Birds in Guilford County (complete list)

The following is a list of birds – 285 species in all – that have been seen and documented in Guilford County over the past several decades. Some of these species live here for all or part of the year; some stop by on their spring and fall migrations. Others are present infrequently as the result of irruptions, the shift of a bird's normal wintering grounds into other areas. A few are way out of their normal territories and "just plain lost."

Much of the information for these species was compiled by Ornithologist Herb Hendrickson for the Piedmont Bird Club. Thanks to his efforts, and to those of his predecessors, Guilford County has a database of reported sightings that spans at least 70 years.

The list uses the English names and the order of the seventh edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's (AOU's) *Check-list of North American Birds* (1998), as amended in the 42nd through 47th Supplements to the AOU *Check-list*.

Key to Symbols

P – Permanent Resident **W** – Winter Resident **S** – Summer Resident **M** – Migrant (spring or fall)
R – Rare **V** – Vagrant **A** – Accidental

1		R	Greater White-fronted Goose
2		A	Snow Goose
3		A	Ross's Goose
4		A	Barnacle Goose
5		P	Canada Goose
6		R	Mute Swan
7		A	Tundra Swan
8		P	Wood Duck
9		W	Gadwall
10		A	Eurasian Wigeon
11		W	American Wigeon
12		P	American Black Duck
13		P	Mallard
14		M	Blue-winged Teal
15		A	Ringed Teal
16		W	Northern Shoveler
17		W	Northern Pintail
18		W	Green-winged Teal
19		W	Canvasback
20		W	Redhead
21		W	Ring-necked Duck
22		W	Greater Scaup
23		W	Lesser Scaup
24		A	Harlequin Duck

25		R	Surf Scoter
26		A	White-winged Scoter
27		A	Black Scoter
28		R	Long-tailed Duck
29		W	Bufflehead
30		W	Common Goldeneye
31		W	Hooded Merganser
32		R	Common Merganser
33		M	Red-breasted Merganser
34		W	Ruddy Duck
35		R	Ring-necked Pheasant
36		P	Wild Turkey
37			Ruffed Grouse
38		P	Northern Bobwhite
39		W	Red-throated Loon
40		W	Common Loon
41		W	Pied-billed Grebe
42		W	Horned Grebe
43		R	Red-necked Grebe
44		A	Eared Grebe
45		A	Brown Pelican
46		W	Double-crested Cormorant
47		A	Great Cormorant
48		A	Anhinga
49		R	American Bittern
50		A	Least Bittern
51		P	Great Blue Heron
52		A	Great White Heron
53		V	Great Egret
54		V	Snowy Egret
55		V	Little Blue Heron
56		V	Tricolored Heron
57		A	Cattle Egret
58		S	Green Heron
59		S	Black-crowned Night-Heron
60		S	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
61		V	White Ibis
62		R	Wood Stork
63		P	Black Vulture

64		P	Turkey Vulture
65		S	Osprey
66		A	Swallow-tailed Kite
67		S	Mississippi Kite
68		P	Bald Eagle
69		M	Northern Harrier
70		P	Sharp-shinned Hawk
71		P	Cooper's Hawk
72		A	Northern Goshawk
73		P	Red-shouldered Hawk
74		S	Broad-winged Hawk
75		P	Red-tailed Hawk
76		P	American Kestrel
77		?	Merlin
78		R	Peregrine Falcon
79		A	Black Rail
80		M	Virginia Rail
81		A	Sora
82		A	Common Moorhen
83		W	American Coot
84		A	Sandhill Crane
85		A	Black-bellied Plover
86		A	Golden-Plover
87		R	Semipalmated Plover
88		A	Piping Plover
89		P	Killdeer
90		A	American Avocet
91		S	Spotted Sandpiper
92		M	Solitary Sandpiper
93		M	Greater Yellowlegs
94		A	Willet
95		M	Lesser Yellowlegs
96		?	Upland Sandpiper
97		A	Whimbrel
98		A	Ruddy Turnstone
99			Sanderling
100		R	Semipalmated Sandpiper
101		M	Western Sandpiper
102		M	Least Sandpiper

103		A	White-rumped Sandpiper
104		A	Baird’s Sandpiper
105		M	Pectoral Sandpiper
106		A	Dunlin
107		A	Stilt Sandpiper
108		A	Buff-breasted Sandpiper
109		A	Ruff
110		M	Short-billed Dowitcher
111		W	Wilson's Snipe
112		P	American Woodcock
113		A	Red Phalarope
114		A	Red-necked Phalarope
115		W	Laughing Gull
116		M	Bonaparte's Gull
117		W	Ring-billed Gull
118		W	Herring Gull
119		A	Glaucous Gull
120		A	Great Black-backed Gull
121		M	Caspian Tern
122		A	Common Tern
123		M	Forster's Tern
124			Least Tern
125		M	Black Tern
126		A	Pomarine Jaeger
127		P	Rock Pigeon
128		P	Mourning Dove
129			Common Ground-Dove
130		S	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
131		M	Black-billed Cuckoo
132		P	Barn Owl
133		P	Eastern Screech-Owl
134		P	Great Horned Owl
135		P	Barred Owl
136		A	Short-eared Owl
137		S	Northern Saw-whet Owl
138		S	Common Nighthawk
139		S	Chuck-will's-widow
140		S	Whip-poor-will
141		S	Chimney Swift

142		R	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
143			Broad-tailed Hummingbird
144		R	Rufous Hummingbird
145		P	Belted Kingfisher
146		P	Red-headed Woodpecker
147		P	Red-bellied Woodpecker
148		S	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
149		P	Downy Woodpecker
150		P	Hairy Woodpecker
151		P	Northern Flicker
152		P	Pileated Woodpecker
153		A	Olive-sided Flycatcher
154		S	Eastern Wood-Pewee
155		S	Acadian Flycatcher
156		M	Willow Flycatcher
157		M	Least Flycatcher
158		P	Eastern Phoebe
159		S	Great Crested Flycatcher
160		S	Eastern Kingbird
161		P	Loggerhead Shrike
162		S	White-eyed Vireo
163		S	Yellow-throated Vireo
164		S	Blue-headed Vireo
165		M	Warbling Vireo
166		R	Philadelphia Vireo
167		S	Red-eyed Vireo
168		P	Blue Jay
169		P	American Crow
170		P	Fish Crow
171		P	Common Raven
172		W	Horned Lark
173		S	Purple Martin
174		M	Tree Swallow
175		S	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
176		M	Bank Swallow
177			Cliff Swallow
178		S	Barn Swallow
179		P	Carolina Chickadee
180		P	Tufted Titmouse

181		W	Red-breasted Nuthatch
182		P	White-breasted Nuthatch
183		P	Brown-headed Nuthatch
184		W	Brown Creeper
185		P	Carolina Wren
186		S	House Wren
187		W	Winter Wren
188			Sedge Wren
189			Marsh Wren
190		W	Golden-crowned Kinglet
191		W	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
192		S	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
193		P	Eastern Bluebird
194		M	Veery
195		M	Gray-cheeked Thrush
196		M	Swainson's Thrush
197		W	Hermit Thrush
198		S	Wood Thrush
199		P	American Robin
200		S	Gray Catbird
201		P	Northern Mockingbird
202		P	Brown Thrasher
203		P	European Starling
204		W	American Pipit
205		P	Cedar Waxwing
206		M	Blue-winged Warbler
207		M	Golden-winged Warbler
208		M	Tennessee Warbler
209		W	Orange-crowned Warbler
210		M	Nashville Warbler
211		M	Northern Parula
212		S	Yellow Warbler
213		M	Chestnut-sided Warbler
214		M	Magnolia Warbler
215		M	Cape May Warbler
216		S	Black-throated Blue Warbler
217		W	Yellow-rumped Warbler
218		M	Black-throated Green Warbler
219		M	Blackburnian Warbler

220		S	Yellow-throated Warbler
221		P	Pine Warbler
222		S	Prairie Warbler
223		M	Palm Warbler
224		M	Bay-breasted Warbler
225		M	Blackpoll Warbler
226		M	Cerulean Warbler
227		S	Black-and-white Warbler
228		S	American Redstart
229		S	Prothonotary Warbler
230		M	Worm-eating Warbler
231		MR	Swainson's Warbler
232		S	Ovenbird
233		M	Northern Waterthrush
234		S	Louisiana Waterthrush
235		S	Kentucky Warbler
236		MR	Connecticut Warbler
237		MR	Mourning Warbler
238		S	Common Yellowthroat
239		S	Hooded Warbler
240		M	Wilson's Warbler
241		M	Canada Warbler
242		S	Yellow-breasted Chat
243		S	Summer Tanager
244		S	Scarlet Tanager
245		P	Eastern Towhee
246			Bachman's Sparrow
247			American Tree Sparrow
248		P	Chipping Sparrow
249		P	Field Sparrow
250		W	Vesper Sparrow
251			Lark Sparrow
252		W	Savannah Sparrow
253		S	Grasshopper Sparrow
254			Henslow's Sparrow
255		W	Fox Sparrow
256		P	Song Sparrow
257			Lincoln’s Sparrow
258		W	Swamp Sparrow

259		W	White-throated Sparrow
260		W	White-crowned Sparrow
261		W	Dark-eyed Junco
262			Lapland Longspur
263		P	Northern Cardinal
264		M	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
265		S	Blue Grosbeak
266		S	Indigo Bunting
267			Painted Bunting
268		M	Bobolink
269		P	Eastern Meadowlark
270		P	Red-winged Blackbird
271		W	Rusty Blackbird
272		P	Common Grackle
273		P	Brown-headed Cowbird
274		S	Orchard Oriole
275		S	Baltimore Oriole
276			Pine Grosbeak
277		W	Purple Finch
278		P	House Finch
279		R	Red Crossbill
280		A	White-winged Crossbill
281		A	Common Redpoll
282		W	Pine Siskin
283		P	American Goldfinch
284		W	Evening Grosbeak
285		P	House Sparrow