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- **Family: Podicipididae, Grebes**
  - Pied-billed Grebe, cS, rW

- **Family: Ardeidae, Herons and Bitterns**
  - Great Blue Heron, cS. Birds feeding at East Pond on the Reserve may nest in the large colony by the Huron River north of Dexter.
  - Great Egret, uS, seen at Southwest Marsh
  - Snowy Egret, rS, seen at Southwest Marsh in 1981
  - Green-backed Heron, cS, nesting in oak woods and dense shrubs around big swamp and southwest marsh, and fishtail marsh.
  - Black-crowned Night-heron, rS
  - Least Bittern, rS
  - American Bittern, uS

- **Family: Anatidae, Swans, Geese and Ducks**
  - *Canada Goose, cS, cT, fW
  - *Wood Duck, fS
  - Green-winged Teal, uT
  - *American Black Duck, uS
  - *Mallard, cS
  - Northern Pintail, uT
  - *Blue-winged Teal, cT, uS
  - Gadwall, uT
  - Ring-necked Duck, cT
  - Lesser Scaup, uT
  - Common Goldeneye, uT
  - Bufflehead, fT
  - Hooded Merganser, uT

- **Family: Cathartidae, American Vultures**
  - *Turkey Vulture, fS, nests in hollow trees

- **Family: Accipitridae, Kites, Eagles, and Hawks**
  - Osprey, uT
  - *Northern Harrier, uT, rS. Nested in 1940s (Hamerstrom and Hamerstrom 1951), also in 1955 (nestlings banded--REM) and 1957 (REM), on Southwest Marsh.
  - *Sharp-shinned Hawk, uS, cT, rW
  - *Cooper's Hawk, uS, cT, fW (Hamerstrom and Hamerstrom 1951), bred 1978-1990 in pines near North Gate
  - Northern Goshawk, rW
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- Red-shouldered Hawk, uT
- *Broad-winged Hawk, fS, cT
- *Red-tailed Hawk, cS, fW. (Hamerstrom and Hamerstrom 1951), two pairs bred on Reserve in most years in 1980s, nests near Lost Lake and Cassandra Bog.

- **Family: Falconidae, and Falcons**
  - *American Kestrel, cS. A pair regularly nests on electric pylons in grids Y33 and Y34, on old railroad bed north of ESGR, from 1982 through 1994, none seen 1995

- **Family: Phasianidae, Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys and Quail**
  - *Ring-necked Pheasant, fP, "Szechuan" pheasants introduced in late 1980s
  - *Ruffed Grouse, fP, oak woodlands
  - *Wild Turkey, uP, introduced in Pinckney State Recreation Area in middle 1980s, became established with family groups seen in Reserve in 1989, 1990. An earlier introduction of 4 birds was unsuccessful.
  - *Northern Bobwhite, uP

- **Family: Rallidae, Rails, Gallinules, and Coots**
  - *Virginia Rail, uS, nested in Southwest Marsh
  - *Sora, fS, nested in Southwest Marsh
  - *Common Moorhen, fS, nested in 1978 in Southwest Marsh
  - *American Coot, cS

- **Family: Gruidae, Cranes**
  - *Sandhill Crane, uS, fT. Nested in Southwest Marsh in 1980s, in two years the nesting pair produced two fledglings.

- **Family: Charadriidae, Plovers and Lapwings**
  - *Killdeer, cS, cT

- **Family: Scolopacidae, Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies**
  - Greater Yellowlegs, fT
  - Lesser Yellowlegs, cT
  - Solitary Sandpiper, fT
  - *Spotted Sandpiper, cT, cS, nest around experimental ponds (built in 1989) in north part of Reserve
  - Upland Sandpiper, rT
  - *Common Snipe, fS, cT
  - *American Woodcock, cS

- **Family: Laridae, Skuas, Gulls, Terns and Skimmers**
  - Ring-billed Gull, uT
  - Herring Gull, uT
  - *Black Tern, rS, fT formerly bred in area, none seen since 1976.

- **Family: Columbidae, Pigeons and Doves**
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- **Family: Cuculidae, Cuckoos**
  - *Rock Dove, cP
  - *Mourning Dove, cS, fW

- **Family: Strigidae, Typical Owls**
  - *Black-billed Cuckoo, uS
  - *Yellow-billed Cuckoo, uS
  - *Eastern Screech-Owl, fP
  - *Great Horned Owl, cP
  - *Barred Owl, fP
  - *Long-eared Owl, uW, rS
  - Northern Saw-whet Owl, fT, uS, uW. (Mumford & Zusi 1958) calling in May 1990

- **Family: Caprimulgidae, Goatsuckers**
  - *Common Nighthawk, cS, cT.
  - *Whip-poor-will, cS. (Sutton 1941)

- **Family: Apodidae, Swifts**
  - *Chimney Swift, cS

- **Family: Trochilidae, Hummingbirds**
  - *Ruby-throated Hummingbird, fS

**Order Coraciiformes, Kingfishers and Allies**

- **Family: Alcedinidae, Kingfishers**
  - *Belted Kingfisher, fS, uW

- **Family: Picidae, Woodpeckers**
  - *Red-headed Woodpecker, fS, uW
  - *Red-bellied Woodpecker, fP, five pairs on Reserve in 1978 and 1979
  - Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, fT
  - *Downy Woodpecker, cP
  - *Hairy Woodpecker, fP
  - *Northern Flicker, cS, rW

- **Family: Tyrannidae, Tyrant Flycatchers**
  - Olive-sided Flycatcher, fT
  - *Eastern Wood-Pewee, cS, parasitized by cowbirds
  - Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, uT
  - *Acadian Flycatcher, cS, larger woods, mainly oaks, increasing in numbers with growth of woods (Mumford 1964), parasitized by cowbirds
  - *Alder Flycatcher, fS, breeds in swamps along north railway
  - *Willow Flycatcher, fS, breeds in swamps, also in uplands, parasitized by cowbirds
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- **Least Flycatcher, cS, cT. (Mumford 1962)**
- **Eastern Phoebe, fS, fT, parasitized by cowbirds**
- **Great Crested Flycatcher, cS**
- **Eastern Kingbird, cS**

- **Family: Alaudidae, Larks**
  - **Horned Lark, cS, uW breeds on open land on farms, not on the Reserve**

- **Family: Hirundinidae, Swallows**
  - **Purple Martin, fS**
  - **Tree Swallow, cS, cT, nests in dead trees, many in nestboxes established in 1988**
  - **Northern Rough-winged Swallow, fS, cT**
  - **Bank Swallow, cS, cT**
  - **Barn Swallow, cS, cT**

- **Family: Corvidae, Jays, Magpies and Crows**
  - **Blue Jay, cP, cT. Vocal behavior was studied by Cohen (1977).**
  - **American Crow, cS, fW**

- **Family: Paridae, Titmice**
  - **Black-capped Chickadee, cP, uT**
  - **Tufted Titmouse, fP**

- **Family: Sittidae, Nuthatches**
  - **Red-breasted Nuthatch, icW**
  - **White-breasted Nuthatch, cP**

- **Family: Certhiidae, Creepers**
  - **Brown Creeper, fT, uW**

- **Family: Trogloodytidae, Wrens**
  - **Bewick’s Wren, rT, singing on 15 May 1955 and 24 April 1957 (REM)**
  - **House Wren, cS**
  - **Winter Wren, uT**
  - **Sedge Wren, uS, in wet grass around East Pond in 1981 and 1982**
  - **Marsh Wren, uS**

- **Family: Muscicapidae, Muscicapids**
  - **Golden-crowned Kinglet, uW, uT**
  - **Ruby-crowned Kinglet, cT**
  - **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, cS, cT, nests in walnuts, oaks, from April to July**

- **Subfamily: Sylviinae, Old World Warblers, Kinglets and Gnatcatchers**

- **Subfamily: Turdinae, Thrushes**
  - **Eastern Bluebird, fS, fW**
  - **Veery, fS, fT**
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- Gray-cheeked Thrush, fT
- Swainson's Thrush, fS, cT
- Hermit Thrush, fS, cT, rW
- *Wood Thrush, cS
- *American Robin, cS, cT, uW

- **Family: Mimidae, Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies**
  - *Gray Catbird, cS
  - Northern Mockingbird, uT
  - *Brown Thrasher, fS

- **Family: Bombycillidae, Waxwings**
  - Bohemian Waxwing, iuW
  - *Cedar Waxwing, cS, cT, iFW

- **Family: Sturnidae, Starlings**
  - *European Starling, cP, cT

- **Family: Vireonidae, Vireos**
  - *White-eyed Vireo, luS, uV, ESGR, fledglings 1990 in Pinckney State Recreation Area
  - Solitary Vireo FT
  - *Yellow-throated Vireo, cS. parasitized by cowbirds (Sutton 1949)
  - *Warbling Vireo, fS. (Sutton 1949)
  - Philadelphia Vireo, uT
  - *Red-eyed Vireo, cS, parasitized by cowbirds. (Sutton 1949)

- **Family: Emberizidae, Emberizids**
  - **Subfamily: Parulinae, Wood-Warblers**
    - *Blue-winged Warbler, fS, ESGR, parasitized by cowbird
    - *Golden-winged Warbler, cT, fS, hybridizes with Blue-winged Warbler, two hybrid male "Brewster's" warblers color-banded, each bred for four years, one with a female Blue-winged Warbler, the other with a female Golden-winged Warbler and fledged 6 young (Payne, in Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas 1991).
    - Tennessee Warbler, cT
    - Orange-crowned Warbler, uT
    - Nashville Warbler, cT
    - Northern Parula, rT
    - *Yellow Warbler, cS, cT, parasitized by cowbirds
    - *Chestnut-sided Warbler, cT, fS, parasitized by cowbirds
    - Magnolia Warbler, cT
    - Cape May Warbler, fT
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- **Black-throated Blue Warbler**, uT
- **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, cT, rW
- **Black-throated Green Warbler**, cT
- **Blackburnian Warbler**, cT
- **Yellow-throated Warbler**, rV. Mumford 1958.
- **Pine Warbler**, uT
- **Prairie Warbler**, uT, lrS, bred in 1980 (Groschupf & Dansereau 1980)
- **Palm Warbler**, cT
- **Bay-breasted Warbler**, cT
- **Blackpoll Warbler**, cT
- **Cerulean Warbler**, uT, cS, ESGR, more numerous in recent years as forest grows
- **Black-and-white Warbler**, cT
- **American Redstart**, cT
- **Prothonotary Warbler**, rT, one sang well into summer in 1974 along edge of Southwest Marsh
- **Worm-eating Warbler**, rS, rV, one molting, netted 800 m south of Reserve in Pinckney State Recreation Area, 1984, S. M. Kielb
- **Ovenbird**, cS, cT, parasitized by cowbirds
- **Northern Waterthrush**, fT
- **Kentucky Warbler**, rT, one singing, June 1977
- **Connecticut Warbler**, uT
- **Mourning Warbler**, fT
- **Common Yellowthroat**, cS, cT, parasitized by cowbird
- **Hooded Warbler**, uT, uS
- **Wilson's Warbler**, fT
- **Canada Warbler**, fT
- **Yellow-breasted Chat**, uT, uS, nests in shrubby marsh along north railway on ESGR

- **Subfamily: Thraupinae, Tanagers**
  - **Scarlet Tanager**, cS, ESGR, parasitized by cowbirds

- **Subfamily: Cardinalinae, Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies**
  - **Northern Cardinal**, cP. parasitized by cowbirds. (Sutton 1935, 1959)
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- **Subfamily: Emberizinae, New World Sparrows**

  - Dickcissel, iuS
  - *Eastern Towhee, cS. Nests on ground, often at base of junipers. Occasionally parasitized by cowbirds. (Sutton 1935, 1959)
  - Bachman's Sparrow, rV
  - American Tree Sparrow, cT, cW
  - *Lark Sparrow, eS. (Sutton 1960; habitat photos), formerly bred in sandy blowout, last seen about 1960 (RBP).
  - *Savannah Sparrow, uS, cT. (Sutton 1935), breeds in alfalfa fields north of Reserve.
  - *Grasshopper Sparrow, uS, not seen in summer since 1984 (Sutton 1935, 1936, 1959)
  - *Henslow's Sparrow, uS, formerly bred nearby (Hyde 1939, Sutton 1935, 1959)
  - Le Conte's Sparrow, rT, one seen spring 1978 on marsh grid M3
  - Fox Sparrow, fT, uW
  - Lincoln's Sparrow, uT
  - *Swamp Sparrow, cS, cT, uW. (Sutton 1960). parasitized by cowbirds
  - White-throated Sparrow, cT, uW
  - White-crowned Sparrow, uT
  - Dark-eyed Junco, cW

- **Subfamily: Icterinae, Blackbirds**

  - *Bobolink, fS, nests in alfalfa fields north of ESGR
  - *Eastern Meadowlark, uS
  - Western Meadowlark, uT
  - Rusty Blackbird, cT
  - *Common Grackle, cS, cT, uW
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- chestnut-sided warbler, common yellowthroat, ovenbird, northern cardinal, indigo bunting, eastern towhee, field sparrow, chipping sparrow, song sparrow, swamp sparrow
  - □ Orchard Oriole, rS
  - □ *Baltimore Oriole, cS

- **Family: Fringillidae, Finches**
  - **Subfamily: Carduelinae, Cardueline Finches**
    - □ Purple Finch, cT, ifW
    - □ *House Finch, cP, none seen on ESGR, established in Pinckney in 1989, when heard at corner of M36 and Kelly Road
    - □ Pine Grosbeak, uW
    - □ Red Crossbill, ifW
    - □ Common Redpoll, icW
    - □ Pine Siskin, cT, ifW
    - □ Evening Grosbeak, icW

- **Family: Passeridae, Old World Sparrows**
  - □ *House Sparrow, cP