

	s	S	F	W
___ Sedge Wren.....	o	-	o	-
___ Marsh Wren.....	u	u	u	-

KINGLETS, THRUSHES, THRASHERS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	u	-	c	c
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c	-	c	c
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	c	u	u	-
___ Eastern Bluebird.....	r	r	r	r
___ Veery†.....	c	c	c	-
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush.....	r	-	r	-
___ Swainson's Thrush.....	c	o	c	-
___ Hermit Thrush†.....	c	c	c	u
___ Wood Thrush†.....	c	c	c	-
___ American Robin†.....	c	c	c	u
___ Gray Catbird†.....	c	c	c	-
___ Northern Mockingbird†.....	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher.....	u	u	u	-

WAXWINGS, STARLINGS

___ Cedar Waxwing.....	c	-	c	c
___ European Starling†.....	a	a	a	a

VIREOS

___ White-eyed Vireo.....	u	u	u	-
___ Solitary Vireo.....	u	o	-	-
___ Yellow-throated Vireo.....	u	o	-	-
___ Warbling Vireo.....	u	o	-	-
___ Philadelphia Vireo.....	o	-	o	-
___ Red-eyed Vireo†.....	u	u	c	-

WARBLERS

___ Blue-winged Warbler.....	u	o	o	-
___ Tennessee Warbler.....	o	-	o	-
___ Nashville Warbler.....	o	-	o	-
___ Northern Parula.....	u	o	o	-
___ Yellow Warbler†.....	u	u	u	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler.....	o	-	c	-
___ Magnolia Warbler.....	u	-	u	-
___ Cape May Warbler.....	o	-	o	-
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler.....	c	-	c	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	c	-	a	o
___ Black-throated Green Warbler.....	u	-	u	-
___ Blackburnian Warbler.....	u	u	o	-
___ Yellow-throated Warbler.....	c	o	o	-
___ Pine Warbler.....	o	-	-	-

	s	S	F	W
___ Prairie Warbler.....	o	-	o	-
___ Palm Warbler.....	o	-	o	-
___ Bay-breasted Warbler.....	u	-	o	-
___ Blackpoll Warbler.....	c	u	u	-
___ Cerulean Warbler.....	u	o	o	-
___ Black-and-white Warbler.....	c	u	c	-
___ American Redstart.....	c	c	u	-
___ Prothonotary Warbler.....	o	o	o	-
___ Worm-eating Warbler.....	r	r	-	-
___ Ovenbird.....	u	u	u	-
___ Northern Waterthrush.....	o	-	o	-
___ Louisiana Waterthrush.....	o	o	u	-
___ Kentucky Warbler.....	o	o	o	-
___ Connecticut Warbler.....	-	-	o	-
___ Mourning Warbler.....	-	-	r	-
___ Common Yellowthroat†.....	c	u	u	-
___ Hooded Warbler.....	o	o	o	-
___ Canada Warbler.....	u	u	o	-
___ Yellow-breasted Chat.....	o	o	o	-

TANAGERS, SPARROWS

___ Summer Tanager.....	u	-	-	-
___ Scarlet Tanager.....	c	o	u	-
___ Northern Cardinal†.....	a	a	a	a
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	c	-	c	-
___ Blue Grosbeak.....	o	-	o	-
___ Indigo Bunting.....	u	o	o	-
___ Rufous-sided Towhee.....	c	o	c	o
___ American Tree Sparrow.....	-	-	o	u
___ Chipping Sparrow.....	o	o	o	-
___ Field Sparrow.....	o	o	u	o
___ Vesper Sparrow.....	o	-	u	o
___ Savannah Sparrow.....	u	-	u	o
___ Fox Sparrow.....	c	-	c	o
___ Song Sparrow†.....	c	c	c	c
___ Swamp Sparrow.....	u	-	u	o
___ White-throated Sparrow.....	a	-	a	a
___ White-crowned Sparrow.....	-	-	r	r
___ Dark-eyed Junco.....	u	-	u	c

BLACKBIRDS, FINCHES

___ Bobolink.....	o	-	o	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird†.....	c	c	c	c

	s	S	F	W
___ Eastern Meadowlark.....	o	-	o	o
___ Rusty Blackbird.....	o	-	o	o
___ Common Grackle.....	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird.....	u	u	c	u
___ Orchard Oriole.....	u	u	-	-
___ Northern Oriole.....	u	u	o	-
___ Purple Finch.....	u	-	u	u
___ House Finch.....	c	o	a	a
___ American Goldfinch.....	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak.....	o	-	o	o
___ House Sparrow†.....	u	u	u	u

ACCIDENTALS OR ESCAPES FROM CAPTIVITY

Mandarin Duck
Monk Parakeet

NOTES

Location _____

Date _____ Total _____

Observers _____

Weather _____ Wind _____

Time _____

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Birds

of Theodore
Roosevelt Island



George Washington Parkway
National Park Service

Theodore Roosevelt Island is located in the Potomac River within sight of Georgetown, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Lincoln Memorial. "TRI," as it is known, has approximately 88 acres of near-mature and young second-growth deciduous forest, marsh, swamp, and open areas. Several miles of small roads and paths permit visitors to reach every part of the Island with relative ease. "Little Island," which is linked to TRI by a sandbar at low tide when water in the Potomac is low, is otherwise inaccessible by land and has no paths. Access to TRI is from the northbound lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway on the Virginia shore of the Potomac River. Free public parking is provided. Motor vehicles are not permitted on TRI.

Opportunities for good birding are available throughout the year. The greatest number of different species is present and are best observed in spring and fall migrations.

This list contains just under 200 species of birds which have been observed on or from TRI. It is based on the observations and reports of a few birders and is offered with the hope that its publication will encourage more birders to visit TRI and report their new finds.

Please report any observations of birds not in agreement with this list either to the Park Ranger on duty or to: National Park Service, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101. Telephone: 285-2598.

SEASON

Most birds are migratory. Their seasonal occurrence on Theodore Roosevelt Island is coded as follows:

S - Spring March, April, May
S - Summer June, July, August
F - Fall September, October, November
W - Winter December, January, February

† - Nesting is known to have occurred on Theodore Roosevelt Island, though it may not be a yearly event.

For further information, contact:

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RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

a-abundant A species which is very numerous
 c-common Certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
 u-uncommon Present, but not certain to be seen
 o-occasional Seen only a few times during a season
 r-rare Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years

Names and order of listings are in accordance with the sixth A. O. U. Checklist:

	S	S	F	W
GREBES				
— Pied-billed Grebe.....	o	o	o	o
— Horned Grebe.....	o	-	o	-
CORMORANTS				
— Double-crested Cormorant.....	r	-	-	-
BITERNS, HERONS				
— American Bittern.....	o	o	-	-
— Great Blue Heron.....	u	u	u	u
— Great Egret.....	o	o	o	-
— Snowy Egret.....	o	-	o	-
— Tricolor Heron.....	-	-	r	-
— Cattle Egret.....	o	o	o	-
— Green-backed Heron.....	u	c	u	-
— Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	o	o	o	-
— Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.....	-	r	-	-
GEESE, DUCKS				
— Snow Goose.....	r	-	r	-
— Canada Goose†.....	c	c	a	c
— Wood Duck†.....	c	c	c	c
— Green-winged Teal.....	-	-	o	-
— American Black Duck.....	o	o	o	-
— Mallard†.....	c	c	c	c
— Northern Pintail.....	-	-	-	o
— Blue-winged Teal.....	o	-	o	-
— American Wigeon.....	o	-	-	o
— Canvasback.....	-	-	o	o
— Oldsquaw.....	-	-	o	o
— Bufflehead.....	u	-	u	u
— Hooded Merganser.....	o	-	-	o
— Common Merganser.....	o	-	-	o
— Red-breasted Merganser.....	o	-	o	-
— Ruddy Duck.....	u	-	u	u

VULTURES, HAWKS, FALCONS

	S	S	F	W
— Black Vulture.....	-	-	-	o
— Turkey Vulture.....	u	u	u	u
— Osprey.....	u	u	u	-
— Bald Eagle.....	o	-	o	r
— Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	-	-	u	-
— Cooper's Hawk.....	-	-	o	-
— Red-shouldered Hawk.....	u	-	u	u
— Broad-winged Hawk.....	-	-	o	-
— Red-tailed Hawk.....	u	o	u	u
— Rough-legged Hawk.....	-	-	-	r
— American Kestrel.....	o	-	u	o

QUAILS, RAILS, COOTS

— Wild Turkey.....	r	-	r	-
— Northern Bobwhite.....	r	-	r	-
— Virginia Rail.....	-	o	r	-
— American Coot.....	o	-	o	o

PLOVERS, SNIPES, SANDPIPERS

— Black-bellied Plover.....	-	-	r	r
— Semipalmated Plover.....	o	-	o	-
— Killdeer.....	-	-	u	u
— Lesser Yellowlegs.....	-	-	o	o
— Solitary Sandpiper.....	-	-	r	-
— Spotted Sandpiper.....	c	-	c	-
— Common Snipe.....	-	-	o	o
— American Woodcock†.....	r	-	r	-

GULLS, TERNS

— Laughing Gull.....	-	o	o	-
— Bonaparte's Gull.....	o	-	o	o
— Ring-billed Gull.....	a	u	a	a
— Herring Gull.....	u	-	u	u
— Great Black-backed Gull.....	o	-	o	u
— Caspian Tern.....	u	-	u	-
— Forster's Tern.....	-	-	u	-
— Black Tern.....	-	-	o	-

DOVES, COCKOOS

— Rock Dove†.....	a	a	a	a
— Mourning Dove†.....	c	c	c	c
— Black-billed Cuckoo.....	o	o	-	-
— Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	o	o	-	-

OWLS

— Common Barn Owl†.....	r	r	r	r
— Great Horned Owl†.....	o	o	o	o
— Barred Owl†.....	o	o	o	o

SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS, KINGFISHERS

	S	S	F	W
— Common Nighthawk†.....	o	o	o	-
— Chimney Swift.....	c	c	c	-
— Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	o	u	u	-
— Belted Kingfisher†.....	c	c	c	u

WOODPECKERS

— Red-headed Woodpecker.....	o	o	o	-
— Red-bellied Woodpecker†.....	c	c	c	u
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	u	-	u	u
— Downy Woodpecker†.....	c	c	c	c
— Hairy Woodpecker†.....	u	u	u	u
— Northern Flicker†.....	c	c	c	c
— Pileated Woodpecker†.....	u	u	u	u

FLYCATCHERS

— Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	u	-	r	-
— Eastern Wood-Pee-wee.....	u	u	u	-
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	o	-	-	-
— Acadian Flycatcher.....	o	o	o	-
— Alder Flycatcher.....	o	o	-	-
— Willow Flycatcher.....	o	o	-	-
— Least Flycatcher.....	o	o	-	-
— Eastern Phoebe.....	u	u	u	-
— Great Crested Flycatcher.....	u	u	u	-
— Eastern Kingbird†.....	u	c	o	-

SWALLOWS

— Purple Martin.....	u	u	o	-
— Tree Swallow.....	u	u	u	-
— Northern Rough-winged Swallow†.....	c	a	o	-
— Bank Swallow.....	u	-	r	-
— Cliff Swallow.....	u	-	-	-
— Barn Swallow†.....	c	c	c	-

JAYS, CROWS

— Blue Jay†.....	c	c	c	c
— American Crow†.....	a	a	a	a
— Fish Crow.....	o	o	o	o

TITMICE, NUTHATCHES, WRENS

— Black-capped Chickadee.....	-	-	-	o
— Carolina Chickadee†.....	a	a	a	a
— Tufted Titmouse†.....	c	c	c	c
— Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	-	-	-	o
— White-breasted Nuthatch†.....	u	o	u	u
— Brown Creeper.....	c	-	c	c
— Carolina Wren†.....	c	c	c	c
— House Wren†.....	u	c	u	-
— Winter Wren.....	-	-	u	u