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Birds of Fort Necessity National Battlefield

Located in the upland valley between Chestnut and Laurel Hill, Fort Necessity National Battlefield encompasses 900 acres of forest and meadow. Approximately 70 % of the 847 acres in the main (Fort) unit are covered by second - growth forest, while the remaining 30% are open fields. The Park also includes nearby Jumcnville Glen and Braddock's Grave, which are located a few miles west along Route 40.

Birdlife at Fort Necessity is typical of the Allegheny Mountain Region of the Allegheny Plateau. Within the park, elevations ranging from 1,760 to 2,325 feet allow for a mixture of northern and southern birds in the same general locality. At the higher elevations, such "northern" species as Solitary Vireo, Magnolia and Blackburnian Warblers, and Golden-crowned Kinglet can be found breeding in appropriate habitat. In the valleys, "southern" birds like Red-bellied Woodpecker, Carolina Chickadee, Yellow-breasted Chat, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and White-eyed Vireo occur.

Birders can use the park's four miles of hiking and ski trails in their search for the more than 160 species of birds which have been observed here. In the following checklist, the species common names and taxonomic order follow the latest (6th) Edition of the American Ornithologists Union Checklist of North American Birds and its supplements. Please report any additions or changes to the Park Office to help keep this list up-to-date. The best seasons for birding here are late Spring and early Fall when the variety of species reaches its peak.

SEASONS

S = Spring - March - May
S = Summer - June - August
F = Fall - September - November
W = Winter - December - February

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

- a** = abundant - should be easily seen in large numbers in appropriate season and habitat.
- c** = common - should be seen, but not in large numbers.
- u** = uncommon - always present in appropriate habitat, but not certain to be seen.
- o** = occasional - usually seen only a few times in a season.
- r** = rare - probably seen once every 5 - 10 years.
- I** = irregular - numbers vary from year to year, sometimes easily found in a season, other years scarce or absent.
- *** = species breeds in appropriate season and habitat.

Species Name	S	S	F	W
HERONS				
___ Great Blue Heron	o		o	o
___ Green-backed Heron	o	o	o	
WATERFOWL				
___ Tundra Swan	o		o	
___ Canada Goose	u		u	o
___ Mallard	o	o	o	o
RAPTORS				
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	
___ Osprey	o		o	
___ Northern Harrier	r		r	r
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk*	u	u	c	o
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	o
___ Northern Goshawk I	r		r	r
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	u	o	u	o
___ Broad-winged Hawk*	c	u	c	

Species Name	S	S	F	W
___ Red-tailed Hawk	u	o	u	o
___ American Kestrel	o	r	o	o
UPLAND GAMEBIRDS				
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	o	o	o	o
___ Ruffed Grouse*	u	u	u	u
___ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
SHOREBIRDS				
___ Killdeer	o	o	o	
___ American Woodcock*	u	o	u	
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	o
CUCKOOS				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo * I	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo * I	u	u	u	
OWLS				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl *	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
NIGHTJARS				
___ Common Nighthawk	u		u	
___ Whip-poor-will	o	o		
SWIFTS				
___ Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	c	
KINGFISHERS				
___ Belted Kingfisher	o	o	o	r

Species Name	S	S	F	W
WOODPECKERS				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker I	r	r	r	r
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	r
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	r
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

FLYCATCHERS

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	u		u	
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
___ Alder Flycatcher	o	r	o	
___ Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
___ Least Flycatcher	u	o	u	
___ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	r
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	u	u	o	
___ Eastern Kingbird	o	r	o	

LARKS

___ Horned Lark	o		o	
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SWALLOWS

___ Purple Martin	o	r	r	
___ Tree Swallow	o		o	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	o		o	
___ Bank Swallow	o		o	
___ Cliff Swallow	o		o	
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	

Species name	S	S	F	W
CROWS AND JAYS				
___ Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
___ American Crow*	C	C	C	C
___ Common Raven	O	O	O	O
TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
___ Carolina Chickadee	r	r	r	r
___ Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
NUTHATCHES				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch I	u		u	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
CREEPERS				
___ Brown Creeper*	u	u	u	u
WRENS				
___ Carolina Wren * I	u	u	u	u
___ House Wren*	C	C	C	
___ Winter Wren	u		u	r
___ Sedge Wren			r	
___ Marsh Wren	r		r	
OLD WORLD WARBLERS				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet* I	C	O	C	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	C	
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	u	O
___ Veery	u		u	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	C		C	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	O
___ Wood Thrush*	C	C	C	
___ American Robin*	a	a	a	O

Species name	S	S	F	W
MIMIC THRUSHES				
___ Gray Catbird*	a	a	c	
___ Northern Mockingbird	o		o	r
___ Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	
PIPITS				
___ American Pipit	o		o	
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing*	c	c	c	u
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	c
VIREOS				
___ White-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	
___ Solitary Vireo*	c	c	c	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
___ Warbling Vireo	o		o	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	u		u	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	a	a	a	
WOOD WARBLERS				
___ Blue-winged Warbler*	u	o	u	
___ Golden-winged Warbler*	c	c	u	
___ Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	r		o	
___ Nashville Warbler	u		u	
___ Northern Parula*	c	c	c	
___ Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	u	u	
___ Magnolia Warbler*	c	u	c	
___ Cape May Warbler	c		c	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		a	o
___ Black-throated Green Warbler*c		c	c	
___ Blackburnian Warbler*	u	u	u	

Species Name	S	S	F	W
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	r	r	r	
___ Pine Warbler	u	r	o	
___ Prairie Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Palm Warbler	u		c	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	c		c	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
___ Cerulean Warbler*	u	u	o	
___ Black and White Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ American Redstart*	c	c	c	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	o		o	
___ Ovenbird*	c	c	c	
___ Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush*	c	c	u	
___ Kentucky Warbler	u		u	
___ Connecticut Warbler	r		u	
___ Mourning Warbler	o		o	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	a	a	a	
___ Hooded Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u	u	

TANAGERS

___ Summer Tanager	r	r		
___ Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c	

GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS

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

SPARROWS

___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	c	c	c	r
___ American Tree Sparrow	c		u	c
___ Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	a	r
___ Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	r
___ Vesper Sparrow	o		o	
___ Savannah Sparrow	o		o	
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	r

Species Name	S	S	F	W
___ Song Sparrow*	a	c	a	u
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	
___ Swamp Sparrow*	u	o	u	o
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	u
___ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	
___ Dark-eyed Junco	a		a	a

BLACKBIRDS

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

FINCHES

___ Purple Finch*I	c	u	c	u
___ House Finch*	c	c	c	u
___ Red Crossbill I	r	r	r	r
___ White-winged Crossbill I	r		r	r
___ Common Redpoll I	r		r	r
___ Pine Siskin I	o	r	o	o
___ American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak I	u		u	u

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

___ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
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