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**Maine
Bird Records Committee**

Official Checklist of Maine Birds

The Maine Bird Records Committee considers the following 423 species to be positively documented within the state of Maine. The names and taxonomic arrangement follow the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list* (7th edition, 1998), as amended through its 45th supplement (*The Auk* 121: 985–995, 2003). This list was compiled through 30 November 2005 by the Maine Bird Records Committee: Peter Vickery (chair), Dennis Abbott, Louis Bevier, Lysle Brinker, Jody Despres, Scott Hall, Thomas Hodgman, Don Mairs, Jan Pierson, and Bill Sheehan (secretary).

Hypothetical species. Significant reports for 20 additional species exist for Maine. Although some probably are correct, the committee remains uncertain because we lack conclusive evidence at this time. We plan to review these species in the near future. The Maine Bird Records Committee defines a species in Maine as hypothetical if the record is thought to be accurate, but the supporting documentation is not sufficiently complete to be accepted as a full record. Records in this category usually lack physical documentation, whether by specimen, photograph, or recording, or involve descriptions that are only partially adequate. Uncertainty regarding provenance or accuracy of locality information may also constitute reasons for placing a species on this list: *Barnacle Goose*, *Trumpeter Swan*, *Labrador Duck* (*extinct*), *Greater Prairie-Chicken* (*Heath Hen* *extinct*), *Northern Bobwhite*, *Black-browed Albatross*, *Cape Petrel*, *Black-capped Petrel*, *Audubon's Shearwater*, *Band-rumped Storm-Petrel*, *Thayer's Gull*, *Tufted Puffin*, *Vermilion Flycatcher*, *Gray Kingbird*, *Plumbeous Vireo*, *Black-billed Magpie*, *Eurasian Jackdaw*, *Bewick's Wren*, *Sprague's Pipit*, *Boat-tailed Grackle*.

Failed species. The following introduced species bred for some years in Maine but never became established: *Gray Partridge* and *Monk Parakeet*.

LEGEND

* *Rare* (species name italicized): Written descriptions and, if possible, photographs and/or audio recordings should be submitted for any occurrence of these species in the state. Please send all reports to: Bill Sheehan, 1125 Woodland Center Road, Woodland, ME 04736 (email: me-brc@maine.rr.com), or Peter Vickery, Center for Ecological Research, P.O. Box 127, Richmond, ME 04357 (email: petervickery@adelphia.net).

B Breeds regularly
rb Rare, very local, or less than annual breeder
ib irregular breeder, only one or two isolated records
xb No recent breeding; over 20 years since last breeding

NOTE: Reports of breeding by any species that is an irregular breeder (ib), that bred historically (xb), or that is not listed as having bred in Maine should be documented. Please send information to the addresses above.

N1 Introduced and established breeding population
N2 Populations successfully re-established and breeding in areas of former occurrence
N3 Domesticated species with feral populations established and breeding in the wild
† *Extinct*

SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

**Fulvous Whistling-Duck*
Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
**Ross's Goose*
Brant
**Cackling Goose*
Canada Goose B-N1
Mute Swan rb-N1
Tundra Swan

**Whooper Swan*
Wood Duck B
Gadwall rb
Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon rb
American Black Duck B
Mallard B-N1
Blue-winged Teal B
Northern Shoveler rb
Northern Pintail ib
**Garganey*
Green-winged Teal B
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck B
**Tufted Duck*
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup ib
**Steller's Eider*
King Eider
Common Eider B
Harlequin Duck
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye B
Barrow's Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser B
Common Merganser B
Red-breasted Merganser B
Ruddy Duck ib

PHEASANTS, GROUSE & TURKEY

Ring-necked Pheasant N1
Ruffed Grouse B
Spruce Grouse B
**Willow Ptarmigan*
Wild Turkey N2

LOONS

Red-throated Loon
**Pacific Loon*
Common Loon B

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe B
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
**Eared Grebe*
**Western Grebe*
**Clark's Grebe*

ALBATROSSES

**Yellow-nosed Albatross*

SHEARWATERS

Northern Fulmar
Cory's Shearwater
Greater Shearwater
Sooty Shearwater

Manx Shearwater

STORM-PETRELS

Wilson's Storm-Petrel

Leach's Storm-Petrel B

TROPICBIRDS

**White-tailed Tropicbird*

**Red-billed Tropicbird*

GANNETS & BOOBIES

Northern Gannet

PELICANS

**American White Pelican*

**Brown Pelican*

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant B

Great Cormorant rb

FRIGATEBIRDS

**Magnificent Frigatebird*

**Lesser Frigatebird*

BITTERNS, HERONS & IBISES

American Bittern B

Least Bittern B

Great Blue Heron B

Great Egret rb

Snowy Egret B

Little Blue Heron rb

Tricolored Heron rb

Cattle Egret rb

Green Heron B

Black-crowned Night-Heron B

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron ib

**White Ibis*

Glossy Ibis B

**White-faced Ibis*

STORKS

**Wood Stork*

AMERICAN VULTURES

**Black Vulture*

Turkey Vulture B

KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

Osprey B

**Swallow-tailed Kite*

**Mississippi Kite*

Bald Eagle B

Northern Harrier B

Sharp-shinned Hawk B

Cooper's Hawk B

Northern Goshawk B

Red-shouldered Hawk B

Broad-winged Hawk B

**Swainson's Hawk*

Red-tailed Hawk B

Rough-legged Hawk

**Golden Eagle rb*

FALCONS

American Kestrel B

Merlin B

Gyrfalcon

Peregrine Falcon rb-N2

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

**Yellow Rail*

**Corn Crane*

**Clapper Rail*

**King Rail ib*

Virginia Rail B

Sora B

**Purple Gallinule*

Common Moorhen rb

American Coot rb

CRANES

Sandhill Crane rb

PLOVERS

**Northern Lapwing*

Black-bellied Plover

American Golden-Plover

**Pacific Golden-Plover*

**Wilson's Plover*

**Common Ringed Plover*

Semipalmated Plover

Piping Plover B

Killdeer B

OYSTERCATCHERS

American Oystercatcher rb

STILTS & AVOCETS

**Black-necked Stilt*

American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs

Lesser Yellowlegs

Solitary Sandpiper

Willet B

Spotted Sandpiper B

Upland Sandpiper B

† *Eskimo Curlew*

Whimbrel

**Long-billed Curlew*

Hudsonian Godwit

**Bar-tailed Godwit*

Marbled Godwit

Ruddy Turnstone

Red Knot

Sanderling

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Western Sandpiper

**Red-necked Stint*

Least Sandpiper

White-rumped Sandpiper

Baird's Sandpiper

Pectoral Sandpiper
Purple Sandpiper
Dunlin
**Curlew Sandpiper*
Stilt Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Ruff
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe B
American Woodcock B
Wilson's Phalarope ib
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope

SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

Great Skua
**South Polar Skua*
Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
**Long-tailed Jaeger*
Laughing Gull B
**Franklin's Gull*
Little Gull
Black-headed Gull rb
Bonaparte's Gull rb
**Mew Gull*
Ring-billed Gull B
Herring Gull B
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull B
**Sabine's Gull*
Black-legged Kittiwake
**Ivory Gull*
**Gull-billed Tern*
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern
**Sandwich Tern*
Roseate Tern B
Common Tern B
Arctic Tern B
Forster's Tern
Least Tern B
**Bridled Tern*
**Sooty Tern*
**White-winged Tern*
Black Tern B
**Black Skimmer*

AUKS, MURRES & PUFFINS

Dovekie
Common Murre xb
Thick-billed Murre
Razorbill B
† Great Auk xb
Black Guillemot B
Atlantic Puffin B

PIGEONS & DOVES

Rock Pigeon N3

**Band-tailed Pigeon*
**White-winged Dove*
Mourning Dove B
† Passenger Pigeon xb

CUCKOOS
Black-billed Cuckoo B
Yellow-billed Cuckoo B

BARN OWLS
**Barn Owl xb*

TYPICAL OWLS
**Eastern Screech-Owl xb*
Great Horned Owl B
Snowy Owl
Northern Hawk Owl
Barred Owl B
Great Gray Owl
Long-eared Owl rb
Short-eared Owl ib
Boreal Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl B

GOATSUCKERS
Common Nighthawk B
**Chuck-will's-widow*
Whip-poor-will B

SWIFTS
Chimney Swift B

HUMMINGBIRDS
Ruby-throated Hummingbird B
**Calliope Hummingbird*
**Rufous Hummingbird*

KINGFISHERS
Belted Kingfisher B

WOODPECKERS
Red-headed Woodpecker xb
Red-bellied Woodpecker ib
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker B
Downy Woodpecker B
Hairy Woodpecker B
American Three-toed Woodpecker rb
Black-backed Woodpecker B
Northern Flicker B
Pileated Woodpecker B

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
Olive-sided Flycatcher B
Eastern Wood-Pewee B
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher B
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher B
Willow Flycatcher B
Least Flycatcher B
Eastern Phoebe B
**Say's Phoebe*
**Ash-throated Flycatcher*

Great Crested Flycatcher B
**Variegated Flycatcher*
**Tropical Kingbird*
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird B
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher ib
**Fork-tailed Flycatcher*

SHRIKES

**Loggerhead Shrike xb*
Northern Shrike

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo
**Bell's Vireo*
Yellow-throated Vireo B
Blue-headed Vireo B
Warbling Vireo B
Philadelphia Vireo B
Red-eyed Vireo B

JAYS & CROWS

Gray Jay B
Blue Jay B
American Crow B
Fish Crow rb
Common Raven B

LARKS

Horned Lark B

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin B
Tree Swallow B
Northern Rough-winged Swallow B
Bank Swallow B
Cliff Swallow B
**Cave Swallow*
Barn Swallow B

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

Black-capped Chickadee B
Boreal Chickadee B
Tufted Titmouse B

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch B
White-breasted Nuthatch B

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper B

WRENS

Carolina Wren rb
House Wren B
Winter Wren B
**Sedge Wren rb*
Marsh Wren B

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet B
Ruby-crowned Kinglet B

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher B

THRUSHES

Northern Wheatear

Eastern Bluebird B

**Townsend's Solitaire*

Veery B

Gray-cheeked Thrush

Bicknell's Thrush B

Swainson's Thrush B

Hermit Thrush B

Wood Thrush B

American Robin B

Varied Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

Gray Catbird B

Northern Mockingbird B

**Sage Thrasher*

Brown Thrasher B

STARLINGS

European Starling N1

PIPITS

American Pipit rb

WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing

Cedar Waxwing B

WOOD-WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler B

Golden-winged Warbler

Tennessee Warbler B

Orange-crowned Warbler

Nashville Warbler B

**Virginia's Warbler*

Northern Parula B

Yellow Warbler B

Chestnut-sided Warbler B

Magnolia Warbler B

Cape May Warbler B

Black-throated Blue Warbler B

Yellow-rumped Warbler B

**Black-throated Gray Warbler*

Black-throated Green Warbler B

**Townsend's Warbler*

Blackburnian Warbler B

Yellow-throated Warbler

Pine Warbler B

Prairie Warbler B

Palm Warbler B

Bay-breasted Warbler B

Blackpoll Warbler B

Cerulean Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler B

American Redstart B

Prothonotary Warbler

Worm-eating Warbler

**Swainson's Warbler*
Ovenbird B
Northern Waterthrush B
Louisiana Waterthrush B
Kentucky Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler B
Common Yellowthroat B
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler B
Canada Warbler B
Yellow-breasted Chat

TANAGERS

Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager B
**Western Tanager*

TOWHEES, SPARROWS & LONGSPURS

**Green-tailed Towhee*
Eastern Towhee B
**Cassin's Sparrow*
American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow B
Clay-colored Sparrow ib
Field Sparrow B
Vesper Sparrow B
Lark Sparrow
**Black-throated Sparrow*
**Lark Bunting*
Savannah Sparrow B
Grasshopper Sparrow rb
**Henslow's Sparrow*
**Le Conte's Sparrow*
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow B
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow B
Seaside Sparrow ib
Fox Sparrow ib
Song Sparrow B
Lincoln's Sparrow B
Swamp Sparrow B
White-throated Sparrow B
**Harris's Sparrow*
White-crowned Sparrow
**Golden-crowned Sparrow*
Dark-eyed Junco B
Lapland Longspur
**Smith's Longspur*
**Chestnut-collared Longspur*
Snow Bunting

CARDINALS, GROSBEEKS & BUNTINGS

Northern Cardinal B
Rose-breasted Grosbeak B
**Black-headed Grosbeak*
Blue Grosbeak
**Lazuli Bunting*
Indigo Bunting B
**Painted Bunting*
Dickcissel

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

Bobolink B
Red-winged Blackbird B
Eastern Meadowlark B
**Western Meadowlark*
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird rb
**Brewer's Blackbird*
Common Grackle B
**Shiny Cowbird*
Brown-headed Cowbird B
Orchard Oriole rb
**Bullock's Oriole*
Baltimore Oriole B

FINCHES

**Common Chaffinch*
**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch*
Pine Grosbeak ib
Purple Finch B
House Finch N1
Red Crossbill B
White-winged Crossbill B
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
**Eurasian Siskin*
Pine Siskin B
**Lesser Goldfinch*
American Goldfinch B
Evening Grosbeak B

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow N1