

The Checklist of the Birds of Connecticut

This is the official checklist of 417 bird species accepted by the Avian Records Committee of Connecticut (formerly the Connecticut Rare Records Committee) as having been adequately documented for occurrence in Connecticut. The species' names and sequence follow the American Ornithological Union's [Checklist of the Birds of North America](#) (7th ed. 1998) including supplements to the Checklist up to the 47th. (Updated: May 16, 2007)

*Legend: * Rare in CT. ARCC requests details,*

S: *Sight record only*

I: *Introduced*

E: *Extirpated*

X: *Extinct*

Swans, Geese, and Ducks

Fulvous Whistling-Duck

Pink-footed Goose*

Greater White-fronted Goose

Snow Goose

Brant

Canada Goose

Barnacle Goose*

Ross's Goose*

Cackling Goose

Mute Swan (I)

Tundra Swan

Wood Duck

Gadwall

Eurasian Wigeon

American Wigeon

American Black Duck

Mallard

Blue-winged Teal

Cinnamon Teal*

Northern Shoveler

Northern Pintail

Green-winged Teal

Canvasback

Redhead

Ring-necked Duck

Tufted Duck*

Greater Scaup

Lesser Scaup

King Eider

Common Eider

Harlequin Duck

Labrador Duck (X)

Surf Scoter

White-winged Scoter

Black Scoter

Long-tailed Duck

Bufflehead

Common Goldeneye

Barrow's Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck

Grouse, Turkeys, and Quails

Gray Partridge (EX)(I)
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)
Ruffed Grouse
Greater Prairie-Chicken (EX)(S)
Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite

Loons

Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon*
Common Loon

Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe *
Western Grebe *

Shearwaters and Petrels

Northern Fulmar *
Black-capped Petrel *
Cory's Shearwater *
Greater Shearwater *
Sooty Shearwater *
Manx Shearwater *(S)
Audubon's Shearwater*(S)

Storm-Petrels

Wilson's Storm-Petrel
White-faced Storm-Petrel*
Leach's Storm-Petrel*

Gannets

Northern Gannet

Pelicans

American White Pelican
Brown Pelican*

Cormorants and Darters

Double-crested Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Anhinga *(S)

Frigatebirds

Magnificent Frigatebird*

Bitterns and Herons

American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Ibises

White Ibis*
Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis*

Storks

Wood Stork *

American Vultures

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture

Kites, Eagles, and Hawks

Osprey
Swallow-tailed Kite
Mississippi Kite(S)
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk*
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle

Falcons

American Kestrel
Merlin
Gyr Falcon *
Peregrine Falcon

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

Yellow Rail*
Black Rail*
Corn Crake*
Clapper Rail
King Rail
Virginia Rail
Sora
Purple Gallinule*

Common Moorhen
American Coot

Cranes

Sandhill Crane

Plovers

Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Wilson's Plover*
Semipalmated Plover
Snowy Plover*
Piping Plover
Killdeer

Oystercatchers

American Oystercatcher

Stilts and Avocets

Black-necked Stilt*
American Avocet

Sandpipers and Phalaropes

Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Spotted Redshank*
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper
Eskimo Curlew*
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew*
Bar-tailed Godwit*
Black-tailed Godwit*
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Red-necked Stint*
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper*
Purple Sandpiper
Dunlin
Curlew Sandpiper*
Stilt Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Ruff *
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher

Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope*

Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

Pomarine Jaeger *(S)
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger*
Laughing Gull
Franklin's Gull*
Little Gull
Black-headed Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Mew Gull*(S)
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Thayer's Gull*(S)
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Sabine's Gull*
Black-legged Kittiwake*
Ross's Gull*
Gull-billed Tern*(S)
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern*
Roseate Tern
Common Tern
Arctic Tern*
Forster's Tern
Least Tern
Bridled Tern*
Sooty Tern*
Black Tern
Black Skimmer

Auks, Murres, and Puffins

Dovekie *
Thick-billed Murre*
Razorbill (S)
Black Guillemot*
Atlantic Puffin*

Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon (I)
Band-tailed Pigeon*(S)
White-winged Dove *(S)
Mourning Dove
Eurasian Collared-Dove*
Passenger Pigeon (X)

Parrots

Monk Parakeet (I)

Cuckoos

Black-billed Cuckoo

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Barn Owl

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Typical Owls

Eastern Screech-Owl

Great Horned Owl

Snowy Owl

Northern Hawk Owl *

Burrowing Owl *

Barred Owl

Great Gray Owl*

Long-eared Owl

Short-eared Owl

Boreal Owl *

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Goatsuckers

Common Nighthawk

Chuck-will's-widow *

Whip-poor-will

Swifts

Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Calliope Hummingbird*

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

Red-headed Woodpecker

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Black-backed Woodpecker *

Northern Flicker

Pileated Woodpecker

Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Acadian Flycatcher

Alder Flycatcher

Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe *
Ash-throated Flycatcher *
Great Crested Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird *
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Gray Kingbird *
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *

Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike*
Northern Shrike

Vireos

White-eyed Vireo
Bell's Vireo*
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo

Jays and Crows

Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Common Raven

Larks

Horned Lark

Swallows

Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Cave Swallow
Barn Swallow

Chickadees and Titmice

Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee*
Tufted Titmouse

Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers

Brown Creeper

Wrens

Carolina Wren
House Wren
Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren

Kinglets and Thrushes

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Northern Wheatear *
Eastern Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird *
Townsend's Solitaire *
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Bicknell's Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Varied Thrush*

Thrashers

Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher

Starlings

European Starling (I)

Pipits

American Pipit

Waxwings

Bohemian Waxwing*
Cedar Waxwing

Wood-Warblers

Blue-winged Warbler
Golden-winged 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 Gray Warbler*
Black-throated Green Warbler
Hermit Warbler* (S)
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
MacGillivray's Warbler*
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat

Tanagers

Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager*

Towhees, Sparrows, and Longspurs

Green-tailed Towhee*
Eastern Towhee
Spotted Towhee*
American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting*
Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow*
Le Conte's Sparrow*
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Seaside Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow*
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow *(S)
Dark-eyed Junco

Lapland Longspur
Smith's Longspur*
Chestnut-collared Longspur*
Snow Bunting

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Buntings

Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak*
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting*
Lazuli Bunting*
Dickcissel

Blackbirds and Orioles

Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird *(S)
Common Grackle
Boat-tailed Grackle(S)
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Bullock's Oriole*
Baltimore Oriole

Finches

Brambling*
Pine Grosbeak
Purple Finch
House Finch
Red Crossbill
White-winged Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll*
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak

Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow (I)

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