

GEESE, SWANS, AND DUCKS

- ___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck M-r
- ___ Snow Goose M; W-r
- ___ Ross's Goose M-r
- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose M-r; W-r
- ___ Cackling Goose M-r
- ___ Canada Goose P
- ___ Mute Swan P
- ___ Trumpeter Swan P
- ___ Tundra Swan M, W
- ___ Wood Duck S, M; W-u
- ___ Blue-winged Teal M, S; W-x
- ___ Northern Shoveler M; W-u; S-u
- ___ Gadwall M, W; S-u
- ___ Eurasian Wigeon M-r
- ___ American Wigeon M; S-r; W-u
- ___ Mallard P
- ___ American Black Duck W, M; S-u
- ___ Northern Pintail M; W-u; S-u
- ___ Green-winged Teal M; W-u; S-u
- ___ Canvasback M, W; S-r
- ___ Redhead M, W; S-u
- ___ Ring-necked Duck M; W-u; S-x
- ___ Greater Scaup W; M-u
- ___ Lesser Scaup W, M; S-r
- ___ Surf Scoter W-r; M-u
- ___ White-winged Scoter W-u; M-u
- ___ Black Scoter W-x; M-r
- ___ Long-tailed Duck W-u; M-r
- ___ Bufflehead M, W; S-x
- ___ Common Goldeneye M, W; S-x
- ___ Hooded Merganser M; W-u; S-r
- ___ Common Merganser W, M; S-r
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser W, M
- ___ Ruddy Duck W, M; S-u

NEW WORLD QUAIL

- ___ Northern Bobwhite P-loc

GROUSE, PHEASANTS, AND TURKEYS

- ___ Wild Turkey P-loc
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant P-loc

GREBES

- ___ Pied-billed Grebe S, M; W-u
- ___ Horned Grebe M-u; W-r
- ___ Red-necked Grebe M-x
- ___ Eared Grebe M-x

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- ___ Rock Pigeon P
- ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove M-x; P-loc
- ___ Mourning Dove P

CUCKOOS

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo M, S
- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo M; S-r

NIGHTJARS

- ___ Common Nighthawk M, S
- ___ Chuck-will's-widow M-x
- ___ Eastern Whip-poor-will M-u; S-loc

SWIFTS

- ___ Chimney Swift M, S

HUMMINGBIRDS

- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird M, S
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird M-r

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

- ___ King Rail S-r; M-r
- ___ Virginia Rail M, S; W-x
- ___ Sora M, S; W-x
- ___ Common Gallinule S-loc; M-u; W-x
- ___ American Coot M, S; W-r
- ___ Yellow Rail M-x

CRANES

- ___ Sandhill Crane P

STILTS AND AVOCETS

- ___ Black-necked Stilt M-r; S-loc
- ___ American Avocet M-r

PLOVERS

- ___ Black-bellied Plover M
- ___ American Golden-Plover M
- ___ Killdeer S, M; W-r
- ___ Semipalmated Plover M
- ___ Piping Plover M-r; S-loc

SANDPIPERS AND PHALAROPES

- ___ Upland Sandpiper M-r
- ___ Whimbrel M-r
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit M-u
- ___ Marbled Godwit M-u
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone M
- ___ Red Knot M-u
- ___ Ruff M-x
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper M
- ___ Sanderling M
- ___ Dunlin M; W-x
- ___ Purple Sandpiper M-x
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper M-u
- ___ Least Sandpiper M
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper M-u
- ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper M-u
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper M
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper M
- ___ Western Sandpiper M-u
- ___ Short-billed Dowitcher M
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher M
- ___ American Woodcock M, S
- ___ Wilson's Snipe M; S-loc
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper M; S-u

- ___ Solitary Sandpiper M
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs M
- ___ Willet M-u
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs M
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope M-u; S-r
- ___ Red-necked Phalarope M-u
- ___ Red Phalarope M-x

GULLS AND TERNS

- ___ Black-legged Kittiwake M-x
- ___ Sabine's Gull M-x
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull M; W-u; S-u
- ___ Little Gull M-r
- ___ Laughing Gull M-r
- ___ Franklin's Gull M-r
- ___ Ring-billed Gull P
- ___ Herring Gull P
- ___ Iceland Gull W-r
- ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull M-u; W-u; S-r
- ___ Glaucous Gull W-r
- ___ Great Black-backed Gull W; M-u; S-r
- ___ Caspian Tern M; S-u
- ___ Black Tern M; S-loc
- ___ Common Tern M; S-loc
- ___ Forster's Tern M

LOONS

- ___ Common Loon M; W-r; S-x

CORMORANTS

- ___ Double-crested Cormorant S, M; W-u
- ___ Neotropic Cormorant M-r

PELICANS

- ___ American White Pelican M; S-loc

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

- ___ Least Bittern M-u; S-loc
- ___ American Bittern M-u; S-loc
- ___ Little Blue Heron S-r
- ___ Tricolored Heron S-r
- ___ Snowy Egret S-u
- ___ Black-crowned Night Heron S, M; W-loc
- ___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron S-r
- ___ Green Heron S, M
- ___ Great Egret S, M
- ___ Western Cattle-Egret S-u; M-u
- ___ Great Blue Heron S, M; W-u

IBISES

- ___ Glossy Ibis S-r
- ___ White-faced Ibis S-r

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- ___ Black Vulture P-r
- ___ Turkey Vulture M, S; W-r

OSPRES

- ___ Osprey M; S-loc

HAWKS AND EAGLES

- ___ Golden Eagle M-r
- ___ Northern Harrier M, W; S-r
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk M; W-u; S-r
- ___ Cooper's Hawk P
- ___ American Goshawk W-x; M-x
- ___ Bald Eagle P
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk M; W-r; S-loc
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk M; S-loc
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk P
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk W-u; M

BARN OWLS

- ___ American Barn Owl M-r; S-loc

TYPICAL OWLS

- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl P
- ___ Great Horned Owl P
- ___ Snowy Owl W-r
- ___ Barred Owl P-loc
- ___ Long-eared Owl W-u; M-r
- ___ Short-eared Owl W-u; M-r
- ___ Northern Saw-whet Owl M-u; W-r

KINGFISHERS

- ___ Belted Kingfisher M, S; W-u

WOODPECKERS

- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker P-loc; M-u
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker P
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker M; W-r
- ___ Downy Woodpecker P
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker P
- ___ Northern Flicker P
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker P-loc

FALCONS

- ___ American Kestrel P
- ___ Merlin M; W-r; S-loc
- ___ Peregrine Falcon M-u; P-loc

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher M, S
- ___ Eastern Kingbird M, S
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher M-u
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee M, S
- ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher M
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher S-loc; M-u
- ___ Alder Flycatcher M; S-loc
- ___ Willow Flycatcher M, S
- ___ Least Flycatcher M; S-r
- ___ Eastern Phoebe M, S

VIREOS

- ___ White-eyed Vireo M-u; S-loc
- ___ Bell's Vireo M-r; S-loc
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo S; M-u
- ___ Blue-headed Vireo M; S-loc

- ___ Philadelphia Vireo M-u
- ___ Warbling Vireo M, S
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo M, S

SHRIKES

- ___ Loggerhead Shrike M-x
- ___ Northern Shrike W-r; M-x

JAYS AND CROWS

- ___ Blue Jay P
- ___ American Crow P

CHICKADEES AND TITMICE

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee P
- ___ Tufted Titmouse P

LARKS

- ___ Horned Lark P

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS

- ___ Bank Swallow M, S
- ___ Tree Swallow M, S
- ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow M, S
- ___ Purple Martin M, S
- ___ Barn Swallow M, S
- ___ Cliff Swallow M, S

KINGLETS

- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet M; W-u
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet M, W

WAXWINGS

- ___ Cedar Waxwing M; P-irr

NUTHATCHES; CREEPERS

- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch M; W-irr; S-r
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch P
- ___ Brown Creeper M, W; S-r

GNATCATCHERS

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher M, S

WRENS

- ___ Carolina Wren P
- ___ Northern House Wren M, S
- ___ Winter Wren M; W-u
- ___ Sedge Wren M-u; S-r
- ___ Marsh Wren M, S; W-x

MIMIDS

- ___ Gray Catbird M, S; W-r
- ___ Brown Thrasher M, S; W-r
- ___ Northern Mockingbird P-u

STARLINGS

- ___ European Starling P

THRUSHES

- ___ Eastern Bluebird M, S; W-u
- ___ Veery M; S-loc
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush M
- ___ Swainson's Thrush M

- ___ Hermit Thrush M; W-u
- ___ Wood Thrush M, S
- ___ American Robin P

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- ___ House Sparrow P

PIPITS

- ___ American Pipit M; W-r

FINCHES

- ___ Evening Grosbeak M-x; W-x
- ___ House Finch P
- ___ Purple Finch M; W-u
- ___ Redpoll W-irr
- ___ Red Crossbill M-irr; W-irr
- ___ White-winged Crossbill W-r
- ___ Pine Siskin M-u; W-irr; S-r
- ___ American Goldfinch P

LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS

- ___ Lapland Longspur M; W-u
- ___ Snow Bunting M; W-u

AMERICAN SPARROWS

- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow M; S-u
- ___ Lark Sparrow S-loc
- ___ Chipping Sparrow M, S; W-r
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow M-r; S-x
- ___ Field Sparrow M, S; W-r
- ___ Fox Sparrow M; W-u
- ___ American Tree Sparrow W, M
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco M, W
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow M; W-u
- ___ Harris's Sparrow W-r
- ___ White-throated Sparrow M, W
- ___ Vesper Sparrow S, M
- ___ LeConte's Sparrow M-r
- ___ Nelson's Sparrow M-r
- ___ Henslow's Sparrow M-r; S-loc
- ___ Savannah Sparrow M; S-u; W-r
- ___ Song Sparrow P
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow M
- ___ Swamp Sparrow P
- ___ Eastern Towhee M, S; W-r
- ___ Rusty Blackbird M; W-u
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird M-r; W-r
- ___ Common Grackle M, S; W-u

YELLOW-BREASTED CHATS

- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat M-u; S-loc

BLACKBIRDS

- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird M-r; S-loc; W-x
- ___ Bobolink M, S
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark M, S; W-r
- ___ Western Meadowlark S-r; W-x
- ___ Orchard Oriole S; M-u
- ___ Baltimore Oriole M, S; W-x
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird P
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird M, S; W-u

WOOD WARBLERS

- ___ Ovenbird M, S
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler M-r; S-x
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush M-u; S-r
- ___ Northern Waterthrush M
- ___ Golden-winged Warbler M-u; S-x
- ___ Blue-winged Warbler M-u; S-loc
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler M; S-loc
- ___ Prothonotary Warbler M; S-u
- ___ Swainson's Warbler M-x
- ___ Tennessee Warbler M
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler M-u
- ___ Nashville Warbler M
- ___ Connecticut Warbler M-u
- ___ Mourning Warbler M; S-r
- ___ Kentucky Warbler M-r; S-x
- ___ Common Yellowthroat M, S; W-r
- ___ Hooded Warbler M-u; S-loc
- ___ American Redstart M; S-u
- ___ Kirtland's Warbler M-r
- ___ Cape May Warbler M
- ___ Cerulean Warbler M-u; S-r
- ___ Northern Parula M; S-r
- ___ Magnolia Warbler M
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler M
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler M
- ___ Yellow Warbler M, S
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler M; S-loc
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler M
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler M
- ___ Palm Warbler M
- ___ Pine Warbler M-u; S-loc; W-r
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler M; W-loc
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler M-u; S-r
- ___ Prairie Warbler M-r; S-x
- ___ Black-throated Green Warbler M; S-x
- ___ Canada Warbler M
- ___ Wilson's Warbler M

CARDINALS AND RELATED BIRDS

- ___ Summer Tanager M-r; S-loc
- ___ Scarlet Tanager M; S-loc
- ___ Northern Cardinal P
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak M, S
- ___ Blue Grosbeak S-loc; M-r
- ___ Indigo Bunting M, S
- ___ Dickcissel S-irr; M-u

**Black Swamp
Bird Observatory
Field Checklist
of Birds**

**Western
Lake Erie
Marsh Region**



DATE _____ TIME _____
 LOCATION _____
 WEATHER _____
 OBSERVERS _____

This region of northwestern Ohio and southeastern Michigan is famous for concentrations of birds, especially during migration. This checklist includes birds occurring regularly in this region, with a brief note of their status. Names and sequence here follow those of the American Ornithological Society and are current as of spring 2025.

Seasonal Status:

- S — summer resident
- W — winter resident
- M — migrant
- P — present at all seasons (may include migratory populations moving through)

Abundance codes:

- no designation — Occurs regularly, should be found daily in prime habitat and season.
 - u — uncommon. Regular, but not expected every day even in prime habitat and season.
 - r — rare. Occurs in very small numbers, and might not be found every year.
 - x — very rare. Found in this area and season only a few times per decade.
 - loc — local. Found regularly in only a very small part of this area.
 - irr — irregular. Numbers variable from year to year, might be common or nearly absent.
- Extremely rare visitors, which might not occur even once per decade, are not listed here.

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