

OFFICIAL LIST OF THE BIRDS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

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The Official List of the Birds of Pennsylvania was last published in 2006 (*Pennsylvania Birds* V20:184-189). One of the responsibilities of the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee (P.O.R.C.) is to review the status of all species on the state list and to publish an Official State List every five years. The committee has completed its assignment and the following list is the result of its work.

CLASSIFICATION OF RECORDS

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.

The records must meet Class I criteria to be included on the Official List. Species in Class II and Class III are accepted to the **Provisional List** until they can be elevated to Class I status through submission of physical evidence (specimen, photograph, audio or video recording).

STATUS DEFINITION

Regular: Recorded 8, 9, or 10 of the past ten years.

Casual: Recorded 4, 5, 6, or 7 of the past ten years.

Accidental: Recorded 3 or fewer of the past ten years.

Extirpated: A previously regularly occurring species that has not been recorded in 50 or more years.

Extinct: Species which no longer exists.

Note: These definitions reflect the number of years in which the species has been recorded, not the number of occurrences within one year. Therefore, 100 occurrences in one year in the last ten years would still be classified as Accidental.

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 consideration of acceptance by P.O.R.C.

NOMENCLATURE

The taxonomic treatment and species sequence follows the 7th edition of the AOU checklist published in 1998 and changes made in subsequent supplements: 47th (*Auk* 2006, V123:926-936), 48th (*Auk* 2007 V124:1109-1115), 49th (*Auk* 2008 V125:758-768), 50th (*Auk* 2009 V126:705-714), 51st (*Auk* 2010 V127:726-744) and 52nd (*Auk* 2011 V128:600-613).

THE PENNSYLVANIA LIST

This fifth edition of the Official List contains 426 species—418 accepted as Class I and 8 on the Provisional List. There

are 11 additions to the Official State List since the publication of the fourth edition in 2006. The additions are given below.

Additions to the Pennsylvania List since 2006

Barnacle Goose – added in 2008 by photographs from 2000

Trumpeter Swan – added in 2007 by photographs from 1996

Yellow-billed Loon – added in 2007 by photograph

Western Grebe – added in 2009 by photograph

White-faced Ibis – added in 2010 by photograph

Prairie Falcon – added in 2010 by photograph

Slaty-backed Gull – added in 2008 by photograph

Long-billed Murrelet – added in 2007 by photograph

Anna's Hummingbird – added in 2010 by photograph

Allen's Hummingbird – added in 2009 by photograph

Scott's Oriole – added in 2007 by photograph



Image 1. Pennsylvania's first Western Grebe, Conodiguinet Creek, Cumberland, 17 February 2009. (Malcolm Harter)

Class I - 418 SPECIES

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)

Accidental.

Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) Casual.

Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*) Regular.

Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens*) Regular.

Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*) Regular.

Brant (*Branta bernicla*) Regular.

Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) Casual.

Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*) Regular.

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) Regular.

Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) Regular.

Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*) Regular.

Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*) Regular.

Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*) Regular.

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) Regular.

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) Regular.

American Wigeon (*Anas americana*) Regular.

American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) Regular.

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) Regular.

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*) Regular.
Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*) Accidental.
 Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*) Regular.
 Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*) Regular.
 Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*) Regular.
 Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*) Regular
 Redhead (*Aythya americana*) Regular.
 Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*) Regular.
Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) Accidental.
 Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*) Regular.
 Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*) Regular.
King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) Accidental.
Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) Casual.
 Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*) Regular.
 White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) Regular.
 Black Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*) Regular.
 Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*) Regular.
 Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*) Regular.
 Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) Regular.
Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) Accidental.
 Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) Regular.
 Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*) Regular.
 Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) Regular.
Masked Duck (*Nomonyx dominicus*) Accidental.
 Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) Regular.
 Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) Regular.
 Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) Regular
 Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) Regular.
Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*)
 Extirpated.
 Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) Regular.
 Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*) Regular.
Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) Accidental.
 Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) Regular.
Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*) Accidental.
 Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) Regular.
 Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*) Regular.
 Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*) Regular.
 Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) Regular.
Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) Accidental.
Black-capped Petrel (*Pterodroma hasitata*) Accidental.
Cory's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*) Accidental.
Great Shearwater (*Puffinus gravis*) Accidental.
Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*)
 Accidental.
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*)
 Accidental
White-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon lepturus*) Accidental
Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) Accidental.
Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)
 Accidental.
Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*) Accidental.
 Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) Regular.
 Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) Regular.
Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) Accidental.
 American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)
 Regular.
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) Accidental.
 American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) Regular.
 Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*) Regular.
 Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) Regular.
 Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) Regular.
 Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) Regular.
 Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) Regular.
Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) Regular.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) Regular.
 Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) Regular.
 Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
 Regular.
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)
 Regular.
White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Casual.
 Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Regular.
White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) Accidental.
Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) Accidental.
 Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) Regular.
 Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) Regular.
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) Regular.
Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Casual.
Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) Regular.
 Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) Regular.
 Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) Regular.
 Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) Regular.
 Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) Regular.
 Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) Regular.
 Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*) Regular.
 Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) Regular.
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) Accidental.
 Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) Regular.
 Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*) Regular.
 Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) Regular.
 American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) Regular.
 Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) Regular.
Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) Accidental.
 Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) Regular.
Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) Accidental.
Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) Accidental.
Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) Accidental.
Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris*) Accidental.
King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) Casual.
 Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*) Regular.
 Sora (*Porzana carolina*) Regular.
Spotted Rail (*Pardirallus maculatus*) Accidental.
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*) Accidental.
 Common Gallinule (*Gallinula chloropus*) Regular.
 American Coot (*Fulica americana*) Regular.
 Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis*) Regular.
 Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) Regular.
 American Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*) Regular.
Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*) Accidental.
Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*) Accidental.
 Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) Regular.
Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) Casual.
 Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) Regular.
American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*)
 Accidental.
Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) Casual.
 American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*) Regular.
 Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*) Regular.
 Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) Regular.
 Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) Regular.
 Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) Regular.
 Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) Regular.
 Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*) Regular.
Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) Accidental.
 Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) Regular.
Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*) Accidental.
 Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) Casual.
 Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*) Casual.

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) Regular.
 Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*) Regular.
 Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) Regular.
 Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*) Regular.
 Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) Regular.
 Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*) Regular.
 White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*) Regular.
 Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*) Regular.
 Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*) Regular.
 Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*) Casual.
 Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) Regular.
Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*) Accidental.
 Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*) Regular.
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*) Regular.
Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) Accidental.
 Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*) Regular.
 Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) Regular.
 Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) Regular.
 American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) Regular.
 Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*) Regular.
 Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) Regular.
Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) Regular.
Black-Legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) Accidental.
Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*) Casual.
 Bonaparte's Gull (*Larus philadelphia*) Regular.
Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) Regular.
 Little Gull (*Larus minutus*) Regular.
Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) Accidental.
 Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) Regular.
 Franklin's Gull (*Larus pipixcan*) Regular.
Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) Accidental.
 Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) Regular.
California Gull (*Larus californicus*) Casual.
 Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) Regular.
Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*) Regular.
 Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucooides*) Regular.
 Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) Regular.
Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) Accidental.
 Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) Regular.
 Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) Regular.
Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) Accidental.
 Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) Casual.
Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) Casual.
 Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*) Regular.
 Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) Regular.
Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougallii*) Accidental.
 Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) Regular.
Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) Casual.
 Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*) Regular.
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) Casual.
Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) Casual.
Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) Casual.
Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) Casual.
Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) Accidental.
Dovekie (*Alle alle*) Accidental.
Thick-billed Murre (*Uria lomvia*) Accidental.
Black Guillemot (*Cephus grylle*) Accidental.
Long-billed Murrelet (*Brachyramphus perdi*) Accidental.
Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*)
 Accidental.
 Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) Regular.
 Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) Regular.
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) Casual.
 Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*) Regular.

Passenger Pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) Extinct.
Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*)
 Accidental.
 Carolina Parakeet (*Conuropsis carolinensis*) Extinct.
 Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*) Regular.
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) Regular.
 Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) Regular.
 Eastern Screech-Owl (*Megascops asio*) Regular.
 Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) Regular.
 Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) Regular.
Northern Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*) Accidental.
 Barred Owl (*Strix varia*) Regular.
Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) Accidental.
 Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*) Regular.
 Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) Regular.
Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*) Accidental.
 Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) Regular.
 Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) Regular.
Chuck-will's-widow (*Caprimulgus carolinensis*) Casual.
 Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*) Regular.
 Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) Regular.
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*)
 Regular.
Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) Accidental.
 Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) Regular.
Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*) Accidental.
Calliope Hummingbird (*Stellula calliope*) Accidental.
 Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*) Regular.
 Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*)
 Regular.
 Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) Regular.
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) Regular.
 Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*) Regular.
 Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) Regular.
Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) Accidental.
 Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) Regular.
 Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) Regular.
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) Regular.
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) Regular.
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) Regular.
 Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*) Regular.
 Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*) Regular.
 Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) Regular.
 Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) Regular.
Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*)
 Accidental.
Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*)
 Accidental.
 Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) Regular.
Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) Accidental.
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) Accidental.
Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)
 Accidental.
 Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) Regular.
Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) Casual.
 Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) Regular.
Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) Accidental.
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) Casual.
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) Accidental.
Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) Regular
 Northern Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*) Casual.
 White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) Regular.
 Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) Regular.
 Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) Regular.
 Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) Regular.

Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*) Regular.
 Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) Regular.
 Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) Regular.
 American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) Regular.
 Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*) Regular.
 Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) Regular.
 Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) Regular.
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) Regular.
 Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) Regular.
 Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) Regular.
 Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) Regular.
 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) Regular.
 Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) Regular.
Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) Casual
 Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*) Regular
 Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) Regular.
Boreal Chickadee (*Poecile hudsonica*) Accidental.
 Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) Regular.
 Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*) Regular.
 White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) Regular.
Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) Accidental.
 Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*) Regular.
 Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) Regular.
Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) Accidental.
 House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Regular.
 Winter Wren (*Troglodytes hiemalis*) Regular.
 Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*) Regular.
 Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) Regular.
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*) Regular.
 Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*) Regular.
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*) Regular.
Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) Accidental.
 Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) Regular.
Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) Accidental.
Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) Casual.
 Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*) Regular.
 Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*) Casual.
 Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) Regular.
 Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) Regular.
 Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) Regular.
Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*) Accidental.
 American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) Regular.
Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) Casual.
 Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) Regular.
 Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) Regular.
 Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) Regular.
 European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) Regular.
 American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*) Regular.
Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) Casual.
 Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) Regular.
 Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*) Regular.
 Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) Regular.
 Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) Regular.
 Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) Regular.
 Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*) Regular.
 Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) Regular.
 Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora cyanoptera*) Regular.
 Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) Regular.
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) Regular.
 Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*) Regular.
Swainson's Warbler (*Limnithlypis swainsonii*) Casual.
 Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) Regular.
 Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*) Regular.
 Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*) Regular.
 Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*) Regular.
MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*) Accidental.
 Mourning Warbler (*Geothlypis philadelphia*) Regular.
 Kentucky Warbler (*Geothlypis formosus*) Regular.
 Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) Regular.
 Hooded Warbler (*Setophaga citrina*) Regular.
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) Regular.
Kirtland's Warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*) Accidental.
 Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*) Regular.
 Cerulean Warbler (*Setophaga cerulea*) Regular.
 Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*) Regular.
 Magnolia Warbler (*Setophaga magnolia*) Regular.
 Bay-breasted Warbler (*Setophaga castanea*) Regular.
 Blackburnian Warbler (*Setophaga fusca*) Regular.
 Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*) Regular.
 Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Setophaga pensylvanica*) Regular.
 Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*) Regular.
 Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*) Regular.
 Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*) Regular.
 Pine Warbler (*Setophaga pinus*) Regular.
 Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*) Regular.
 Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*) Regular.
 Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*) Regular.
Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*) Accidental.
Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) Accidental.
 Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*) Regular.
 Canada Warbler (*Cardellina canadensis*) Regular.
 Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*) Regular.
 Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) Regular.
Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*) Accidental.
Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) Accidental.
 Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) Regular.
Bachman's Sparrow (*Aimophila aestivalis*) Extirpated.
 American Tree Sparrow (*Spizella arborea*) Regular.
 Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) Regular.
 Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) Regular.
 Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) Regular.
 Vesper Sparrow (*Poocetes gramineus*) Regular.
Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*) Casual.
Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) Accidental.
 Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) Regular.
 Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*) Regular.
 Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) Regular.
Le Conte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*) Casual.
 Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*) Regular.
Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*) Accidental.
Seaside Sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus*) Accidental.
 Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*) Regular.
 Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) Regular.
 Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*) Regular.
 Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) Regular.
 White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) Regular.
Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) Casual.
 White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) Regular.
Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) Accidental.
 Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) Regular.
Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) Regular.
 Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*) Regular.

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) Accidental.
 Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) Regular.
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) Regular.
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)
 Accidental.
 Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*) Regular.
Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) Accidental.
 Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) Regular.
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) Casual.
 Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) Regular.
 Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) Regular.
 Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) Regular.
 Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) Regular.
Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) Casual.
 Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)
 Regular.
 Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) Regular.
 Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) Regular.
 Common Crackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) Regular.
 Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) Regular.
 Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) Regular.
Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) Accidental.
 Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) Regular.
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*) Accidental.
Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*) Accidental.
Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*) Accidental.
 Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*) Regular.
 House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*) Regular.
 Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) Regular.
 White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) Regular.
 Common Redpoll (*Carduelis flammea*) Regular.
Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*) Accidental.
 Pine Siskin (*Carduelis pinus*) Regular.
 American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*) Regular.
 Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) Regular.
 House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Regular.



Image 2. Pennsylvania's first Long-billed Murrelet, Nockamixon State Park, Bucks, 14 December 2007. (Gerry Dewaghe)

Provisional List

Although no species is accepted on the official Pennsylvania list without documentation by specimen, photograph or tape-recording, the Committee may accept sight records (i.e. for species not on the state list) which are supported by written details alone. Such species are added to this

“Provisional List”. If acceptable documentation in the form of specimen, photograph, or video/audio recording finally becomes available, the species is then moved to the Class I list.

Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) Accidental.
Northern Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*) Accidental.
Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) Accidental.
Surfbird (*Aphriza virgata*) Accidental.
Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*) Accidental.
apus sp. (*Apus*). Accidental.
Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*) Accidental.
Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)
 Accidental.

TOTAL - 426 SPECIES

Recognizable forms and subspecies

This is a list of recognizable forms and subspecies that have occurred in Pennsylvania for which documentation of future sightings is requested.

(Black) Brant (*Branta bernicla nigricans*).
Green-winged (Eurasian) Teal (*Anas crecca crecca*).
Great Blue Heron (White form) (*Ardea herodias occidentalis*).
Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*).
White-crowned (Gambell's) Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii*).
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (*Junco hyemalis [oreganus group]*).
Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*).

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REQUESTS FOR CORRECTIONS AND RECORDS

This Official List should not be considered as the final word on Pennsylvania birdlife. It is only our knowledge to the present, and will be outdated soon after it is published. Undoubtedly, there will be errors, typographical or technical, and perhaps omissions. When these are noted or when authentic records are obtained for species that are not listed, that information should be forwarded to the **Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee, Nick Pulcinella, Secretary. 613 Howard Road, West Chester, PA 19380; nickpulcinella@verizon.net.**

List of the Birds of Washington County

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A total of 271 species are known to have occurred in Washington County and have been compiled here into a single list. Historical records were taken from Todd's *Birds of Western Pennsylvania* (1940) and issues of the *Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania Bulletin* from 1968 to 1987 (courtesy Paul Hess). More recent records were taken from *Pennsylvania Birds*, with a great deal of assistance from Geoff Malosh. Additional information concerning occurrence and/or status was obtained from county birders Andy Berchin, Lauren Conkle, Ross Gallardy, Sayre Greenfield, Margaret Higbee, and Chuck Teague.

Species in normal type are observed every year. Those in *italic* type are irregular or occasional and not observed every year. These may include species that are likely present every year but not reported every year. Those underlined are very rare, casual, or accidental, generally with five or fewer known records. **Bolded** species are, presently, probable or confirmed breeders. Species with an asterisk (*) were probable or confirmed breeders during the first Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas but with no definitive breeding evidence since, or which have an historical breeding record. Records of birds not listed, underlined, or breeding but not bolded, should be sent with full details to the *Pennsylvania Birds* Washington County compiler.

Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Cackling Goose
Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Tundra Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Ring-necked Pheasant
Ruffed Grouse
Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe*
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Brown Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
American Bittern
Least Bittern*
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Little Blue Heron
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk

Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
*Virginia Rail**
Sora
Purple Gallinule
Common Moorhen
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Hudsonian Godwit
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Dunlin
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Caspian Tern
Common Tern
Forster's Tern
Black Tern
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Black-billed Cuckoo
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Barn Owl*
Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl

Snowy Owl
Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Common Nighthawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Yellow-shafted Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Northern Shrike
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Horned Lark
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
N. Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow*
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Bewick's Wren*
House Wren

Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing
Blue-winged Warbler
*Golden-winged Warbler**
"Brewster's" Warbler
"Lawrence's" Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler*
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler*
American Redstart
Prothonotary Warbler
*Worm-eating Warbler**
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Louisiana Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler