

Field Checklist of Birds of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

All 413 species observed within Michigan's Upper Peninsula as of 1 January 2025 that are acceptable by Michigan Bird Records Committee standards are listed. Species that have nested in the U.P. are italicized. Uncommon species are indicated by U, rare species by R, and accidental species (acceptably documented fewer than 4 times in the U.P. during the last ten years) by A. An E designates extirpated species, while extinct species are indicated by t. Bird names and sequence follow the 65th supplement to the A.O.S. Checklist.

Waterfowl

Geese, Swans, Ducks, & Relatives

Whistling-Ducks

- ___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (A)
- ___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck (A)

Geese and Swans

- ___ Snow Goose
- ___ Ross's Goose (R)
- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose (U)
- ___ Brant (A)
- ___ Cackling Goose
- ___ Canada Goose
- ___ Mute Swan
- ___ Trumpeter Swan
- ___ Tundra Swan (U)

Ducks and Mergansers

- ___ Wood Duck
- ___ Garganey (A)
- ___ Blue-winged Teal
- ___ Cinnamon Teal (A)
- ___ Northern Shoveler
- ___ Gadwall
- ___ Eurasian Wigeon (A)
- ___ American Wigeon
- ___ Mallard
- ___ American Black Duck
- ___ Northern Pintail
- ___ Green-winged Teal
- ___ Canvasback
- ___ Redhead
- ___ Ring-necked Duck
- ___ Greater Scaup
- ___ Lesser Scaup
- ___ King Eider (A)
- ___ Common Eider (A)
- ___ Harlequin Duck (U)
- ___ Surf Scoter
- ___ White-winged Scoter
- ___ Black Scoter
- ___ Long-tailed Duck
- ___ Bufflehead
- ___ Common Goldeneye
- ___ Barrow's Goldeneye (A)
- ___ Hooded Merganser
- ___ Common Merganser
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser
- ___ Ruddy Duck

Fowl

Turkey, Grouse, and Pheasant

- ___ Wild Turkey
- ___ Ruffed Grouse
- ___ Spruce Grouse
- ___ Sharp-tailed Grouse
- ___ Greater Prairie-Chicken (E)
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

- ___ Pied-billed Grebe
- ___ Horned Grebe
- ___ Red-necked Grebe
- ___ Eared Grebe (R)
- ___ Western Grebe (A)

Pigeons and Doves

- ___ Rock Pigeon
- ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove (A)
- ___ Passenger Pigeon (t)
- ___ Inca Dove (A)
- ___ Common Ground-Dove (R)

- ___ White-winged Dove (R)
- ___ Mourning Dove

Cuckoos

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo

Nighthawks and Nightjars

- ___ Common Nighthawk
- ___ Chuck-will's-widow (A)
- ___ Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts and Hummingbirds

- ___ Chimney Swift
- ___ Mexican Violetear (A)
- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird (A)
- ___ Anna's Hummingbird (A)
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird (A)
- ___ Broad-billed Hummingbird (A)
- ___ Berylline Hummingbird (A)

Rails, Cranes, and Relatives

Rails, Gallinules, & Coot

- ___ King Rail (A)
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ Common Gallinule (R)
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Purple Gallinule (A)
- ___ Yellow Rail (R)
- ___ Black Rail (A)

Cranes

- ___ Sandhill Crane

Shorebirds and Relatives

Stilts and Avocets

- ___ Black-necked Stilt (A)
- ___ American Avocet (R)

Plovers

- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ American Golden-Plover
- ___ Killdeer
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Piping Plover (U)
- ___ Wilson's Plover (A)

Sandpipers and Phalaropes

- ___ Upland Sandpiper
- ___ Whimbrel (U)
- ___ Bar-tailed Godwit (A)
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit (R)
- ___ Marbled Godwit (R)
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone
- ___ Red Knot (R)
- ___ Ruff (A)
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper (U)
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ Dunlin
- ___ Purple Sandpiper (R)
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper
- ___ Least Sandpiper
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper
- ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper (U)
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ___ Western Sandpiper (A)
- ___ Short-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher (R)
- ___ American Woodcock
- ___ Wilson's Snipe
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Willet (U)
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope (U)
- ___ Red-necked Phalarope (R)
- ___ Red Phalarope (R)

Jaegers

- ___ Pomarine Jaeger (A)
- ___ Parasitic Jaeger (U)
- ___ Long-tailed Jaeger (R)

Murres & Relatives

- ___ Ancient Murrelet (A)

Gulls & Terns

- ___ Black-legged Kittiwake (U)
- ___ Ivory Gull (A)
- ___ Sabine's Gull (R)

- ___ Bonaparte's Gull
- ___ Black-headed Gull (A)
- ___ Little Gull (R)
- ___ Ross's Gull (A)
- ___ Laughing Gull (R)
- ___ Franklin's Gull (R)
- ___ Black-tailed Gull (A)
- ___ Heermann's Gull (A)
- ___ Common Gull (A)
- ___ Ring-billed Gull
- ___ California Gull (A)
- ___ Herring Gull
- ___ Iceland Gull (U)
- ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull (U)
- ___ Slaty-backed Gull (A)
- ___ Glaucous Gull
- ___ Great Black-backed Gull (U)
- ___ Least Tern (A)
- ___ Caspian Tern
- ___ Black Tern (U)
- ___ Common Tern
- ___ Arctic Tern (R)
- ___ Forster's Tern

Loons

- ___ Red-throated Loon
- ___ Pacific Loon (U)
- ___ Common Loon
- ___ Yellow-billed Loon (A)

Frigates, Gannet, Anhinga, and Cormorants

- ___ Magnificent Frigate (A)
- ___ Northern Gannet (A)
- ___ Anhinga (A)
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant
- ___ Neotropic Cormorant (A)

Pelicans, Herons, and Ibises

Pelicans

- ___ American White Pelican
- ___ Brown Pelican (A)

Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets

- ___ Least Bittern (U)
- ___ American Bittern
- ___ Little Blue Heron (A)
- ___ Tricolored Heron (A)
- ___ Snowy Egret (A)
- ___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron (A)
- ___ Black-crowned Night Heron (U)
- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Western Cattle-Egret
- ___ Great Blue Heron (R)

Ibises

- ___ White Ibis (A)
- ___ Glossy Ibis (A)
- ___ White-faced Ibis (R)

Vultures

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- ___ Black Vulture (R)
- ___ Turkey Vulture

Hawks and Allies

Ospreys

- ___ Osprey

Kites, Eagles, & Hawks

- ___ Swallow-tailed Kite (A)
- ___ Golden Eagle
- ___ Northern Harrier
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ___ Cooper's Hawk
- ___ American Goshawk
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Mississippi Kite (A)
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk
- ___ Short-tailed Hawk (A)
- ___ Swainson's Hawk (R)
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk
- ___ Ferruginous Hawk (A)

Owls

Barn Owls

- ___ American Barn Owl (A)

Typical Owls

- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl (A)
- ___ Great Horned Owl

___ Snowy Owl
___ Northern Hawk Owl (R)
___ Burrowing Owl (A)
___ Barred Owl
___ Great Gray Owl (R)
___ Long-eared Owl (U)
___ Short-eared Owl (U)
___ Boreal Owl (R)
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers

___ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

___ Lewis's Woodpecker (A)
___ Red-headed Woodpecker
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
___ American Three-toed Woodpecker (R)
___ Black-backed Woodpecker
___ Downy Woodpecker
___ Hairy Woodpecker
___ Northern Flicker
___ Pileated Woodpecker

Falcons

___ Crested Caracara (A)
___ American Kestrel
___ Merlin
___ Gyrfalcon (R)
___ Peregrine Falcon
___ Prairie Falcon (A)

Songbirds

Flycatchers

___ Ash-throated Flycatcher (A)
___ Great Crested Flycatcher
___ Tropical Kingbird (A)
___ Western Kingbird (R)
___ Eastern Kingbird
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (R)
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher (A)
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
___ Acadian Flycatcher (A)
___ Alder Flycatcher
___ Willow Flycatcher (U)
___ Least Flycatcher
___ Eastern Phoebe
___ Say's Phoebe (R)
___ Vermilion Flycatcher (A)

Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo (R)
___ Bell's Vireo (A)
___ Yellow-throated Vireo (U)
___ Blue-headed Vireo
___ Philadelphia Vireo
___ Warbling Vireo
___ Red-eyed Vireo

Shrikes

___ Loggerhead Shrike (R)
___ Northern Shrike

Jays, Magpies, & Crows

___ Canada Jay (U)
___ Blue Jay
___ Clark's Nutcracker (A)
___ Black-billed Magpie (A)
___ American Crow
___ Common Raven

Chickadees and Titmice

___ Black-capped Chickadee
___ Boreal Chickadee (U)
___ Tufted Titmouse (R)

Larks

___ Horned Lark

Swallows

___ Bank Swallow
___ Tree Swallow
___ Violet-green Swallow (A)
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
___ Purple Martin (U)
___ Barn Swallow
___ Cliff Swallow
___ Cave Swallow (A)

Kinglets

___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet

Waxwings

___ Bohemian Waxwing
___ Cedar Waxwing
___ Nuthatches
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
___ White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers

___ Brown Creeper

Gnatcatchers

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Wrens

___ Rock Wren (A)
___ Carolina Wren (R)
___ Northern House Wren
___ Winter Wren
___ Sedge Wren
___ Marsh Wren

Mimics

___ Gray Catbird
___ Brown Thrasher
___ Sage Thrasher (A)
___ Northern Mockingbird

Starlings

___ European Starling

Thrushes

___ Eastern Bluebird
___ Mountain Bluebird (A)
___ Townsend's Solitaire (U)
___ Veery
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ Wood Thrush
___ American Robin
___ Varied Thrush (R)

Old World Flycatchers

___ Northern Wheatear (A)

Old World Sparrows

___ House Sparrow
___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow (U)

Wagtails and Pipits

___ White Wagtail (A)
___ American Pipit
___ Sprague's Pipit (A)

Finches

___ Brambling (A)
___ Evening Grosbeak
___ Pine Grosbeak
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (A)
___ House Finch
___ Purple Finch
___ Cassin's Finch (A)
___ Redpoll
___ Red Crossbill
___ White-winged Crossbill
___ Pine Siskin
___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs and Snow Bunting

___ Lapland Longspur
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur (A)
___ Smith's Longspur (A)
___ Thick-billed Longspur (A)
___ Snow Bunting

Sparrows, Towhees, & Relatives

___ Cassin's Sparrow (A)
___ Grasshopper Sparrow (U)
___ Black-throated Sparrow (A)
___ Lark Sparrow (U)
___ Lark Bunting (R)
___ Chipping Sparrow
___ Clay-colored Sparrow
___ Field Sparrow
___ Brewer's Sparrow (A)
___ Fox Sparrow
___ American Tree Sparrow
___ Dark-eyed Junco
___ White-crowned Sparrow
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow (A)
___ Harris's Sparrow (U)
___ White-throated Sparrow
___ Sagebrush Sparrow (A)
___ Vesper Sparrow

___ LeConte's Sparrow
___ Nelson's Sparrow (R)
___ Henslow's Sparrow (A)
___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Song Sparrow
___ Lincoln's Sparrow
___ Swamp Sparrow
___ Green-tailed Towhee (A)
___ Spotted Towhee (R)
___ Eastern Towhee

Chat

___ Yellow-breasted Chat (R)

Blackbirds & Relatives

___ Yellow-headed Blackbird (U)
___ Bobolink
___ Eastern Meadowlark
___ Western Meadowlark (U)
___ Orchard Oriole (U)
___ Bullock's Oriole (A)
___ Baltimore Oriole
___ Red-winged Blackbird
___ Shiny Cowbird (A)
___ Brown-headed Cowbird
___ Rusty Blackbird
___ Brewer's Blackbird
___ Common Grackle
___ Boat-tailed/Great-tailed Grackle (A)

Warblers

___ Ovenbird
___ Worm-eating Warbler (A)
___ Louisiana Waterthrush (A)
___ Northern Waterthrush
___ Golden-winged Warbler
___ Blue-winged Warbler (R)
___ Black-and-white Warbler
___ Prothonotary Warbler (R)
___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Lucy's Warbler (A)
___ Nashville Warbler
___ Virginia's Warbler (A)
___ Connecticut Warbler (U)
___ Mourning Warbler
___ Kentucky Warbler (A)
___ Common Yellowthroat
___ Hooded Warbler (R)
___ American Redstart
___ Kirtland's Warbler
___ Cape May Warbler
___ Cerulean Warbler (A)
___ Northern Parula
___ Magnolia Warbler
___ Bay-breasted Warbler
___ Blackburnian Warbler
___ Yellow Warbler
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
___ Blackpoll Warbler
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler
___ Palm Warbler
___ Pine Warbler
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
___ Yellow-throated Warbler (R)
___ Prairie Warbler (R)
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler (A)
___ Black-throated Green Warbler
___ Canada Warbler
___ Wilson's Warbler
___ Painted Redstart (A)

Cardinals, Tanagers, Grosbeaks, & Relatives

___ Hepatic Tanager (A)
___ Summer Tanager (R)
___ Scarlet Tanager
___ Western Tanager (R)
___ Northern Cardinal
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
___ Blue Grosbeak (R)
___ Lazuli Bunting (A)
___ Indigo Bunting
___ Painted Bunting (R)
___ Dickcissel (U)

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