

ALABAMA BIRD LIST

This list of Alabama Birds is based on bird records accumulated for many years by members of the Alabama Ornithological Society and other Alabama birders and ornithologists. The geographical and seasonal distribution in Alabama of the birds on this list varies. Some birds, such as Brown Pelicans, are found only on the coast. Other species may be found only in north Alabama. Some of the birds listed as common, are common only in the appropriate habitat or certain areas of Alabama. The arrival and departure dates for winter visitors, summer residents, and migrants are approximate and experience considerable variation from one species to another and from year to year.

Due to space limitations the text codes do not indicate the sub-categories (abundant/common etc.) A good source for this information is ALABAMA BIRDS by Tom Imhof. Unfortunately this book is out of print. Many public libraries have the book and it may be found for sale in bookstores that deal in used books. Many of the websites on our links pages have quite a bit of information on the geographical and seasonal distribution of birds nationwide.

DEFINITIONS

Abundant - A common bird that occurs in large numbers.

Common - Can almost always be found in its habitat at the right season after a proper search.

Fairly Common - Can be found half or more than half the time in its habitat at the right season.

Uncommon - Found less than half the time in its habitat at the right season.

Rare - Indicates regular occurrence, usually annually, but in very small numbers.

Casual - Very few records. Species does not occur in Alabama at regular intervals.

Accidental - Less than 5 records. Alabama is outside the normal range of this species.

Hypothetical - Species with no photographs or specimens and unverified by several experienced observers.

Extinct - Species that are no longer in existence.

Extirpated - Species that are no longer occur in Alabama.

Permanent Resident - Birds that can be found in Alabama the entire year in the appropriate habitat.

Winter Visitor - Birds that spend the winter months in Alabama. Generally October - March.

Summer Resident - Birds that spend the summer months and breed in Alabama. Generally March - September.

Migrant - Birds that pass through Alabama, usually in spring and fall. Migration peaks occur in April & October.

Vagrant - Birds whose occurrence is unpredictable. Birds that are perhaps lost. Many are western species.

EXPLANATION OF TEXT & COLOR CODES

- Black Text - Permanent Resident
- Blue Text - Winter Visitor
- Green Text - Summer Resident
- Red Text - Migrant/Vagrant
- Normal Text - abundant/common/uncommon
- *Italics* - rare
- **Bold Text** - accidental/casual/hypothetical
- ***Bold Italic*** - extinct/extirpated

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Loon, Red-throated

Loon, Pacific

Loon, Common

Grebe, Pied-billed

Grebe, Horned

Grebe, Red-necked

Grebe, Eared

Grebe, Western

Shearwater, Cory's

Shearwater, Greater

Shearwater, Sooty

Shearwater, Audubon's

Storm-Petrel, Wilson's

Storm-Petrel, Leach's

Storm-Petrel, Band R.

Booby, Masked

Booby, Brown

Gannet, Northern

Pelican, American White

Pelican, Brown

Cormorant, Great

Cormorant, Double-crested

Cormorant, Neotropic

Anhinga

Frigatebird, Magnificent

Bittern, American

Bittern, Least

Heron, Great Blue

Egret, Great

Egret, Snowy

Heron, Little Blue

Heron, Tricolored

Egret, Reddish

Egret, Cattle

Heron, Green

Night-Heron, Black Cr.

Night Heron, Yellow Cr.

Ibis, White

Ibis, Glossy

Ibis, White-faced

Spoonbill, Roseate

Stork, Wood

Whistling-Duck, Fulvous

Whistling-Duck, Black-b.

Swan, Tundra

Goose, Gr. White-fronted

Goose, Snow

Goose, Ross's

Brant

Goose, Canada

Duck, Wood

Teal, Green-winged

Duck, American Black

Duck, Mottled
Mallard
Pintail, White-checked
Pintail, Northern
Teal, Blue-winged
Teal, Cinnamon
Shoveler, Northern
Gadwall
Wigeon, Eurasian
Wigeon, American
Canvasback
Redhead
Duck, Ring-necked
Scaup, Greater
Scaup, Lesser
Duck, Harlequin
Oldsquaw
Scoter, Black
Scoter, Surf
Scoter, White-winged
Goldeneye, Common
Bufflehead
Merganser, Hooded
Merganser, Common
Merganser, Red-breasted
Duck, Ruddy
Vulture, Black
Vulture, Turkey
Osprey
Kite, Swallowtailed
Kite, White-tailed
Kite, Mississippi
Eagle, Bald
Harrier, Northern
Hawk, Sharp-shinned
Hawk, Cooper's
Goshawk, Northern
Hawk, Red-shouldered
Hawk, Broad-winged
Hawk, Swainson's
Hawk, Red-tailed
Hawk, Rough-legged
Eagle, Golden
Kestrel, American
Merlin
Falcon, Prairie ?
Falcon, Peregrine
Grouse, Ruffed
Turkey, Wild
Bobwhite, Northern

Rail, Yellow

Rail, Black
Rail, Clapper

Rail, King
Rail, Virginia
Sora
Gallinule, Purple
Moorhen, Common
Coot, American
Crane, Sandhill
Plover, Black-bellied
Golden-Plover, American
Plover, Snowy
Plover, Wilson's
Plover, Semipalmated
Plover, Piping
Kildeer
Plover, Mountain
Oystercatcher, American
Stilt, Black-necked
Avocet, American
Yellowlegs, Greater
Yellowlegs, Lesser
Sandpiper, Solitary
Willit
Sandpiper, Spotted
Sandpiper, Upland
Whimbrel
Curlew, Long-billed
Godwit, Hudsonian
Godwit, Marbled
Turnstone, Ruddy
Knot, Red
Sanderling
Sandpiper, Semipalmated
Sandpiper, Western
Sandpiper, Least
Sandpiper, White-rumped
Sandpiper, Baird's
Sandpiper, Pectoral
Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed
Dunlin
Sandpiper, Curlew ?
Sandpiper, Stilt
Sandpiper, Buff-breasted
Ruff
Dowitcher, Short-billed
Dowitcher, Long-billed
Snipe, Common
Woodcock, American
Phalarope, Wilson's
Phalarope, Red-necked
Phalarope, Red
Jaeger, Pomarine ?
Jaeger, Parasitic ?
Gull, Laughing
Gull, Franklin's
Gull, Little
Gull, Bonaparte's

Gull, Ring-billed
Gull, Herring
Gull, Iceland
Gull, Lesser Black-back.
Gull, Glaucous
Gull, Great Black-backed
Kittiwake, Black-legged
Gull, Sabine's
Tern, Gull-billed
Tern, Caspian
Tern, Royal
Tern, Sandwich
Tern, Roseate
Tern, Common
Tern, Forster's
Tern, Least
Tern, Bridled
Tern, Sooty
Tern, Black
Noddy, Brown
Skimmer, Black
Dove, Rock
Collared-Dove, Eurasian
Dove, White-winged
Dove, Mourning
Ground-Dove, Common
Cuckoo, Black-billed
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed
Ani, Groove-billed
Owl, Barn
Screech-Owl, Eastern
Owl, Great Horned
Owl, Snowy
Owl, Burrowing
Owl, Barred
Owl, Long-eared
Owl, Short-eared
Owl, Northern Saw-whet
Nighthawk, Lesser
Nighthawk, Common
Chuck-will's-widow
Whip-poor-will
Swift, Chimney
Hummingbird, Gr. V.-ear

Hummingbird, Buff-bellied
Hummingbird, Magnificent
Hummingbird, Ruby-thr.
Hummingbird, Black-chin.
Hummingbird, Anna's
Hummingbird, Calliope
Hummingbird, Broad-tailed
Hummingbird, Rufous
Hummingbird, Allen's
Kingfisher, Belted
Woodpecker, Red-headed

Woodpecker, Red-bellied
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied
Woodpecker, Downy
Woodpecker, Hairy
Woodpecker, Red-cock.
Flicker, Northern
Woodpecker, Pileated
Flycatcher, Olive-sided
Wood-Pewee, Eastern
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied
Flycatcher, Acadian
Flycatcher, Alder
Flycatcher, Willow
Flycatcher, Least
Flycatcher, Hammond's
Phoebe, Eastern
Phoebe, Say's
Flycatcher, vermilion
Flycatcher, Ash-throated
Flycatcher, Great-crested
Flycatcher, LaSagra's
Flycatcher, Sulphur-bellied
Kingbird, Couch's
Kingbird, Western
Kingbird, Eastern
Kingbird, Gray
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed
Flycatcher, Fork-tailed
Lark, Horned
Martin, Purple
Swallow, Tree
Swallow, N. Rough-winged
Swallow, Bank
Swallow, Cliff
Swallow, Cave
Swallow, Barn
Jay, Blue
Crow, American
Crow, Fish
Chickadee, Carolina
Titmouse, Tufted
Nuthatch, Red-breasted
Nuthatch, White-breasted
Nuthatch, Brown-headed
Creeper, Brown
Wren, Rock
Wren, Carolina
Wren, Bewick's
Wren, House
Wren, Winter
Wren, Sedge
Wren, Marsh
Kinglet, Golden-crowned
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned
Gnatcatcher, Blue-Gray
Wheatear, Northern

Bluebird, Eastern
Veery
Thrush, Gray-cheeked
Thrush, Swainson's
Thrush, Hermit
Thrush, Wood
Robin, American
Thrush, Varied
Catbird, Gray
Mockingbird, Northern
Thrasher, Sage
Thrasher, Brown
Pipit, American
Pipit, Sprague's
Waxwing, Cedar
Shrike, Loggerhead
Starling, European
Vireo, White-eyed
Vireo, Bell's
Vireo, Blue-headed
Vireo, Yellow-throated
Vireo, Warbling
Vireo, Philadelphia
Vireo, Red-eyed
Vireo, Black-whiskered
Warbler, Blue-winged
Warbler, Golden-winged
Warbler, Tennessee
Warbler, Orange-crowned
Warbler, Nashville
Parula, Northern
Warbler, Yellow
Warbler, Chestnut-sided
Warbler, Magnolia
Warbler, Cape May
Warbler, Black-thr. Blue
Warbler, Yellow-rumped
Warbler, Black-thr. Gray
Warbler, Black-thr. Green
Warbler, Blackburnian
Warbler, Yellow-throated
Warbler, Pine
Warbler, Prairie
Warbler, Palm
Warbler, Bay-breasted
Warbler, Blackpoll
Warbler, Cerulean
Warbler, Black-and-white
Redstart, American
Warbler, Prothonotary
Warbler, Worm-eating
Warbler, Swainson's
Ovenbird
Waterthrush, Northern
Waterthrush, Louisiana
Warbler, Kentucky

Warbler, Connecticut

Warbler, Mourning

Yellowthroat, Common

Warbler, Hooded

Warbler, Wilson,s

Warbler, Canada

Chat, Yellow-breasted

Tanager, Summer

Tanager, Scarlet

Tanager, Western

Cardinal, Northern

Grosbeak, Rose-breasted

Grosbeak, Black-headed

Grosbeak, Blue

Bunting, Indigo

Bunting, Painted

Dicksissel

Towhee, Green-tailed

Towhee, Eastern

Sparrow, Bachman's

Sparrow, American Tree

Sparrow, Chipping

Sparrow, Clay-colored

Sparrow, Field

Sparrow, Vesper

Sparrow, Lark

Bunting, Lark

Sparrow, Savannah

Sparrow, Grasshopper

Sparrow, Henslow's

Sparrow, Le Conte's

Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp T.

Sparrow, Seaside

Sparrow, Fox

Sparrow, Song

Sparrow, Lincoln's

Sparrow, Swamp

Sparrow, White-throated

Sparrow, Harris's

Junco, Dark-eyed

Longspur, Lapland

Longspur, Smith's

Bobolink

Blackbird, Red-winged

Meadowlark, Eastern

Meadowlark, Western

Blackbird, Yellow-headed

Blackbird, Rusty

Blackbird, Brewer's

Grackle, Boat-tailed

Grackle, Common

Cowbird, Shiny

Cowbird, Bronzed

Cowbird, Brown-headed

Oriole, Orchard

Oriole, Baltimore

Oriole, Bullock's

Finch, Purple

Finch, House

Crossbill, Red

Redpoll, Common

Siskin, Pine

Goldfinch, American

Grosbeak, Evening

Sparrow, House

Tropicbird, Whitetailed

Eider, King

Hawk, Ferruginous

Crane, Whooping

Woodcock, Eurasian

Jaeger, Long-tailed

Gull, California

Gull, Thayer's

Pigeon, Band-tailed

Hummingbird, Blue-thr.

Warbler, Kirtland's

Redstart, Painted

Raven, Common

Warbler, Bachman's

Pigeon, Passenger

Woodpecker, Ivory-billed

Parakeet, Carolina