CHECKLIST OF BIRDS FOR ORANGE COUNTY, NY

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ABUNDANCE STATUS

a = abundant: easily found in proper habitat in good numbers, hard to miss

c = common: easily found in proper habitat in smaller numbers, very likely to be seen

u = uncommon: not easily found in proper habitat, present but not likely to be seen

r = rare: seldom found in proper habitat

e = extraordinarily rare, unlikely to be seen

? = present status not well known owing to difficulty in identification in this season

BREEDING STATUS

B = confirmed breeder in Orange County

b = probable breeder in the county

p = possible breeder in the county

= has bred in the county present status unknown

SEASONS

Sp = Spring: March– May

Su = Summer: June & July

F = Fall: August–November

W = Winter: December–February

ACCIDENTALS (<3x in Orange County)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Harlequin Duck, Barnacle Goose, Trumpeter Swan, 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, Tricolored Heron, Roseate Spoonbill, Ferruginous Hawk, Great Gray Owl, Gryfalcom, 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

Location:

Date:

Start time/ End time:

Participant(s):

Notes:

		Sp	Su	F	W
WATERFOWL					
Snow goose		u		u	u
Ross's Goose		r			r
Greater White-fronted Goose		r		r	r
Pink-footed Goose				e	e
Brant		u		r	
Cackling Goose		r		r	r
Canada Goose	B	a	a	a	a
Mute Swan	B	c	c	c	u
Tundra Swan		r		r	e
Wood Duck	B	c	c	c	r
Blue-winged Teal		u		u	
Northern Shoveler		u		u	r
Gadwall		u		u	u
Eurasion Wigeon		e		e	e
American Wigeon		u		u	r
Mallard	B	a	a	a	a
American Black Duck	#	c	r	c	u
Northern Pintail		c		c	r
Green-winged Teal	p	c		c	r
Canvasback		r			r
Redhead		r			r
Ring-necked Duck		c		c	u
Greater Scaup		r		r	
Lesser Scaup		u		u	r
Surf Scoter		e		r	
White-winged Scoter		e		r	r
Black Scoter		r		r	r
Long-tailed Duck		r		r	r
Bufflehead		c		c	u
Common Goldeneye		u		u	u
Hooded Merganser	#	c		c	u
Common Merganser	B	a	r	c	c
Red-breasted Merganser		r			r
Ruddy Duck		c		c	u
GAME BIRDS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	#	r	r	r	r
Ruffed Grouse	B	r	r	r	r
Wild Turkey	B	c	u	c	c
GREBES					
Pied-billed	B	r	r	r	r
Horned		r		r	r
Red-necked		r			r
PIGEONS & DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	B	a	a	a	a
Mourning Dove	B	a	a	a	a
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed	B	u	u	u	
Black-billed	B	u	u	u	
NIGHTJARS & ALLIES					
Common Nighthawk	#	u		u	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	B	r	r		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	B	c	c	c	

		Sp	Su	F	W
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated	B	c	c	u	
Rufous				e	
RAILS, COOTS & CRANES					
Virginia Rail	B	u	u	u	e
Sora	B	r	r	r	
Common Gallinule	B	r	r	r	e
American Coot		c	r	c	e
Sandhill Crane		r	e	r	e
SANDPIPERS & ALLIES					
American Avocet			e	e	
Black-bellied Plover		r		u	
American Golden-Plover		r		u	
Semipalmated Plover		u		u	
Killdeer	B	c	c	a	r
Upland Sandpiper	#	r	r	r	
Whimbrel				e	
Hudsonian Godwit				e	
Stilt Sandpiper		e		r	
Sanderling		e		e	
Dunlin		r		u	
Baird's Sandpiper				r	
Least Sandpiper		c		c	
White-rumped Sandpiper		r		r	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				r	
Pectoral Sandpiper		u		c	
Semipalmated Sandpiper		u		u	
Western Sandpiper				e	
Short-billed Dowitcher		r		u	
Long-billed Dowitcher				r	
American Woodcock	B	c	u	u	e
Wilson's Snipe		c		u	r
Spotted Sandpiper	B	c	u	c	
Solitary Sandpiper		c		c	
Lesser Yellowlegs		u		c	
Greater Yellowlegs		c		c	
Wilson's Phalarope		e	e	e	
Red-necked Phalarope		e		e	
GULLS & TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull		u	e	u	e
Laughing Gull		r	r	r	
Franklin's Gull		e	e		e
Ring-billed Gull		a	u	a	a
Herring Gull		c	r	c	c
Iceland Gull		r		e	u
Lesser Black-backed Gull		e	e	e	r
Glaucous Gull					r
Great Black-backed Gull		u	r	u	c
Caspian Tern		r	e	r	
Black Tern		r		r	
Common Tern		r		r	
LOONS					
Red-throated		r		r	
Common		u		u	e

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