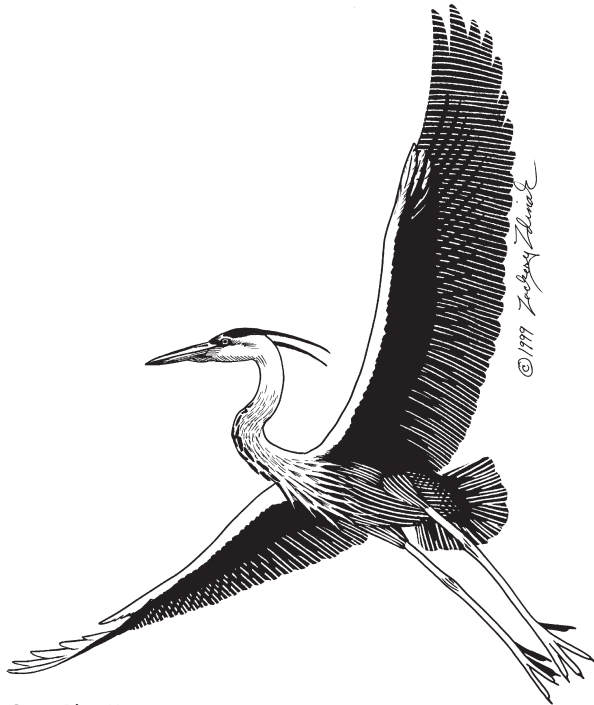




Bird Checklist



Great Blue Heron

The New River Gorge offers a great diversity of bird species – be these year-round residents or migrants. This checklist includes observations reported by National Park Service employees and visitors. We encourage you to report bird sightings to a visitor center, particularly if a species is unlisted.

Loon Family (*Gaviidae*)

- Common Loon *Gavia immer*

Grebe Family (*Podicipedidae*)

- Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*
- Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*

Cormorant Family (*Phalacrocoracidae*)

- Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*

Heron, Egret, and Bittern Family (*Ardeidae*)

- Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*
- Great Egret *Ardea alba*
- Green Heron *Butorides virescens*
- American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*

Swan, Geese, and Duck Family (*Anatidae*)

- Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus*
- Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*
- American Black Duck *Anas rubripes*
- Gadwall *Anas strepera*
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
- American Wigeon *Anas americana*
- Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*
- Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
- Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*
- Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*
- White-winged Scoter *Melanitta fusca*
- Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*
- Redhead *Aythya americana*
- Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*
- Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*
- Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*
- Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*
- Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*
- Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*
- Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*
- Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus*

New World Vulture Family (*Cathartidae*)

- Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*
- Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Hawk and Eagle Family (*Accipitridae*)

- Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*
- Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*
- Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*
- Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*
- Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*
- Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*
- Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

Osprey Family (*Pandionidae*)

- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Falcon Family (*Falconidae*)

- American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*
- Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Turkey, Grouse, and allies Family (*Phasianidae*)

- Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*
- Ruffed Grouse *Bonasa umbellus*

New World Quail Family (*Odontophoridae*)

- Common Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus*

Rail and Coot Family (*Rallidae*)

- American Coot *Fulica americana*
- Sora *Porzana carolina*

Plover Family (*Charadriidae*)

- Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
- Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

Sandpiper Family (*Scolopacidae*)

- American Woodcock *Scolopax minor*
- Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*
- Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*
- Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
- Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*
- Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*
- Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*
- Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Gull and Tern Family (*Laridae*)

- Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*

- Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*
- Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia*
- Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Pigeon and Dove Family (*Columbidae*)

- Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*
- Rock Dove/Pigeon *Columba livia*

Cuckoo Family (*Cuculidae*)

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus*
- Black-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*

Owl Family (*Strigidae*)

- Eastern Screech Owl *Otus asio*
- Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*
- Barred Owl *Strix varia*

Nighthawk and Nightjar Family (*Caprimulgidae*)

- Whip-poor-will *Caprimulgus vociferus*
- Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*

Hummingbird Family (*Trochilidae*)

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*

Kingfisher Family (*Alcedinidae*)

- Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon*

Woodpecker Family (*Picidae*)

- Red-headed Woodpecker *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
- Pileated Woodpecker *Dryocopus pileatus*
- Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*
- Red-bellied Woodpecker *Melanerpes carolinus*
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*
- Downy Woodpecker *Picoides pubescens*
- Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*

Tyrant Flycatcher Family (*Tyrannidae*)

- Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*
- Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*
- Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*

- Eastern Wood-pewee *Cotonus virens*
- Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax virescens*
- Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus*
- Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii*

Lark Family (*Alaudidae*)

- Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*

Swallow Family (*Hirundinidae*)

- Purple Martin *Progne subis*
- Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*
- Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
- Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
- Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*

Swift Family (*Apodidae*)

- Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica*

Titmouse Family (*Paridae*)

- Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*
- Carolina Chickadee *Poecile carolinensis*
- Tufted Titmouse *Baeolophus bicolor*

Nuthatch Family (*Sittidae*)

- White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*
- Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*

Creeper Family (*Certhiidae*)

- Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*

Wrens Family (*Troglodytidae*)

- House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*
- Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*
- Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*

Gnatcatcher and Kinglet Family (*Regulidae*)

- Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*
- Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa*
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila caerulea*

Thrushes Family (*Turdidae*)

- Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis*
- American Robin *Turdus migratorius*

- Gray-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus*
- Swainson’s Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*
- Veery *Catharus fuscescens*
- Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*

Mockingbird and Thrasher Family (*Mimidae*)

- Brown Thrasher *Toxostoma rufum*
- Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*
- Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*

Crow and Jay Family (*Corvidae*)

- Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata*
- American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- Common Raven *Corvus corax*

Waxwing Family (*Bombycillidae*)

- Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*

Vireo Family (*Vireonidae*)

- Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*
- Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*
- Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*
- White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*
- Blue-headed (“Solitary”) Vireo *Vireo solitarius*

Wood Warblers Family (*Parulidae*)

- Northern Parula *Parula americana*
- Yellow-throated Warbler *Dendroica dominica*
- Black-throated Green Warbler *Dendroica virens*
- Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea*
- Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*
- Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata*
- Black-throated Blue Warbler *Dendroica caerulescens*
- Cerulean Warbler *Dendroica cerulea*
- Magnolia Warbler *Dendroica magnolia*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler *Dendroica coronata*
- Canada Warbler *Wilsonia canadensis*
- Cape May Warbler *Dendroica tigrina*
- Chestnut-sided Warbler *Dendroica pensylvanica*
- Bay-breasted Warbler *Dendroica castanea*

- Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*
- American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*
- Pine Warbler *Dendroica pinus*
- Prairie Warbler *Dendroica discolor*
- Palm Warbler *Dendroica palmarum*
- Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora pinus*
- Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia*
- Swainson’s Warbler *Limnithlypis swainsonii*
- Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorus*
- Tennessee Warbler *Vermivora peregrina*
- Wilson’s Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*
- Hooded Warbler *Wilsonia citrina*
- Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*
- Nashville Warbler *Vermivora ruficapilla*
- Kentucky Warbler *Oporornis formosus*
- Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*
- Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*
- Northern Waterthrush *Seiurus noveboracensis*
- Louisiana Waterthrush *Seiurus motacilla*
- Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapillus*

Tanagers Family (*Thraupidae*)

- Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*
- Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea*

Grosbeak, Finch, Sparrow, and Bunting Families (*Fringillidae, Emberizidae, and Cardinalidae*)

- Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*
- Eastern Towhee *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
- Blue Grosbeak *Guiraca caerulea*
- Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*
- Evening Grosbeak *Coccothraustes vespertina*
- American Goldfinch *Carduelis tristis*
- Pine Siskin *Carduelis pinus*
- House Finch *Carpodacus mexicanus*
- Purple Finch *Carpodacus purpureus*
- White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*
- White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*

- Field Sparrow *Spizella pusilla*
- Swamp Sparrow *Melospiza georgiana*
- American Tree Sparrow *Spizella arborea*
- Grasshopper Sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum*
- Fox Sparrow *Passeralla iliaca*
- Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*
- Vesper Sparrow *Poocetes gramineus*
- Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*
- Dark-eyed (“Slate-colored”) Junco *Junco hyemalis*

Blackbird and Oriole Family (*Icteridae*)

- Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*
- Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula*
- Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*
- Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*
- Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*
- Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*
- Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*

Starling Family (*Sturnidae*)

- European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

Old World Sparrow Family (*Passeridae*)

- House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Species Spotlight:
Peregrine Falcon

This falcon was once considered an Endangered Species throughout America, due to the use of the pesticide DDT. Now this bird-of-prey is on the road to recovery. The National Park Service is helping with this important effort. Visit www.nps.gov/neri to learn more about the Peregrine Falcon reintroduction program in this park.

