BIRDS of NEW YORK CITY

Western Long Island & Northeastern New Jersey

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CHECKLIST OF NEW YORK CITY & WESTERN LONG ISLAND BIRDS

This checklist includes 308 bird species recorded in New York City, western Long Island and the surrounding ocean habitats. It was compiled using *The Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State* (Andrle and Carroll 1988), *Birds of the New York Area* (Bull 1964), *Where to Find Birds in New York State* (Drennan 1981), *Where the Birds Are* (Jones 1990), *The Birds of Central Park: An Annotated Checklist* (Central Park Conservancy 1995) and *Birds of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge* (Davis 1994).

CHECKLIST SYMBOLS

Seasons

W = Winter (mid-December through February)
Sp = Spring (March through May)
Su = Summer (June through July)
F = Fall (August through early December)

Breeding Status

B = Regular breeder (nests every year)
b = Irregular breeder (nests infrequently; few nesting records)
? = Suspected breeder (no confirmation of nesting)
+ = Former breeder (no nesting records in recent years)
L = Local breeder (restricted to a few locations)

Abundance (in appropriate habitats)

C = Common to abundant (always present in large numbers)
F = Fairly common (always present in moderate to small numbers)
U = Uncommon (usually present in small numbers)
R = Rare (observed in very small numbers, and perhaps not every year)
X = Extremely rare (fewer than 10 recorded sightings during that season)
- = Absent (no recorded sightings)
e = Erratic (can occur in substantially larger or smaller numbers during certain years)
* = Abundant offshore (pelagic)

The species in this checklist are listed in taxonomic order (in accordance with the 41st supplement [July 1997] of the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-list of North American Birds*). A blank line separates each family of birds. This checklist does not include 'accidental' species (recorded fewer than 10 times ever in our area).

	W	Sp	Su	F
❑ Red-throated Loon	F	C	-	C
❑ Common Loon	U	F	X	F
❑ Pied-billed Grebe (BL)	U	U	R	F
❑ Horned Grebe	F	C	X	C
❑ Red-necked Grebe	R	R	-	R
❑ Cory's Shearwater	-	-	-	R*
❑ Greater Shearwater	-	R*	R*	-
❑ Sooty Shearwater	-	R*	R*	-
❑ Wilson's Storm-Petrel	-	-	U*	-
❑ Northern Gannet	R*	U*	X*	U*
❑ Great Cormorant	C	U	R	U
❑ Double-crested Cormorant (BL)	R*	C	U	C
❑ American Bittern (+)	U	U	R	U
❑ Least Bittern (BL)	-	R	R	R
❑ Great Blue Heron	U	F	U	F
❑ Great Egret (BL)	X	F	F	F
❑ Snowy Egret (BL)	-	F	F	F
❑ Little Blue Heron (BL)	X	U	U	U
❑ Tricolored Heron (BL)	X	U	U	U
❑ Cattle Egret (BL)	-	U	U	U
❑ Green Heron (B)	-	F	U	F
❑ Black-crowned Night-Heron (BL)	U	F	F	F
❑ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (BL)	-	U	U	U
❑ Glossy Ibis (BL)	-	F	F	F
❑ Turkey Vulture	R	F	R	F
❑ Tundra Swan	R-	-	R	
❑ Mute Swan (B)	F	F	F	F
❑ Snow Goose	R	Ue	X	Ue
❑ Brant	C	C	R	C
❑ Canada Goose (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Wood Duck (B)	R	U	R	U
❑ Green-winged Teal (b)	U	C	R	C
❑ American Black Duck (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Mallard (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Northern Pintail	U	F	X	F
❑ Blue-winged Teal (b)	X	F	R	C
❑ Northern Shoveler (b)	U	F	R	U
❑ Gadwall (B)	F	F	F	F
❑ Eurasian Wigeon	R	R	-	R
❑ American Wigeon	C	C	X	C
❑ Canvasback	U	R	-	F
❑ Redhead (b)	R	R	X	R
❑ Ring-necked Duck	R	U	-	U
❑ Greater Scaup	C	C	R	C
❑ Lesser Scaup	U	U	X	U
❑ Common Eider	R	-	-	-
❑ King Eider	R	-	-	-
❑ Harlequin Duck	R	-	-	-
❑ Oldsquaw	U	U	-	U
❑ Black Scoter	U	U	X	U
❑ Surf Scoter	U	U	-	U
❑ White-winged Scoter	U	U	-	U
❑ Common Goldeneye	F	F	-	F

	W	Sp	Su	F
❑ Bufflehead	C	C	X	C
❑ Hooded Merganser	U	U	X	U
❑ Common Merganser	R	R	-	R
❑ Red-breasted Merganser	C	C	X	C
❑ Ruddy Duck (BL)	U	U	U	U
❑ Osprey (BL)	X	U	R	F
❑ Bald Eagle	R	-	R	R
❑ Northern Harrier (BL)	F	F	U	C
❑ Sharp-shinned Hawk (+)	U	U	X	C
❑ Cooper's Hawk	R	R	-	U
❑ Northern Goshawk	R	R	-	R
❑ Red-shouldered Hawk (+)	R	R	-	R
❑ Broad-winged Hawk (BL)	-	F	R	C
❑ Red-tailed Hawk (B)	F	F	R	C
❑ Rough-legged Hawk	Re	-	-	Re
❑ American Kestrel (B)	U	U	U	C
❑ Merlin	R	R	-	U
❑ Peregrine Falcon (BL)	R	R	R	U
❑ Gyrfalcon	X	-	-	X
❑ Ring-necked Pheasant (B)	R	R	R	R
❑ Northern Bobwhite (BL)	U	U	U	U
❑ Black Rail (b)	-	X	X	X
❑ Clapper Rail (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ King Rail	X	X	X	X
❑ Virginia Rail (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Sora (BL)	X	R	R	R
❑ Common Moorhen (BL)	-	R	R	R
❑ American Coot (BL)	R	U	R	U
❑ Black-bellied Plover	U	C	U	C
❑ American Golden-Plover	-	R	X	U
❑ Semipalmated Plover	R	C	C	C
❑ Piping Plover (BL)	-	R	R	R
❑ Killdeer (B)	R	C	C	C
❑ American Oystercatcher (BL)	R	U	U	U
❑ Greater Yellowlegs	R	F	U	C
❑ Lesser Yellowlegs	X	C	F	C
❑ Solitary Sandpiper	-	U	-	U
❑ Willet (B)	-	C	C	C
❑ Spotted Sandpiper (B)	-	F	F	F
❑ Upland Sandpiper (BL)	-	R	R	R
❑ Whimbrel	-	R	X	R
❑ Hudsonian Godwit	-	-	R	R
❑ Marbled Godwit	-	X	R	R
❑ Ruddy Turnstone	R	U	R	U
❑ Red Knot	R	U	R	U
❑ Sanderling	U	U	R	C
❑ Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	C	U	C
❑ Western Sandpiper	R	F	U	C
❑ Least Sandpiper	-	C	U	C
❑ White-rumped Sandpiper	-	U	R	U
❑ Baird's Sandpiper	-	-	-	R
❑ Pectoral Sandpiper	-	U	R	F
❑ Purple Sandpiper	F	U	-	U
❑ Dunlin	F	C	R	C

	W	Sp	Su	F
❑ Curlew Sandpiper	-	X	X	X
❑ Stilt Sandpiper	-	R	X	U
❑ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	-	R
❑ Ruff/Reeve	-	R	R	R
❑ Short-billed Dowitcher	X	C	F	C
❑ Long-billed Dowitcher	X	R	R	U
❑ Common Snipe	R	U	-	U
❑ American Woodcock (BL)	X	U	U	U
❑ Wilson's Phalarope	-	R	-	R
❑ Red-necked Phalarope	-	R	-	R
❑ Red Phalarope	-	R*	-	R*
❑ Pomarine Jaeger	-	R*	-	R*
❑ Parasitic Jaeger	-	R*	-	R*
❑ Laughing Gull (BL)	-	C	C	C
❑ Little Gull	R	X	X	X
❑ Black-headed Gull	R	X	X	X
❑ Bonaparte's Gull	F	F	R	F
❑ Ring-billed Gull	C	C	U	C
❑ Herring Gull (BL)	C	C	C	C
❑ Iceland Gull	R	X	-	X
❑ Lesser Black-backed Gull	X	X	-	X
❑ Glaucous Gull	R	X	-	X
❑ Great Black-backed Gull (BL)	C	C	C	C
❑ Black-legged Kittiwake	R*	-	-	R*
❑ Gull-billed Tern (b)	-	R	R	R
❑ Caspian Tern	-	R	R	U
❑ Royal Tern	-	R	R	U
❑ Roseate Tern (BL)	-	U	U	R
❑ Common Tern (BL)	-	C	F	C
❑ Forster's Tern (b)	-	U	U	C
❑ Least Tern (BL)	-	U	U	R
❑ Black Tern	-	R	R	R
❑ Black Skimmer (BL)	-	F	F	F
❑ Rock Dove (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Mourning Dove (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Black-billed Cuckoo (BL)	-	Re	Re	Re
❑ Yellow-billed Cuckoo (BL)	-	Re	Re	Re
❑ Barn Owl (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Eastern Screech-Owl (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Great Horned Owl (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Snowy Owl	Re	-	-	-
❑ Barred Owl	X	X	X	X
❑ Long-eared Owl (+)	R	X	X	X
❑ Short-eared Owl (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Northern Saw-whet Owl (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Common Nighthawk (BL)	-	R	R	U
❑ Chuck-will's-widow (b)	-	-	R	-
❑ Whip-poor-will (+)	-	R	R	R
❑ Chimney Swift (B)	-	C	C	C
❑ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	-	U	R	U
❑ Belted Kingfisher (B)	R	U	R	U

	W	Sp	Su	F
❑ Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R	X	R
❑ Red-bellied Woodpecker (B)	R	R	R	R
❑ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	R	-	U
❑ Downy Woodpecker (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Hairy Woodpecker (B)	U	U	U	U
❑ Northern Flicker (B)	U	F	U	C
❑ Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
❑ Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	R	-	U
❑ Eastern Wood-Pewee (BL)	-	F	F	F
❑ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	R	-	R
❑ Acadian Flycatcher (?)	-	R	R	R
❑ Alder Flycatcher	-	R	-	R
❑ Willow Flycatcher (B)	-	U	U	-
❑ Least Flycatcher	-	U	R	U
❑ Eastern Phoebe (B)	-	C	R	C
❑ Great Crested Flycatcher (B)	-	F	F	F
❑ Western Kingbird	-	-	-	R
❑ Eastern Kingbird (B)	-	F	F	F
❑ Northern Shrike	Re	R	-	R
❑ Loggerhead Shrike	X	X	-	R
❑ White-eyed Vireo (BL)	-	U	U	U
❑ Blue-headed Vireo	-	U	-	U
❑ Yellow-throated Vireo (BL)	-	U	R	U
❑ Warbling Vireo (B)	-	U	R	U
❑ Philadelphia Vireo	-	R	-	R
❑ Red-eyed Vireo (B)	-	F	F	F
❑ Blue Jay (B)	F	F	U	C
❑ American Crow (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Fish Crow (B)	F	F	F	F
❑ Horned Lark (B)	U	U	U	U
❑ Purple Martin (BL)	-	R	R	R
❑ Tree Swallow (B)	R	C	F	C
❑ Northern Rough-winged Swallow (B)	-	R	U	R
❑ Bank Swallow (BL)	-	R	U	R
❑ Cliff Swallow	-	R	-	R
❑ Barn Swallow (B)	-	C	C	C
❑ Black-capped Chickadee (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Boreal Chickadee	Xe	Xe	-	Xe
❑ Tufted Titmouse (B)	F	F	F	F
❑ Red-breasted Nuthatch (BL)	Re	Re	Re	Re
❑ White-breasted Nuthatch (B)	U	U	U	U
❑ Brown Creeper (BL)	R	U	R	U
❑ Carolina Wren (B)	R	R	R	R
❑ House Wren (B)	-	F	F	F
❑ Winter Wren	R	R	-	R
❑ Sedge Wren	-	X	-	X
❑ Marsh Wren (BL)	R	U	U	U

	W	Sp	Su	F
❑ Golden-crowned Kinglet	Re	U	-	C
❑ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	U	-	C
❑ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (BL)	-	U	R	R
❑ Eastern Bluebird (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Veery (B)	-	U	R	C
❑ Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	R	-	R
❑ Swainson's Thrush	-	R	-	U
❑ Hermit Thrush (BL)	R	F	X	F
❑ Wood Thrush (B)	-	U	U	U
❑ American Robin (B)	Ue	C	C	C
❑ European Starling (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Gray Catbird (B)	R	F	F	F
❑ Northern Mockingbird (B)	F	F	F	F
❑ Brown Thrasher (B)	R	U	R	U
❑ American Pipit	R	R	-	U
❑ Cedar Waxwing (BL)	Re	F	R	F
❑ Blue-winged Warbler (BL)	-	F	R	U
❑ Golden-winged Warbler	-	R	-	R
❑ Tennessee Warbler	-	U	-	U
❑ Orange-crowned Warbler	Xe	R	-	R
❑ Nashville Warbler	-	U	-	U
❑ Northern Parula	-	U	-	U
❑ Yellow Warbler (B)	-	F	U	F
❑ Chestnut-sided Warbler (BL)	-	U	R	U
❑ Magnolia Warbler	-	U	-	U
❑ Cape May Warbler	-	U	-	F
❑ Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	U	-	F
❑ Yellow-rumped Warbler	Re	C	-	C
❑ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	F	-	F
❑ Blackburnian Warbler	-	U	-	U
❑ Yellow-throated Warbler	X	R	-	R
❑ Pine Warbler	X	R	-	R
❑ Prairie Warbler (BL)	-	U	R	U
❑ Palm Warbler	X	F	-	F
❑ Bay-breasted Warbler	-	U	-	U
❑ Blackpoll Warbler	-	U	-	F
❑ Cerulean Warbler	-	R	X	R
❑ Black-and-white Warbler (BL)	-	F	R	F
❑ American Redstart (BL)	-	C	R	C
❑ Prothonotary Warbler	-	R	-	X
❑ Worm-eating Warbler (?)	-	R	R	R
❑ Ovenbird (BL)	-	F	R	F
❑ Northern Waterthrush	-	U	-	F
❑ Louisiana Waterthrush (?)	-	R	R	R
❑ Kentucky Warbler (b)	-	R	R	R
❑ Connecticut Warbler	-	-	-	R
❑ Mourning Warbler	-	R	-	R
❑ Common Yellowthroat (B)	X	C	C	C
❑ Hooded Warbler	-	R	R	R

	W	Sp	Su	F
❑ Wilson's Warbler	-	R	-	R
❑ Canada Warbler	-	U	-	U
❑ Yellow-breasted Chat (BL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Summer Tanager	-	R	-	R
❑ Scarlet Tanager (B)	-	F	R	F
❑ Eastern Towhee (B)	R	F	F	F
❑ American Tree Sparrow	F	R	-	F
❑ Chipping Sparrow (B)	R	U	U	U
❑ Clay-colored Sparrow	-	-	-	R
❑ Field Sparrow (BL)	R	U	U	U
❑ Vesper Sparrow	R	R	-	R
❑ Lark Sparrow	-	X	-	R
❑ Savannah Sparrow (BL)	U	U	R	U
❑ Grasshopper Sparrow (BL)	R	R	R	
❑ Henslow's Sparrow	-	X	-	X
❑ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	-	U	-	U
❑ Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow (BL)	X	R	R	R
❑ Seaside Sparrow (BL)	X	R	R	R
❑ Fox Sparrow	R	R	-	U
❑ Song Sparrow (BL)	R	F	F	C
❑ Lincoln's Sparrow	-	R	-	R
❑ Swamp Sparrow (B)	R	R	R	U
❑ White-throated Sparrow (?)	F	F	X	C
❑ White-crowned Sparrow	R	R	-	R
❑ Dark-eyed Junco	-	U	U	C
❑ Lapland Longspur	R	-	-	R
❑ Snow Bunting	U	-	-	U
❑ Northern Cardinal (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Rose-breasted Grosbeak (B)	-	F	R	F
❑ Blue Grosbeak (b)	-	R	X	R
❑ Indigo Bunting (B)	-	U	U	U
❑ Dickcissel	X	X	-	R
❑ Bobolink (?)	-	R	X	C
❑ Red-winged Blackbird (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Eastern Meadowlark (BL)	X	R	R	R
❑ Rusty Blackbird	R	R	-	R
❑ Boat-tailed Grackle (bL)	R	R	R	R
❑ Common Grackle (B)	U	C	C	C
❑ Brown-headed Cowbird (B)	U	F	F	F
❑ Orchard Oriole (BL)	-	R	R	-
❑ Baltimore Oriole (B)	-	F	U	F
❑ Pine Grosbeak	Xe	-	-	Xe
❑ Purple Finch	Ue	Ue	-	U
❑ House Finch (B)	C	C	C	C
❑ Red Crossbill	Re	-	-	Rre
❑ White-winged Crossbill	Re	-	-	Re
❑ Common Redpoll	Re	-	-	Re
❑ Pine Siskin (b)	Ue	Re	-	Ue
❑ American Goldfinch (B)	U	U	U	F
❑ Evening Grosbeak	Re	Re	-	Re
❑ House Sparrow (B)	C	C	C	C