

The 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 2011 (Pennsylvania Birds V25, 152-156). 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. In 2016, the State List was revised, and species status were updated in 2018. The list below reflects accepted records as of June 30, 2018.

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

- Regular:** Recorded 8, 9, or 10 of the past 10 years
Casual: Recorded 4, 5, 6, or 7 of the past 10 years
Accidental: Recorded 3 or fewer of the past 10 years
Extirpated: A previously breeding species that has not been recorded in Pennsylvania 50, or more, years.
Extinct: Species which no longer exists.

Note on the above: The years “recorded” refers to the number of years in which the species has been recorded by PORC, and not the number of occurrences within one year. An example of this would be if 50 occurrences of a single species were recorded in one calendar year (example: hurricane birds), during the last ten years, it would still be classified as Accidental. Additionally, these occurrences only reflect PORC reviewed records. Records contributed to other reporting outlets (eBird), but not PORC, are not included in the Official State List.

NUMERICAL ABUNDANCE CODES

The committee has decided to add an abundance code to each species on the Official State List, which reflects the current distribution of the species, and its rarity status. Note the numerical designation in bold after each status.

- 1 - common**
2 - uncommon, local, or hard-to-find
3 - rare but annual, or highly restricted breeder
4 - rare but annual (review list)
5 – casual or increasing vagrant (review list)

- 6 – accidental, generally fewer than five modern records (review list)**
7 – extirpated or probably extinct (review list)
X - extinct

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.

NOMENCLATURE

The taxonomic treatment and species sequence follows the 17th supplement of the 7th edition of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (American Ornithologist’s Union (AOU) 1998), and represents the order of the 58th supplement to the American Ornithological Society’s *Check-list of North American Birds* (2017).

THE OFFICIAL PENNSYLVANIA LIST

This sixth edition of the Official List contains 438 species --- 429 accepted as Class I and 9 on the Provisional List. Since last published in 2011, there are 11 additions to the Official State List.

Class I Additions to the Pennsylvania List since 2011:

- Bahama Woodstar** – Photographed and measured (banded) 2013, Lancaster
Black-chinned Hummingbird – Photographed 2012, Bucks
Kelp Gull – Photographed 2015, Allegheny
White-winged Tern – Photographed 2017, Tioga
Trinidad Petrel – Photographed 2012, Blair
Brown Booby - Photographed 2015, Bucks
Crested Caracara - Photographed 2014, Washington
Tropical Kingbird - Photographed 2014, Philadelphia
European Robin - Photographed 2015, Bucks
Lesser Goldfinch - Photographed 2013, Franklin
Black-backed Oriole - Photographed 2017, Berks

Class I – 429 SPECIES

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Accidental. **5**
Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens*) Regular. **1**
Ross’s Goose (*Chen rossii*) Regular. **3**
Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*) Regular. **3**
Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) Casual. **5**
Brant (*Branta bernicla*) Regular. **2**
Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) Casual. **5**
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**
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
 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. 6
 Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*) Regular. 1
 Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*) Regular. 1
King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) Accidental. 5
Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) Casual. 5
 Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*) Regular. 2
 White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) 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*) Accidental. 5
 Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) Regular. 1
 Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*) Regular. 1
 Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) Regular. 1
Masked Duck (*Nomonyx dominicus*) Accidental. 6
 Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) Regular. 1
 Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) No self-sustaining populations, 7
 Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) Regular. 2
 Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) Regular. 2
Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*) Extirpated. 7
 Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) Regular. 1
 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. 4
Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) Accidental. 6
 Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) Regular. 1
 Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) Regular. 3
 Passenger Pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) Extinct. X
Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) Accidental. 6
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) Casual. 5
 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 (*Antrastomus carolinensis*) Casual. 5
 Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Antrastomus vociferus*) Regular. 1
 Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) Regular. 1
Bahama Woodstar (*Calliphlox evelynae*) Accidental. 6
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) Regular. 1
Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*) Accidental. 6
Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) Accidental. 6
 Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) Regular. 3
Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*) Accidental. 6
Calliope Hummingbird (*Selasphorus calliope*) Accidental. 6
Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) Accidental. 5
Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) Accidental. 5
Clapper Rail (*Rallus crepitans*) Accidental. 6
King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) Regular. 4
 Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*) Regular. 2
 Sora (*Porzana carolina*) Regular. 2
Spotted Rail (*Pardirallus maculatus*) Accidental. 6
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) Accidental. 5
 Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) Regular. 2
 American Coot (*Fulica americana*) Regular. 1
 Sandhill Crane (*Antigone canadensis*) Regular. 3
Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) Casual. 5
 American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*) Regular. 3

American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*) Accidental. 5
 Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) Regular. 2
 American Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*) Regular. 2
Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*) Accidental. 6
Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*) Accidental. 6
 Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) Regular. 1
Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) Regular. 4
 Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) Regular. 1
 Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*) Regular. 3
 Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) Regular. 3
Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) Probably Extinct. 7
Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*) Accidental. 6
 Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) Regular. 3
Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*) Casual. 5
 Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) Regular. 2
 Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*) Regular. 3
Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*) Casual. 5
 Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*) Regular. 2
Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*) Accidental. 6
 Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) Regular. 2
 Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) Regular. 1
Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*) Regular. 4
 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 macularia*) 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*) Regular. 4
Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) Casual. 5
Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) Regular. 4
Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) Accidental 6
Dovekie (*Alle alle*) Accidental. 6
Thick-billed Murre (*Uria lomvia*) Accidental. 6
Black Guillemot (*Cepphus grylle*) Accidental. 6
Long-billed Murrelet (*Brachyramphus perdix*) Accidental. 6
Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*) Accidental. 6
Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) Accidental. 5
Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*) Casual. 5
 Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*) Regular. 1
Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) Regular. 4
Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) Regular. 4
Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) Accidental. 6
 Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) Regular. 2
Franklin's Gull (*Leucophaeus pipixcan*) Regular. 4
Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) Accidental. 6
 Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) Regular. 1
California Gull (*Larus californicus*) Accidental. 5
 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. 6
 Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) Regular. 3
 Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) Regular. 1
Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*) Accidental. 6
Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) Accidental. 5
Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) Casual. 5
Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) Casual. 6

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*) Regular. 2
 Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) Regular. 2
White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) Accidental. 6
Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougallii*) Accidental. 6
 Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) Regular. 2
Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) Casual. 5
 Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*) Regular. 2
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) Casual. 5
Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) Casual. 5
White-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon lepturus*) Accidental. 6
 Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*) Regular. 2
Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) Accidental. 5
 Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) Regular. 1
Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*) Accidental. 6
Trinidad Petrel (*Pterodroma arminjoniana*) Accidental. 6
Black-capped Petrel (*Pterodroma hasitata*) Accidental. 6
Cory's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*) Accidental. 6
Great Shearwater (*Ardenna gravis*) Accidental. 6
Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) Accidental. 6
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*) Accidental. 6
Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) Accidental. 5
Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) Accidental. 6
Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*) Accidental. 6
Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*) Accidental. 5
 Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) Regular. 1
 Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) Regular. 2
Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) Accidental. 5
American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) Casual. 5
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) Accidental. 6
 American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) Regular. 2
 Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*) Regular. 2
 Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) Regular. 1
 Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) Regular. 1
 Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) Regular. 2
 Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) Regular. 3
Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) Casual. 5
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) Regular. 4
 Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) Regular. 1
 Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) Regular. 2
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) Regular. 3
White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Regular. 4
 Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Regular. 3
White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) Accidental. 6
Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) Accidental. 6
 Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) Regular. 1
 Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) Regular. 1
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) Regular. 1
Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Casual. 5
Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) Regular. 4
 Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) Regular. 1
 Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*) Regular. 1
 Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) Regular. 1
 Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) Regular. 1
 Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) Regular. 2
 Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*) Regular. 1
 Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) Regular. 1
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) Accidental. 5
 Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) Regular. 1
 Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*) Regular. 2
 Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) Regular. 2
 Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) 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. 6
 Barred Owl (*Strix varia*) Regular. 1
Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) Accidental. 6
 Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*) Regular. 2
 Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) Regular. 2
Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*) Accidental. 6
 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
 Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*) Regular. 1
 Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) Regular. 1
Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) Accidental. 6
 Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) Regular. 1
 Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) Regular. 1
Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) Accidental. 6
 American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) Regular. 1
 Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) Regular. 1
Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) Accidental. 5
 Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) Regular. 2
Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) Accidental. 6
 Carolina Parakeet (*Conuropsis carolinensis*) Extinct. X
 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. 6
Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*) Accidental. 6
 Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) Regular. 1
Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) Accidental. 5
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) Accidental. 6
Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) Accidental. 6
 Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) Regular. 1
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) Accidental. 6
Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) Casual. 5
 Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) Regular. 1
Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) Accidental. 6
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) Casual. 5
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) Accidental. 6
Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) Casual. 5
 Northern Shrike (*Lanius borealis*) Regular. 3
 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
 Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) Regular. 1
 American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) Regular. 1
 Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*) Regular. 1
 Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) Regular. 1
 Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) Regular. 1
 Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) Regular. 1
 Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) Regular. 1
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) Regular. 1
 Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) Regular. 1
 Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) Regular. 1
Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) Casual. 5
 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) Regular. 1
 Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*) Regular. 1
 Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) Regular. 1
Boreal Chickadee (*Poecile hudsonicus*) Accidental. 6
 Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) Regular. 1
 Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*) Regular. 1
 White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) Regular. 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) Accidental. 6
 Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*) Regular. 1
 House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Regular. 1
 Winter Wren (*Troglodytes hiemalis*) Regular. 1
 Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*) Regular. 3
 Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) Regular. 2
 Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) Regular. 1

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) Accidental. 7
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*) Regular. 1
 Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*) Regular. 1
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*) Regular. 1
European Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) Accidental. 6
Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) Accidental. 6
 Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) Regular. 1
Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) Accidental. 5
Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) Accidental. 5
 Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*) Regular. 1
 Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus*) Regular. 2
Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*) Regular. 4
 Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) Regular. 1
 Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) Regular. 1
 Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) Regular. 1
Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*) Accidental. 6
 American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) Regular. 1
Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) Casual. 5
 Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) Regular. 1
 Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) Regular. 1
 Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) Regular. 1
 European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) Regular. 1
Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) Casual. 5
 Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) Regular. 1
 House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Regular. 1
 American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*) Regular. 1
Brambling (*Fringella montifringilla*) Accidental. 6
 Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) Regular. 3
Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*) Accidental. 5
 House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*) Regular. 1
 Purple Finch (*Haemorhous purpureus*) Regular. 1
 Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*) Regular. 2
Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) Casual. 5
 Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) Regular. 3
 White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) Regular. 3
 Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*) Regular. 2
Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*) Accidental. 6
 American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) Regular. 1
 Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*) Regular. 2
 Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) Regular. 2
Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*) Accidental. 6
Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) Accidental. 6
 Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) Regular. 1
Bachman's Sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*) Extirpated. 7
 American Tree Sparrow (*Spizelloides arborea*) Regular. 1
 Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) Regular. 1
 Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) Regular. 3
 Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) Regular. 1
 Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*) Regular. 2
Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*) Casual. 5
Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) Accidental. 5
 Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) Regular. 1
 Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*) Regular. 1
 Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) Regular. 2
LeConte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*) Casual. 5
 Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*) Regular. 3
Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*) Accidental. 6
Seaside Sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus*) Accidental. 5
 Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*) Regular. 1
 Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) Regular. 1
 Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*) Regular. 1
 Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) Regular. 1
 White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) Regular. 1
Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) Casual. 5
 White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) Regular. 1
Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) Accidental. 6
 Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) Regular. 1
 Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) Regular. 2
Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) Regular. 4
 Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) Regular. 1

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) Regular. 1
Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) Casual. 5
 Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) Regular. 1
Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) Casual. 5
 Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) Regular. 1
Black-backed Oriole (*Icterus abeilli*) Accidental. 6
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*) Accidental. 6
 Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) Regular. 1
Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) Accidental. 6
 Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) Regular. 1
 Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) Regular. 2
Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) Casual. 5
 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. 5
 Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) Regular. 1
 Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*) Regular. 2
 Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*) Regular. 1
 Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*) Regular. 2
MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*) Accidental. 6
 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*) Accidental. 5
 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*) Accidental. 5
Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) Accidental. 6
 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. 4
 Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*) Regular. 1
Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) Casual. 5
 Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) Regular. 1
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) Regular. 1
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) Casual. 5
 Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*) Regular. 2
Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) Accidental. 6
 Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) Regular. 1
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) Casual. 5
 Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) Regular. 3

Provisional List

Records accepted by the committee as Class II or Class III (sight record with written description), but lacking documentation with

photograph, audio recording, or specimen, are held on the Provisional List until other documentation is provided for that species.

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. **6**

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*) **6**

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Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) Accidental. **6**

Surfbird (*Calidris virgata*) **6**

Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) Accidental. **6**

Northern Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*) Accidental. **6**

Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*) **6**

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*) **6**

Recognizable forms and subspecies:

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

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

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

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

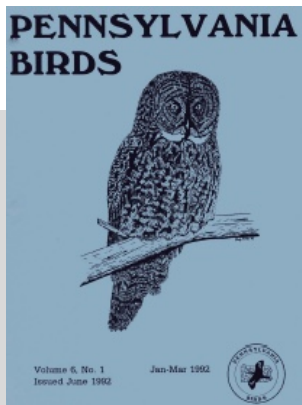
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*) **5**

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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REQUESTS FOR CORRECTIONS AND RECORDS

The Official State List, and status and abundance listed in this essay, is not entirely conclusive for the avian occurrences in Pennsylvania. With other reporting outlets available, details are limited to what has been presented to this committee. Pending records may be accepted prior to the publishing of this essay.

It is possible that there will be errors in this list, whether typographical or technical, and potentially omissions. If you note these, please alert the committee by contacting the committee at: porcbirds@gmail.com

For current pending records, please see:

<https://pabirds.org/records/index.php/most-recent-additions-to-the-state-list/>

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25 Years Ago in *Pennsylvania Birds*

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Dan Brauning and Brenda Peebles reported on Bald Eagle nesting success the previous year (1991). They noted that the 6 nests and 12 fledged young in 5 counties were the largest numbers since pre-1960!

The first Mew Gull (*Larus canus canus*) record for Pennsylvania was reported from Berks County with an article detailing the subspecies identification. Originally found at Lake Ontelaunee, it was later found at Blue Marsh Lake and then Strausstown. It was present from 1/2/1992 to 2/23/1992

The first live (see the article!) Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) record in the twentieth century for the state was also documented (Warren County). It was seen by many observers from 1/28/1992 - 3/27/1992.

This issue can be read at pabirds.org.

