



PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

MIDDLE CREEK  
Bird Checklist



DATES:	S P R	S U M	A U T	W I N		OBSERVER	S P R	S U M	A U T	W I N		
<i>Loon, Red-Throated</i>	Ac		Ac	Ac		DUCK, RING-NECKED	C	Ac	C	U		
COMMON	U	Ac	U	R		SCAUP, GREATER	R		R	R		
GREBE, PIED-BILLED	U	R	U	R		LESSER	U	Ac	U	U		
HORNED	U		U	R		DUCK, LONG-TAILED	R		R	R		
<i>Eared</i>	Ac		Ac			<i>Scoter, Black</i>			Ac	Ac		
<i>Red-necked</i>	Ac		Ac			<i>Surf</i>	Ac		Ac			
<i>Frigatebird Sp.</i>	Ac					<i>White-Winged</i>			Ac			
☼CORMORANT, DBL-CRSTD	C	C	C	Ac		GOLDENEYE, COMMON	R		R	R		
BITTERN, AMERICAN	R		R	Ac		BUFFLEHEAD	U		U	R		
<i>Least</i>	Ac	Ac	Ac			☼MERGANSER, HOODED	U	Ac	U	R		
☼HERON, GREAT BLUE	C	C	C	C		COMMON	C		U	C		
EGRET, GREAT	U	C	U	Ac		RED-BREASTED	R		R	R		
SNOWY		U	U			DUCK, RUDDY	U		U	U		
HERON, LITTLE BLUE		R	R			VULTURE, BLACK	U	U	U	U		
<i>Tricolored</i>		Ac				☼TURKEY	C	C	C	U		
EGRET, CATTLE	R	R	R			OSPREY	U	R	U			
☼HERON, GREEN	U	U	U	Ac		<i>Kite, Mississippi</i>	Ac					
☼NIGHT-HERON, BLK-CR.	U	U	U	R		☼EAGLE, BALD	U	U	U	U		
<i>Yellow Crowned</i>	Ac					HARRIER, NORTHERN	U	R	U	U		
<i>Ibis, White</i>		Ac	Ac			☼HAWK, SHARP-SHINNED	U	R	U	U		
GLOSSY	R	R	R			☼COOPER'S	U	R	U	U		
<i>Duck, Fulvous Whistling</i>	Ac					GOSHAWK, NORTHERN	R		R	R		
SWAN, TUNDRA	Ab	Ac	U	Ab		☼HAWK, RED-SHOULDRD.	U	U	U	U		
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Ac			Ac		☼BROAD-WINGED	U	U	U			
MUTE	R	Ac	R	R		☼RED-TAILED	C	C	C	C		
GOOSE, GR. WHITE-FR.	R		R	R		ROUGH-LEGGED	R		R	R		
SNOW	C	R	U	U		EAGLE, GOLDEN	R		R	R		
ROSS'	R			R		☼KESTREL, AMERICAN	C	C	C	C		
<i>Brant</i>	Ac		Ac			MERLIN	R	Ac	R	Ac		
<i>Barnacle</i>	Ac					FALCON, PEREGRINE	R	Ac	R			
☼CANADA	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab		<i>Gyr Falcon</i>	Ac					
<i>Cackling</i>	R		Ac	R		☼PHEASANT, RING-NECKD	C	C	C	C		
☼DUCK, WOOD	U	U	U	R		☼GROUSE, RUFFED	U	U	U	U		
TEAL, GREEN-WINGED	C	Ac	U	U		☼TURKEY, WILD	U	U	U	U		
☼DUCK, AMERICAN BLACK	Ab	U	C	C		☼BOBWHITE, NORTHERN	R	R	R	R		
☼MALLARD	Ab	C	C	C		<i>Rail, Black</i>	Ac					
PINTAIL, NORTHERN	C	R	U	U		<i>King</i>	Ac	Ac				
☼TEAL, BLUE-WINGED	U	U	U	R		☼VIRGINIA	R	R	R	Ac		
SHOVELER, NORTHERN	C		C	U		SORA	R	R	R			
GADWALL	C		C	U		☼GALLINULE, COMMON	R	R	R			
<i>Wigeon, Eurasian</i>	Ac		Ac			COOT, AMERICAN	U		U	R		
AMERICAN	C		C	U		<i>Crane, Sandhill</i>	Ac		Ac	Ac		
CANVASBACK	R		R	R		PLOVER, BLACK-BELLIED	R	R	R			
REDHEAD	R		R	R		AMERICAN GOLDEN			R			

	S	S	A	W				S	S	A	W		
	P	U	U	I				P	U	U	I		
	R	M	T	N				R	M	T	N		
(PLOVER) SEMI-PALMATED	U	U	U					U		U			
*KILLDEER	C	C	C	U				R	R	R			
<i>Stilt, Black-necked</i>	Ac							C	C	C			
<i>Avocet, American</i>		Ac	Ac					U	U	U			
YELLOWLEGS, GREATER	U	U	U					U	U	U	U		
LESSER	C	U	C					R	R	R	R		
SANDPIPER, SOLITARY	U	U	U					*RED-BELLIED	C	C	C	C	
<i>Willet</i>	Ac							SAPSUCKER, YELLW-BEL	U		U	U	
* SANDPIPER, SPOTTED	C	U	C	Ac				*WOODPECKER, DOWNY	C	C	C	C	
<i>Upland</i>	Ac	Ac						*HAIRY	U	U	U	U	
<i>Godwit, Hudsonian</i>			Ac					*FLICKER, NORTHERN	C	C	C	U	
<i>Marbled</i>	Ac	Ac	Ac					*WOODPKR, PILEATED	U	U	U	U	
TURNSTONE, RUDDY	R	R						FLYCATCHR, OLIVE-SIDED	R		R		
SANDERLING	R	R	R					*WOOD-PEWEE, EASTRN	C	C	C		
SANDPIPER, SEMIPALMATD	U	U	U					FLYCATCHER, YELLW-BEL	R		R	Ac	
WESTERN		R	R					ACADIAN	R	R	R		
LEAST	C	C	C					<i>alder</i>	Ac	Ac			
WHITE-RUMPED	R	R	R					*WILLOW	C	C	U		
BAIRD'S		R	R					LEAST	R	R	R		
PECTORAL	U	U	U					*PHOEBE, EASTERN	C	C	C	R	
DUNLIN	R		R					<i>Say's</i>				Ac	
SANDPIPER, STILT		R	R					*FLYCATCHER, GREAT CR	C	C	C		
<i>Ruff</i>	Ac							<i>Kingbird, Western</i>		Ac	Ac		
DOWITCHER, SHORT-BILLD	U	U	U					*EASTERN	C	C	C		
LONG-BILLED		R	R					LARK, HORNED	U	U	U	U	
SNIPE, WILSON'S	U	Ac	U	U				*MARTIN, PURPLE	U	U	U		
*WOODCOCK, AMERICAN	U	U	U	R				*SWALLOW, TREE	Ab	Ab	C		
PHALAROPE, WILSON'S	Ac	R	Ac					NRTHRN ROUGH-WINGED	U	U	U		
<i>Red-Necked</i>	Ac	Ac	Ac					BANK	U	U	U		
<i>Jaeger Sp.</i>			Ac					*CLIFF	U	R	U		
<i>Gull, Little</i>	Ac							*BARN	C	C	C		
<i>Franklin's</i>			Ac					*JAY, BLUE	C	C	C	C	
<i>Laughing</i>		Ac	Ac					*CROW, AMERICAN	C	C	C	C	
BONAPARTE'S	R		R	Ac				*FISH	U	U	U	U	
RING-BILLED	C	R	C	C				<i>Raven, Common</i>	Ac		Ac	Ac	
HERRING	U		U	U				*CHICKADEE, BLK-CAPPD	C	U	C	C	
<i>Lesser Black-backed</i>	Ac		Ac	Ac				*CAROLINA	C	C	C	C	
GREATER BLACK-BACKED	R			R				*TITMOUSE, TUFTED	C	C	C	C	
<i>Tern, Royal</i>		Ac						*NUTHATCH, RED-BRSTD	U	Ac	U	U	
CASPIAN	R	U	R					*WHITE-BREASTED	C	U	C	C	
COMMON	R							CREEPER, BROWN	U		U	U	
FORSTER'S	R	R						*WREN, CAROLINA	C	C	C	C	
BLACK	R	R	R					*HOUSE	C	C	C		
*DOVE, ROCK	U	U	U	U				WINTER	U		U	U	
*MOURNING	C	C	C	C				*Sedge	Ac	Ac			
*CUCKOO, BLACK-BILLED	U	U	U					MARSH			R		
*YELLOW-BILLED	C	C	C					KINGLET, GOLDEN-CRWND	C		C	C	
*OWL, BARN	R	R	R	R				RUBY-CROWNED	C		C	U	
*EASTERN SCREECH	C	C	C	C				*GNATCATCHR, BLU-GRY	C	C	C	Ac	
*GREAT HORNED	C	C	C	C				*BLUEBIRD, EASTERN	C	C	C	C	
SNOWY				R				<i>Mountain</i>	Ac				
<i>Barred</i>		Ac		Ac				*VEERY	U	U	U		
*LONG-EARED	U	Ac	R	U				THRUSH, GRAY-CHEEKED	R		R		
SHORT-EARED	U		U	U				SWAINSON'S	U		U		
NORTHERN SAW-WHET	R			R				HERMIT	U		U	U	



## KEY

**Abundant** – Readily observed in large numbers

**Common** – Observed regularly in suitable habitat

**Uncommon** – Present, but hard to find or sightings unusual

**Rare** – Not observed every year

**Accidental** – Ten or fewer sightings

**114** birds have been known to breed at Middle Creek

**293** species of birds have been seen at Middle Creek

Species in **lower case italics or not on this list** should be reported to the Middle Creek Staff and a birding hotline.

✿ - Has bred at Middle Creek

**SPR** – March – May

**SUM** – June – August

**AUT** – September – November

**WIN** – December – February

NOTES:

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<http://www.lancasterbirdclub.org/>



The personnel at Middle Creek wish to thank Randy C. Miller for compiling the information for this list.

**The Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is owned by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and is operated primarily from revenue obtained from hunting license sales.**

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