



A CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS

OF NEW HAVEN COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

New Haven Bird Club, Inc., 2017



The first checklist, published by the bird club in May 1908, was called the "List of the Birds of the New Haven Region." It was compiled by a committee of club members. Louis Bishop served as an advisor. The 32-page booklet described several local birding areas and provided information on 217 regularly occurring species. A supplementary list of 97 extremely rare species was located at the back of the booklet. The next checklist was produced in 1929. The club published Richard English's notes on bird sightings in 1965. New lists were prepared in 1970 and 1979. Andrew Brand and John Holland produced an updated checklist in 1995. Chris Loscalzo prepared an updated checklist in 2009.

Chris revised and updated the 2009 checklist to produce this new version. This checklist shows the seasonal occurrence and relative abundance of 368 species of birds that range from abundant to very rare within the county. This list includes all of the species observed in the county in the past 20 years. The species are listed in their current taxonomic order. The "seasons" are expanded from four to six to better coincide with bird migration and movements through the region over the course of the year.

KEY:

Winter: January-February

Early Spring: March-April

Late Spring: May-June

Summer: July-August

Early Fall: September-October

Late Fall: November-December

A: Abundant

C: Common

F: Fairly Common

U: Uncommon

R: Rare

V: Very rare

Field Trip	Date	Location
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____

WATERFOWL

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Greater White-fronted Goose	R	R				R
				Graylag Goose (wild type)	V	V				
				Snow Goose	U	U	R	R	U	U
				Ross' Goose					V	V
				Brant	F	C	R	R	U	C
				Barnacle Goose						V
				Cackling Goose	R	R				R
				Canada Goose	C	A	C	C	A	A
				Mute Swan	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Trumpeter Swan	R	R				
				Tundra Swan	R	R				R
				Wood Duck	U	C	C	C	C	F
				Gadwall	F	F	R	R	F	F
				Eurasian Wigeon	R	R			R	R
				American Wigeon	F	F	R	R	F	F
				American Black Duck	C	C	F	F	F	C
				Mallard	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Blue-winged Teal	R	R	R	R	U	R
				Cinnamon Teal						V
				Northern Shoveler	U	U	R		U	U
				Northern Pintail	U	U	R		U	U
				Green-winged Teal	U	F	R	R	F	F
				Canvasback	R	R			R	R
				Redhead	R	R			R	R
				Ring-necked Duck	F	F			F	F
				Greater Scaup	C	C	R	R	U	C
				Lesser Scaup	U	U	R			U
				King Eider	R	R	R	R		R
				Common Eider	U	R				U
				Harlequin Duck	R	R				R
				Surf Scoter	U	U	R	R	U	U
				White-winged Scoter	U	U	R	R	U	U
				Black Scoter	U	U	R	R	U	U
				Long-tailed Duck	F	F	R	R	R	F
				Bufflehead	F	F	R	R	U	F
				Common Goldeneye	C	C	R			C
				Barrow's Goldeneye	R	R				R
				Hooded Merganser	F	F	R		F	C
				Common Merganser	F	F	R	R	U	F
				Red-breasted Merganser	F	F	U	R	U	F

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Ruddy Duck	U	U	R		U	U
				Ring-necked Pheasant	R	R	R	R	R	R
				Ruffed Grouse				V		
				Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Red-throated Loon	F	F	R		U	F
				Pacific Loon			R			R
				Common Loon	F	F	U	R	U	F
				Pied-billed Grebe	U	F	R	R	U	F
				Horned Grebe	F	F	R	R	U	F
				Red-necked Grebe	R	R				R
				Eared Grebe	R	R				
				Western Grebe		R				
				Wilson's Storm-Petrel			V	V	V	
				Leach's Storm-Petrel				V		
				Band-rumped Storm-Petrel				V		
				Northern Gannet	R	U	R		U	U
				Double-crested Cormorant	U	F	C	C	C	U
				Great Cormorant	F	F	R		U	F
				Anhinga			V			
				American White Pelican			V	V	V	V
				Brown Pelican			V	V		

WADERS, RAPTORS, AND RAILS

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				American Bittern	R	U	U	R	U	U
				Least Bittern			R	R	R	
				Great Blue Heron	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Great Egret	R	U	F	F	F	U
				Snowy Egret		F	F	F	F	R
				Little Blue Heron		U	U	U	U	R
				Tricolored Heron		R	R	R	R	R
				Cattle Egret		R	R	R	R	R
				Green Heron			F	F	U	R
				Black-crowned Night-heron	R	F	F	F	U	U
				Yellow-crowned Night-heron		U	U	U	U	
				White Ibis	V		V	V	V	V
				Glossy Ibis		U	U	U	U	
				White-faced Ibis		R	R	R		
				Black Vulture	U	U	U	U	U	U
				Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	C	C

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Osprey		U	F	F	C	R
				White-tailed Kite				V		
				Swallow-tailed Kite		V	V			
				Mississippi Kite			V			
				Golden Eagle	R	R			R	R
				Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	U	U
				Northern Harrier	F	F	R	R	F	F
				Sharp-shinned Hawk	F	F	R	R	C	F
				Cooper's Hawk	F	F	U	U	F	F
				Northern Goshawk	R	R	R	R	R	R
				Red-shouldered Hawk	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Broad-winged Hawk		R	U	U	F	R
				Swainson's Hawk					V	
				Zone-tailed Hawk					V	
				Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Rough-legged Hawk	U	U				U
				Yellow Rail					V	
				Black Rail			V			
				King Rail		R	R	R	R	R
				Clapper Rail	R	U	F	F	F	R
				Virginia Rail	R	R	U	U	U	R
				Sora		R	R	R	U	R
				Purple Gallinule			V	V		
				Common Gallinule		R	R	R	R	R
				American Coot	U	U	R	R	U	F
				Sandhill Crane	R	R	R	R	R	R

SHOREBIRDS AND PELAGICS

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Black-necked Stilt			V		V	
				American Avocet			R	R	R	
				American Oystercatcher	R	U	F	F	F	R
				Black-bellied Plover	R	R	F	F	F	U
				American Golden-Plover			R	R	U	
				Wilson's Plover			V			
				Snowy Plover					V	
				Semipalmated Plover			F	F	F	R
				Piping Plover		U	U	U	R	
				Killdeer	U	F	F	F	F	U
				Upland Sandpiper			R	R	R	
				Whimbrel			R	R	R	

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Black-tailed Godwit		V				
				Hudsonian Godwit				R	R	
				Marbled Godwit			R		R	
				Ruddy Turnstone	U	U	F	F	F	U
				Red Knot	R	R	U	U	U	R
				Ruff		R	R		R	
				Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				V		
				Stilt Sandpiper			R	R	R	
				Curlew Sandpiper			V	V	V	
				Red-necked Stint				V		
				Sanderling	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Dunlin	U	U	U		U	U
				Purple Sandpiper	U	U	R		R	U
				Baird's Sandpiper				R	R	
				Little Stint				V		
				Least Sandpiper			F	F		
				White-rumped Sandpiper			R	U	U	R
				Buff-breasted Sandpiper				R	R	
				Pectoral Sandpiper			R	R	U	R
				Semipalmated Sandpiper			F	C	C	
				Western Sandpiper			R	R	R	R
				Short-billed Dowitcher			U	F	U	
				Long-billed Dowitcher				R	R	R
				Wilson's Snipe	R	U	R		U	U
				American Woodcock	R	U	U	U	U	R
				Wilson's Phalarope			R	R	R	
				Red-necked Phalarope			V	V		
				Red Phalarope			V			
				Spotted Sandpiper			F	F	U	
				Solitary Sandpiper			U	U	U	
				Greater Yellowlegs	R	U	F	F	F	U
				Willet		U	F	F	U	R
				Lesser Yellowlegs		U	U	U	U	
				Parasitic Jaeger					V	V
				Long-tailed Jaeger				V		
				Dovekie	V					
				Common Murre	V					
				Thick-billed Murre	V					
				Razorbill	R	R				R
				Black Guillemot	V					
				Black-legged Kittiwake	V					V

GULLS, TERNS, DOVES, & OWLS

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Bonaparte's Gull	U	U	R	U	U	U
				Black-headed Gull	R	R				R
				Little Gull	V	V			V	V
				Laughing Gull			U	U	F	U
				Franklin's Gull					V	V
				Mew Gull	V	V				
				Ring-billed Gull	C	C	F	C	C	C
				California Gull		V			V	
				Herring Gull	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Iceland Gull	R	R				R
				Lesser Black-backed Gull	R	R	R	R	R	R
				Glaucous Gull	R	R				R
				Great Black-backed Gull	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Sooty Tern				V		
				Bridled Tern				V		
				Least Tern			F	F		
				Gull-billed Tern				V	V	
				Caspian Tern			R	R	R	
				Black Tern			R	R	R	
				Roseate Tern			U	U	R	
				Common Tern			F	C	F	
				Forster's Tern			R	R	U	R
				Royal Tern			R	R	R	R
				Sandwich Tern				V	V	
				Black Skimmer			U	U	R	
				Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Eurasian Collared-Dove			V			
				Common Ground-Dove						V
				White-winged Dove	V	V	V	V	V	V
				Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Yellow-billed Cuckoo			U	U	U	
				Black-billed Cuckoo			U	U	U	
				Barn Owl		R			R	
				Eastern Screech-Owl	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Great Horned Owl	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Snowy Owl	R	R				R
				Barred Owl	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Long-eared Owl	R	R			R	R
				Short-eared Owl	R	R			R	R
				Boreal Owl	V					V
				Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	R				R

WOODPECKERS, FLYCATCHERS, VIREOS & MORE

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Common Nighthawk			R	R	U	
				Whip-poor-will			R	R	R	
				Chimney Swift			F	F	F	
				Ruby-throated Hummingbird			F	F	U	
				Rufous Hummingbird					V	V
				Calliope Hummingbird					V	V
				Belted Kingfisher	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R		R	R	R
				Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U	U	U	U
				Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Hairy Woodpecker	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Northern Flicker	U	C	C	C	C	F
				Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	U	U
				American Kestrel	R	U	U	U	F	R
				Merlin	U	U	R	R	F	U
				Gyr Falcon	V					V
				Peregrine Falcon	U	U	U	U	U	U
				Monk Parakeet	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Olive-sided Flycatcher			R		R	
				Eastern Wood Pewee			F	F	F	
				Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			R		R	
				Acadian Flycatcher			R	R	R	
				Alder Flycatcher			R		R	
				Willow Flycatcher			C	F	U	
				Least Flycatcher			U	R	U	
				Pacific-slope Flycatcher						V
				Eastern Phoebe	R	U	F	F	F	R
				Ash-throated Flycatcher						V
				Great Crested Flycatcher			F	F	U	
				Western Kingbird					R	R
				Eastern Kingbird			F	F	U	
				Loggerhead Shrike					V	
				Northern Shrike	R	R				R
				White-eyed Vireo			U	U	U	
				Yellow-throated Vireo			U	U	U	
				Blue-headed Vireo		U	F	R	F	R
				Philadelphia Vireo			R		R	
				Warbling Vireo			F	F	F	
				Red-eyed Vireo			C	C	U	

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	C	C
				American Crow	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Fish Crow	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Common Raven	U	U	U	U	U	U
				Horned Lark	U	U	R	R	R	U

SWALLOWS, WRENS, & THRUSHES

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				N. Rough-winged Swallow	R	R	F	F	R	R
				Purple Martin			U	U	U	
				Tree Swallow		U	C	C	A	R
				Bank Swallow			U	U	R	
				Barn Swallow		R	C	C	U	R
				Cliff Swallow			R	R	R	
				Cave Swallow						R
				Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	R	R	U	U
				White-breasted Nuthatch	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Brown Creeper	R	U	R	R	U	U
				House Wren	V	R	F	F	F	R
				Winter Wren	U	U	R	R	U	U
				Sedge Wren			V		V	
				Marsh Wren	R	R	U	U	U	R
				Carolina Wren	F	F	F	F	F	F
				Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		U	U	U	U	V
				Golden-crowned Kinglet	U	U	R		F	F
				Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	U	U		F	U
				Northern Wheatear					V	
				Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	U	U	U
				Townsend's Solitaire	V					V
				Veery			F	F	F	
				Gray-cheeked Thrush			R		R	
				Bicknell's Thrush			V		V	
				Swainson's Thrush			U		U	
				Hermit Thrush	U	U	R	R	U	U
				Wood Thrush			C	C	F	
				American Robin	U	C	A	A	C	C
				Varied Thrush	V					V
				Gray Catbird	U	U	C	C	C	U

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Brown Thrasher	R	R	U	U	U	R
				Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	C	C
				European Starling	A	A	A	A	A	A
				American Pipit	R	R			U	U
				Cedar Waxwing	U	C	C	F	F	U
				Lapland Longspur	U	U			R	U
				Snow Bunting	U	U			U	U

WARBLERS, SPARROWS, & FINCHES

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Ovenbird	R		C	F	U	R
				Worm-eating Warbler			U	U	R	
				Louisiana Waterthrush		U	U	U		
				Northern Waterthrush		R	U	U	U	
				Golden-winged Warbler			R		R	
				Blue-winged Warbler			F	F		
				Black-and-white Warbler		U	F	U	F	R
				Prothonotary Warbler		R	R			
				Tennessee Warbler			U		U	R
				Orange-crowned Warbler	R	R			U	U
				Nashville Warbler	V		U		U	R
				Connecticut Warbler					R	
				Mourning Warbler			R	R	R	
				Kentucky Warbler			R			
				Common Yellowthroat		R	C	C	C	R
				Hooded Warbler		R	U	U	R	
				American Redstart			F	F	F	R
				Cape May Warbler			R		R	
				Cerulean Warbler			R			
				Northern Parula		R	F	R	F	R
				Magnolia Warbler			F	R	U	
				Bay-breasted Warbler			U		U	
				Blackburnian Warbler			U	R	U	
				Yellow Warbler			C	C	R	
				Chestnut-sided Warbler			F	U	U	
				Blackpoll Warbler			F		U	R
				Black-throated Blue Warbler			F		U	
				Palm Warbler	R	F	U		F	R
				Pine Warbler	R	U	F	F	F	R
				Yellow-rumped Warbler	U	F	F		C	U

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Yellow-throated Warbler	R		R			R
				Prairie Warbler			U	U	U	R
				Black-throated Gray Warbler	V					V
				Black-throated Green Warbler			F	U	F	R
				Canada Warbler			U	U	U	
				Wilson's Warbler			U		U	R
				Yellow-breasted Chat	R		R	R	R	U
				Grasshopper Sparrow	R		R		R	R
				LeConte's Sparrow					V	
				Nelson's Sparrow			R		U	R
				Saltmarsh Sparrow			U	U	U	R
				Seaside Sparrow			U	U	R	R
				American Tree Sparrow	F	F				F
				Chipping Sparrow	R	U	C	C	C	U
				Clay-colored Sparrow	R		V		R	R
				Field Sparrow	U	U	U	U	U	U
				Lark Sparrow			V		R	R
				Lark Bunting			V			
				Fox Sparrow	U	U			R	U
				Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	R		C	C
				White-crowned Sparrow	R	R	U		F	U
				White-throated Sparrow	C	C	U		C	C
				Vesper Sparrow	R	R	R		U	R
				Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U	R	F	U
				Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Lincoln's Sparrow	R		U		U	R
				Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U	U	F	U
				Eastern Towhee	U	U	F	F	F	U
				Summer Tanager			R		V	
				Scarlet Tanager			F	F	F	
				Western Tanager	R					R
				Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Rose-breasted Grosbeak		R	F	F	F	
				Black-headed Grosbeak	V					
				Blue Grosbeak			R		R	
				Lazuli Bunting	V					
				Indigo Bunting	R	R	F	F	F	R
				Painted Bunting			R			R
				Dickcissel	R	R	R	R	U	R
				Bobolink			U	U	F	
				Red-winged Blackbird	F	C	C	C	C	F

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF
				Eastern Meadowlark	R	R	R	R	U	U
				Yellow-headed Blackbird		R			R	R
				Rusty Blackbird	R	U			U	U
				Common Grackle	F	C	A	A	C	C
				Boat-tailed Grackle		R	R	R		
				Brown-headed Cowbird	U	C	C	C	C	U
				Orchard Oriole			U	U		
				Baltimore Oriole	R	R	C	C	F	R
				House Finch	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Purple Finch	U	U	R	R	U	F
				Red Crossbill	R	R				R
				White-winged Crossbill	R	R				R
				Common Redpoll	R	R				R
				Pine Siskin	U	U	R		U	F
				American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	C	C
				Evening Grosbeak	R	R			R	R
				House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	C	C

ADDITIONAL SPECIES

1	2	3	4	SPECIES	Wi	ES	LS	Su	EF	LF

NOTES