

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	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	RAILS, COOTS & CRANES
e = extraordinarily rare, unlikely to be seen					Pink-footed Goose			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
					Cackling Goose	r		r	Common Gallinule B r r r e
					Canada Goose	B	a	a	American Coot c r c e
					Mute Swan	B	c	c	Sandhill Crane r e r e
					Tundra Swan	r		r	SANDPIPERS & ALLIES
					Wood Duck	B	c	c	American Avocet e e
BREEDING STATUS					Blue-winged Teal	u		u	Black-bellied Plover r u
B = confirmed breeder in Orange County					Northern Shoveler	u		u	American Golden-Plover r u
b = probable breeder in the county					Gadwall	u		u	Semipalmated Plover u u
p = possible breeder in the county					Eurasian Wigeon	e		e	Killdeer B c c a r
# = has bred in the county					American Wigeon	u		u	Upland Sandpiper # r r r
present status unknown					Mallard	B	a	a	Whimbrel r e
					American Black Duck	#	c	r	Hudsonian Godwit e
SEASONS					Northern Pintail	c		c	Stilt Sandpiper e r
Sp = Spring: March-- May					Green-winged Teal	p	c	c	Sanderling e e
Su = Summer: June & July					Canvasback	r		r	Dunlin r u
F = Fall: August--November					Redhead	r		r	Baird's Sandpiper r
W = Winter: December--February					Ring-necked Duck	c		c	Least Sandpiper c c
					Greater Scaup	r		r	White-rumped Sandpiper r r
					Lesser Scaup	u		u	Buff-breasted Sandpiper r
ACCIDENTALS (<3x in Orange County)					Surf Scoter	e		r	Pectoral Sandpiper u c
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Harlequin Duck,					White-winged Scoter	e		r	Semipalmated Sandpiper u u
Barnacle Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Green-winged Teal					Black Scoter	r		r	Western Sandpiper e
(Eurasian), King Eider, Common Eider, Barrow's					Long-tailed Duck	r		r	Short-billed Dowitcher r u
Goldeneye, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Black Rail, Black-					Bufflehead	c		c	Long-billed Dowitcher r
necked Stilt, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Red					Common Goldeneye	u		u	American Woodcock B c u u e
Knot, Ruff, Willet, Red Phalarope, Black-legged					Hooded Merganser	#	c	c	Wilson's Snipe c u r
Kittiwake, Ivory Gull, Black-headed Gull, Little Gull,					Common Merganser	B	a	r	Spotted Sandpiper B c u c
Glaucous-winged Gull, Sooty Tern, Arctic Tern,					Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	Solitary Sandpiper c c
Forster's Tern, Black Skimmer, American White					Ruddy Duck	c		c	Lesser Yellowlegs u c
Pelican, Brown Booby, Tricolored Heron, Roseate					GAME BIRDS				Greater Yellowlegs c c
Spoonbill, Ferruginous Hawk, Great Gray Owl,					Ring-necked Pheasant	#	r	r	Wilson's Phalarope e e e
Gryfalcon, Crested Caracara, Monk Parakeet #,					Ruffed Grouse	B	r	r	Red-necked Phalarope e e
Loggerhead Shrike #, Cave Swallow, Boreal					Wild Turkey	B	c	u	GULLS & TERNS
Chickadee, Northern Wheatear, Mountain Bluebird,					GREBES				Bonaparte's Gull u e u e
Varied Thrush, Bohemian Waxwing, European					Pied-billed	B	r	r	Laughing Gull r r r
Goldfinch, Harris's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow,					Horned	r		r	Franklin's Gull e e e
Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Prothonotary					Red-necked	r		r	Ring-billed Gull a u a a
Warbler #, Black-headed Grosbeak, Painted Bunting					PIGEONS & DOVES				Herring Gull c r c c
					Rock Pigeon	B	a	a	Iceland Gull r e u
					Mourning Dove	B	a	a	Lesser Black-backed Gull e e e r
					CUCKOOS				Glaucous Gull r
Location:					Yellow-billed	B	u	u	Great Black-backed Gull u r u c
Date:					Black-billed	B	u	u	Caspian Tern r e r
Start time/ End time:					NIGHTJARS & ALLIES				Black Tern r r
Participant(s):					Common Nighthawk	#	u	u	Common Tern r r
Notes:					Eastern Whip-poor-will	B	r	r	LOONS
					SWIFTS				Red-throated r r
					Chimney Swift	B	c	c	Common u u e e

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