

Flycatchers (cont'd)	W	T	S
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		C	C
___ Eastern Kingbird		C	C
Vireos			
___ White-eyed Vireo		O	O
___ Red-eyed Vireo		C	C
Jay, Crows & Lark			
___ Blue Jay	A	A	A
___ American Crow	A	A	A
___ Fish Crow	R	O	O
___ Horned Lark	R	O	O
Swallows			
___ Purple Martin		C	C
___ Tree Swallow	R	A	A
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		O	R
___ Bank Swallow		U	R
___ Barn Swallow		A	A
Chickadees, Nuthatches & Creeper			
___ Carolina Chickadee	A	A	A
___ Tufted Titmouse	A	A	A
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C
___ Brown Creeper	R	R	
Wrens, Kinglets & Gnatcatcher			
___ Carolina Wren	A	A	A
___ House Wren		O	O
___ Winter Wren	R	R	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	O	
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	O	
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		O	O
Thrushes			
___ Eastern Bluebird	A	A	A
___ Hermit Thrush	R	O	
___ Wood Thrush		C	C
___ American Robin	C	A	A
Mimics, Starling & Waxwing			
___ Gray Catbird	R	C	C
___ Northern Mockingbird	A	A	A
___ Brown Thrasher	R	U	U
___ European Starling	A	A	A
___ Cedar Waxwing	R	C	U
Warblers			
___ Northern Parula		O	R
___ Yellow Warbler		U	R
___ Magnolia Warbler		O	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	A	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler		O	

Warblers (cont'd)	W	T	S
___ Pine Warbler	R	U	U
___ Palm Warbler		O	
___ Blackpoll Warbler		O	
___ Black-and-white Warbler		O	
___ American Redstart		O	
___ Ovenbird		U	O
___ Common Yellowthroat	R	C	C
___ Canada Warbler		O	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat		U	O
Tanagers			
___ Summer Tanager		O	O
___ Scarlet Tanager		U	U
Sparrows			
___ Eastern Towhee	U	C	U
___ Chipping Sparrow		C	C
___ Field Sparrow	O	C	C
___ Savannah Sparrow	U	C	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		C	C
___ Fox Sparrow	O	O	
___ Song Sparrow	A	A	
___ Swamp Sparrow	U	U	
___ White-throated Sparrow	A	A	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	U	U	
___ Dark-eyed Junco	A	A	
Cardinal, Grosbeaks & Bunting			
___ Northern Cardinal	A	A	A
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		O	
___ Blue Grosbeak		C	C
___ Indigo Bunting		C	C
Blackbirds			
___ Bobolink		O	
___ Red-winged Blackbird	C	A	A
___ Eastern Meadowlark	R	O	R
___ Common Grackle	U	A	A
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	O	C	C
___ Orchard Oriole		U	C
___ Baltimore Oriole		U	C
Finches			
___ Purple Finch	R	O	
___ House Finch	U	U	U
___ American Goldfinch	A	A	A
___ European House Sparrow	O	O	O

Pickering Creek Audubon Center is located 9 miles north of Easton, Maryland. Trails are open from dawn to dusk 7 days a week. For directions call 410-822-4903, or visit our website [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org). Our mailing address is 11450 Audubon Lane, Easton, MD 21601.

# Birds

PICKERING CREEK  
AUDUBON CENTER



A SANCTUARY OF  
CHESAPEAKE AUDUBON  
SOCIETY

**G**eorge D. Olds, III, and his sister Margaret Olds Strahl began a process in 1982 of donating several adjoining family properties known as Heigh-Ho Farm to the Chesapeake Audubon Society for a 400-acre sanctuary to be used for educational programs. The place became Pickering Creek Environmental Center. In 2001 Pickering Creek strengthened its affiliation with the National Audubon Society and became Pickering Creek Audubon Center.

The Atlantic Flyway, from South America to Canada, handles hundreds of species of birds and millions of individuals during any single migration season. Pickering Creek is one on many stops along the way for migrating birds, as well as critical nesting and wintering habitat for many more.

The lower coastal plain habitat of the Eastern Shore is about 75% actively cultivated agricultural fields and 25% mixed deciduous-coniferous, mid-successional forest. The Audubon Center bounds brackish, tidal Pickering Creek, contains freshwater pond tidal and non tidal wetlands, mature hardwood forest, meadows and nearly four miles of walking trails.

Beginning in 2002, Pickering converted 75 acres of farmland to shallow water wetlands. The wetlands attract thousands of migrating waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds and butterflies. The wetlands and adjacent meadows are home to nesting waterfowl and grassland bird species.

Pickering Creek Audubon Center is dedicated to community-based conservation of natural resources through environmental education and outreach on the Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay. Grounds and walking trails are open to the public from dawn to dusk. Offices are open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. We ask that you remain on the trails and roads, and observe seasonal closures of specific areas of the Center.

Listed here are bird species most frequently found on the sanctuary and immediately adjoining portion of Pickering Creek. Species listed should be expected within proper habitats during applicable times for that species. Additional species found only a few times, or seen flying over the sanctuary are not listed.

*drawing of Wood Thrush by A.J. Lippson*

## KEY TO BIRD LIST

**W** = Winter resident (Dec. - Feb.)  
**T** = Transient (Mar. - May) & (Sep. - Nov.)  
**S** = Summer resident (June - Aug.)  
**A** = Abundant - Nearly always recorded (up to 100%)  
**C** = Common - Usually recorded (up to 75%)  
**U** = Uncommon - Sometimes recorded (up to 50%)  
**O** = Occasional - Occasionally recorded (25%)  
**R** = Rare - Recorded less than annually

Geese, Swans & Ducks	W	T	S
___ Canada Goose	A	A	A
___ Tundra Swan	O	O	
___ Wood Duck	R	C	U
___ Green-winged Teal	U	C	
___ American Black Duck	U	U	
___ Mallard	C	C	C
___ Pintail		O	
___ Blue-winged Teal		O	
___ Northern Shoveler	R	O	
___ Gadwall		O	
___ Lesser Scaup	R	U	
___ Bufflehead	U	U	
___ Hooded Merganser	R	O	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	R	R	
___ Ruddy Duck	U	U	
Turkey & Quail			
___ Wild Turkey	U	U	U
___ Northern Bobwhite			O
Loon & Cormorant			
___ Common Loon		O	
___ Pied-billed Grebe		O	
___ Double-crested Cormorant		O	
Hérons & Egrets			
___ Great Blue Heron	U	C	C
___ Great Egret		O	O
___ Snowy Egret		O	
___ Cattle Egret		O	O
___ Green Heron		O	O
Vultures			
___ Black Vulture	O	C	C
___ Turkey Vulture	A	A	A
Osprey, Eagle & Hawks			
___ Osprey		C	C
___ Bald Eagle	C	C	C
___ Northern Harrier	U	U	

Hawks (cont'd)	W	T	S
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	U	
___ Cooper's Hawk	R	O	O
___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C
___ American Kestrel	O	U	R

Plovers & Sandpipers			
___ Semipalmated Plover		U	
___ Killdeer	U	C	C
___ Greater Yellowlegs		C	O
___ Lesser Yellowlegs		U	
___ Solitary Sandpiper		O	
___ Spotted Sandpiper		O	O
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper		U	O
___ Western Sandpiper		O	O
___ Least Sandpiper		C	O
___ White-rumped Sandpiper		O	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper		U	O
___ Dunlin		U	
___ Stilt Sandpiper		O	O
___ Short-billed Dowitcher		O	O
___ Wilson's Snipe	U	C	
___ American Woodcock	R	O	R

Gulls and Terns			
___ Laughing Gull		C	O
___ Ring-billed Gull	C	C	O
___ Least Tern		O	O

Pigeon, Dove, Cuckoo, & Owls			
___ Mourning Dove	A	A	A
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		U	U
___ Eastern Screech Owl	R	C	U
___ Great Horned Owl	C	C	C
___ Barred Owl	C	C	C

Nightjar, Swift, Hummingbird & Kingfisher			
___ Chuck-will's-widow		O	O
___ Chimney Swift		A	A
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		U	C
___ Belted Kingfisher	O	U	U

Woodpeckers			
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	A	A	A
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	
___ Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C
___ Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U
___ Northern Flicker	A	A	A
___ Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U

Flycatchers			
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		C	C
___ Acadian Flycatcher		O	O
___ Eastern Phoebe		U	R