

CAPITAL REGION LAND CONSERVANCY

Varina LandLab Naturalist Guide

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Community Science

Capital Region Land Conservancy is an ardent facilitator of citizen science projects. We encourage you to record your observations during your visit or participate in a future Bioblitz on the property. Join our current Citizen Science Projects:

- eBird – <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L8260406>
- iNaturalist – <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/crlc-varina-landlab>

Birds

Hundreds of bird species have been identified at Varina LandLab. As a designated important bird area, we are working to promote bird foraging, nesting, and breeding at VLL through habitat management and research projects with classes at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Please visit the [eBird](#) page for Varina LandLab for the most up to date list of birds seen on the property.

Entrance #1 is a great location to view grassland and forest wetland-loving birds from a high vantage point. The bluff overlooking the James River at Entrance #3 provides a high location to view birds of prey like eagles, hawks, and osprey along the river.

Insects:

Insects serve as pollinators, food sources for other wildlife, and increase the overall biodiversity of Varina LandLab. We would greatly appreciate you recording any insects you see during your visit.

Other Wildlife

While many animals have been identified as Varina LandLab so far, we would greatly appreciate you recording any animals you see during your visit through the iNaturalist app to grow out list. List of Animals observed at Varina LandLab:

- Red Fox
- Skunk
- Deer
- Eastern Harvest Mouse
- Domestic Cat
- Beaver
- Eastern River Cooter
- Box turtle
- Marsh Rabbit
- Eastern Mole
- Grey Squirrel
- American Mink



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Upland Habitats



Removal or Destruction of plants is prohibited

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Moist to Wet Habitats



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Invasive, Non Native Plant Guide



Conservation at home: Invasive plants often spread from homes and gardens, taking the place of native plants in parks and natural areas. Please DO NOT plant these plants at your home!