

SHAWANGUNK GRASSLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BIRD LIST

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Introduction

Shawangunk (pronounced "shawngum") Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge is part of the Wallkill River/Cherry Valley/Shawangunk Grasslands Refuge Complex and a unit of a system of more than 550 national wildlife refuges throughout the United States. The refuge was established in 1999 to protect the habitat of grassland dependent migratory birds. More than 140 species of birds have been observed here during the year. In summer, many grassland birds nest in the refuges meadows. In December 2011, a project to eliminate the old runways and create additional grassland habitat was completed. Other songbirds nest in the shrubs and in the trees along the grassland margins. Several hawk and owl species spend the winter roosting and foraging within the refuge boundary.

This bird list is based on several years of breeding bird surveys and bird inventories and limited historical records. This list will be periodically updated with information compiled from on-going annual bird inventories and contributions from our birding partners. We would appreciate your comments if you see any bird species not listed or have any corrections to the bird list. Please contact the refuge biology staff at our headquarters at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461 or call 973-702-7266. You can also contact the staff by email through our website at:

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/shawangunk/staff.htm>



Adult male Bobolink

Most birds are migratory, therefore, their seasonal abundance is coded as follows:

SEASON

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



Savannah Sparrow

* Species known to have nested on or near the refuge

(I) Introduced species

Italics indicate state threatened, endangered or special concern species of New Jersey. This indication is relative to breeding status. There are no federally listed species on the refuge at this time.

Endangered (E) – Any native species in imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in New York State.

Threatened (T) – Any native species likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future in New York State.

Special Concern (S) - Any native species for which a welfare concern or risk of endangerment has been documented in New York State.

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

Relative abundance indicates how frequently you might see or hear a bird in its favored habitat.

a	abundant	almost certain to be seen on every visit
c	common	likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat on most visits
u	uncommon	present, but not certain to be seen
o	occasional	seen only a few times during a season
r	rare	may be present but not every year

		Sp	S	F	W
SWANS, GEESE and DUCKS					
—	Snow Goose	-	-	u	u
—	Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
—	Brant	r	-	-	-
—	Wood Duck	u	u	-	-
—	American Black Duck	u	u	u	o
—	Mallard	u	u	u	o
GALLINACEOUS BIRDS					
—	Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	o	o	o	o
—	Ruffed Grouse	r	r	r	r
— *	Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c
BITTERNs, HERONS and EGRETS					
—	Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	r
—	Little Blue Heron	-	r	-	-
—	Cattle Egret	r	-	-	-
—	Green Heron	c	u	-	-
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
—	Black Vulture	u	u	u	u
—	Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	u
HAWKS and EAGLES					
—	<i>Northern Harrier (T)</i>	u	u	c	c
—	<i>Sharp-shinned Hawk (S)</i>	u	-	u	u
—	<i>Cooper's Hawk (S)</i>	o	o	o	o
—	<i>Northern Goshawk (S)</i>	-	-	-	r
—	<i>Red-shouldered Hawk (S)</i>	o	-	o	r
—	Broad-winged Hawk	c	o	o	-
— *	Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
—	Rough-legged Hawk	u	-	-	c
FALCONS					
— *	American Kestrel	c	c	c	u
—	Merlin	-	-	r	-
—	<i>Peregrine Falcon (E)</i>	o	o	o	r
PLOVERS					
— *	Killdeer	c	c	c	r

		Sp	S	F	W
SANDPIPERS					
—	Greater Yellowlegs	o	-	o	-
—	Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
— *	<i>Upland Sandpiper (T)</i>	u	u	-	-
—	Wilson's Snipe	o	o	o	-
— *	American Woodcock	c	u	u	r
GULLS					
—	Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	c
—	Herring Gull	o	-	-	o
—	Great Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	o
PIGEONS and DOVES					
— *	Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c
— *	Mourning Dove	c	a	c	c
CUCKOOS					
—	Black-billed Cuckoo	u	u	-	-
—	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	-	-
TYPICAL OWLS					
— *	Eastern Screech Owl	u	u	u	u
—	Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
—	Snowy Owl	-	-	-	r
—	Barred Owl	u	u	u	u
—	Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	r
—	<i>Short-eared Owl (E)</i>	o	-	u	u
NIGHTJARS					
—	<i>Common Nighthawk (S)</i>	o	o	o	-
SWIFTS					
—	Chimney Swift	c	c	o	-
HUMMINGBIRDS					
— *	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	-	-
KINGFISHERS					
—	Belted Kingfisher	o	o	o	-
WOODPECKERS					
—	<i>Red-headed Woodpecker (S)</i>	o	o	o	o
— *	Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c

		SP	S	F	W
—	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	-	u	u
— *	Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
— *	Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
— *	Northern Flicker	c	c	c	u
—	Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

— *	Eastern Wood PeWee	-	c	-	-
— *	Alder Flycatcher	o	o	-	-
— *	Willow Flycatcher	c	c	-	-
— *	Least Flycatcher	c	c	-	-
— *	Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	-
— *	Great-crested Flycatcher	c	c	-	-
— *	Eastern Kingbird	c	c	o	-

SHRIKES

—	<i>Loggerhead Shrike (E)</i>	r	-	-	r
—	Northern Shrike	-	-	-	r

VIREOS

—	Yellow-throated Vireo	o	o	-	-
— *	Warbling Vireo	c	c	-	-
— *	Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	-	-
—	Blue-headed Vireo	u	-	r	-

CROWS and JAYS

— *	Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
— *	American Crow	c	c	c	c
—	Fish Crow	u	u	r	-
—	Common Raven	u	u	u	u

LARKS

—	<i>Horned Lark (S)</i>	c	-	o	c
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SWALLOWS

— *	Purple Martin	u	u	-	-
— *	Tree Swallow	c	c	o	-
— *	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	o	-
— *	Bank Swallow	u	u	o	-
— *	Barn Swallow	c	c	o	-

	SP	S	F	W
TITMICE and CHICKADEES				
___ * Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c
___ * Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
NUTHATCHES				
___ * White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
CREEPERS				
___ * Brown Creeper	o	o	o	o
WRENS				
___ * Carolina Wren	u	u	u	u
___ * House Wren	c	c	-	-
KINGLETS				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	r	-	u	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	-
THRUSHES				
___ * Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	u
___ Hermit Thrush	u	-	r	-
___ * Wood Thrush	c	c	-	-
___ * American Robin	c	a	a	u
MIMIC THRUSHES				
___ * Gray Catbird	c	c	c	-
___ * Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
___ * Brown Thrasher	u	u	-	-
STARLINGS				
___ * European Starling (I)	a	a	a	a
WAXWINGS				
___ * Cedar Waxwing	u	u	u	u
WOOD WARBLERS				
___ * Blue-winged Warbler	c	c	-	-
___ * Yellow Warbler	c	c	-	-
___ * Chestnut-sided Warbler	o	o	-	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	o
___ * Prairie Warbler	o	o	-	-

		SP	S	F	W
___	Palm Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ *	Black and White Warbler	u	u	u	-
___ *	American Redstart	o	o	o	-
___ *	Ovenbird	u	u	o	-
___ *	Common Yellowthroat	a	a	u	-
___	<i>Yellow-breasted Chat (S)</i>	r	r	-	-

TANAGERS

___	Scarlet Tanager	r	o	o	-
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SPARROWS

___ *	Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	r
___	American Tree Sparrow	-	-	c	c
___ *	Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	-
___ *	Field Sparrow	c	c	c	-
___	<i>Vesper Sparrow (S)</i>	o	o	o	-
___ *	Savannah Sparrow	c	c	c	o
___	<i>Grasshopper Sparrow (S)</i>	o	o	-	-
___	<i>Henslow's Sparrow (T)</i>	r	r	-	-
___	Fox Sparrow	u	-	u	-
___ *	Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___	Lincoln's Sparrow	r	-	o	r
___	Swamp Sparrow	u	u	u	r
___	White-throated Sparrow	c	-	c	u
___	White-crowned Sparrow	o	-	o	-
___	Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	o	c
___	Lapland Longspur	-	-	-	r
___	Snow Bunting	-	-	-	o

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS and ALLIES

___ *	Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
___	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o	-	o	-
___ *	Indigo Bunting	u	c	-	-

BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES

___ *	Bobolink	a	a	r	-
___ *	Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	u
___ *	Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	o
___	Rusty Blackbird	o	-	o	r
___ *	Common Grackle	c	c	c	u
___ *	Brown-headed Cowbird	a	a	a	r

		SP	S	F	W
—	Orchard Oriole	u	u	-	-
— *	Baltimore Oriole	c	c	u	-

FINCHES

—	Purple Finch	u	-	o	u
— *	House Finch	c	c	c	c
—	Common Redpoll	-	-	-	r
—	Pine Siskin	-	-	o	r
— *	American Goldfinch	a	a	a	c

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

— *	House Sparrow	c	c	c	c
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Short-eared Owl

Shawangunk Grasslands is one of over 550 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The National Wildlife Refuge System is a network of lands and waters managed specifically for the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat and represents the most comprehensive wildlife management program in the world. Units of the system stretch across the United States from northern Alaska to the Florida Keys and include small islands in the Caribbean and South Pacific. The character of the refuges is as diverse as the nation itself. There are now over 50 million acres of marine monuments in the system as well.

The Service also manages National Fish Hatcheries and provides Federal leadership in habitat protection, fish and wildlife research, technical assistance and the conservation and protection of migratory birds, certain marine mammals and threatened and endangered species.



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Wild Turkey



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