

	S1	S2	Su	F	W
GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS and FINCHES					
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak			o		o
___ • Blue Grosbeak	u	c	c	c	
___ • Indigo Bunting	u	c	c	c	
___ Purple Finch	o	r		o	o
___ House Finch	u	u	u	u	u
___ • American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c	c
TITS, KINGLETS and CREEPERS					
___ • Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c	c
___ • Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c	c
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c			c	c
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	o		o	u
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	c			c	c
___ Brown Creeper	o			o	o
___ • Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	u	
THRUSHES, PIPITS and WAXWINGS					
___ • Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c	c
___ Veery		u		o	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush		r		r	
___ Swainson's Thrush		o		o	
___ Hermit Thrush	c	c		c	c
___ • Wood Thrush	c	c	c	c	c
___ • American Robin	c	c	c	c	c
___ • Gray Catbird	c	c	c	c	r
___ • Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c	c
___ • Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c	
___ American Pipit	o				o
___ Cedar Waxwing	o	o	o	o	o
TANAGERS, ORIOLES and CARDINALS					
___ • Scarlet Tanager		c	c	u	
___ Baltimore Oriole		u	o	u	
___ • Orchard Oriole	u	u	u	u	
___ • Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c	c
VIREOS					
___ • White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	c	
___ • Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	c	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	o	o		o	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	o	o			
___ Warbling Vireo		r		r	
CUCKOOS					
___ Black-billed Cuckoo			o		o
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		u	o		o

WARBLERS

	S1	S2	Su	F	W
___ Blue-winged Warbler		r		r	
___ Northern Parula		c		o	
___ • Yellow Warbler		u	u	u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	o		o		
___ Magnolia Warbler		c		o	
___ Cape May Warbler		r		r	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	c		o		
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c		c	c
___ Black-throated Green Warbler		u		o	
___ Blackburnian Warbler		o			
___ Yellow-throated Warbler		o			
___ • Pine Warbler	c	c	c	c	
___ Prairie Warbler		u	u	o	
___ Palm Warbler	o				
___ Bay-breasted Warbler		o		o	
___ Blackpoll Warbler		c		o	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	c	u	o		
___ American Redstart		c		u	
___ • Prothonotary Warbler	o	u	u		
___ Worm-eating Warbler		o	o		
___ • Ovenbird	c	c	c	c	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	o	r			
___ Hooded Warbler		o			
___ • Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	c	r
___ Canada Warbler		o			
___ • Yellow-breasted Chat		u	u		

SPARROWS, TOWHEES and JUNCOS

___ American Tree Sparrow	r			r	r
___ • Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	c	r
___ • Field Sparrow	c	c	c	c	c
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	r	r	r	r	
___ Savannah Sparrow	r			r	r
___ Fox Sparrow	o			o	o
___ • Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c	c
___ Swamp Sparrow	o			o	o
___ White-throated Sparrow	c	u		c	c
___ White-crowned Sparrow	r	r		r	r
___ House Sparrow	u	u	u	u	u
___ • Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	c	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c			c	c

SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Chimney Swift	u	u	u	u	
___ • Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	u	c	c	u	

Birds

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The Edward H. McCabe Preserve provides habitat for more than 100 species of birds. Its combination of hardwood forest, old fields, tidal freshwater and forested wetlands and agricultural fields attracts a diversity of migrant and nesting birds including waterfowl, raptors and songbirds. The highlight of the avian year is the passage of migratory songbirds on their way north in the spring. May is the best month to witness this phenomenon. Songbirds pass through the area again in September and early October. During the summer, several species nest and raise young. In winter, Great Horned and Screech Owls call after dark and waterfowl search the riverside wetlands for food.

There is always something to see and hear at the McCabe preserve.

SEASONS

Early Spring (15 March - April)	S1
Late Spring (April - 15 June)	S2
Summer (15 June - August)	Su
Fall (September - November)	F
Winter (December - 15 March)	W

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

Common: Fairly abundant and likely to be seen on each visit.	c
Uncommon: Present in small numbers and not always seen.	u
Occasional: Occurs sporadically in proper season and habitat.	o
Rare: Seldom seen.	r
• Indicates a species that nests or has nested on the preserve.	

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WADERS and WATERFOWL

	S1	S2	Su	F	W
___ Common Loon		o			
___ Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	u	u
___ Great Egret	o	o	o	o	r
___ Snowy Egret	r	r	r	r	
___ Snow Goose		o		c	c
___ Ross's Goose				r	r
___ Canada Goose	u	u	u	u	u
___ • Wood Duck	c	c	u	c	o
___ Green-winged Teal	o			o	o
___ American Black Duck	u	u		u	u
___ Mallard	c	u	o	c	c

VULTURES and QUAIL

___ Black Vulture	c	c	u	c	c
___ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Bobwhite	r	o	o	r	r

OSPREY, HAWKS and EAGLES

___ Osprey	r	o	o	o	
___ Northern Harrier	r			r	r
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u			u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk	u			u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	r	r	r	r	r
___ Broad-winged Hawk		r		r	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	u	u
___ Bald Eagle	o	o	o	o	o
___ American Kestrel	c	u	u	c	c
___ Merlin	r	r		r	r

CROWS and JAYS

___ American Crow	c	c	c	c	c
___ Fish Crow	c	c	c	c	u
___ • Blue Jay	c	c	c	c	c

WRENS

___ • Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren	r	r			
___ Winter Wren	r			r	r

OWLS and NIGHTJARS

___ • Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u	u
___ • Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u	u
___ • Chuck-will's-widow	u	u	u		
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will	o				

KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher	o	o	o	o	o
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RAILS, SHOREBIRDS and GULLS

___ Sora	r	r		r	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	o	o			
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	o	o			
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o	o			
___ Spotted Sandpiper	o	o			o
___ Wilson's Snipe	o				
___ American Woodcock	c				
___ Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c	
___ Ring-billed Gull	c	o			u
___ Herring Gull	o				o
___ Forster's Tern		o	o	o	

LARKS and SWALLOWS

___ Horned Lark	o	o	o	o	o
___ Purple Martin	o	o	o	o	
___ Tree Swallow	c	c	c	c	r
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow	r	r	r	r	
___ Bank Swallow	r	r	r	r	
___ Barn Swallow	c	c	c	c	

WOODPECKERS and FLYCATCHERS

___ • Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r				r
___ • Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	c
___ • Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	u
___ • Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c	c
___ • Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	u		
___ • Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	u	
___ • Acadian Flycatcher	u	u	o		
___ • Great Crested Flycatcher	u	c	c	u	
___ • Eastern Kingbird	u	c	c	c	

BLACKBIRDS and MEADOWLARKS

___ • Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c	c
___ Bobolink		o		o	
___ Common Grackle	c	c	c	c	c
___ • European Starling	c	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	c	c
___ Eastern Meadowlark	o	o	r	o	o

DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon	u	u	u	u	u
___ • Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c	c