

Mississippi Bird List

This list includes 392 species which have been recorded in Mississippi. Taxonomic arrangement and species names follow the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, Sixth Edition, 1983, as amended in the Thirly-Fifth Supplement (Auk, July, 1985) through the Fortieth Supplement (Auk, July, 1995). Symbols indicating abundance and season incidence in the species' preferred habitat are: C-common or abundant; F-fairly common; U-uncommon; R-rare, present singly or in small numbers annually; Ca-casual, generally occurring in four to eight years during a ten year period; A-accidental, generally occurring three or fewer years during a ten year period; L-local, generally occurs in a small area of the state; G-Gulf Coast; I-inland; Ext- extirpated, no longer occurs in Mississippi; p-permanent resident; s-summer resident; w-winter resident; t-transient.

Species enclosed in brackets [] are undocumented by specimen or photograph but are sight records with acceptable written documentation. Species followed by an asterisk (*) have nested and have been documented by nest collection or photographs. Species followed by a double asterisk (**) have been recorded nesting in the state but have not been documented by nest collection or photographs. Species that carry the symbols R, Ca, A, or Ext warrant careful documentation.

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u - uncommon

r - rare

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I - Inland

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LOONS

Red-throated Loon

[Pacific Loon]

Common Loon

STATUS

Ca

A

GCw; IFtUw

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe*

Horned Grebe

Red-necked Grebe

Eared Grebe

[Western Grebe]

UsCw

Fw

Ca

Uw

Ca

SHEARWATERS

[Sooty Shearwater]

[Audubon's Shearwater]

A

A

STORM-PETRELS [Wilson's Storm-Petrel]	A
BOOBIES & GANNETS [Masked Booby] Northern Gannet	A GFw
PELICANS American White Pelican Brown Pelican	Fw GCp; IA
CORMORANTS [Great Cormorant] Double-crested Cormorant** Neotropic Cormorant	A RsCw A
ANHINGAS Anhinga*	UsRw
FRIGATEBIRDS Magnificent Frigatebird	GFs; IA
BITTERNs & HERONS American Bittern Least Bittern* Great Blue Heron* Great Egret* Snowy Egret* Little Blue Heron* Tricolored Heron* Reddish Egret Cattle Egret* Green Heron* Black-crowned Night-Heron Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	GUw; IUt Us Cp Cp Cp Cp Fp GRp; IA CsUw CsRw Up FsRw
IBISES & SPOONBILLS White Ibis* Glossy Ibis White-faced Ibis Roseate Spoonbill	Fp R R Ca
STORKS Wood Stork	Us
SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS Fulvous Whistling-Duck Tundra Swan Trumpeter Swan Greater White-fronted Goose Snow Goose [Ross'Goose] [Brant] Canada Goose* Wood Duck* Green-winged Teal	Ca Rw A Fw Cw Rw A Cp Cp Cw

American Black Duck	Uw
Mottled Duck*	GUp
Mallard*	Cp
Northern Pintail	Cw
Blue-winged Teal*	RsCtUw
Cinnamon Teal	Ca
Northern Shoveler	Cw
Gadwall	Cw
[Eurasian Wigeon]	A
American Wigeon	Cw
Canvasback	Fw
Redhead	Uw
Ring-necked Duck	Cw
Greater Scaup	Uw
Lesser Scaup	Cw
King Eider	A
Oldsquaw	Rw
Black Scoter	Rw
Surf Scoter	Rw
White-winged Scoter	Rw
Common Goldeneye	Fw
Bufflehead	Cw
Hooded Merganser*	Cw
Common Merganser	Rw
Red-breasted Merganser	Cw
Ruddy Duck	Cw

AMERICAN VULTURES

Black Vulture*	Cp
Turkey Vulture*	Cp

KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

Osprey*	GUp; IRsFt
Swallow-tailed Kite*	Us
White-tailed Kite*	Ca
Mississippi Kite*	Fs
Bald Eagle*	RsFw
Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk)	Cw
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Fw
Cooper's Hawk*	UsFw
Northern Goshawk	A
Harris' Hawk	A
Red-shouldered Hawk*	Fp
Broad-winged Hawk*	Fs
Swainson's Hawk	Ca
Red-tailed Hawk*	Cp
[Ferruginous Hawk]	A
Rough-legged Hawk	A
Golden Eagle	R

CARACARAS & FALCONS

Crested Caracara	A
American Kestrel*	UsCw
Merlin	UtRw
Prairie Falcon	A
Peregrine Falcon	UtRw

TURKEYS & QUAIL

White Turkey* Fp
Northern Bobwhite* Cp

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

Yellow Rail Ca
Black Rail A
Clapper Rail* Cp
King Rail* Up
Virginia Rail GUw; IUtRw
Sora GFw; IUtRw
Purple Gallinule* Us
Common Moorhen* Cp
American Coot* RsCw

LIMPKINS

Limpkin A

CRANES

Sandhill Crane* GRp; ICa

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover GFw; IUt
American Golden Plover Ft
Snowy Plover* GRp
Wilson's Plover* GUs
Semipalmated Plover GFw; IFt
Piping Plover GUw; IRt
Killdeer* Cp
Mountain Plover A

OYSTERCATCHERS

American Oystercatcher** GUp

STILTS & AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt* GUp; IRs
American Avocet GUp; IRt

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs FtUw
Lesser Yellowlegs CtUw
Solitary Sandpiper Ct
Willet* GFp; IRt
Spotted Sandpiper CtUw
Upland Sandpiper Ut
Whimbrel Rt
Long-billed Curlew Ca
Hudsonian Godwit A
Marbled Godwit GRw; ICa
Ruddy Turnstone GFw; IRt
Red Knot GUw; IA
Sanderling GCw; IUt
Semipalmated Sandpiper Ct
Western Sandpiper GCw; IFtRw
Least Sandpiper GCw; ICtUw

White-rumped Sandpiper	Ut
Baird's Sandpiper	Ut
Pectoral Sandpiper	Ct
Purple Sandpiper	A
Dunlin	GCw; IFtRw
Stilt Sandpiper	Ft
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Ut
[Ruff]	A
Short-billed Dowitcher	GFw; IUt
Long-billed Dowitcher	GFw; IUt
Common Snipe	Cw
American Woodcock*	Up
Wilson's Phalarope	GUt; IRt
Red-necked Phalarope	Ca
Red Phalarope	Ca

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

Pomarine Jaeger	A
Parasitic Jaeger	Ca
Laughing Gull*	GCp; IR
Franklin's Gull	Rt
Little Gull	Ca
Black-headed Gull	A
Bonaparte's Gull	Cw
Ring-billed Gull	Cw
Herring Gull	Uw
Lesser Black-backed Gull	A
Glaucous Gull	Ca
Great Black-backed Gull	Ca
Black-legged Kittiwake	Ca
Sabine's Gull	A
Gull-billed Tern*	GUs; IA
Caspian Tern**	GFp; IUt
Royal Tern*	GCp; IA
Sandwich Tern*	GUs; IA
[Roseate Tern]	A
Common Tern*	GUs; IRt
Forster's Tern	GCp; IFtUw
Least Tern*	GCs; ILUs
Bridled Tern	A
Sooty Tern	A
Black Tern	Ct
Brown Noddy	A
Black Skimmer*	GFp; IA

PIGEONS & DOVES

Rock Dove*	Cp
[Band-tailed Pigeon]	A
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	LUp
White-winged Dove**	GR
Mourning Dove*	Cp
Common Ground-Dove	GRp; ICa

CUCKOOS & ANIS

Black-billed Cuckoo	Rt
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	Cs

Groove-billed Ani	GRT; IA
BARN OWLS	
Barn Owl*	Up
TYPICAL OWLS	
Eastern Screech-Owl*	Cp
Great Horned Owl*	Cp
Snowy Owl	A
Burrowing Owl	Ca
Barred Owl	Cp*
Long-eared Owl	A
Short-eared Owl	Uw
Northern Saw-whet Owl	A
NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS	
Common Nighthawk*	Cs
Chuck-will's-widow*	Cs
Whip-poor-will*	Fs
SWIFTS	
Chimney Swift*	Cs
HUMMINGBIRDS	
White-eared Hummingbird	A
Buff-bellied Hummingbird	Ca
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	Cs
Black-chinned Hummingbird	Rw
Anna's Hummingbird	A
Calliope Hummingbird	A
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	A
Rufous Hummingbird	GUw; IRw
Allen's Hummingbird	A
KINGFISHERS	
Belted Kingfisher*	Fp
WOODPECKERS	
Red-headed Woodpecker*	Cp
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	Cp
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Cw
Downy Woodpecker*	Cp
Hairy Woodpecker*	Up
Red-cockaded Woodpecker*	LRp
Northern Flicker*	Cp
Pileated Woodpecker*	Fp
Ivory-billed Woodpecker	Ext
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Ut
[Western Wood-Pewee]	A
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	Cs
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Ut
Acadian Flycatcher*	Fs
Alder Flycatcher	Rt
Willow Flycatcher*	AsRt

Least Flycatcher	Ut
Eastern Phoebe*	Cp
Say's Phoebe	A
Vermilion Flycatcher	Rw
Ash-throated Flycatcher	A
Great-crested Flycatcher*	Cs
[Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher]	A
Cassin's Kingbird	A
Western Kingbird	Rt
Eastern Kingbird*	Cs
Gray Kingbird*	Ca
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	Rt
LARKS	
Horned Lark*	Cp
SWALLOWS	
Purple Martin*	Cs
Tree Swallow*	AsCt
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	Fs
Bank Swallow*	LRsUT
Cliff Swallow*	Cs
Cave Swallow	A
Barn Swallow*	Cs
JAYS & CROWS	
Blue Jay*	Cp
American Crow*	Cp
Fish Crow*	Cp
TITMICE	
Carolina Chickadee*	Cp
Tufted Titmouse*	Cp
NUTHATCHES	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Uw
White-breasted Nuthatch*	Fp
Brown-headed Nuthatch*	Fp
CREEPERS	
Brown Creeper	Fw
WRENS	
Carolina Wren*	Cp
Bewick's Wren*	Rw
House Wren	Uw
Winter Wren	Fw
Sedge Wren	Uw
Marsh Wren*	GUp; IUtRw
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Cw
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Cw
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	CsRw
THRUSHES	

Eastern Bluebird*	Cp
Mountain Bluebird	A
[Townsend's Solitaire]	A
Veery	Ut
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Ut
Swainson's Thrush	Ft
Hermit Thrush	Fw
Wood Thrush*	Cs
American Robin*	Cp
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
Gray Catbird*	Ct; GUw; IUs
Northern Mockingbird*	Cp
Brown Thrasher*	Cp
WAGTAILS & PIPITS	
Citrine Wagtail	A
American Pipit	Cw
Sprague's Pipit	Ca
WAXWINGS	
Cedar Waxwing**	AsCw
SHRIKES	
Loggerhead Shrike*	Fp
STARLINGS	
European Starling*	Cp
VIREOS	
White-eyed Vireo*	CsRw
Bell's Vireo	Ca
[Black-capped Vireo]	A
Solitary Vireo	Uw
Yellow-throated Vireo*	Fs
Warbling Vireo*	LUs
Philadelphia Vireo	Ut
Red-eyed Vireo*	Cs
[Black-whiskered Vireo]	Ca
WOOD-WARBLERS	
Bachman's Warbler	Ext
Blue-winged Warbler	Ft
Golden-winged Warbler	Ut
Tennessee Warbler	Ct
Orange-crowned Warbler	Uw
Nashville Warbler	Ut
Northern Parula*	Cs
Yellow Warbler	Ct
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Ft
Magnolia Warbler	Ct
Cape May Warbler	Rt
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Rt
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Cw
[Black-throated Gray Warbler]	A
Townsend's Warbler	A

Black-throated Green Warbler	Ct
Blackburnian Warbler	Ft
Yellow-throated Warbler*	Fs
Pine Warbler*	Cp
Prairie Warbler*	Fs
Palm Warbler	GFw; IFtRw
Bay-breasted Warbler	Ft
Blackpoll Warbler	Ft
Cerulean Warbler	Ut
Black-and-white Warbler*	Cs
American Redstart*	UsCt
Prothonotary Warbler*	Cs
Worm-eating Warbler*	Us
Swainson's Warbler*	Us
Ovenbird**	LUsFt
Northern Waterthrush	Ut
Louisiana Waterthrush*	Fs
Kentucky Warbler*	Cs
[Connecticut Warbler]	Ca
Mourning Warbler	Rt
Common Yellowthroat*	CsUw
Hooded Warbler*	Cs
Wilson's Warbler	Ut
Canada Warbler	Ft
[Painted Redstart]	A
Yellow-breasted Chat*	Cs

TANAGERS

Summer Tanager*	Cs
Scarlet Tanager*	UsFt
Western Tanager	Ca

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & ALLIES

Northern Cardinal*	Cp
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Ft
Black-headed Grosbeak	Ca
Blue Grosbeak*	Cs
[Lazuli Bunting]	A
Indigo Bunting*	Cs
Painted Bunting*	Us
Dickcissel*	Cs

SPARROWS

Green-tailed Towhee	A
Eastern Towhee*	Cp
Bachman's Sparrow*	Us
American Tree Sparrow	Ca
Chipping Sparrow*	FsCw
Clay-colored Sparrow	Ca
Field Sparrow*	FsCw
Vesper Sparrow	Uw
Lark Sparrow*	LRs
Lark Bunting	A
Savannah Sparrow	Cw
Grasshopper Sparrow	GRw; ILRs
Henslow's Sparrow	Rw

LeConte's Sparrow	Uw
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	GUw; ICa
Seaside Sparrow*	GUp
Fox Sparrow	Fw
Song Sparrow	Cw
Lincoln's Sparrow	UtRw
Swamp Sparrow	Cw
White-throated Sparrow	Cw
White-crowned Sparrow	Fw
Harris' Sparrow	Ca
Dark-eyed Junco	Cw
Lapland Longspur	Cw
Smith's Longspur	Ca
Snow Bunting	A

BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES

Bobolink	Ct
Red-winged Blackbird*	Cp
Eastern Meadowlark*	Cp
Western Meadowlark	Rw
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Ca
Rusty Blackbird	Fw
Brewer's Blackbird	Fw
Boat-tailed Grackle*	GCp
Common Grackle*	Cp
Shiny Cowbird	A
Bronzed Cowbird	Ca
Brown-headed Cowbird*	Cp
Orchard Oriole*	Cs
Baltimore Oriole*	Cs

FINCHES

Purple Finch	Fw
House Finch*	FsCw
Red Crossbill*	Ca
Pine Siskin	Cw
American Goldfinch*	Cp
Evening Grosbeak	Uw

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow*	Cp
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