

Saint Joseph County List

268 species through 20 December 2018

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An X means there is a record for the county accepted by the compiler. Review list species have also been accepted by the MBRC, except for a very few records which occurred before the species was on the review list (e.g. Barn Owl).

A = accidental

C = casual

More stringent MBRC definitions at:

<http://mibirdrecords.com/>

Breeding status from "The Atlas of Breeding Birds of Michigan" (1991).

- ☐ Fulvous Whistling-Duck [A]
- ☒ G White-fronted Goose
- ☒ Snow Goose
- ☒ Ross's Goose [C]
- ☒ Canada Goose confirmed breeding
- ☒ Cackling Goose
- ☒ Brant [C] 1 record circa 1948 from Leidy Lake.
- ☒ Mute Swan likely breeding
- ☒ Trumpeter Swan
- ☒ Tundra Swan
- ☒ Wood Duck confirmed breeding
- ☒ Gadwall
- ☐ Eurasian Wigeon [C]
- ☒ American Wigeon
- ☒ American Black Duck likely breeding
- ☒ Mallard confirmed breeding
- ☒ Blue-winged Teal confirmed breeding

- ☐ Cinnamon Teal [A]
- ☒ Northern Shoveler
- ☒ Northern Pintail
- ☐ Garganey [A]
- ☒ Green-winged Teal likely breeding
- ☒ Canvasback
- ☒ Redhead
- ☒ Ring-necked Duck
- ☐ Tufted Duck [A]
- ☒ Greater Scaup
- ☒ Lesser Scaup
- ☐ King Eider [C]
- ☐ Common Eider [A]
- ☐ Harlequin Duck
- ☒ Surf Scoter
- ☒ White-winged Scoter
- ☐ Black Scoter
- ☒ Long-tailed Duck
- ☒ Bufflehead
- ☒ Common Goldeneye
- ☐ Barrow's Goldeneye [C]
- ☒ Hooded Merganser
- ☒ Common Merganser
- ☒ Red-breasted Merganser
- ☒ Ruddy Duck

- ☒ Ring-necked Pheasant confirmed breeding
- ☒ Ruffed Grouse likely breeding
- ☐ Spruce Grouse
- ☐ Sharp-tailed Grouse
- ☒ Greater Prairie Chicken [Extirpated] Sep 1887 near Mendon; Booming grounds July 1928
- ☒ Wild Turkey confirmed breeding
- ☒ Northern Bobwhite confirmed breeding

- ☐ Red-throated Loon
- ☐ Pacific Loon [C]
- ☒ Common Loon

- ☒ Pied-billed Grebe likely breeding
- ☒ Horned Grebe
- ☒ Red-necked Grebe
- ☐ Eared Grebe
- ☐ Western Grebe

- ☐ Manx Shearwater [A]
- ☐ Northern Gannet [A]
- ☒ American White Pelican
- ☐ Brown Pelican [C]
- ☒ Double-crested Cormorant
- ☐ Magnificent Frigatebird [A]
- ☒ American Bittern
- ☒ Least Bittern possible breeding
- ☒ Great Blue Heron confirmed breeding
- ☒ Great Egret
- ☐ Snowy Egret
- ☒ Little Blue Heron
- ☐ Tricolored Heron [C]
- ☐ Reddish Egret [A]
- ☒ Cattle Egret
- ☒ Green Heron confirmed breeding
- ☐ Black-crowned Night-Heron
- ☐ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron [C]
- ☐ White Ibis [A]
- ☐ Glossy Ibis [C]
- ☐ White-faced Ibis [C]
- ☐ Wood Stork [A]
- ☐ Black Vulture [C]
- ☒ Turkey Vulture likely breeding
- ☒ Osprey
- ☐ Swallow-tailed Kite [A]
- ☐ Mississippi Kite [C]
- ☒ Bald Eagle
- ☒ Northern Harrier possible breeding
- ☒ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ☒ Cooper's Hawk confirmed breeding
- ☐ Northern Goshawk
- ☒ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ☒ Broad-winged Hawk possible breeding
- ☐ Swainson's Hawk
- ☒ Red-tailed hawk confirmed breeding

- ☐ Ferruginous Hawk [C]
- ☒ Rough-legged Hawk
- ☒ Golden Eagle

- ☒ American Kestrel confirmed breeding
- ☒ Merlin
- ☐ Gyrfalcon
- ☒ Peregrine Falcon
- ☐ Prairie Falcon [A]

- ☐ Yellow Rail
- ☐ Black Rail [A]
- ☒ King Rail [C] 1949
- ☒ Virginia Rail confirmed breeding
- ☒ Sora likely breeding
- ☐ Purple Gallinule [A]
- ☒ Common Gallinule
- ☒ American Coot possible breeding

- ☒ Sandhill Crane confirmed breeding

- ☒ Black-bellied Plover
- ☒ American Golden-Plover
- ☐ Snowy Plover [A]
- ☐ Wilson Plover [A]
- ☒ Semipalmated Plover
- ☐ Piping Plover
- ☒ Killdeer confirmed breeding

- ☐ Black-necked Stilt [A]
- ☐ American Avocet

- ☒ Greater Yellowlegs
- ☒ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ☐ Spotted Redshank [A]
- ☒ Solitary Sandpiper
- ☒ Willet
- ☒ Spotted Sandpiper possible breeding
- ☒ Upland Sandpiper
- ☐ Eskimo Curlew [A, extinct?]
- ☐ Whimbrel
- ☒ Hudsonian Godwit
- ☐ Marbled Godwit
- ☒ Ruddy Turnstone

☐ Red Knot
☐ Sanderling
☒ Semipalmated Sandpiper
☒ Western Sandpiper
☒ Least Sandpiper
☒ White-rumped Sandpiper
☒ Baird's Sandpiper
☒ Pectoral Sandpiper
☐ Purple Sandpiper
☒ Dunlin
☐ Curlew Sandpiper [A]
☒ Stilt Sandpiper
☐ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
☐ Ruff [C]
☒ Short-billed Dowitcher
☒ Long-billed Dowitcher
☒ Wilson's Snipe possible breeding
☒ American Woodcock confirmed breeding
☐ Wilson's Phalarope
☒ Red-necked Phalarope
☐ Red Phalarope [C]

☐ Pomarine Jaeger
☐ Parasitic Jaeger
☐ Long-tailed Jaeger [C]
☐ Laughing Gull
☐ Franklin's Gull
☐ Little Gull
☐ Black-headed Gull [A]
☒ Bonaparte's Gull
☐ Heermann's Gull [A]
☐ Mew Gull [A]
☒ Ring-billed Gull
☐ California Gull [C]
☒ Herring Gull
☒ Iceland Gull
☒ Lesser Black-backed Gull
☐ Slaty-backed Gull [A]
☐ Glaucous-winged Gull [A]
☒ Glaucous Gull
☐ Great Black-backed Gull
☐ Sabine's Gull
☐ Black-legged Kittiwake
☐ Ivory Gull [A]

- ☒ X Caspian Tern
- ☐ Sandwich Tern [A]
- ☐ Roseate Tern [A]
- ☒ X Common Tern
- ☐ Arctic Tern [C]
- ☒ X Forster's Tern
- ☐ Least Tern [A]
- ☒ X Black Tern

- ☐ Dovekie [A]
- ☐ Thick-billed Murre [A]
- ☐ Ancient Murrelet [A]

- ☒ X Rock Dove confirmed breeding
- ☐ Band-tailed Pigeon [A]
- ☐ White-winged Dove [C]
- ☒ X Eurasian Collared-Dove
- ☒ X Mourning Dove confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Passenger Pigeon [Extinct] probably bred in county
- ☐ Common Ground-Dove [A]

- ☒ X Black-billed Cuckoo likely breeding
- ☒ X Yellow-billed Cuckoo confirmed breeding
- ☐ Groove-billed Ani [A]

- ☒ X Barn Owl [A] 1 found dead in 1987, in a barn, near Leonidas

- ☒ X Eastern Screech-Owl confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Great Horned Owl confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Snowy Owl
- ☐ Northern Hawk-Owl
- ☐ Burrowing Owl [A]
- ☒ X Barred Owl confirmed breeding
- ☐ Great Gray Owl
- ☐ Long-eared Owl
- ☐ Short-eared Owl
- ☐ Boreal Owl
- ☒ X Northern Saw-whet Owl

- ☒ X Common Nighthawk likely breeding
- ☐ Chuck-will's-widow [A]
- ☒ X Whip-poor-will likely breeding

- ☐ White-collared Swift [A]

- ☒ Chimney Swift likely breeding
- ☐ White-throated Swift [A]
- ☐ Green Violet-ear [A]
- ☐ Broad-billed Hummingbird [A]
- ☒ Ruby-throated Hummingbird confirmed breeding
- ☒ Rufous Hummingbird [C] one record, 1974
- ☒ Belted Kingfisher confirmed breeding
- ☐ Lewis's Woodpecker [A]
- ☒ Red-headed Woodpecker confirmed breeding
- ☐ Golden-fronted Woodpecker [A]
- ☒ Red-bellied Woodpecker confirmed breeding
- ☒ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ☒ Downy Woodpecker confirmed breeding
- ☒ Hairy Woodpecker confirmed breeding
- ☐ Am Three-toed Woodpecker [C]
- ☐ Black-backed Woodpecker
- ☒ Northern Flicker confirmed breeding
- ☒ Pileated Woodpecker possible breeding
- ☒ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ☒ Eastern Wood-Pewee confirmed breeding
- ☒ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- ☒ Acadian Flycatcher confirmed breeding
- ☒ Alder Flycatcher likely breeding
- ☒ Willow Flycatcher confirmed breeding
- ☒ Least Flycatcher possible breeding
- ☐ Hammond's Flycatcher [A]
- ☒ Eastern Phoebe confirmed breeding
- ☐ Say's Phoebe [C]
- ☐ Vermilion Flycatcher [A]
- ☐ Ash-throated Flycatcher [A]
- ☒ Great Crested Flycatcher confirmed breeding
- ☐ Tropical/Couch's Kingbird [A]
- ☒ Western Kingbird
- ☒ Eastern Kingbird confirmed breeding
- ☐ Gray Kingbird [A]
- ☐ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher [C]
- ☐ Fork-tailed Flycatcher [A]
- ☒ Loggerhead Shrike possible breeding
- ☒ Northern Shrike

- ☒ X White-eyed Vireo possible breeding
- ☒ X Bell's Vireo [C]
- ☐ Black-capped Vireo [A]
- ☒ X Yellow-throated Vireo confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Blue-headed Vireo
- ☒ X Warbling Vireo confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Philadelphia Vireo
- ☒ X Red-eyed Vireo confirmed breeding

- ☐ Gray Jay
- ☒ X Blue Jay confirmed breeding
- ☐ Clark's Nutcracker [A]
- ☐ Black-billed Magpie [A]
- ☒ X American Crow confirmed breeding
- ☐ Common Raven

- ☒ X Horned Lark confirmed breeding

- ☒ X Purple Martin confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Tree Swallow confirmed breeding
- ☒ X N Rough-winged Swallow confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Bank Swallow confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Cliff Swallow confirmed breeding
- ☐ Cave Swallow [A]
- ☒ X Barn Swallow confirmed breeding

- ☐ Carolina Chick [A]
- ☒ X Black-capped Chickadee confirmed breeding
- ☐ Boreal Chickadee
- ☒ X Tufted Titmouse confirmed breeding

- ☒ X Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ☒ X White-breasted Nuthatch confirmed breeding

- ☒ X Brown Creeper

- ☐ Rock Wren [A]
- ☒ X Carolina Wren likely breeding
- ☐ Bewick's Wren [A]
- ☒ X House Wren confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Winter Wren
- ☒ X Sedge Wren possible breeding
- ☒ X Marsh Wren likely breeding

☒ X Golden-crowned Kinglet

☒ X Ruby-crowned Kinglet

☐ X Blue-gray Gnatcatcher confirmed breeding

☐ Northern Wheatear [C]

☒ X Eastern Bluebird confirmed breeding

☐ Mountain Bluebird [A]

☐ Townsend's Solitaire

☒ X Veery confirmed breeding

☒ X Gray-cheeked Thrush

☒ X Swainson's Thrush

☒ X Hermit Thrush

☒ X Wood Thrush likely breeding

☒ X American Robin confirmed breeding

☐ Varied Thrush

☒ X Gray Catbird confirmed breeding

☒ X Northern Mockingbird possible breeding

☐ Sage Thrasher [A]

☒ X Brown Thrasher confirmed breeding

☐ X Eurasian Starling confirmed breeding

☐ White/Black-backed Wagtail [A]

☒ X American Pipit

☐ Sprague's Pipit [A]

☐ Bohemian Waxwing

☒ X Cedar Waxwing confirmed breeding

☒ X Blue-winged Warbler possible breeding

☒ X Golden-winged Warbler

☒ X Tennessee Warbler

☒ X Orange-crowned Warbler

☒ X Nashville Warbler possible breeding

☐ Virginia Warbler [A]

☒ X Northern Parula

☒ X Yellow Warbler confirmed breeding

☒ X Chestnut-sided Warbler likely breeding

☒ X Magnolia Warbler

☒ X Cape May Warbler

☒ X Black-throated Blue Warbler

☒ X Yellow-rumped Warbler
☒ X Black-throated Gray Warbler [A]
☒ X Black-throat Green Warbler possible breeding
☐ Townsend's Warbler [A]
☒ X Blackburnian Warbler possible breeding
☒ X Yellow-throated Warbler possible breeding
☒ X Pine Warbler
☐ Kirtland's Warbler
☒ X Prairie Warbler
☒ X Palm Warbler
☒ X Bay-breasted Warbler
☒ X Blackpoll Warbler
☒ X Cerulean Warbler likely breeding
☒ X Black-and-White Warbler
☒ X American Redstart possible breeding
☒ X Prothonotary Warbler confirmed breeding
☐ Worm-eating Warbler
☐ Swainson's Warbler
☒ X Ovenbird likely breeding
☒ X Northern Waterthrush
☒ X Louisiana Waterthrush
☒ X Kentucky Warbler
☒ X Connecticut Warbler
☒ X Mourning Warbler possible breeding
☒ X Common Yellowthroat confirmed breeding
☒ X Hooded Warbler possible breeding
☒ X Wilson's Warbler
☒ X Canada Warbler
☐ Painted Redstart [A]
☒ X Yellow-breasted Chat possible breeding

☒ X Summer Tanager
☒ X Scarlet Tanager confirmed breeding
☐ Western Tanager [C]

☐ Green-tailed Towhee [A]
☒ X Eastern Towhee confirmed breeding
☐ Spotted Towhee [A]
☐ Cassin's Sparrow [A]
☐ Bachman Sparrow [A]
☒ X American Tree Sparrow
☒ X Chipping Sparrow confirmed breeding
☒ X Clay-colored Sparrow
☐ Brewer's Sparrow [A]

- ☒ X Field Sparrow confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Vesper Sparrow confirmed breeding
- ☐ Lark Sparrow [C]
- ☐ Black-throated Sparrow [A]
- ☐ Lark Bunting [C]
- ☒ X Savannah Sparrow likely breeding
- ☒ X Grasshopper Sparrow likely breeding
- ☒ X Henslow's Sparrow possible breeding
- ☐ LeConte's Sparrow
- ☐ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow [A]
- ☒ X Fox Sparrow
- ☒ X Song Sparrow confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Lincoln's Sparrow
- ☒ X Swamp Sparrow confirmed breeding
- ☒ X White-throated Sparrow
- ☐ Harris's Sparrow
- ☒ X White-crowned Sparrow
- ☐ Gold-crowned Sparrow [A]
- ☒ X Dark-eyed Junco
- ☐ McCown's Longspur [A]
- ☒ X Lapland Longspur
- ☐ Smith's Longspur [C]
- ☐ Chestnut-collared Longspur [A]
- ☒ X Snow Bunting

- ☒ X Northern Cardinal confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Rose-breasted Grosbeak confirmed breeding
- ☐ Black-headed Grosbeak [A]
- ☒ X Blue Grosbeak [C]
- ☒ X Indigo Bunting confirmed breeding
- ☐ Painted Bunting [C]
- ☒ X Dickcissel likely breeding

- ☒ X Bobolink likely breeding
- ☒ X Red-winged Blackbird confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Eastern Meadowlark confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Western Meadowlark
- ☒ X Yellow-headed Blackbird
- ☒ X Rusty Blackbird
- ☒ X Brewer's Blackbird
- ☒ X Common Grackle confirmed breeding
- ☐ Boat-tail/Great-tail Grackle [A]
- ☒ X Brown-headed Cowbird confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Orchard Oriole confirmed breeding

- ☒ X Baltimore Oriole confirmed breeding
- ☐ Bullock's Oriole [A]
- ☐ Brambling [A]
- ☐ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch [A]
- ☐ Pine Grosbeak
- ☒ X Purple Finch
- ☒ X House Finch confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Red Crossbill
- ☒ X White-winged Crossbill
- ☒ X Common Redpoll
- ☐ Hoary Redpoll
- ☒ X Pine Siskin confirmed breeding
- ☒ X American Goldfinch confirmed breeding
- ☒ X Evening Grosbeak
- ☒ X House Sparrow confirmed breeding