

The Birds in My Backyard
August 2022

Bird Species	Behavior				Frequency			Time of Year				FeederWatch Top 25	Plant Interactions and Other Observations
	Bathing	Drinking	Foraging	Nesting	Frequent	Occasional	Infrequent	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall		
American Crow	X	X					X		X	X	X	Yes	Appears to stop by only for bird baths. Occasionally leaves trash in water.
American Goldfinch		X	X			X				X	X	Yes	Eats seeds of Echinacea purpurea 'PowWow White' and occasionally flower heads of Lyreleaf Sage (Salvia lyrata 'Purple Knockout'). Forages in River Birch (Betula nigra).
American Robin	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	Yes	Eats earthworms in turf and garden beds. Eggs from nests occasionally are found around garden.
Blue Jay	X	X	X			X			X	X	X	Yes	Eats fruit of Sweetbay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana). Suns on bare ground.
Brown Thrasher			X				X			X		No	Forages in garden beds.
Carolina Chickadee		X	X			X			X	X	X	Yes	Forages in River Birch (Betula nigra) and other trees.
Carolina Wren		X	X			X			X	X	X	Yes	Forages in garden beds.
Common Grackle		X	X				X		X	X	X	Yes	Forages in turf.
Dark-eyed Junco			X			X		X	X	X	X	Yes	Forages in turf and garden beds.
Downy Woodpecker		X	X			X			X	X	X	Yes	Forages in River Birch (Betula nigra).
European Starling	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	Yes	Forages in turf.
Gray Catbird	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	No	Eats fruit of Sweetbay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana). Forages in garden beds.
House Finch	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	Yes	Eats flower heads of Lyreleaf Sage (Salvia lyrata 'Purple Knockout'). Forages in garden beds.
House Sparrow	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	Yes	Forages in turf and garden beds. Possibly eats seeds of Virginia Sweetspire (Itea virginica). Dust bathes on bare ground.
Mourning Dove	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	Yes	Forages in garden beds. Suns on bare ground.
Northern Cardinal	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	Yes	Eats fruit of Sweetbay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana) and possibly seeds of Virginia Sweetspire (Itea virginica). Forages in garden beds.
Northern Flicker	X	X	X			X			X	X	X	No	Forages for insects in garden beds.
Northern Mockingbird	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	Yes	Eats fruit of Sweetbay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana). Forages in garden beds.
Red-bellied Woodpecker		X					X		X	X	X	Yes	Appears to stop by only for bird baths.
Red-shouldered Hawk			X			X			X	X	X	No	Hunts voles and sparrows in garden.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			X				X		X			No	Forages in River Birch (Betula nigra).
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			X			X			X	X		No	Feeds on nectar of Cardinal Flower (Lobelia cardinalis), Giant Hyssop (Agastache 'Blue Fortune'), Homestead Purple Verbena (Verbena canadensis 'Homestead Purple'), and Wild Petunia (Ruellia humilis).
Song Sparrow	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	Yes	Forages in garden beds.
Tufted Titmouse	X	X				X			X	X		Yes	Appears to stop by only for bird baths.
White-throated Sparrow	X	X	X				X		X	X		Yes	Forages in garden beds.

Notes:

The information in this spreadsheet is based on recall of observations throughout the year.

The FeederWatch Top 25 column indicates whether a species appears on the Project FeederWatch list of Top 25 Feeder Birds for Maryland, 2020-21 (https://feederwatch.org/pfw/top25/PFW_2021/US-MD).

All species except the Common Grackle have a conservation status of Low Concern, according to the Conservation Status Assessment of the 2016 State of North America's Birds report (<https://www.stateofthebirds.org/2016/overview/methods/>).

The Common Grackle is in Steep Decline, according to Partners in Flight (<https://pif.birdconservancy.org/ACAD/Database.aspx>).