

The Official List of the Birds of Pennsylvania

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The Official List of the Birds of Pennsylvania was last published in 2018 (*Pennsylvania Birds* 32:23-28). The Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee (PORC) is tasked, per their bylaws, to review every species on the state list, and publish an Official State List every five years. Between 2023 and 2024, PORC revised the State List. The list below reflects accepted records as of April 27, 2024. PORC reviews records submitted to our website as well and those submitted to eBird (if the eBird record includes media and has been approved by the regional eBird reviewer).

Classification of Records

Each record is classified by the committee based on the voting record of all members, on each record. Classifications are as follows:

Class I: An accepted species documented by identifiable specimen, diagnostic photograph, or diagnostic recording.

Class II: An accepted sight record documented independently by two, or more, observers.

Class III: An accepted sight record documented independently by one observer.

Per the PORC Bylaws, the records must meet the Class I criteria to be included on the Official State List of the Birds of Pennsylvania. Species that are accepted as Class II and III are accepted on the **Provisional List** until they are promoted to Class I through supporting documentation of physical evidence (see Class I criteria).

Status Definition and Numerical Abundance Codes

In 2024, the committee combined Status Definition and Numerical Abundance Codes to create a single system for describing abundance of birds in Pennsylvania. Codes 4, 5, and 6 are considered review list species.

Regular. 1. Common

Regular. 2. Uncommon, local, or hard-to-find

Regular. 3. Rare but annual, or highly restricted/irregular breeder

Casual. 4. Occasional or increasing vagrant, six or more records in the last 30 years (review list)

Accidental. 5. Generally, five or fewer records in the last 30 years (review list)

Extirpated. 6. A previously regularly occurring species that has not been recorded in fifty years (review list)

Extinct. 6. Extinct or probably extinct (review list)

Note on the above: A record refers to a distinct instance of a bird or group of birds in a region. For example, if multiple reviewers

observed the same species as it moved throughout a region, this would still count as a single record. Additionally, these occurrences only reflect PORC-reviewed records.

Nomenclature

The taxonomic treatment and species sequence follows the 24th supplement of the 7th edition of the *Checklist of North American Birds* (American Ornithologists' Union (AOU), 1998) and represents the order of the 65th supplement to the American Ornithological Society's *Check-list of North American Birds* (Chesser et al., 2024).

THE OFFICIAL PENNSYLVANIA LIST

This seventh edition of the Official List contains 457 species: 447 accepted as Class I, and 10 on the Provisional List. Since it was last published in 2018, there are 13 additions to the Official State List. One addition to the Provisional List was Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Class III (2012), overlooked on the previously published list. Since the last published list, the AOS has split some species; this has resulted in some names having been updated (e.g., Common Gull, Western Cattle-Egret, American Goshawk, American Barn Owl, and Northern House Wren), but no new species were added to the state list by a split. However, Hoary Redpoll has been lumped with Common Redpoll, and thus no longer appears on the list.

Note on Documentation: **Bold-faced/Underlined** species and any species not already on the list are classified as rarities, and sightings of these species therefore require a specimen, photograph, recording, or one or more written descriptions for considerations of acceptance by PORC.

Species with an asterisk (*) indicate those that are no longer on the review list due to their increased abundance in the state.

CLASS I ADDITIONS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LIST SINCE 2018

Tundra Bean-Goose (*Anser serrirostris*) - photographed 2020, Delaware

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) - photographed 2023, Washington

Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) - photographed 2022, Crawford

American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) - photographed 2023, Franklin

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cyananthus latirostris*) -
photographed 2023, Allegheny
Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) - photographed 2023, Lancaster
Pacific Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*) - photographed 2020,
Dauphin
Neotropic Cormorant (*Nannopterum brasilianum*) -
photographed 2021, Lycoming
Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) - photographed
2022, Montgomery
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) - photographed 2019, Erie
Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*) - photographed 2023,
Washington
Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*) - photographed 2023,
Mifflin
Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*) - photographed 2020,
Westmoreland
Hermit Warbler (*Setophaga occidentalis*) - photographed
2022, Delaware

CLASS I – 447 SPECIES

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)
Casual. 4
Snow Goose (*Anser caerulescens*) Regular. 1
Ross's Goose (*Anser rossii*) Regular. 3
Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*) Regular. 3
Tundra Bean-Goose (*Anser serrirostris*) Accidental. 5
Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) Casual. 4
Brant (*Branta bernicla*) Regular. 2
Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) Casual. 4
Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*) Regular. 2
Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) Regular. 1
Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) Regular. 2
Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*) Regular. 3
Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*) Regular. 1
Common Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*) Accidental. 5
Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*) Regular. 1
Blue-winged Teal (*Spatula discors*) Regular. 1
Cinnamon Teal (*Spatula cyanoptera*) Accidental. 5
Northern Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*) Regular. 1
Gadwall (*Mareca strepera*) Regular. 1
Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*) Regular. 3
American Wigeon (*Mareca americana*) Regular. 1
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) Regular. 1
American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) Regular. 1
Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) Accidental. 5
Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*) Regular. 1
Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*) Regular. 1
Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*) Regular. 1
Redhead (*Aythya americana*) Regular. 1
Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*) Regular. 1
Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) Accidental. 5
Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*) Regular. 1
Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*) Regular. 1
King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) Casual. 4
Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) Accidental. 5
Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) Casual. 4

Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*) Regular. 2
White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta deglandi*) Regular. 2
Black Scoter (*Melanitta americana*) Regular. 2
Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*) Regular. 2
Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*) Regular. 1
Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) Regular. 1
Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) Casual. 4
Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) Regular. 1
Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*) Regular. 1
Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) Regular. 1
Masked Duck (*Nomonyx dominicus*) Accidental. 5
Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) Regular. 1
Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) Extirpated. 6
Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) Regular. 1
Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) Regular. 2
Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*) Extirpated. 6
Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) Regular. 2
American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) Accidental. 5
Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) Regular. 1
Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*) Regular. 1
Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*) Regular. 2
Eared Grebe* (*Podiceps nigricollis*) Regular. 3
Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) Accidental. 5
Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) Regular. 1
Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) Regular. 3
Passenger Pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) Extinct. 6
Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina*) Accidental. 5
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) Casual. 4
Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*) Regular. 1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) Regular. 1
Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*) Regular. 1
Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) Regular. 1
Chuck-will's-widow (*Antrostomus carolinensis*) Casual. 4
Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*) Regular. 1
Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) Regular. 1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) Regular. 1
Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)
Accidental. 5
Bahama Woodstar (*Nesophlox evelynae*) Accidental. 5
Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) Accidental. 5
Calliope Hummingbird (*Selasphorus calliope*) Accidental. 5
Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) Regular. 3
Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*) Accidental. 5
Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cyananthus latirostris*)
Accidental. 5
Spotted Rail (*Pardirallus maculatus*) Accidental. 5
King Rail* (*Rallus elegans*) Casual. 3
Clapper Rail (*Rallus crepitans*) Casual. 4
Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*) Regular. 2
Corn Crane (*Crex crex*) Accidental. 5
Sora (*Porzana carolina*) Regular. 2
Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) Regular. 2
American Coot (*Fulica americana*) Regular. 1
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) Casual. 4
Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) Casual. 4
Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) Casual. 4
Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) Accidental. 5
Sandhill Crane (*Antigone canadensis*) Regular. 2

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) Casual. 4
 American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*) Regular. 3
American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*) Casual. 4
 Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) Regular. 2
 American Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*) Regular. 2
Pacific Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*) Accidental. 5
 Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) Regular. 1
 Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) Regular. 1
 Piping Plover* (*Charadrius melodus*) Regular. 3
Wilson's Plover (*Anarhynchus wilsonia*) Accidental. 5
Snowy Plover (*Anarhynchus nivosus*) Accidental. 5
 Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*) Regular. 3
 Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) Regular. 3
Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) Probably Extinct. 6
Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*) Accidental. 5
 Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) Regular. 3
 Marbled Godwit* (*Limosa fedoa*) Casual. 3
 Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) Regular. 2
 Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*) Regular. 3
Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*) Casual. 4
 Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*) Regular. 2
Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*) Accidental. 5
 Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) Regular. 2
 Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) Regular. 1
 Purple Sandpiper* (*Calidris maritima*) Regular. 3
 Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*) Regular. 2
 Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*) Regular. 1
 White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*) Regular. 2
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Calidris subruficollis*) Regular. 3
 Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*) Regular. 1
 Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*) Regular. 1
 Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) Regular. 3
 Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*) Regular. 2
 Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) Regular. 3
 American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) Regular. 1
 Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) Regular. 1
 Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*) Regular. 1
 Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) Regular. 1
 Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) Regular. 1
 Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) Regular. 3
 Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) Regular. 1
 Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*) Regular. 3
 Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) Regular. 3
Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) Casual. 4
Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) Casual. 4
 Parasitic Jaeger* (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) Regular. 3
Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) Casual. 4
Dovekie (*Alle alle*) Accidental. 5
Thick-billed Murre (*Uria lomvia*) Accidental. 5
Black Guillemot (*Cephus grylle*) Accidental. 5
Long-billed Murrelet (*Brachyramphus perdix*) Accidental. 5
Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*) Accidental. 5
Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) Casual. 4
Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*) Casual. 4
 Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*) Regular. 1
Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) Casual. 4
 Little Gull* (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) Regular. 3
Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) Accidental. 5
 Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) Regular. 2
Franklin's Gull (*Leucophaeus pipixcan*) Regular. 4
Common Gull (*Larus canus*) Accidental. 5
 Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) Regular. 1
California Gull (*Larus californicus*) Casual. 4
 Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) Regular. 1
 Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucooides*) Regular. 2
 Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) Regular. 2
Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) Accidental. 5
Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) Accidental. 5
 Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) Regular. 2
 Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) Regular. 1
Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*) Accidental. 5
Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) Casual. 4
 Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) Casual. 4
Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) Casual. 4
 Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*) Regular. 2
 Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) Regular. 2
White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) Accidental. 5
Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougallii*) Accidental. 5
 Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) Regular. 2
Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) Casual. 4
 Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*) Regular. 2
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) Casual. 4
Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) Casual. 4
White-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon lepturus*) Accidental. 5
 Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*) Regular. 2
Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) Casual. 4
 Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) Regular. 1
Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*) Accidental. 5
Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Hydrobates leucorhous*) Accidental. 5
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (*Hydrobates castro*) Accidental. 5
Trindade Petrel (*Pterodroma arminjoniana*) Accidental. 5
Black-capped Petrel (*Pterodroma hasitata*) Accidental. 5
Cory's Shearwater (*Calonectris borealis*) Accidental. 5
Great Shearwater (*Ardenna gravis*) Accidental. 5
Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) Casual. 4
Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) Accidental. 5
Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*) Casual. 4
Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*) Accidental. 5
Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) Accidental. 4
 Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) Regular. 2
 Double-crested Cormorant (*Nannopterum auritum*) Regular. 1
Neotropic Cormorant (*Nannopterum brasilianum*) Accidental. 5
 American White Pelican* (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) Regular. 3
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) Casual. 4
 Least Bittern (*Botaurus exilis*) Regular. 2
 American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) Regular. 2
 Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) Regular. 2
Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) Casual. 4
 Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) Regular. 2
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) Regular. 3
 Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) Regular. 2
 Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) Regular. 1
 Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) Regular. 1
 Western Cattle-Egret* (*Ardea ibis*) Regular. 3

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) Regular. 1
White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Regular. 4
 Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Regular. 3
White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) Casual. 4
Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) Accidental. 3
 Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) Regular. 1
 Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) Regular. 1
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) Regular. 1
Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Casual. 4
 Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) Regular. 2
 Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*) Regular. 1
 Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) Regular. 1
 Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) Regular. 1
 American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*) Regular. 3
 Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) Regular. 1
 Mississippi Kite* (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) Regular. 3
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) Accidental. 5
 Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*) Regular. 1
 Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) Regular. 1
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) Casual. 4
 Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) Regular. 1
 Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*) Regular. 2
Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*) Accidental. 5
 American Barn Owl (*Tyto furcata*) Regular. 2
 Eastern Screech-Owl (*Megascops asio*) Regular. 1
 Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) Regular. 1
 Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) Regular. 3
Northern Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*) Accidental. 5
 Barred Owl (*Strix varia*) Regular. 1
Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) Accidental. 5
 Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*) Regular. 3
 Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) Regular. 2
Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*) Accidental. 5
 Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) Regular. 2
 Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*) Regular. 1
 Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*)
 Regular. 1
 Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) Regular. 1
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) Regular. 1
Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) Accidental. 5
 Downy Woodpecker (*Dryobates pubescens*) Regular. 1
 Hairy Woodpecker (*Dryobates villosus*) Regular. 1
 Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) Regular. 1
 Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) Regular. 1
Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) Accidental. 5
 American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) Regular. 1
 Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) Regular. 1
Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) Casual. 4
 Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) Regular. 1
Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) Accidental. 5
Carolina Parakeet (*Conuropsis carolinensis*) Extinct. 5
Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) Casual. 4
 Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) Regular. 1
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) Accidental. 5
Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) Casual. 4
 Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) Regular. 1
Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) Accidental. 5
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) Casual. 4

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) Accidental. 5
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) Regular. 2
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) Regular. 1
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) Regular. 2
 Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*) Regular. 1
 Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*) Regular. 1
 Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) Regular. 1
 Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) Regular. 1
Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*) Accidental.
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Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*) Accidental. 5
Western Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*) Accidental. 5
 Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) Regular. 1
Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) Casual. 4
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) Accidental. 5
 White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) Regular. 1
 Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) Regular. 1
 Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) Regular. 1
 Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*) Regular. 2
 Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) Regular. 1
 Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) Regular. 1
Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) Casual. 4
 Northern Shrike (*Lanius borealis*) Regular. 2
 Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) Regular. 1
 American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) Regular. 1
 Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*) Regular. 1
 Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) Regular. 1
 Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*) Regular. 1
 Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) Regular. 1
Boreal Chickadee (*Poecile hudsonicus*) Accidental. 5
 Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) Regular. 1
 Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) Regular. 1
 Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) Regular. 1
 Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) Regular. 1
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)
 Regular. 1
 Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) Regular. 1
 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) Regular. 1
 Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) Regular. 1
Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) Casual. 4
 Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*) Regular. 1
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Corthylio calendula*) Regular. 1
Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) Casual. 4
 Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) Regular. 1
 Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*) Regular. 1
 White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) Regular. 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) Accidental. 5
 Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*) Regular. 1
Rock Wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*) Accidental. 5
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*) Regular. 1
Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) Extirpated. 6
 Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) Regular. 1
 Northern House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Regular. 1
 Winter Wren (*Troglodytes hiemalis*) Regular. 1
 Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus stellaris*) Regular. 3
 Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) Regular. 2
 Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) Regular. 1
 Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) Regular. 1

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) Regular. 1
European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) Regular. 1
Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) Regular. 1
Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) Accidental. 5
Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) Casual. 4
Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*) Regular. 1
Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus*) Regular. 2
Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*) Accidental. 5
Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) Regular. 1
Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) Regular. 1
Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) Regular. 1
Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*) Accidental. 5
American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) Regular. 1
Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) Casual. 4
European Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) Accidental. 5
Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) Casual. 4
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Regular. 1
American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*) Regular. 1
Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*) Accidental. 5
Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) Regular. 3
Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*) Accidental. 5
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*)
Accidental. 5
House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*) Regular. 1
Purple Finch (*Haemorhous purpureus*) Regular. 1
Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*) Regular. 2
Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) Regular. 3
White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) Regular. 3
Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*) Regular. 2
Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*) Accidental. 5
American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) Regular. 1
Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*) Regular. 2
Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) Regular. 2
Bachman's Sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*) Extirpated. 6
Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*) Regular. 1
Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*) Casual. 4
Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) Accidental. 5
Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) Regular. 1
Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) Regular. 3
Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) Regular. 1
Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*) Accidental. 5
Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*) Regular. 1
American Tree Sparrow (*Spizelloides arborea*) Regular. 1
Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) Regular. 1
White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) Regular. 1
Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*)
Accidental. 5
Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) Casual. 4
White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) Regular. 1
Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*) Regular. 2
LeConte's Sparrow (*Ammospiza leconteii*) Casual. 4
Seaside Sparrow (*Ammospiza maritima*) Accidental. 5
Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammospiza nelsoni*) Regular. 3
Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammospiza caudacuta*) Accidental. 5
Henslow's Sparrow (*Centronyx henslowii*) Regular. 2
Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) Regular. 1
Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) Regular. 1
Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*) Regular. 1
Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) Regular. 1
Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*) Accidental. 5
Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) Accidental. 5
Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) Regular. 1
Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) Regular. 2
Yellow-headed Blackbird* (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)
Casual. 3
Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) Regular. 1
Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) Regular. 1
Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) Accidental. 5
Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) Regular. 1
Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) Casual. 4
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) Regular. 1
Black-backed Oriole (*Icterus abeillei*) Accidental. 5
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*) Accidental. 5
Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) Regular. 1
Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) Accidental. 5
Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) Regular. 1
Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) Regular. 2
Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) Casual. 4
Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) Regular. 1
Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) Regular. 1
Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) Regular. 1
Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*) Regular. 1
Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) Regular. 1
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) Regular. 2
Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora cyanoptera*) Regular. 1
Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) Regular. 1
Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*) Regular. 2
Swainson's Warbler* (*Limnithlypis swainsonii*) Casual. 3
Tennessee Warbler (*Leiothlypis peregrina*) Regular. 1
Orange-crowned Warbler (*Leiothlypis celata*) Regular. 2
Nashville Warbler (*Leiothlypis ruficapilla*) Regular. 1
Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*) Regular. 2
MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*) Accidental. 5
Mourning Warbler (*Geothlypis philadelphia*) Regular. 2
Kentucky Warbler (*Geothlypis formosa*) Regular. 2
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) Regular. 1
Hooded Warbler (*Setophaga citrina*) Regular. 1
American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) Regular. 1
Kirtland's Warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*) Casual. 4
Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*) Regular. 1
Cerulean Warbler (*Setophaga cerulea*) Regular. 1
Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*) Regular. 1
Magnolia Warbler (*Setophaga magnolia*) Regular. 1
Bay-breasted Warbler (*Setophaga castanea*) Regular. 1
Blackburnian Warbler (*Setophaga fusca*) Regular. 1
Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*) Regular. 1
Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Setophaga pensylvanica*) Regular. 1
Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*) Regular. 1
Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*)
Regular. 1
Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*) Regular. 1
Pine Warbler (*Setophaga pinus*) Regular. 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*) Regular. 1
Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*) Regular. 2
Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*) Regular. 1

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*) Casual.

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Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) Accidental. 5

Hermit Warbler (*Setophaga occidentalis*) Accidental. 5

Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*) Regular. 1

Canada Warbler (*Cardellina canadensis*) Regular. 1

Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*) Regular. 1

Summer Tanager* (*Piranga rubra*) Regular. 3

Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*) Regular. 1

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) Casual. 4

Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) Regular. 1

Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) Regular. 1

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) Casual.

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Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*) Regular. 2

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) Accidental. 5

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) Regular. 1

Varied Bunting (*Passerina versicolor*) Accidental. 5

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) Casual. 4

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) Regular. 3

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The official State List is a record of species documented with a photograph, audio recording, or as a specimen, but the committee can accept a sight-record with written evidence only, and these remain on a Provisional State List:

Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) Accidental. 5

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*) Accidental. 5

Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) Accidental. 5

Surfbird (*Calidris virgata*) Accidental. 5

Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) Accidental. 5

Northern Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*) Accidental. 5

Wilson's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*) Accidental. 5

Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*) Accidental. 5

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*) Accidental. 5

Common Swift (*Apus apus*) Accidental. 5

RECOGNIZABLE FORMS AND SUBSPECIES

(Black) Brant (*Branta bernicula nigrens*) 6

Green-winged (Eurasian) Teal (*Anas crecca crecca*) 5

Iceland Gull (Thayer's) (*Larus glaucooides thayeri*) 4

Great Blue Heron (White form) (*Ardea herodias occidentalis*) 6

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*) 5

White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel's) (*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii*) 4

Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (*Junco hyemalis [oreganus group]*) 5

Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*) 6

(Sooty) Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca unalaschensis*) 6

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