

VISITS	SPECIES	MONTHS															
		1	2	3	4	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<b>CREEPERS</b>																	
	brown creeper*																
<b>WRENS</b>																	
	Carolina wren*																
	house wren*																
	winter wren																
	sedge wren																
	marsh wren*																
<b>KINGLETS &amp; GNATCATCHERS</b>																	
	golden-crowned kinglet																
	ruby-crowned kinglet																
	blue-gray gnatcatcher*																
<b>THRUSHES</b>																	
	eastern bluebird*																
	veery																
	gray-cheeked thrush																
	Swainson's thrush																
	hermit thrush																
	wood thrush*																
	American robin*																
<b>MIMICS &amp; THRASHERS</b>																	
	gray catbird*																
	northern mockingbird*																
	brown thrasher*																
<b>WAXWINGS</b>																	
	cedar waxwing*																
<b>SHRIKES</b>																	
	loggerhead shrike																
<b>STARLINGS</b>																	
	European starling*																
<b>VIREOS</b>																	
	white-eyed vireo*																
	blue-headed vireo																
	yellow-throated vireo*																
	warbling vireo*																
	Philadelphia vireo																
	red-eyed vireo*																
<b>WARBLERS</b>																	
	blue-winged warbler																
	golden-winged warbler																
	Tennessee warbler																
	orange-crowned warbler																
	Nashville warbler																
	northern parula*																
	yellow warbler*																
	chestnut-sided warbler																
	magnolia warbler																
	Cape May warbler																
	black-throated blue warbler																
	black-throated green warbler																
	blackburnian warbler																
	yellow-rumped warbler																
	yellow-throated warbler*																
	pine warbler*																
	prairie warbler*																
	palm warbler																
	bay-breasted warbler																

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	blackpoll warbler																
	cerulean warbler																
	black & white warbler*																
	prothonotary warbler*																
	worm-eating warbler*																
	Kentucky warbler*																
	Connecticut warbler																
	mourning warbler																
	hooded warbler*																
	Wilson's warbler																
	Canada warbler																
	American redstart*																
	ovenbird*																
	northern waterthrush																
	Louisiana waterthrush*																
	common yellowthroat*																
	yellow-breasted chat*																
<b>TANAGERS</b>																	
	summer tanager*																
	scarlet tanager*																
<b>CARDINALS &amp; GROSBEAKS</b>																	
	northern cardinal*																
	evening grosbeak																
	rose-breasted grosbeak																
	blue grosbeak*																
	indigo bunting*																
<b>SPARROWS</b>																	
	eastern towhee*																
	American tree sparrow																
	chipping sparrow*																
	field sparrow*																
	vesper sparrow																
	Savannah sparrow																
	fox sparrow																
	song sparrow*																
	Lincoln's sparrow																
	swamp sparrow																
	white-throated sparrow																
	white-crowned sparrow																
	house sparrow*																
	dark-eyed junco																
<b>BLACKBIRDS &amp; ORIOLES</b>																	
	bobolink																
	red-winged blackbird*																
	eastern meadowlark*																
	rusty blackbird																
	common grackle*																
	brown-headed cowbird*																
	orchard oriole*																
	Baltimore oriole*																
<b>FINCHES &amp; CROSSBILLS</b>																	
	purple finch																
	house finch*																
	American goldfinch*																
	red crossbill																
	white-winged crossbill																
	pine siskin																

### VAGRANTS

- western grebe
- tricolored heron
- cattle egret
- glossy ibis
- trumpeter swan
- mute swan
- greater white-fronted goose
- cackling goose
- Eurasian wigeon
- cinnamon teal
- tufted duck
- black scoter
- yellow rail
- black-bellied plover
- American golden-plover
- stilt sandpiper
- white-rumped sandpiper
- upland sandpiper
- willet
- short-billed dowitcher
- long-billed dowitcher
- Thayer's gull
- ring-necked pheasant
- Mississippi kite
- northern goshawk
- golden eagle
- short-eared owl
- long-eared owl
- snowy owl
- northern saw-whet owl
- common ground dove
- vermillion flycatcher
- common raven
- brown-headed nuthatch
- Bohemian waxwing
- Bachman's warbler
- black-throated gray warbler
- snow bunting
- grasshopper sparrow\*
- Le Conte's sparrow

### JACKSON MILES ABBOTT

This checklist is dedicated to the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Jackson Miles Abbott for his great interest in the birds of the Fort Belvoir area. He made important and lasting contributions to the field of ornithology, particularly his 30-year survey of the nesting success of the bald eagle. This survey proved invaluable in relating the eagle decline to the use of pesticide dichlorodiphenyl trichloroethane (DDT) and played an important role in having it banned on a national level. This aided in the return of the bald eagle as a year-round resident and breeding bird at Fort Belvoir.

### EDITORIAL NOTES


Many areas of Fort Belvoir are restricted or have limited access. Before going offsite in areas other than the established trail system of the Accotink Bay Wildlife Refuge or the Jackson Miles Abbott Wetland Refuge, contact the Environmental and Natural Resource Division (ENRD) for permission.

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## CHECKLIST OF BIRDS IN THE FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA AREA



Fort Belvoir, an 8,656-acre Army installation along the Potomac River shoreline, affords excellent opportunities for year-round birding. Approximately one quarter of the Installation's land area is designated as Wildlife Refuge or Forest and Wildlife Corridor, resulting in the conservation of a variety of ecologically significant habitats, including freshwater tidal marsh, grassland, bottomland hardwood forest and upland forest. More than 271 species of birds have been recorded at Fort Belvoir, attesting to the effectiveness of the Installation's natural resource management program.






**Environmental and Natural Resource Division**  
 Directorate of Public Works  
 Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Visits	Date	Time	Weather Conditions
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**When birding on Fort Belvoir, please follow the Birding Code of Ethics:**

- Exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, recording or filming.
- Avoid the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds.
- Keep well back from nests and nesting colonies, roosts, display areas and important feeding sites.
- Stay on trails and keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.
- Follow all regulations governing the use of roads and public areas.
- Respect the interests and rights of all other persons participating in other legitimate outdoor activities on the installation.

**RELATIVE ABUNDANCE**

-  **Abundant:** numerous individuals, easily seen or heard in suitable habitat
-  **Common:** likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
-  **Uncommon:** possible to see or hear in suitable habitat
-  **Occasional:** seasonally possible to see or hear in low numbers in suitable habitat
-  **Rare:** unlikely to be seen or heard
- \* Species which nests or has nested on Fort Belvoir

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<b>LOONS</b>																	
	red-throated loon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	common loon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>GREBES</b>																	
	pied-billed grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	horned grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	red-necked grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CORMORANT</b>																	
	double-crested cormorant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>BITTERNS &amp; EGRETS</b>																	
	American bittern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	least bittern*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	great egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	snowy egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>HERONS &amp; NIGHT-HERONS</b>																	
	great blue heron*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	little blue heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	green heron*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	black-crowned night-heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	yellow-crowned night-heron*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SWANS &amp; GEESE</b>																	
	tundra swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Canada goose*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	snow goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>DUCKS</b>																	
	wood duck*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	green-winged teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	blue-winged teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	American black duck*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	mallard*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	northern pintail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	northern shoveler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	gadwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	American wigeon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	redhead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	canvasback	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	ring-necked duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	greater scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	lesser scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	long-tailed duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	common goldeneye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	bufflehead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	hooded merganser*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	common merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	red-breasted merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	ruddy duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	surf scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	white-winged scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RAILS &amp; COOTS</b>																	
	king rail*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Virginia rail*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	sora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	common moorhen*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	American coot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>PLOVER</b>																	
	semipalmated plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	killdeer*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>																	
	greater yellowlegs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	lesser yellowlegs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	solitary sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	spotted sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	semipalmated sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	western sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	least sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	pectoral sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	dunlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Wilson's snipe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	American woodcock*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>GULLS &amp; TERNS</b>																	
	laughing gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Bonaparte's gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	ring-billed gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	herring gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	great black-backed gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	lesser black-backed gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Caspian tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	common tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Forster's tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	black tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	least tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TURKEYS &amp; QUAILS</b>																	
	wild turkey*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	northern bobwhite*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>VULTURES</b>																	
	black vulture*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	turkey vulture*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>EAGLES &amp; HAWKS</b>																	
	osprey*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	bald eagle*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	northern harrier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	sharp-shinned hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cooper's hawk*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	red-shouldered hawk*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	broad-winged hawk*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	red-tailed hawk*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	rough-legged hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FALCONS</b>																	
	American kestrel*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	peregrine falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>OWLS</b>																	
	eastern screech-owl*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	great horned owl*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	barred owl*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	barn owl*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>DOVES</b>																	
	rock pigeon*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	mourning dove*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>CUCKOOS</b>																	
	black-billed cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	yellow-billed cuckoo*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>																	
	common nighthawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	chuck-will's-widow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	whip-poor-will*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SWIFTS</b>																	
	chimney swift*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>																	
	ruby-throated hummingbird*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>																	
	belted kingfisher*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>																	
	red-headed woodpecker*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	red-bellied woodpecker*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	yellow-bellied sapsucker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	downy woodpecker*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	hairy woodpecker*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	northern flicker*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	pileated woodpecker*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>																	
	olive-sided flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-											