

**Maine  
Bird Records Committee**

**Official Checklist of Maine Birds**

The Maine Bird Records Committee considers the following 423 species to be positively documented within the state of Maine. The names and taxonomic arrangement follow the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list* (7th edition, 1998), as amended through its 45th supplement (*The Auk* 121: 985–995, 2003). This list was compiled through 30 November 2005 by the Maine Bird Records Committee.

*Hypothetical species.* Significant reports for 20 additional species exist for Maine. Although some probably are correct, the committee remains uncertain because we lack conclusive evidence at this time. We plan to review these species in the near future. The Maine Bird Records Committee defines a species in Maine as hypothetical if the record is thought to be accurate, but the supporting documentation is not sufficiently complete to be accepted as a full record. Records in this category usually lack physical documentation, whether by specimen, photograph, or recording, or involve descriptions that are only partially adequate. Uncertainty regarding provenance or accuracy of locality information may also constitute reasons for placing a species on this list: *Barnacle Goose*, *Trumpeter Swan*, *Labrador Duck* (*extinct*), *Greater Prairie-Chicken* (*Heath Hen* *extinct*), *Northern Bobwhite*, *Black-browed Albatross*, *Cape Petrel*, *Black-capped Petrel*, *Audubon's Shearwater*, *Band-rumped Storm-Petrel*, *Thayer's Gull*, *Tufted Puffin*, *Vermilion Flycatcher*, *Gray Kingbird*, *Plumbeous Vireo*, *Black-billed Magpie*, *Eurasian Jackdaw*, *Bewick's Wren*, *Sprague's Pipit*, *Boat-tailed Grackle*.

*Failed species.* The following introduced species bred for some years in Maine but never became established: *Gray Partridge* and *Monk Parakeet*.

LEGEND

\* *Rare* (species name italicized): Written descriptions and, if possible, photographs and/or audio recordings should be submitted for any occurrence of these species in the state. Please send all reports to: Bill Sheehan, 1125 Woodland Center Road, Woodland, ME 04736 (email: me-brc@maine.rr.com), or Peter Vickery, Center for Ecological Research, P.O. Box 127, Richmond, ME 04357 (email: petervickery@adelphia.net).

B Breeds regularly  
rb Rare, very local, or less than annual breeder  
ib irregular breeder, only one or two isolated records  
xb No recent breeding; over 20 years since last breeding

NOTE: Reports of breeding by any species that is an irregular breeder (ib), that bred historically (xb), or that is not listed as having bred in Maine should be documented. Please send information to the addresses above.

N1 Introduced and established breeding population  
N2 Populations successfully re-established and breeding in areas of former occurrence  
N3 Domesticated species with feral populations established and breeding in the wild  
† *Extinct*

SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

\**Fulvous Whistling-Duck*  
Greater White-fronted Goose  
Snow Goose  
\**Ross's Goose*  
Brant  
\**Cackling Goose*

Canada Goose	B-N1
Mute Swan	rb-N1
Tundra Swan	
<i>*Whooper Swan</i>	
Wood Duck	B
Gadwall	rb
Eurasian Wigeon	
American Wigeon	rb
American Black Duck	B
Mallard	B-N1
Blue-winged Teal	B
Northern Shoveler	rb
Northern Pintail	ib
<i>*Garganey</i>	
Green-winged Teal	B
Canvasback	
Redhead	
Ring-necked Duck	B
<i>*Tufted Duck</i>	
Greater Scaup	
Lesser Scaup	ib
<i>*Steller's Eider</i>	
King Eider	
Common Eider	B
Harlequin Duck	
Surf Scoter	
White-winged Scoter	
Black Scoter	
Long-tailed Duck	
Bufflehead	
Common Goldeneye	B
Barrow's Goldeneye	
Hooded Merganser	B
Common Merganser	B
Red-breasted Merganser	B
Ruddy Duck	ib

#### PHEASANTS, GROUSE & TURKEY

Ring-necked Pheasant	N1
Ruffed Grouse	B
Spruce Grouse	B
<i>*Willow Ptarmigan</i>	
Wild Turkey	N2

#### LOONS

Red-throated Loon	
<i>*Pacific Loon</i>	
Common Loon	B

#### GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe	B
Horned Grebe	
Red-necked Grebe	
<i>*Eared Grebe</i>	
<i>*Western Grebe</i>	
<i>*Clark's Grebe</i>	

ALBATROSSES

\**Yellow-nosed Albatross*

SHEARWATERS

Northern Fulmar

Cory's Shearwater

Greater Shearwater

Sooty Shearwater

Manx Shearwater

STORM-PETRELS

Wilson's Storm-Petrel

Leach's Storm-Petrel B

TROPICBIRDS

\**White-tailed Tropicbird*

\**Red-billed Tropicbird*

GANNETS & BOOBIES

Northern Gannet

PELICANS

\**American White Pelican*

\**Brown Pelican*

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant B

Great Cormorant rb

FRIGATEBIRDS

\**Magnificent Frigatebird*

\**Lesser Frigatebird*

BITTERN, HERONS & IBISES

American Bittern B

Least Bittern B

Great Blue Heron B

Great Egret rb

Snowy Egret B

Little Blue Heron rb

Tricolored Heron rb

Cattle Egret rb

Green Heron B

Black-crowned Night-Heron B

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron ib

\**White Ibis*

Glossy Ibis B

\**White-faced Ibis*

STORKS

\**Wood Stork*

AMERICAN VULTURES

\**Black Vulture*

Turkey Vulture B

## KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

Osprey	B
* <i>Swallow-tailed Kite</i>	
* <i>Mississippi Kite</i>	
Bald Eagle	B
Northern Harrier	B
Sharp-shinned Hawk	B
Cooper's Hawk	B
Northern Goshawk	B
Red-shouldered Hawk	B
Broad-winged Hawk	B
* <i>Swainson's Hawk</i>	
Red-tailed Hawk	B
Rough-legged Hawk	
* <i>Golden Eagle</i>	<i>rb</i>

## FALCONS

American Kestrel	B
Merlin	B
Gyr Falcon	
Peregrine Falcon	rb-N2

## RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

* <i>Yellow Rail</i>	
* <i>Corn Crake</i>	
* <i>Clapper Rail</i>	
* <i>King Rail</i>	<i>ib</i>
Virginia Rail	B
Sora	B
* <i>Purple Gallinule</i>	
Common Moorhen	rb
American Coot	rb

## CRANES

Sandhill Crane	rb
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## PLOVERS

* <i>Northern Lapwing</i>	
Black-bellied Plover	
American Golden-Plover	
* <i>Pacific Golden-Plover</i>	
* <i>Wilson's Plover</i>	
* <i>Common Ringed Plover</i>	
Semipalmated Plover	
Piping Plover	B
Killdeer	B

## OYSTERCATCHERS

American Oystercatcher	rb
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## STILTS & AVOCETS

* <i>Black-necked Stilt</i>	
American Avocet	

## SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs	
Lesser Yellowlegs	
Solitary Sandpiper	
Willet	B
Spotted Sandpiper	B
Upland Sandpiper	B
† <i>Eskimo Curlew</i>	
Whimbrel	
* <i>Long-billed Curlew</i>	
Hudsonian Godwit	
* <i>Bar-tailed Godwit</i>	
Marbled Godwit	
Ruddy Turnstone	
Red Knot	
Sanderling	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	
Western Sandpiper	
* <i>Red-necked Stint</i>	
Least Sandpiper	
White-rumped Sandpiper	
Baird's Sandpiper	
Pectoral Sandpiper	
Purple Sandpiper	
Dunlin	
* <i>Curlew Sandpiper</i>	
Stilt Sandpiper	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	
Ruff	
Short-billed Dowitcher	
Long-billed Dowitcher	
Wilson's Snipe	B
American Woodcock	B
Wilson's Phalarope	ib
Red-necked Phalarope	
Red Phalarope	

SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

Great Skua	
* <i>South Polar Skua</i>	
Pomarine Jaeger	
Parasitic Jaeger	
* <i>Long-tailed Jaeger</i>	
Laughing Gull	B
* <i>Franklin's Gull</i>	
Little Gull	
Black-headed Gull	rb
Bonaparte's Gull	rb
* <i>Mew Gull</i>	
Ring-billed Gull	B
Herring Gull	B
Iceland Gull	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	
Glaucous Gull	
Great Black-backed Gull	B
* <i>Sabine's Gull</i>	
Black-legged Kittiwake	

<i>*Ivory Gull</i>	
<i>*Gull-billed Tern</i>	
Caspian Tern	
Royal Tern	
<i>*Sandwich Tern</i>	
Roseate Tern	B
Common Tern	B
Arctic Tern	B
Forster's Tern	
Least Tern	B
<i>*Bridled Tern</i>	
<i>*Sooty Tern</i>	
<i>*White-winged Tern</i>	
Black Tern	B
<i>*Black Skimmer</i>	

#### AUKS, MURRES & PUFFINS

Dovekie	
Common Murre	xb
Thick-billed Murre	
Razorbill	B
† <i>Great Auk</i>	xb
Black Guillemot	B
Atlantic Puffin	B

#### PIGEONS & DOVES

Rock Pigeon	N3
<i>*Band-tailed Pigeon</i>	
<i>*White-winged Dove</i>	
Mourning Dove	B
† <i>Passenger Pigeon</i>	xb

#### CUCKOOS

Black-billed Cuckoo	B
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	B

#### BARN OWLS

<i>*Barn Owl</i>	xb
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#### TYPICAL OWLS

<i>*Eastern Screech-Owl</i>	xb
Great Horned Owl	B
Snowy Owl	
Northern Hawk Owl	
Barred Owl	B
Great Gray Owl	
Long-eared Owl	rb
Short-eared Owl	ib
Boreal Owl	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	B

#### GOATSUCKERS

Common Nighthawk	B
<i>*Chuck-will's-widow</i>	
Whip-poor-will	B

SWIFTS	
Chimney Swift	B
HUMMINGBIRDS	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B
<i>*Calliope Hummingbird</i>	
<i>*Rufous Hummingbird</i>	
KINGFISHERS	
Belted Kingfisher	B
WOODPECKERS	
Red-headed Woodpecker	xb
Red-bellied Woodpecker	ib
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	B
Downy Woodpecker	B
Hairy Woodpecker	B
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	rb
Black-backed Woodpecker	B
Northern Flicker	B
Pileated Woodpecker	B
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	B
Eastern Wood-Pewee	B
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	B
Acadian Flycatcher	
Alder Flycatcher	B
Willow Flycatcher	B
Least Flycatcher	B
Eastern Phoebe	B
<i>*Say's Phoebe</i>	
<i>*Ash-throated Flycatcher</i>	
Great Crested Flycatcher	B
<i>*Variegated Flycatcher</i>	
<i>*Tropical Kingbird</i>	
Western Kingbird	
Eastern Kingbird	B
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	ib
<i>*Fork-tailed Flycatcher</i>	
SHRIKES	
<i>*Loggerhead Shrike</i>	xb
Northern Shrike	
VIREOS	
White-eyed Vireo	
<i>*Bell's Vireo</i>	
Yellow-throated Vireo	B
Blue-headed Vireo	B
Warbling Vireo	B
Philadelphia Vireo	B
Red-eyed Vireo	B
JAYS & CROWS	
Gray Jay	B

Blue Jay	B
American Crow	B
Fish Crow	rb
Common Raven	B

#### LARKS

Horned Lark	B
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#### SWALLOWS

Purple Martin	B
Tree Swallow	B
N. Rough-winged Swallow	B
Bank Swallow	B
Cliff Swallow	B
<i>*Cave Swallow</i>	
Barn Swallow	B

#### CHICKADEES & TITMICE

Black-capped Chickadee	B
Boreal Chickadee	B
Tufted Titmouse	B

#### NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch	B
White-breasted Nuthatch	B

#### CREEPERS

Brown Creeper	B
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#### WRENS

Carolina Wren	rb
House Wren	B
Winter Wren	B
<i>*Sedge Wren</i>	rb
Marsh Wren	B

#### KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet	B
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B

#### GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	B
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#### THRUSHES

Northern Wheatear	
Eastern Bluebird	B
<i>*Townsend's Solitaire</i>	
Veery	B
Gray-cheeked Thrush	
Bicknell's Thrush	B
Swainson's Thrush	B
Hermit Thrush	B
Wood Thrush	B
American Robin	B
Varied Thrush	

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

Gray Catbird B  
Northern Mockingbird B  
*\*Sage Thrasher*  
Brown Thrasher B

STARLINGS

European Starling N1

PIPITS

American Pipit rb

WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing  
Cedar Waxwing B

WOOD-WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler B  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler B  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Nashville Warbler B  
*\*Virginia's Warbler*  
Northern Parula B  
Yellow Warbler B  
Chestnut-sided Warbler B  
Magnolia Warbler B  
Cape May Warbler B  
Black-throated Blue Warbler B  
Yellow-rumped Warbler B  
*\*Black-throated Gray Warbler*  
Black-throated Green Warbler B  
*\*Townsend's Warbler*  
Blackburnian Warbler B  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Pine Warbler B  
Prairie Warbler B  
Palm Warbler B  
Bay-breasted Warbler B  
Blackpoll Warbler B  
Cerulean Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler B  
American Redstart B  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Worm-eating Warbler  
*\*Swainson's Warbler*  
Ovenbird B  
Northern Waterthrush B  
Louisiana Waterthrush B  
Kentucky Warbler  
Connecticut Warbler  
Mourning Warbler B  
Common Yellowthroat B  
Hooded Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler B  
Canada Warbler B

Yellow-breasted Chat

#### TANAGERS

Summer Tanager

Scarlet Tanager B

\**Western Tanager*

#### TOWHEES, SPARROWS & LONGSPURS

\**Green-tailed Towhee*

Eastern Towhee B

\**Cassin's Sparrow*

American Tree Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow B

Clay-colored Sparrow ib

Field Sparrow B

Vesper Sparrow B

Lark Sparrow

\**Black-throated Sparrow*

\**Lark Bunting*

Savannah Sparrow B

Grasshopper Sparrow rb

\**Henslow's Sparrow*

\**Le Conte's Sparrow*

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow B

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow B

Seaside Sparrow ib

Fox Sparrow ib

Song Sparrow B

Lincoln's Sparrow B

Swamp Sparrow B

White-throated Sparrow B

\**Harris's Sparrow*

White-crowned Sparrow

\**Golden-crowned Sparrow*

Dark-eyed Junco B

Lapland Longspur

\**Smith's Longspur*

\**Chestnut-collared Longspur*

Snow Bunting

#### CARDINALS, GROSBEEKS & BUNTINGS

Northern Cardinal B

Rose-breasted Grosbeak B

\**Black-headed Grosbeak*

Blue Grosbeak

\**Lazuli Bunting*

Indigo Bunting B

\**Painted Bunting*

Dickcissel

#### BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

Bobolink B

Red-winged Blackbird B

Eastern Meadowlark B

\**Western Meadowlark*

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Rusty Blackbird	rb
<i>*Brewer's Blackbird</i>	
Common Grackle	B
<i>*Shiny Cowbird</i>	
Brown-headed Cowbird	B
Orchard Oriole	rb
<i>*Bullock's Oriole</i>	
Baltimore Oriole	B

#### FINCHES

<i>*Common Chaffinch</i>	
<i>*Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch</i>	
Pine Grosbeak	ib
Purple Finch	B
House Finch	N1
Red Crossbill	B
White-winged Crossbill	B
Common Redpoll	
Hoary Redpoll	
<i>*Eurasian Siskin</i>	
Pine Siskin	B
<i>*Lesser Goldfinch</i>	
American Goldfinch	B
Evening Grosbeak	B

#### OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow	N1
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