

**THE CHECKLIST OF BIRDS  
FOR  
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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	Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W
<b>ABUNDANCE STATUS</b>									
a = abundant: easily found in proper habitat					<b>WATERFOWL</b> Snow Goose	u	u	u	
in good numbers, hard to miss					Ross's Goose	r		r	
c = common: easily found in proper habitat in smaller numbers, very likely to be seen					Greater White-fronted Goose	r	r	r	
u = uncommon: not easily found in proper habitat, present but not likely to be seen					Pink-footed Goose		r	r	
r = rare: seldom found in proper habitat					Brant	u	r		
<b>C/B</b> = confirmed breeder in Orange County					Cackling Goose	r	r	r	
<b>P</b> = probable breeder					Canada Goose	C	a	a	a
<b>p</b> = possible breeder					Mute Swan	C	c	c	u
<b>#</b> = has bred, present status unknown					Tundra Swan	r	r		
? = present status not well known due to difficulty in identification in this season					Wood Duck	C	c	c	r
					Blue-winged Teal	u	u	u	
					Northern Shoveler	u	u	r	
					Gadwall	u	u	u	
					American Wigeon	u	u	r	
<b>SEASONS</b>					Mallard	C	a	a	a
Sp = Spring: March-May					American Black Duck	#	c	r	c
Su = Summer: June-July					Northern Pintail	c	c	r	
F = Fall: August-November					Green-winged Teal	p	c	c	r
W = Winter: December-February					Canvasback	r		u	
					Redhead	r		r	
<b>ACCIDENTALS</b> : found < 3 times in Orange County					Ring-necked Duck	c	c	u	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Barnacle Goose,					Greater Scaup	r	r		
Trumpeter Swan, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider,					Lesser Scaup	u	u	r	
Barrow's Goldeneye, Eurasian Collared-Dove,					Surf Scoter		r		
Black-necked Stilt, Marbled Godwit,					White-winged Scoter		r	r	
Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot,					Black Scoter	r	r	r	
Ruff, Willet, Red Phalarope, Black-legged Kittiwake,					Long-tailed Duck	r	r	r	
Ivory Gull, Black-headed Gull, Franklin's Gull,					Bufflehead	c	c	u	
Sooty Tern, Forster's Tern, Black Skimmer,					Common Goldeneye	u	u	u	
American White Pelican, Tricolored Heron,					Hooded Merganser	#	c	c	u
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, White Ibis,					Common Merganser	C	a	r	c
Roseate Spoonbill, Great Gray Owl, Crested Caracara					Red-breasted Merganser	r	r	r	
Monk Parakeet #, Loggerhead Shrike #,					Ruddy Duck	c	c	u	
Say's Phoebe, Cave Swallow, Boreal Chickadee,					<b>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS</b>				
Northern Wheatear, Mountain Bluebird,					Ring-necked Pheasant	#	r	r	r
Varied Thrush, Bohemian Waxwing, Hoary Redpoll,					Ruffed Grouse	C	r	r	r
European Goldfinch, Clay-colored Sparrow,					Wild Turkey	C	c	u	c
Lark Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow,					<b>GREBES</b>				
Summer Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak,					Pied-billed	C	r	r	r
Western Meadowlark, Painted Bunting,					Horned	r	r	r	
Brewer's Blackbird, Prothonotary Warbler #,					Red-necked	r		r	
Kentucky Warbler.					<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>				
					Rock Pigeon	C	a	a	a
<b>Location:</b>					Mourning Dove	C	a	a	a
<b>Date:</b>					<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
<b>Start time/ End Time:</b>					Yellow-billed	C	u	u	u
<b>Participant(s):</b>					Black-billed	C	u	u	u
<b>Notes:</b>					<b>NIGHTJARS &amp; ALLIES</b>				
					Common Nighthawk	#	u	u	
					Eastern Whip-poor-will	B	r	r	
					<b>SWIFTS</b>				
					Chimney Swift	C	c	c	c
					<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
					Ruby-throated	C	c	c	u
					Rufous				r
					<b>RAILS, COOTS &amp; CRANES</b>				
					Virginia Rail	B	u	u	u
					Sora	C	r	r	r
					Common Gallinule	C	r	r	r
					American Coot		c	c	
					Sandhill Crane		r	r	
					<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; ALLIES</b>				
					American Avocet		r	r	
					Black-bellied Plover		r	u	
					American Golden-Plover		r	u	
					Semipalmated Plover		u	u	r
					Killdeer	C	c	c	a
					Upland Sandpiper	#	r	r	r
					Whimbrel				r
					Hudsonian Godwit				r
					Stilt Sandpiper				r
					Sanderling				r
					Dunlin		r	u	
					Baird's Sandpiper				r
					Least Sandpiper		c	c	
					White-rumped Sandpiper		r	r	
					Buff-breasted Sandpiper				u
					Pectoral Sandpiper		u	c	
					Semipalmated Sandpiper		u	u	
					Western Sandpiper				r
					Short-billed Dowitcher		r	u	
					Long-billed Dowitcher				r
					American Woodcock	C	c	u	u
					Wilson's Snipe		c	u	r
					Spotted Sandpiper	C	c	u	c
					Solitary Sandpiper		c	c	
					Lesser Yellowlegs		u	c	
					Greater Yellowlegs		c	c	
					Wilson's Phalarope				r
					Red-necked Phalarope		r	r	
					<b>GULLS &amp; TERNS</b>				
					Bonaparte's Gull		r	r	
					Laughing Gull			r	r
					Ring-billed Gull		a	u	a
					Herring Gull		c	r	c
					Iceland Gull (Kumlein's)				r
					Lesser Black-backed Gull				r
					Glaucous Gull				r
					Great Black-backed Gull		u	r	u
					Caspian Tern		r	r	
					Black Tern		r	r	
					Common Tern		r	r	
					<b>LOONS</b> Red-throated		r	r	
					Common		u	u	

	Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W											
<b>CORMORANTS</b>						<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					<b>THRUSHES</b>					Eastern Meadowlark	C	u	u	u	r									
Double-crested Cormorant	u	c	u	r		Great Crested	C	c	c	c		Eastern Bluebird	C	c	c	c	u			Orchard Oriole	C	u	u	r						
Great Cormorant	r			u		Western Kingbird				r		Veery	C	c	c	c				Baltimore Oriole	C	c	c	c	r					
<b>HERONS &amp; ALLIES</b>						Eastern Kingbird	C	c	c	c		Gray-Cheeked/ Bicknell's		r		r				Red-winged Blackbird	C	a	a	a	u					
American Bittern	p	r	r	r		Olive-sided		u		u		Swainson's	p	u		u				Brown-headed Cowbird	C	a	c	c	r					
Least Bittern	p	r	r	r		Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	c	c	c		Hermit	C	u	u	u	r				Rusty Blackbird		u		u	r				
Great Blue Heron	C	c	c	c	u	Yellow-bellied		r		r		Wood	C	c	c	c					Common Grackle	C	a	a	a	r				
Great Egret	u	r	u			Acadian	C	r	r	?		American Robin	C	a	a	a	u				<b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>									
Snowy Egret				r		Alder	C	r	r	?		<b>MIMIDS</b>									Ovenbird	C	c	c	r					
Little Blue Heron				r		Willow	C	u	u	?		Gray Catbird	C	a	a	a	r				Worm-eating	C	u	u	r					
Cattle Egret				r		Least	C	c	u	?		Brown Thrasher	C	u	u	u	r				Louisiana Waterthrush	C	c	c	u					
Green Heron	C	u	u	u		Eastern Phoebe	C	c	c	c	r	Northern Mockingbird	C	c	c	c	c				Northern Waterthrush	C	u	r	u					
Black-crownd. Night-Heron	r	r	r			<b>SHRIKES</b>						<b>STARLINGS</b>									Golden-winged	C	r	r	r					
Glossy Ibis	r					Northern		r			r	European Starling	C	a	a	a	a					Blue-winged	C	c	c	c				
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>						<b>VIREOS</b>						<b>WAXWINGS</b>										Black-and-white	C	c	c	c				
Black Vulture	P	u	u	u	r	White-eyed	P	r	r	r		Cedar Waxwing	C	c	c	c	u					Tennessee		r		r				
Turkey Vulture	C	c	c	c	r	Yellow-throated	C	c	c	u		<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>										Orange-crowned		r		r				
<b>HAWKS &amp; EAGLES</b>						Blue-headed	C	u	u	u		House Sparrow	C	a	a	a	a					Nashville	#	u	r	u				
Osprey	c	r	u			Philadelphia		r		r		<b>PIPITS</b>										Connecticut				r				
Golden Eagle	r		r	r		Warbling	C	c	c	c		American Pipit		r		u	r					Mourning		r		r				
Northern Harrier	p	c	r	c	u	Red-eyed	C	c	c	c		<b>FRINGILLID FINCHES</b>										Common Yellowthroat	C	a	a	c	r			
Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	c	u	c	u	<b>CORVIDS</b>						Evening Grosbeak		r		r						Hooded	C	c	u	u				
Cooper's Hawk	C	c	u	c	r	Blue Jay	C	a	a	a	a	Pine Grosbeak										American Redstart	C	a	a	c				
Northern Goshawk	#	r	r	r	r	American Crow	C	a	a	a	a	House Finch	C	c	c	c	c					Cape May		r		r				
Bald Eagle	C	c	u	u	c	Fish Crow	C	c	c	c		Purple Finch	P	u	r	u	u					Cerulean	C	u	u	r				
Mississippi Kite	r					Common Raven	C	u	u	u	u	Common Redpoll										Northern Parula	P	c	r	c				
Red-shouldered Hawk	C	u	u	u		<b>LARKS</b>						Red Crossbill										Magnolia	P	c	r	c				
Broad-winged Hawk	C	u	u	c		Horned	B	u	r	c	c	White-winged Crossbill										Bay-breasted		r		r				
Red-tailed Hawk	C	c	c	c	u	<b>SWALLOWS</b>						Pine Siskin		r		r	u					Blackburnian	C	u	u	u				
Rough-legged Hawk	r			r		Purple Martin	C	r	r	r		American Goldfinch	C	c	c	a	c					Yellow	C	a	a	r				
<b>OWLS</b>						Tree	C	a	a	a		<b>CALCARIIDAE</b>											Chestnut-sided	C	c	u	c			
Barn	#	r	r	r	r	Northern Rough-winged	C	c	u	u		Lapland Longspur		r			u						Blackpoll		c		c			
Eastern Screech	C	u	u	u	u	Bank	C	r	r	r		Snow Bunting					u	u					Black-throated Blue	C	c	u	c			
Great Horned	C	u	u	u	u	Cliff	C	r	r	r		<b>EMBERIZIDAE</b>											Palm		c		c			
Snowy				r		Barn	C	a	a	a		Eastern Towhee	C	c	u	c	r						Pine	C	u	u	u	r		
Barred	C	u	u	u	u	<b>TITS,NUTHATCHES &amp; CREEPERS</b>						American Tree Sparrow		u									Yellow-rumped	P	a	r	a	u		
Long-eared	r			r		Black-capped Chickadee	C	a	a	a	a	Chipping Sparrow	C	c	c	c								Yellow-throated	p	r	r			
Short-eared	r			u		Tufted Titmouse	C	a	a	a	a	Field Sparrow	C	u	u	u	r							Prairie	C	c	c	u		
Northern Saw-whet				r		Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	r	r	r	r	Vesper Sparrow	#	r	r	r								Black-throated Green	C	c	u	c		
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>						White-breasted Nuthatch	C	c	c	c	c	Savannah Sparrow	C	c	u	c	r							Canada	p	u	r	u		
Belted Kingfisher	C	u	u	u	r	Brown Creeper	C	u	u	u	u	Grasshopper Sparrow	C	r	r	r								Wilson's		u		u		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>						<b>WRENS</b>						Fox Sparrow		u		u	r							<b>CARDINALIDAE</b>						
Red-headed	C	r	r	r	r	House	C	c	c	c		Song Sparrow	C	a	a	a	c							Scarlet Tanager	C	c	c	c		
Red-bellied	C	c	c	c	c	Winter	B	u	u	u	u	Lincoln's Sparrow		u	u									Northern Cardinal	C	a	a	a	a	
Yellow-bell'd Sapsucker	#	u		u	u	Sedge	#			r		Swamp Sparrow	C	c	c	c	r								Rose-brest'd. Grosbeak	C	c	c	c	
Downy	C	c	c	c	u	Marsh	C	u	u	u		White-throated Sparrow		a		a	a								Blue Grosbeak	C	r	r	r	
Hairy	C	u	u	c	u	Carolina	C	c	c	c	u	White-crowned Sparrow		u		u	r								Indigo Bunting	C	c	c	c	
Northern Flicker	C	c	c	c	u	<b>GNATCATCHER</b>						Dark-eyed Junco	C	c	r	c	a								Dickcissel		r	r	r	r
Pileated	C	u	u	u	u	Blue-gray	C	c	c	c		<b>CHAT</b> Yellow-breasted	C	r	r	r														
<b>FALCONS</b> Amer. Kestrel	C	u	u	u	r	<b>KINGLETS</b>						<b>ICTERIDAE</b>																		
Merlin	r			r	r	Golden-crowned	#	u		c	u	Yellow-headed Blackbird					r													
Peregrine Falcon	C	r	r	r	r	Ruby-crowned		c		c	r	Bobolink	C	u	u	u														