

The Delaware Breeding Bird Atlas
2008 - 2012

Safe Dates for Delaware Breeding Birds
With
Additional Notes and Dates

Species	Safe Dates	Breeding Notes	Egg Dates	Nests with young	Fledgling dates
Pied-billed Grebe	5/20 to 6/30	confirmed nests generally late in MD/DE	5/10 to 7/21 (DE), peak during June	downy young 5/28 to 8/11 (MD)	independent juveniles by late June (OH)
Double-crested Cormorant	6/1 to 7/15	nest building may begin by late April	5/12 to 8/1 (MD), peak late May & June	through 9/27 (MD), most late June to mid-August	first fledglings possible during July
American Bittern	5/15 to 7/10	nesting begins during April (MD)	4/10 to 5/30 (MD)--few records	5/17 (DE) to early July (MD)--few records	fledged young 6/30 to 8/28 (MD)
Least Bittern	5/25 to 6/30		5/10 to 7/12 (MD), peak in mid-June	6/8 to 7/10 (MD)--few records	dependent young expected into August
Great Blue Heron	5/1 to 6/30	adults return to colonies by mid- to late February	3/15 to 6/14 (MD), peak late March into April	4/14 to 8/8 (MD), most young fledge by mid-July	
Great Egret	5/15 to 6/30	nest construction may begin in late March	4/9 to 6/23 (MD)	5/4 to 8/22 (MD), hatching peak in mid-May	independent juveniles during July
Snowy Egret	5/15 to 6/30		5/4 to 8/7 (MD), probably by mid-April	5/14 to 8/22 (MD)	independent juveniles by late June-early July
Little Blue Heron*	5/25 to 6/30		4/24 (DE) to 6/4 (MD), probably by mid-April	earliest 5/13 (DE)	independent juveniles by early July
Tricolored Heron	5/15 to 6/30		5/15 to 6/5 (MD), probably by mid-April	5/15 to 7/15 (MD)	independent juveniles by early July
Cattle Egret	5/25 to 6/30		4/9 to 8/30 (MD)	earliest 5/15 (MD), nests w/ young into October (DE)	independent juveniles by late June-early July
Green Heron	5/20 to 6/30		4/21 to 7/26 (MD), peak in mid-June	5/11 to 8/5 (MD), peak in early July	independent juveniles by mid July
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5/15 to 6/30	nesting begins by late March early April	2/3, 4/14 to 7/5 (MD)	2/22, mid-May to 7/15, "chicks" through 10/5 (MD)	independent juveniles by late June-early July
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	4/20 to 7/15	nesting normally begins during April (OH)	4/21 to 7/18 (MD)--very few records	6/4 to 7/14 (MD)--very few records	fledglings late June into August (OH)
Glossy Ibis	5/15 to 6/30		4/21 to 7/15 (MD)	first chicks by mid-May (MD)	independent juveniles noted regularly by early July (DE)
Black Vulture	5/1 to 7/15		3/14 to 5/22 (MD)	4/29 to 7/19 (MD), late on 9/17 (DE)	
Turkey Vulture	5/20 to 7/15		4/3 to 6/10, peak 4/21 to 5/2 (MD)	5/5 to 8/29 (MD), peak early to mid-June	
Canada Goose	4/15 to 6/30	nest construction during March	3/22 to 5/21 (MD), peak in first half of April	downy young 4/15 to 7/18 (MD), peak early May	

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Mute Swan	4/1 to 6/30	courtship in late February, nest built by 3/15 (MD)	3/13 to 6/23, peak 4/9-16 (MD)	earliest brood 5/4, peak hatching 5/11-25 (MD)	late nests produce broods through late August
Wood Duck	4/1 to 6/30	exploring cavities in late February	3/1 to 8/15 (MD), peak mid-April through May	downy young 4/8 to 9/2 (MD), possibly by late March	females with broods frequent into August
Gadwall	5/20 to 6/30		5/4 (MD) to 7/25 (DE), peak in late May	downy young 6/13 to 7/3 (MD), noted in August	most broods late June to late July
American Black Duck	5/20 to 6/30	nesting begins by mid-March (MD)	3/4 to 8/24 (MD), peak in mid-May	downy young 4/7 (DE) to 8/13 (MD), peak in June	brood through 10/13 (MD)
Mallard	5/1 to 6/30	nesting begins in early March (MD)	3/12 to 7/31 (MD), peak in mid-May	downy young 3/25 to 8/7 (MD)	broods frequent through late August
Blue-winged Teal	6/1 to 6/30		4/25 to 7/12 (MD), peak in mid-June	broods 5/25 to 8/11 (MD)	
Northern Shoveler	6/1 to 6/30	nested in salt marsh (DE)	first nests in early April, peak 5/12-27 (DE)	broods 5/30 to 6/21 (De)--very few records	
Green-winged Teal	6/1 to 6/30		no nests have been found	broods reported 6/28 to 8/1, possibly 9/21 (DE)	
Hooded Merganser	5/1 to 6/15	most nests initiated mid-March to early April (MD)	3/14 to 5/15 (MD), peak probably in April	downy young 4/30 to 6/21 (MD), peak in May	juveniles by 6/12 (DE), most fledge by early July
Common Merganser†	5/10 to 7/15		no data	downy young possible by mid- to late April	large young by 7/4 (MD)
Ruddy Duck	6/10 to 6/30	courtship into mid-June (DE)	no nests have been found	broods 7/7 to 8/28 (DE)--very few records	
Osprey	5/15 to 7/31	nest construction begins in March	3/26 to 5/23 (MD), peak in mid-April	most mid-May through late July	most fledge July through mid-August
Bald Eagle	4/15 to 5/15	nest building in December, courtship in January	2/5 to 4/29 (MD), most laid by mid-March	2/5 to 7/9 (MD), most hatch mid-March to late April	most fledge mid-June through mid-July
Northern Harrier	5/10 to 7/25	courtship normally mid-March into April	4/28 to 6/23 (MD)--few records	6/11 to 7/1 (MD)--few records	fledglings expected June into early July
Sharp-shinned Hawk†	5/25 to 7/31	courtship should occur mid-March to early April	5/12 to 6/30 (MD mountains), peak expected in May	5/31 to 7/11 (MD mountains), peak expected in June	fledglings expected late June through July
Cooper's Hawk	5/15 to 7/31	courtship begins in March	4/22 to 6/5 (MD), peak in early May	6/5 to 7/23 (MD), most during June	most fledge during late June and July
Red-shouldered Hawk	4/20 to 7/31	courtship displays as early as January	3/4 to 5/31 (MD), most laid mid-March to late April	4/5 to 7/6 (MD), most hatch mid-April to late May	fledgling 5/29 (DE), most in June
Broad-winged Hawk	6/1 to 7/31	courtship normally April & early May	4/23 to 6/16 (MD), peak in mid-May	normally late May to mid-July	most fledge during late June and July
Red-tailed Hawk	5/15 to 7/31	courtship normally begins in February	3/8 to 6/28 (MD)	4/25 to 7/16 (MD)	most fledge by late June to mid-July

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American Kestrel	5/20 to 6/30	courtship most evident in March	3/23 to 8/4 (MD), peak May to early June	5/15 to 8/5 (MD)	first fledglings by early June
Peregrine Falcon	6/1 to 6/30	courtship displays by mid-February	2/12 to 6/16 (MD), peak late March and April	normally late April into June, late nests to mid-July	fledglings between late May & early July
Ring-necked Pheasant	4/1 to 8/30	males displaying in late March-early April	4/1 to 7/18 (MD), peak mid-April to mid-June	adults with young 5/13 (MD) to 8/12 (DE)	fledglings possible into September
Wild Turkey	3/15 to 8/15	courtship begins in March	4/28 to 7/15 (MD)	earliest hatching 5/19 (MD), peak late May-early June	small young can travel long distances
Northern Bobwhite	4/1 to 9/30		4/21 to 10/14 (MD), peaks early June & early Aug.	adults with young 5/13 to 10/2 (DE)	
Black Rail	5/1 to 7/31		5/20 to 8/8 (MD)--few records	"nest with fledgling" (?) 7/15 (DE)	
Clapper Rail	4/15 to 7/31		5/6 (DE) to 7/20 (MD), most late May-early June	adults with chicks 6/6 (MD) to 8/15 (DE)	breeding extends into late August (MD)
King Rail	5/1 to 7/15		5/18 to 7/5 (MD), peak late May-early June	adults with chicks 5/26 to 7/20 (MD)	breeding may continue into August
Virginia Rail	5/15 to 7/15	breeding may begin in early April (MD)	5/11 (DE) to 8/16 (MD)	adults with chicks 5/11 to 7/24 (MD)	
Sora	6/1 to 7/10	nesting probably begins in early May (MD)	5/5 to 6/3 (MD)--very few records	6/3 (MD) to 8/14 (DE)--very few records	
Common Moorhen	5/20 to 7/31	nest building through 7/16 (MD)	5/10 to 6/21 (MD), peak in late May	adults with chicks 5/30 to 8/21 (DE)	fledglings noted into late September
American Coot	5/20 to 7/31	nesting can begin in April (OH)	5/15 (PA), 5/14-20 (VA)--few regional records	adults with chicks 6/14 to 8/16 (MD)--few records	
Piping Plover†	4/15 to 6/30	courtship during April	4/12 to 7/10 (MD), peak late April to mid-May	downy young 5/21 to 7/23 (MD)	
Killdeer	4/15 to 6/20		3/16 to 7/23 (MD), peak late April to mid-May	downy young 4/8 to 8/3 (MD)	
American Oystercatcher	5/1 to 6/30	small nest territories used for several years	4/9 to 7/5 (MD)	downy young 5/18 to 7/14 (MD)	
Black-necked Stilt	5/1 to 6/30		5/15 to 6/29 (DE)	downy young mid-June to 7/27 (DE)	dependent young noted into August
Willet	5/20 to 6/25		4/23 to 7/12 (MD), peak mid-to late May	downy young 6/5 to 7/11 (MD)	most fledge before 8/1
Spotted Sandpiper	6/10 to 6/25		5/10 to 7/15 (MD), peak mid-to late May	downy young 6/4 to 7/19 (MD)	dependent young noted in late July
Upland Sandpiper	5/10 to 6/25	courtship during late April-early May	5/10 to 6/10 (MD)--few records	downy young 5/25 to 6/21 (MD)--few records	
American Woodcock	3/20 to 6/10	courtship flights begin in December	2/25 (MD) to 6/9 (DE), most before late April	broods 4/9 to 6/16 (MD)	fledged young during June

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Laughing Gull*	5/1 to 6/30	nest building begins in late April (MD)	5/10 to 7/18, peak in late May (MD)	6/1 to 7/26 (MD)	juveniles evident by early August
Herring Gull*	4/1 to 6/30	nest building begins in late March (MD)	4/12 to 7/26, peak in mid-May (MD)	"mid-May" to 8/11 (MD)	earliest fledglings by late June (MD)
Great Black-backed Gull*	4/1 to 6/30	nest building begins in mid-March (MD)	4/11 to 6/20, peak in last half of April (MD)	5/11 to 7/5 for hatching dates (MD)	
Gull-billed Tern	5/15 to 7/15	arrives at colonies by mid-May (NJ)	5/15 to 7/18 (MD)	downy young 6/6 to 7/18 (MD)	
Common Tern	6/1 to 7/1		5/9 (MD) to 8/19 (DE)	earliest "late May" (MD)	fledging begins mid- to late June (MD)
Forster's Tern	5/15 to 7/1		5/7 to 7/28 (MD)	earliest "late May" (MD)	fledging begins mid- to late June (MD)
Least Tern	5/20 to 7/1		5/15 (DE) to 8/10 (MD), second peak in July	earliest 6/8, latest 8/10 (MD)	fledglings possible by late June
Black Skimmer	6/1 to 7/10		5/15 (MD) to 9/3 (DE)	first hatchlings by mid-June (MD)	earliest fledglings in late July (MD)
Rock Pigeon	1/1 to 12/31		1/2 to 10/27 (MD)		
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3/1 to 7/31		no data	no data	
Mourning Dove	4/1 to 7/1		"March" through mid-Sept. (DE)	2/26 to 10/4 with peak in May (MD)	earliest 3/1 (MD)
Black-billed Cuckoo	6/1 to 7/31		5/18 to 7/19 (MD)--few records	5/23 to 7/26 (MD)--few records	flightless young 8/28 (DE)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/1 to 8/15		5/13 to 8/28 with no evident peak (MD)	5/24 to 9/16 (MD)	
Barn Owl	4/1 to 8/1		1/2 to 9/20, peaks early March & late July (MD)	3/12 to 12/29 (MD)	
Eastern Screech-Owl	12/1 to 6/30	courtship begins in February (MD)	3/8 to 5/9, peak in mid-April (MD)	3/19, 4/24 to 6/22 (MD)	
Great Horned Owl	12/1 to 6/30	courtship beginning in December (MD)	1/8 to 5/15, peak in February (MD)	2/24 to 5/14, peak in March to mid-April (MD)	
Barred Owl	1/1 to 6/30	courtship starts in "late winter" (MD)	2/28 to 5/26, most in late March & April (MD)	mean hatching date of 4/10 (MD)	
Long-eared Owl†	5/1 to 8/15		3/16 to 4/19 (OH)--few reports	mid-April to 7/8, most during May (OH)	most fledge by early June (OH)
Short-eared Owl†	4/25 to 8/31	courting on 4/9 (PA)	earliest 4/3, most mid-April to mid-May (OH)	nests with young 5/19 to 6/1 (PA)	fledglings during June to early July (OH)
Common Nighthawk	5/20 to 7/15		5/23 to 7/13 (MD), most late May & early June	6/1 to 7/27 (MD), no peak evident	
Chuck-will's-widow	5/1 to 7/15	breeding activity starts in late April (MD)	5/10 to 7/8 (MD)--few reports	only one record--6/18 (MD)	

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Whip-poor-will	5/10 to 7/15		4/24 to 7/7, with peak in May (MD)	brood dates 5/31 to 7/17 (MD)--few records	
Chimney Swift	5/20 to 7/15	gathering nest material through 6/24 (DE)	5/9 to 8/12 (MD), peak in first third of June	5/30 to 9/1 (MD), no apparent peak	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5/25 to 7/5		5/14 to 8/20, few after early August (MD)	5/25 (MD) to 9/9 (DE), peak through early Aug.	
Belted Kingfisher	5/1 to 7/1	nesting begins in late March (MD)	4/11 to 6/5 (MD)--few reports	5/7 to 7/7 (MD)--few reports	
Red-headed Woodpecker	5/15 to 8/15		4/25 to 6/23, peak in late May (MD)	5/8 to 8/26, peak first half of July (MD)	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3/1 to 7/1		4/18 to 6/1 (MD)	4/24 to 8/20, peak in early June (MD)	
Downy Woodpecker	3/1 to 7/1		4/5 to 6/5 (MD)	5/7 to 7/7, peak in early June (MD)	
Hairy Woodpecker	3/1 to 7/1		earliest 4/19 (MD)	4/25 to 7/4, extremely early 4/9 (MD)	
Northern Flicker	4/20 to 7/20		4/12 (MD) to 7/20 (DE), peak in mid-May	5/15 to 8/8 (MD)	
Pileated Woodpecker	3/1 to 7/15		4/11 (VA) to 6/2 (MD)	5/2 to 7/7, peak in late May (MD)	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5/25 to 7/31		5/21 to 8/15 (MD), peak in mid-June	6/13 to 9/13 (MD)	late fledglings noted into Sept.
Acadian Flycatcher	5/15 to 7/25		5/19 to 8/3 (MD), peak late May to mid-June	6/4 to 8/16 (MD)	
Willow Flycatcher	6/5 to 7/20		6/4 to 7/28 (MD)--few records	6/23 to 7/21 (MD)--few records	earliest 7/4 (MD)
Least Flycatcher	6/1 to 7/15		5/12 (DE), 5/19 to 6/17 (MD)	several June records, latest 8/15 (MD)	
Eastern Phoebe	4/20 to 7/1		3/25 to 7/22 (MD), peaks late April and June	4/27 to 7/25 (MD), peak in late May	
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/25 to 7/31		5/13 to 7/15 (MD), peak late May to mid-June	5/24 to 8/4, peak in early July (MD)	
Eastern Kingbird	5/25 to 7/5		5/12 (MD) to 8/1 (DE), peak in early June	5/29 to 8/24 (MD), peak in late June	late fledglings noted into Sept.
Loggerhead Shrike†	3/15 to 6/30		4/19 to 7/11 (MD), normally 2 broods	5/9 to 7/19 (MD)	
White-eyed Vireo	5/15 to 7/31		4/22 to 7/26 (MD), peak late May-early June	6/1 to 8/19 (MD)	
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/15 to 7/15	nest building 5/4 (DE)	5/9 to 7/21 (MD)--few records	6/4 to 8/2 (MD)--few records	
Warbling Vireo	5/25 to 7/25		earliest 4/28, most 5/16 to 6/22 (MD)	5/30 (MD) to 6/18 (DE)--few records	fledglings noted 7/6 (DE)

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Red-eyed Vireo	6/1 to 7/15		5/9 to 8/11 (MD), peak in mid-June	6/1 to 8/18 (MD), peak in late June	
Blue Jay	5/15 to 7/15		4/8 to 7/30 (MD), strong peak in May (DE)	4/28 (MD) to 8/28 (DE), peak in late May	
American Crow	4/1 to 7/1		3/13 to 5/21 (MD), peak in mid-April	4/7 to 6/16 (MD), peak in mid-May	
Fish Crow	4/25 to 7/15		3/30 (MD) to 6/24 (DE), peak in early May	5/1 (DE) to 7/26 (MD)	
Horned Lark	3/25 to 7/1	territorial activity as early as January	3/3 to 7/7 (MD), peak 3/30-4/23 (MD)	3/10 to 8/30 (MD)	
Purple Martin	5/10 to 7/5		5/9 to 8/10 (MD), peak mid-May to early June	5/30 to 8/24 (MD)	families remain together for 2+ weeks
Tree Swallow	6/1 to 6/25		4/24 to 7/3 (MD), peak in last half of May	5/20 to 7/27 (MD), peak in mid-June	
N. Rough-winged Swallow	5/10 to 7/5	nest building begins in early April (MD)	4/19 to 6/24, peak in late May & early June (MD)	5/15 (MD) to 7/19 (DE), peak in mid-June	
Bank Swallow	6/1 to 6/20		5/5 to 6/23 with peak in late May (MD)	5/30 to 7/19 (MD)	
Cliff Swallow	5/25 to 7/1	nest building by 5/9 (DE)	5/22 to 7/9 but nests later into season (MD)	6/7 to 8/24 (MD)	
Barn Swallow	5/25 to 7/10		4/28 to 8/4 (MD), peaks in mid-May and June	5/18 to 8/21 (MD)	
Carolina Chickadee	3/1 to 7/1		4/12 (MD) to 6/14 (DE), peak early-mid May	4/24 (DE) to 6/30 (MD), peak to mid-June	earliest 5/10 (MD)
Tufted Titmouse	3/1 to 7/1		4/14 to 7/7, peak in mid-May (MD)	4/26 to 7/17, peak in late May (MD)	through 8/3-4 (MD)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5/15 to 7/31	"late April" (OH)	"May" (PA)	"June" (PA)	
White-breasted Nuthatch	3/15 to 7/1	as early as 3/25 (MD)	4/7 to 5/20 (MD)	4/30 to 6/17, peak in mid-May (MD)	5/21 (PA) through 7/26 (MD)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	4/1 to 7/31		4/15 to 5/7 (MD), 3/14 to 5/10 (VA)	5/2 to 7/9 (MD), through 7/24 (VA)	6/4 to 8/10 (MD)
Brown Creeper	5/5 to 7/31	as early as 3/29 (MD)	5/5 to 7/18, peak mid-May to mid-June (NY)	most in June (few records) (MD)	earliest 6/14 (MD)
Carolina Wren	4/1 to 7/31		4/4 to 9/13 (MD), first "peak" early May	4/15 to 9/26, peaks mid-May & July (MD)	
House Wren	5/15 to 7/10	earliest egg 4/18 (MD)	5/15 to 7/22 (DE), first "peak" late May	4/30 (MD) to 8/31 (DE), peak mid-June	earliest 5/7 (MD)
Sedge Wren	5/20 to 8/15	most clutches by 2nd week of Aug. (NE)	5/26 to 7/12 (MD), few records	"July" (one record--DE)	late fledgling 9/13 (MD)
Marsh Wren	5/10 to 7/15		5/3 to 8/17 (MD), peak late May through June	6/5 to 8/26, peak in early July (MD)	

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Golden-crowned Kinglet	5/1 to 8/1	nest construction through 6/23 (MD)	5/13 to 7/1 (MD)--very few records	late attempt--7/29 (MD)	fledglings on 7/6 (MD)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	5/7 to 7/1	nest building conspicuous during April	4/11 to 6/10 (MD), peak in early May	5/6 to 6/24 (MD)	
Eastern Bluebird	4/10 to 7/30		3/12 to 9/5 (MD), peaks in April and June	4/17 to 9/23 (MD)	fledgling peaks in May/early June and July
Veery	6/1 to 7/31		5/5 to 6/26 (MD)	5/19 to 7/11 (MD)	
Wood Thrush	5/20 to 7/31		5/7 to 8/6 (MD), peak mid-May to mid-June	as late as 8/22 (PA)	
American Robin	4/15 to 7/15	nest building by 3/21 (MD)	4/4 to 8/29 (MD), peaks early May & mid-June	4/17 to 9/4 (DE), peak in mid-May	
Gray Catbird	5/20 to 7/15		5/1 to 8/19 (MD), peak late May-early June	5/20 (MD) to 8/30 (DE), peaks mid-June & mid-July	
Northern Mockingbird	4/1 to 8/15		3/30 to 8/21 (MD), peak late April to mid-June	4/19 to 9/1 (MD), peaks mid-June & late July	
Brown Thrasher	5/10 to 7/15		4/18 to 7/30 (MD), peak mid-to late May	5/8 to 8/13 (MD), peak in late May	
European Starling	4/15 to 6/10		3/22 to 6/25 (MD), peaks early & late May	4/1 to 7/24 (MD), peak in mid-May	
Cedar Waxwing	6/10 to 7/31	peak breeding now July/August	6/7 to 8/21 (MD)	6/18 to 9/13, latest 10/17 (MD)	
Blue-winged Warbler	5/20 to 7/5	most nest building after 5/20 (MD)	5/17 to 6/18 (MD)--few records	6/13 to 7/12 (MD)--few records	earliest fledgling 6/11 through 7/5 (MD)
Northern Parula	5/25 to 7/25		4/7 to 6/14 (MD)--few records	5/28 to 6/25 (MD)--few records	
Yellow Warbler	5/25 to 7/1		5/6 to 6/23 (MD), peak mid-to late May	5/23 to 7/10 (MD), peak early to mid-June	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6/5 to 7/15	nest building 5/24 (DE) and 6/24 (MD)	5/28 to 6/26 (MD), peak 5/31-6/10 (MD)	6/14-19 (MD)--very few records	dependent young 6/24 to 7/24 (MD)
Yellow-throated Warbler	5/1 to 7/15	nest building 5/8-30 (DE)	earliest 5/16 (MD)--very few records	earliest 6/9 (MD)--very few records	adults with young 6/30 (DE)
Pine Warbler	5/1 to 7/15	nest building by 3/23 (MD)	4/16 (MD) to 6/2 (DE)--few records	4/28 (MD) to 6/22 (DE)	dependent young through 8/11 (DE)
Prairie Warbler	5/15 to 7/20	nest building 5/5 to 6/9 (MD)	5/12 to 7/19 (MD)	5/25 to 7/25 (MD)	dependent young 7/6 to 8/8 (MD)
Cerulean Warbler	5/15 to 7/31		6/10 (MD)--only one record	6/7 to 7/19 (DE)--very few records	young left nest on 6/12 and 7/19-20 (DE)
Black-and-white Warbler	5/25 to 7/1	nest finished by 5/7 (DE)	5/11 (DE) to 6/19 (MD)	5/24 to 7/7 (MD)	recent fledglings 6/3 to 7/28 (MD)
American Redstart	6/5 to 7/5		4/25 to 6/30 (MD), peak early- to mid-June	5/17 to 7/9 (MD)	

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Prothonotary Warbler	5/10 to 7/20		4/28 to 7/3 (MD), peak late May-early June	5/11 to 7/25 (MD), no apparent peak	
Worm-eating Warbler	5/15 to 7/20		5/29 to 7/4 (MD)--few reports	5/28 to 7/4 (MD)--few reports	
Swainson's Warbler†	4/25 to 7/31		5/15 (MD), 5/1 to 6/29 (VA)	6/13 (MD)	fledged young 6/20 (MD)
Ovenbird	5/20 to 7/15		5/2 to 7/17 (MD), peak early to mid-June	5/22 (MD) to 8/2 (DE)	
Louisiana Waterthrush	5/1 to 7/15		4/17 to 6/14 (MD), peak mid-to late May	5/6 to 6/19 (MD)	last fledglings noted first week of July
Kentucky Warbler	5/15 to 7/25		5/16 to 7/31 (MD), peak first week of June	6/1 to 8/11 (MD), peak in mid-June	
Common Yellowthroat	5/20 to 7/15		5/4 to 8/4 (MD), peak late May to mid-June	5/17 to 8/22 (MD), peak in mid-June	
Hooded Warbler	5/15 to 7/25		5/21 to 7/30 (MD)	5/31 to 7/11 (MD)	
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/20 to 7/5		5/20 to 7/24 (DE), peak late May-early June	6/1 to 7/26 (MD), peak in late June	
Summer Tanager	5/20 to 7/15		5/2 to 7/13 (MD)	6/5 (MD) to 8/16 (DE)	
Scarlet Tanager	5/25 to 7/25		5/12 to 8/1 (MD), peak in early June	6/4 to 8/8 (MD), peak in late June	
Eastern Towhee	5/7 to 7/15	nest building begins in late April (MD)	4/22 to 8/28 (MD), peaks May & early July	4/30 to 8/22 (MD), no evident peaks	
Chipping Sparrow	5/7 to 7/15		4/22 to 9/1 (MD), peak in mid- to late May	5/7 to 9/4 (MD), peak in mid-June	
Field Sparrow	4/20 to 7/15		4/21 to 8/25 (MD), peak in mid-May	5/10 to 9/1 (MD), peak in late May	dependent young 9/19 (DE)
Vesper Sparrow	4/20 to 7/15	nest building 4/2 (DE) and 4/14 (MD)	5/5 to 8/1 (MD)	5/14 to 7/23 (MD)	
Savannah Sparrow	5/25 to 7/15		6/6-24 (DE, MD)--very few records	adults carrying food 5/20 to 8/4 (PA)	recently fledged young 6/3 to 7/31 (PA)
Grasshopper Sparrow	5/20 to 7/31	frequently move between nesting attempts	5/15 to 8/19 (MD), peak in early June	5/25 to 9/2 (MD)	recently fledged young 9/10 (MD)
Henslow's Sparrow†	all reports	frequently move between nesting attempts	5/10 to 7/2, probably continues through August (MD)	6/1 (MD)--very few records	fledglings most likely late June-late July
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow	5/25 to 7/15	male does not maintain traditional territory	5/11 to 8/21 (MD)--few records; peak in June	6/4 (MD) to 8/25 (DE)--very few records	
Seaside Sparrow	5/15 to 7/15	nesting begins during April	5/16 (MD) to 7/3 (DE), most during first half of June	5/2 to 6/14 (MD)	late nests produce young in late July

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Song Sparrow	4/15 to 7/15		4/12 to 8/21 (MD)	5/1 to 9/23 (MD), peaks late May & late June	
Swamp Sparrow	5/15 to 7/15	nesting normally begins in late May along coast	5/22 to 7/8 (DE)--few records	no data for coastal plain population	
Northern Cardinal	4/1 to 8/15	nest building can begin in last half of March	4/5 to 8/23 (MD), peak in mid-May	4/12 to 9/5 (MD), peak in mid-May	fledglings frequent through late September
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/1 to 7/15		5/22 to 6/13 (MD), probably through mid-July	6/8-14 (MD), probably into early August	
Blue Grosbeak	5/15 to 7/15		5/5 to 9/3 (MD)	6/1 to 9/11 (MD)	fledglings noted well into September
Indigo Bunting	5/20 to 7/15		5/24 to 8/18 (MD), peaks mid-June & early August	5/24 to 9/13 (MD), no evident peaks	fledglings noted well into September
Dickcissel	5/15 to 7/30		6/4-22 (MD)--very few records; 5/28 to 7/19 (VA)	probably late June through July for first broods	nests into late August are possible
Bobolink†	6/15 to 7/10	nesting begins during last half of May	6/19 (VA), 6/20 (MD); 5/18 to 6/20 (NY)	6/3-8 (VA), 6/24 (MD); peak in late June (PA)	fledglings 6/17 to 8/31 (PA)
Red-winged Blackbird	4/20 to 6/30	males on territory by early February	4/28 to 8/14 (MD), peak mid-May to early June	5/12 to 8/9 (MD), peak early to mid-June	
Eastern Meadowlark	4/20 to 7/15	nest building during last half of April	5/4 to 8/9 (MD), peaks mid-May, early June, late June	5/16 to 7/31 (MD)	
Common Grackle	4/15 to 6/30	courtship occurs during March	3/27 to 8/16 (MD), peaks late April & mid-May	4/13 to 7/8 (MD), peak in mid-May	fledgling on 8/15 (DE)
Boat-tailed Grackle	4/15 to 7/15		4/24 to 7/7 (MD), peak June to early July	5/9 to 7/26 (MD)	
Brown-headed Cowbird	4/20 to 6/30		4/17 to 7/28, peak 5/14 to 6/20 (MD)	5/4 to 7/14 (MD)	
Orchard Oriole	5/15 to 6/30		5/16 to 7/14 (MD), peak late May-early June	5/27 to 8/14 (MD), peak last half of June	
Baltimore Oriole	5/25 to 7/10	nest building by 4/28 (MD)	5/4 to 6/16 (MD)--few records, peak last half of May	5/18 to 8/27 (MD), peak in mid-June	
House Finch	4/15 to 7/30		3/26 to 6/25 (MD), peaks late April & mid-June	4/20 to 6/25 (MD)	fledglings frequent through late July
Pine Siskin†	5/20 to 7/15	nest building in April (DE)	primarily early April to early May in e. North America	4/23 (MD)	fledglings noted 4/12 to 6/17 (OH)
American Goldfinch	6/1 to 8/30	nest building by 7/6 (MD)	7/12 to 9/21 (MD), peak late July-early August	8/3 to 10/6 (MD), peak late August-early September	
House Sparrow	3/1 to 9/30		3/29 to 8/17 (MD), peaks May, late June & early August	4/15 to 9/6 (MD), peak mid-to late May	fledglings by 4/30 (DE), regularly into August

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