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Since 1988, the Lake George Land Conservancy has been working to preserve the world-renowned water quality of Lake George and the rare plants and animals within the lake's 150,000-acre watershed by permanently protecting natural lands.

Legend



B – recorded breedingⁱ

SV – non-breeding summer visitant

M – observed during migration

WV – winter visitant

SR – non-breeding summer resident

ⁱBased on The Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State (1988), except as noted otherwise.

Common names, Latin names, and order are based on The A.O.U. Check-List of North American Birds, 7th edition (1998).

Common Birds

OF THE LAKE GEORGE WATERSHED

Date(s) _____ Total Species _____

Locality _____

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Common Birds

O F T H E L A K E G E O R G E W A T E R S H E D

LOONS

Family Gaviidae

- Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) SR

COOTS, GALLINULES & GREBS

Family Podicipedidae

- Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) B
- Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*) WV

Family Rallidae

- Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*) B
- Sora (*Porzana carolina*) B
- Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) B

CORMORANTS

Family Phalacrocoracidae

- Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) SV

WADING BIRDS

Family Ardeidae

- American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) B
- Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) B
- Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) B

SWANS, GEESSE & DUCKS

Family Anatidae

- Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens*) M
- Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) B
- Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*) B
- American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) B
- Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) B
- Redhead (*Aythya americana*) WV
- Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*) WV
- White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) WV
- Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*) WV
- Common Goldeneye (*Becephala clangula*) WV
- Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*) WV
- Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) B
- Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*) B

VULTURES

Family Cathartidae

- Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) B

DIURNAL RAPTORS

Family Accipitridae

- Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) B
- Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) WV

- Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) B
- Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) B
- Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) B
- Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*) B
- Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platyterus*) B
- Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) B

Family Falconidae

- American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) B
- Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) B (Kingbird, 2000, 2001)
- Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) B

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

Family Phasianidae

- Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) B
- Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) B
- Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) B

SHOREBIRDS

Family Charadriidae

- Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) B

Family Scolopacidae Gaviidae

- Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) B
- Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) SV
- American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) B

GULLS & TERNS

Family Laridae

- Bonaparte's Gull (*Larus philadelphia*) M
- Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) SR
- Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) SR
- Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) WV

PIGEONS & DOVES

Family Columidae

- Rock Dove (*Columba livia*) B
- Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura*) B

CUCKOOS & THEIR ALLIES

Family Cuculidae

- Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*) B
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) B

OWLS

Family Tytonidae

- Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) B

Family Strigidae

- Eastern Screech Owl (*Otus asio*) B
- Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) B
- Barred Owl (*Strix varia*) B
- Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*) B
- Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) B

GOATSUCKERS

Family Caprimulgidae

- Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) B
- Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*) B

HUMMINGBIRDS

Family Trochilidae

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) B

KINGFISHERS

Family Alcedinidae

- Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) B

WOODPECKERS

Family Picidae

- Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) B
- Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) B
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) B
- Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*) B
- Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) B
- Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) B
- Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) B

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Family Tyrannidae

- Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) B
- Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) B
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) B
- Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*) B
- Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) B
- Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) B
- Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) B
- Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) B
- Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannu*) B

VIREOS

Family Vireonidae

- Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) B
- Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) B
- Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) B

- Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) B

JAYS, CROWS & THEIR ALLIES

Family Corvidae

- Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) B
- American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) B
- Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) B

SWALLOWS & SWIFTS

Family Hirundinidae

- Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) B
- Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) B
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) B
- Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) B
- Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) B
- Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) B

Family Apodidae

- Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) B

CHICKADEES & THEIR ALLIES

Family Paridae

- Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) B
- Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) B

NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS

Family Sittidae

- Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*) B
- White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) B

Family Certhiidae

- Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*) B

WRENS

Family Troglodytidae

- House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) B
- Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) B
- Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) B

OLD WORLD WARBLERS, THRUSHES & THEIR ALLIES

Family Regulidae

- Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*) B

Family Sylviidae

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliotilta caerulea*) B
- Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) B

- Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*) B
- Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) B
- Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) B
- Wood Thrush (*Catharus mustelina*) B
- American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) B

MOCKINGBIRDS & SHRIKES

Family Mimidae

- Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) B
- Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottus*) B
- Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) B

Family Laniidae

- Northern Shrike (*Lanius excubito*) WV

STARLINGS

Family Sturnidae

- European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) B

WAXWINGS

Family Bombycillidae

- Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) B

WOOD-WARBLERS

Family Parulidae

- Nashville Warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*) B
- Northern Parula (*Parula americana*) SV
- Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) B
- Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) B
- Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*) B
- Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Dendroica caerulescens*) B
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) B
- Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*) B
- Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) B
- Pine Warbler (*Dendroica pinus*) B
- Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*) B
- Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) B
- American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) B
- Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapillus*) B
- Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) B
- Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) B
- Mourning Warbler (*Oporonis philadelphia*) B
- Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) B
- Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*) B

SPARROWS & THEIR ALLIES

Family Emberizidae

- Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) B
- American Tree Sparrow (*Spizella arborea*) WV
- Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) B
- Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) B
- Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) B
- Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) B
- Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) B
- White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) B
- Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) B
- Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) WV

TANAGERS & THEIR ALLIES

Family Tropaupidae

- Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*) B

CARDINALS & THEIR ALLIES

Family Cardinalidae

- Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) B
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) B
- Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) B

BLACKBIRDS

Family Icteridae

- Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) B
- Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) B
- Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) B
- Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) B
- Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) B
- Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) B
- Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) B

FINCHES & OLD WORLD SPARROWS

Family Fringillidae

- Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enuceator*) WV
- Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*) B
- House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*) B
- Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) B
- White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) B
- Common Redpoll (*Carduelis flammea*) WV
- Pine Siskin (*Carduelis pinus*) B
- American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*) B
- Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) B
- House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) B