



River Houses Calendar of American Birds 2021–2022

THIS is the annual schedule for our Friday Bird Families posts on the River Houses website (riverhouses.org). Follow this simple schedule for a few minutes every week, looking up the entries for each family in your recommended homeschool bird guide (riverhouses.org/books), and over the course of the year, without even realizing it, your students will absorb a wealth of new knowledge about biology, geography, and natural history. (Numbers shown are North American and world species totals.)

FALL TERM (Cygnus Term)

September 2021

- 3 (F): Introduction to Your Bird Guide
- 10 (F): Ducks, Geese, & Swans (I) (66/160)
- 17 (F): Ducks, Geese, & Swans (II)
- 24 (F): New World Quail (6/33) · Curassows & Guans (1/54) · Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, & Old World Quail (18/178)

October 2021

- 1 (F): Grebes (7/22) · Flamingos (1/6)
- 8 (F): Pigeons & Doves (19/318)
- 15 (F): Cuckoos, Roadrunners, & Anis (8/142) · Goatsuckers (10/93)
- 22 (F): Swifts (9/100) · Hummingbirds (24/340)
- 29 (F): Limpkins (1/1) · Rails, Gallinules, & Coots (17/141) · Cranes (3/15)

November 2021

- 5 (F): Stilts & Avocets (3/8) · Oystercatchers (3/13)
- 12 (F): Lapwings & Plovers (17/67) · Jacanas (1/8)
- 19 (F): Sandpipers (I) (66/94)
- 26 (F): Sandpipers (II)

WINTER TERM (Orion Term)

December 2021

- 3 (F): Skuas & Jaegers (5/7) · Auks, Murres, & Puffins (23/25)
- 10 (F): Gulls, Terns, & Skimmers (I) (50/97)
- 17 (F): Gulls, Terns, & Skimmers (II)
- 24 (F): Tropicbirds (3/3) · Loons (5/5) · Albatrosses (10/15)
- 31 (F): Shearwaters & Petrels (32/86) · Storm-Petrels (15/25)

January 2022

- 7 (F): Storks (2/19) · Frigatebirds (3/5) · Boobies & Gannets (6/10) · Cormorants (6/31) · Darters (1/4) · Pelicans (2/8)
- 14 (F): Herons & Bitterns (20/63) · Ibises & Spoonbills (4/34)
- 21 (F): New World Vultures (3/7) · Ospreys (1/1) · Hawks, Kites, Eagles, & Allies (27/240)
- 28 (F): Barn Owls (1/19) · Typical Owls (23/194)

February 2022

- 4 (F): Trogons (2/44) · Kingfishers (4/91)
- 11 (F): Woodpeckers & Allies (25/217)
- 18 (F): Caracaras & Falcons (11/64)
- 25 (F): Old World Parrots (3/184) · African & New World Parrots (17/167)

SPRING TERM (Leo Term)

March 2022

- 4 (F): Tyrant Flycatchers (46/420) · Becards & Allies (3/29)
- 11 (F): Shrikes (3/34) · Vireos (17/62)
- 18 (F): Crows & Jays (I) (21/126)
- 25 (F): Crows & Jays (II)

April 2022

- 1 (F): Larks (2/93) · Swallows (15/84)
- 8 (F): Chickadees & Titmice (12/59) · Penduline Tits & Verdins (1/10) · Long-tailed Tits & Bushtits (1/10)
- 15 (F): Nuthatches (4/28) · Creepers (1/9) · Wrens (11/82)
- 22 (F): Gnatcatchers (4/15) · Dippers (1/5) · Kinglets (2/6)
- 29 (F): Sylviid Warblers (2/62) · Leaf Warblers (8/77) · Grasshopper-Warblers (2/57) · Old World Flycatchers & Chats (14/271)

May 2022 · Bird Migration Month

- 6 (F): Thrushes (26/181)
- 13 (F): Mockingbirds & Thrashers (12/34)
- 20 (F): Bulbuls (1/123) · Starlings (3/117) · Waxwings (2/3) · Silky-Flycatchers (2/4) · Olive Warblers (1/1) · Accentors (1/13)
- 27 (F): Indigobirds & Whydahs (1/20) · Weavers (1/108) · Estrildid Finches (1/140) · Old World Sparrows (2/39)

SUMMER TERM (Hercules Term)

June 2022

- 3 (F): Wagtails & Pipits (10/67)
- 10 (F): Fringilline Finches, Cardueline Finches, & Allies (25/221) · Longspurs & Snow Buntings (6/6)
- 17 (F): Wood-Warblers (I) (57/109)
- 24 (F): Wood-Warblers (II)

July 2022

- 1 (F): Western Spindalis (1/1) · Tanagers (5/371)
- 8 (F): Emberizid Sparrows (I) (53/168)
- 15 (F): Emberizid Sparrows (II)
- 22 (F): Cardinals & Allies (18/48)
- 29 (F): Blackbirds (25/104)

August 2022

- 5 (F): Accidental & Extinct Species