut Warbler
- Kentucky Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Pine Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Swainson's Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Ovenbird
- Northern Parula
- American Redstart
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Northern Waterthrush

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Location: _____

Date/Time: _____

Weather: _____

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