

**CHECKLIST OF BIRDS FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, NY**

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

