

Brookhaven National Laboratory Bird Checklist

Loons, Grebes, Cormorants

	AOU Code	Common Name	Scientific Name	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
—	COLO	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	O	-	O	-
—	HOGR	Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	PBGR	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	O	-	O	-
—	DCCO	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	O	-	O	-

Bitterns, Herons, Egrets, Ibises

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—	AMBI	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	BCNH	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	R	-	R	-
—	YCNH	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	R	-	R	-
—	GRHE	Green Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	-	U	-	-
—	LBHE	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	-	U	-	-
—	CAEG	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	-	R	-	-
—	GREG	Great Egret	<i>Ardia alba</i>	-	U	-	-
—	GBHE	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	U	U	U	U
—	GLIB	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	U	-	U	-

Swans, Geese, Ducks

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—	MUSW	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	U	U	U	U
—	SNGO	Snow Goose	<i>Chen hyperborea</i>	R	-	R	-
—	CAGO	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	+U	+U	U	U
—	WODU	Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	U	+U	U	-
—	MALL	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	+U	+U	U	U
—	ABDU	American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	+U	+U	U	U
—	GADW	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	-	-	-	U
—	AGWT	American Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	U	-	U	-
—	NOPI	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	O	-	O	-
—	BWTE	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	U	-	U	-
—	RNDU	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	R	-	R	-
—	BUFF	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	R	-	R	-
—	HOME	Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	O	-	O	-
—	RUDU	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	R	-	R	-

Birds of Prey

	AOU Code	Common Name	Scientific Name	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
—	TUVU	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	U	-	U	-
—	OSPR	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	O	O	O	-
—	STKI	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	NOHA	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	O	-	O	-
—	GOEA	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	-	-	-	R
—	BAEA	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	O	-	O	O
—	SSHA	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	U	-	U	U
—	COHA	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	R	-	R	R
—	NOGO	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	-	-	-	R
—	BWHA	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	-	+U	-	-
—	RSHA	Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	RTHA	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	U	+U	U	U
—	RLHA	Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	-	-	-	O
—	AMKE	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	+C	+C	C	C
—	MERL	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	R	-	R	-
—	PEFA	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	R	-	R	-

Grouse, Turkey, Quail

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— RNGP	Ringed-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	+U	+U	U	U
— TURK	Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	C	+C	C	C
— RUGR	Ruffed Grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	U	+U	U	U
— NOBW	Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	+C	+C	C	C

Rails

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— KIRA	King Rail	<i>Rallus elegans</i>	R	-	R	R
— VIRA	Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	R	-	R	-
— SORA	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	-	R	-	-
— BLRA	Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	U	-	U	-

Shorebirds

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— KILL	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	-	+O	-	-
— GRYE	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	U	-	U	-
— LEYE	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	U	-	U	-
— SOSA	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	U	-	U	-
— SPSA	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	U	U	U	-
— SESA	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	-	U	-	-
— WESA	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	R	-	R	-
— LESA	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	-	U	-	-
— PESA	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	U	-	U	-
— SBDO	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	-	U	-	-
— LBDO	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	-	U	-	-
— COSN	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	U	-	U	-
— AMWO	American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	-	+C	-	-

Gulls, Terns

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— RBGU	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	U	-	U	U
— HERG	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	C	C	C	C
— GBBG	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	R	R	R	R
— COTE	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	-	C	-	-
— DOVE	Dovekie	<i>Alle alle</i>	-	-	-	R

Doves, Cuckoos

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— PLPI	Plain Pigeon (Rock Dove)	<i>Columbia livia</i>	U	U	U	U
— MODO	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	+C	+C	+C	C
— YBCU	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	-	U	-	-
— BBCU	Black-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	-	U	-	-

Owls

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— LEOW	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	-	-	-	R
— GHOW	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	+U	+U	U	U
— EASO	Eastern Screech Owl	<i>Otus asio</i>	+U	+U	U	U
— NSWO	Northern Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicas</i>	-	-	-	R

Nightjars, Swifts

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—	CONI	Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	U	-	U	-
—	WPWI	Whippoorwill	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	-	+C	-	-
—	CHSW	Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	-	+U	-	-

Hummingbirds, Kingfishers

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—	RTHU	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	-	U	-	-
—	BEKI	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	U	U	U	U

Woodpeckers

	AOU Code	Common Name	Scientific Name	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
—	RHWO	Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	RBWO	Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	U	-	U	C
—	FLIN	Northern Flicker (yellow shafted)	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	+C	+C	C	C
—	YBSA	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	R	-	R	-
—	DOWO	Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	+C	+C	C	C
—	HAWO	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	+U	+U	U	U

Flycatchers

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—	OSFL	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	U	-	U	-
—	EAWP	Eastern Wood Peewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	-	+C	-	-
—	ACFL	Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	-	+U	-	-
—	YBFL	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	U	-	U	-
—	LEFL	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	EAPH	Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	-	+U	-	-
—	GCFL	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myarchus crinitus</i>	-	+C	-	-
—	WEKI	Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	R	-	R	-
—	EAKI	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	-	+U	-	-

Shrikes

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—	LOSH	Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	NSHR	Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	R	-	R	R

Vireos

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—	WEVI	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	U	-	U	-
—	YTVI	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	U	-	U	-
—	BHVI	Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	U	-	U	-
—	REVI	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	-	+C	-	-
—	PHVI	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	R	-	R	-
—	WAVI	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	R	-	R	-

Jays, Crows, Larks

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—	BLJA	Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	+C	+C	C	C
—	AMCR	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	+C	+C	C	C
—	FICR	Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	U	U	U	-
—	HOLA	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	+C	+C	C	C

Swallows

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— TRES	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	C	+C	C	-
— PUMA	Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	-	C	-	-
— NRWS	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	R	-	R	-
— BARS	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	+C	+C	C	-

Titmice, Chickadees, Creepers, Nuthatches

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— TUTI	Tufted Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	-	-	-	-
— BCCH	Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	+C	+C	C	C
— BRCR	Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	U	-	U	U
— WBNU	White-breasted nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	C	+C	C	C
— RBNU	Red-breasted nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	U	-	U	U

Wrens

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— HOWR	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	U	+U	U	-
— WIWR	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	U	U	U	-
— CARW	Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	R	R	R	R
— MAWR	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	-	U	-	-

Kinglets, Gnatcatchers

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— GCKI	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	C	-	C	C
— RCKI	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	C	-	C	-
— BGGN	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	U	-	U	-
— NOWH	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenathe oenathe</i>	R	-	R	-

Thrushes

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— EABL	Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	-	+U	-	-
— WOTH	Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	-	+C	-	-
— VEER	Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	-	+U	-	-
— GCTH	Gray-cheeked	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	U	-	U	-
— BITH	Bicknell's Thrush	<i>Catharus bicknelli</i>	U	-	U	-
— SWTH	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	U	-	U	-
— HETH	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttata</i>	-	+U	-	-
— AMRO	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	-	+C	-	-

Mimics

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— GRCA	Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	-	+C	-	-
— NOMO	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	+C	+C	C	C
— BRTH	Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	-	+C	-	-

Starlings, Pipits, Waxwings

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— EUST	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	+C	+C	+C	C
— AMPI	American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	U	-	U	-
— CEDW	Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	U	-	U	-

Warblers

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— BWWA	Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	-	+C	-	-
— GWWA	Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	U	-	U	-
— BRWA	Brewster's Warbler	<i>Vermivora leucobronchialis</i>	-	0	-	-
— LAWA	Lawrence's Warbler	<i>Vermivora lawrencii</i>	-	+U	-	-
— TEWA	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	U	-	U	-
— OCWA	Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	U	-	U	-
— NAWA	Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	U	-	U	-
— NOPA	Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i>	C	-	C	-
— CSWA	Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pennsylvanica</i>	-	+C	-	-
— CMWA	Cape May Warbler	<i>Dendroica tigrina</i>	U	-	U	-
— MAWA	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	C	-	C	-
— MYWA	Myrtle Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	C	-	C	-
— BAWW	Black-and-White Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	-	+C	-	-
— BTBW	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	C	-	C	-
— CERW	Cerulean Warbler	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	R	-	R	-
— BLBW	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	U	-	U	-
— BTNW	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	C	-	C	-
— YTWA	Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Dendroica dominica</i>	R	-	R	-
— PRAW	Prairie Warbler	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	-	+C	-	-
— BBWA	Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Dendroica castanea</i>	U	-	U	-
— BLPW	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	C	-	C	-
— PIWA	Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>	-	+C	-	-
— PAWA	Palm Warbler	<i>Dendroica palmarum</i>	U	-	U	-
— YWAR	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	+C	C	C	-
— MOWA	Mourning Warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	U	-	U	-
— CONW	Connecticut Warbler	<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	R	-	R	-
— CAWA	Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	C	-	C	-
— WIWA	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	U	-	U	-
— HOWA	Hooded Warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	-	+U	-	-
— WEWA	Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helminheros vermivorus</i>	U	-	U	-
— OVEN	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus auricapillus</i>	-	+C	-	-
— LOWA	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus motacilla</i>	R	-	R	-
— NOWA	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	C	-	C	-
— COYE	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	-	+C	-	-
— YBCH	Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	U	-	U	-

Tanagers

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— SUTA	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	U	-	U	-
— SCTA	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	-	+C	-	-

Emberizids

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— EATO	Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	-	+C	-	-
— ATSP	American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>	-	-	-	C
— FISP	Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	-	+U	-	-
— CHSP	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	-	+C	-	-
— GRSP	Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus sавannarum</i>	-	+U	-	-
— FOSP	Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	C	-	C	C
— SAVS	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passercullus sandwichensis</i>	U	-	U	-
— LISP	Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	U	-	U	-
— SOSP	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	+C	+C	C	C
— VESP	Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	-	+U	-	-
— SWSP	Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	C	-	C	-
— WTSP	White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	C	-	C	C
— WCSP	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	U	-	U	-
— SCJU	Slate-colored (Dark-eyed)Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	-	-	-	C
— LALO	Lapland Longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	-	-	-	R
— SNBU	Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	-	-	-	U

Cardinals

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— RBGR	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	U	-	U	-
— NOCA	Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	+C	+C	C	C
— DICK	Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>	R	-	R	-
— BLGR	Blue Grosbeak	<i>Guiraca caerulea</i>	U	-	U	-
— INBU	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	-	+U	-	-

Blackbirds

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— BOBO	Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	U	-	U	-
— EAME	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	+U	U	U	U
— RWBL	Redwinged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	-	+C	-	-
— COGR	Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	+C	C	C	-
— RUBL	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	U	-	U	-
— BHCO	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	+C	C	C	C

Orioles, Finches

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— BAOR	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	-	+C	-	-
— PUF1	Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	U	-	U	-
— HOF1	House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	+U	+U	U	U
— RECR	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	U	-	U	U
— WWCR	White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	-	-	-	U
— PISI	Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	U	-	U	-
— AMGO	American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	C	+C	C	C
— CORE	Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	-	-	-	U
— HORE	Hoary Redpoll	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>	R	-	R	-
— EVGR	Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes vespertina</i>	-	-	-	U
— HOSP	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	+C	+C	C	C

SEASON

Spring = March-May

Summer = June-August

Fall = September-November

Winter = December-February

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

A = abundant: a species which is very numerous

C = common: likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat

U = uncommon: present, but not certain to be seen

O = occasional: seen only a few times during a season

R = rare: may be present but not every year

+ = birds known to nest on or near BNL

References:

1. December 1994; Sitewide Biological Inventory, phase II.