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For all her love  
and patience.

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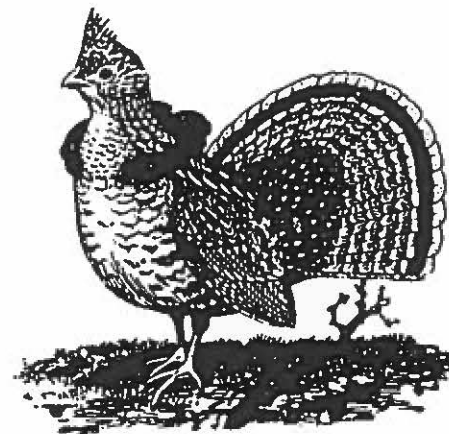
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## Annotated Checklist of Maine Birds

A complete, up-to-date survey  
of birds found in Maine



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## Introduction and Key to Checklist

This check-list offers interested bird observers an up-to-date, accurate text of Maine's avifauna. Without trying to be a detailed treatise, it provides a basic body of information that should be useful in the field.

The species in this check-list are divided into three general levels of abundance. Some check-lists use five categories (abundant, common, uncommon, rare but regular, very rare and irregular) but the distinction between common and abundant is not of great concern to most bird watchers, and terribly rare birds are not considered in this check-list but appear in the appendix. The definitions and symbols of the three categories are as follows:

-  -Common to abundant - Large or very large numbers reported every year. During the breeding season present in such numbers that one may find several or more in the proper habitat.
-  -Uncommon - Small numbers reported every year, averaging at least five reports per year. During the breeding season one may find a few in the correct habitat, or a number of birds in only a few particular localities.
-  -Rare - Averaging one report per year, perhaps as many as four, but not necessarily reported every year and sometimes unreported for several years in a row. During the breeding season limited to one or two localities.

Readers should be careful to note that some routine fall vagrants, i.e. Western Kingbird and Dickcissel, share the same general status as Eastern Bluebird, Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin. Close inspection on when each species appears in the state, and whether or not it breeds in Maine should clarify any ambiguity concerning the true status of each species.

Maine's large geographic area is an obvious feature that cannot be overlooked and creates certain problems. Birds that may be common in one county are extremely rare or unheard-of in another county. For some species spring migrations may begin in southern Maine as much as six weeks before the same species is known to appear in Fort Kent. Recognizing these limitations, and the influence weather, food conditions, and other factors can have on migration, the reader should realize that the abundance description for each species has been developed from the average of a number of years. Winter finches are but one example of birds that may fluctuate greatly from one year to the next. Observers in northern, eastern and mountain regions should expect the average spring dates for their areas to be somewhat later, and the fall dates earlier, than the dates for the southern - central part of the state, which this check-list generally reflects.

The habitat guide is a modification of the one developed by Dr. Charles Huntington, Bowdoin College. It is a useful reference for those wishing to look for a particular species, or for those who might be going to a particular habitat and are curious to know what they might find there.

- A - Ocean
- B - Lakes, rivers
- C - Marine shoreline, tidal flats, mud flats, beaches
- D - Lake shores, river shores
- E - Salt and brackish marshes
- F - Fresh-water marshes, bogs
- G - Open fields, pastures, wet meadows
- H - Thickets, hedgerows, forest edges, bushy fields
- I - Mixed woods
- J - Coniferous woods
- K - Deciduous woods
- L - Parks, cemeteries, orchards, farm areas, feeders
- M - Mountains
- N - Offshore coastal islands
- O - Towns, old buildings

Other abbreviations used are as follows:

- \* - Breeding; indicates the species has bred in Maine recently.
- Int. - Introduced; indicates the species was introduced in Maine.
- V - Variable; indicates the species can be very erratic in numbers.

As of January, 1978, some 393 species of birds, excluding extinct species (Labrador Duck, Great Auk, Passenger Pigeon), have occurred in Maine. Readers will note the author's optimism concerning the Eskimo Curlew; although terribly rare the species is not yet thought to be extinct. I hope one day it may again be observed in Maine. Bobwhite has been deleted from the state list because it is clear the species is unable to survive Maine winters for any extended period of time. The species is undoubtedly sustained by their continual release by local hunting organizations.



In considering the inclusion of new species for the state list, specimens or identifiable photographs can confirm the presence of such species beyond a doubt. Lacking these, a full and detailed written report of the observation is essential. There have been verbal, written and published reports of birds that do not appear in this check-list. In each case the author, in consultation with other knowledgeable observers, felt that critical details were lacking or missing entirely. As has occasionally been this observer's experience, conditions for observing a particular bird are sometimes less than ideal; either the bird flew away too quickly, or could not be closely approached in the first place, or weather conditions were too poor for detailed study. For whatever reasons, such problematic records have been disregarded. It is possible that some, perhaps most of these observations were correct. But because essential details were missing it seems prudent to omit such incompletely documented species from this check-list.

A great many people contributed generously with their helpful thoughts and encouragement. Without the consultation of people like Paul Donahue, Norman Famous, William Townsend, Peter Cannell, Peter Cross, Paul Adamus and Michael Lucey this check-list would have been a near impossible task. There are too many people who sent written communications to mention by name but their comments were of great value in the preparation of this manuscript.

Many different references were consulted. Ralph Palmer's Maine Birds was a source of much information, as was the publication Maine Field Naturalist. The habitat profile was adapted from a check-list prepared by Dr. Charles Huntington, Bowdoin College. The A.O.U. Checklist, the fifth edition and its revisions, as well as the invaluable publication American Birds (formerly Audubon Field Notes) were both carefully examined. Field cards from the Maine Audubon Society and the Portland Society of Natural History and the personal records of many careful bird observers were thoroughly reviewed. To all the above, a grateful thanks.

I especially wish to thank Davis Finch for his encouragement and consultation. Having been editor of the Northeastern Maritime Region for American Birds for some nine years, Davis was personally familiar with a great many important records. He shared this information and his insight generously. If a question about a particular observation was raised, Davis was almost always familiar with the circumstances and invariably offered a sensible opinion. Clearly this work would have been the poorer without his help.

To all the above I wish to express my appreciation. In the end the decisions governing this work are mine. Any omissions or errors are the sole responsibility of this observer.

|                                         | HABITAT      | NOTES |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
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| Common Loon                             | * A, B<br>A  |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Red-throated Loon                       |              |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Red-necked Grebe                        | A, B         |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Horned Grebe                            | A, B         |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Pied-billed Grebe                       | * B, F       |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Yellow-nosed Albatross                  | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Northern Fulmar                         | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Cory's Shearwater                       | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Greater Shearwater                      | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Sooty Shearwater                        | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Manx Shearwater                         | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Leach's Storm Petrel                    | * A          |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Wilson's Storm Petrel                   | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Gannet                                  | A            |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Great Cormorant                         | A, B         |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Double-crested Cormorant                | * A, B, N    |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Great Blue Heron                        | * C, D, E, N |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Green Heron                             | * C, D       |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Little Blue Heron                       | * C, D, N    |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Cattle Egret                            | G, N         |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Common Egret <i>(Great or American)</i> | C, D, E      |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Snowy Egret                             | * C, D, E    |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Louisiana Heron                         | * C, E, N    |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Black-crowned Night Heron               | * C, D, E, N |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Yellow-crowned Night Heron              | C, D, E      |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Least Bittern                           | * E, F       |       |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |

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| Black-legged Kittiwake | A           | ■   | ■   | ■   | ~   | ••  | •••  | •••  | •   | ~    | ■   | ■   | ■   |   |       |
| Sabine's Gull          | A           |     |     |     |     |     |      |      | •   | •••  | •   |     |     |   |       |
| Forster's Tern         | C           |     |     |     |     |     |      | ••   | ••• | •••  | •   |     |     |   |       |
| Common Tern            | • A, C, N   |     |     |     | ~   | ■   | ■    | ■    | ■   | ~    | ••  |     |     |   |       |
| Arctic Tern            | • A, C, N   |     |     |     | ~   | ■   | ■    | ■    | ■   | ~    |     |     |     |   |       |
| Roseate Tern           | • C, N      |     |     |     | ~   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    |     |     |     |   |       |
| Least Tern             | • C         |     |     |     | •   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ••   |     |     |     |   |       |
| Caspian Tern           | C           |     |     |     | ••  | ••  |      |      | ••  | •••  | •   |     |     |   |       |
| Black Tern             | • F         |     |     |     | •   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ••   |     |     |     |   |       |
| Razorbill              | • A         | ~   | ~   | ~   | ••  | ••  | ••   | ••   | ••  | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
| Common Murre           | A           | ~   | ~   | ~   | ••  | ••  | ••   | ••   | ••  | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
| Thick-billed Murre     | A           | ~   | ~   | ~   | ••  | ••  | ••   | ••   | ••  | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
| Dovekie                | A           | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
| Black Guillemot        | • A         | ■   | ■   | ■   | ■   | ■   | ■    | ■    | ■   | ■    | ■   | ■   | ■   |   |       |
| Common Puffin          | • A         | ••  | ••  | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
|                        |             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |   |       |
| Rock Dove              | • L, O      | ■   | ■   | ■   | ■   | ■   | ■    | ■    | ■   | ■    | ■   | ■   | ■   |   |       |
| Mourning Dove          | • G, H, L   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
|                        |             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |   |       |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo   | • H, K, N   |     |     |     |     | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ••   |     |     |     |   |       |
| Black-billed Cuckoo    | • H, I, L   |     |     |     |     | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    |     |     |     |   |       |
|                        |             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |   |       |
| Screech Owl            | I, K, L     | ••  | ••  | ••  | ••  | ••  | ••   | ••   | ••  | ••   | ••  | ••  | ••  |   |       |
| Great Horned Owl       | • I         | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
| Snowy Owl              | -V- E, G, N | ~   | ~   | ~   | ••  | ••  |      |      |     | ••   | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
| Hawk Owl               | H           | ••  | ••  | ••  | •   |     |      |      |     |      | •   | ••  | ••  |   |       |
| Barred Owl             | • I, J      | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |
| Great Gray Owl         | H, I        | ••  | ••  | •   |     |     |      |      |     |      |     | •   | ••  |   |       |
| Long-eared Owl         | • I         | ••  | ••  | ~   | ~   | ~   | ~    | ~    | ~   | ~    | ~   | ~   | ••  |   |       |
| Short-eared Owl        | E, F, G     | ••  | ••  | ••  | ••  | ••  | ••   | ••   | ••  | ••   | ~   | ~   | ~   |   |       |

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| Boreal Owl                     | J,L     | •••   | •••   | •••   | •     |       |       |       |       |       | ••    | •••   | •••   |   |       |
| Saw-whet Owl                   | • I,J,L | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |   |       |
| Whip-poor-will                 | • H,I,L |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | •     |       |       |   |       |
| Common Nighthawk               | • L,O   |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |       |   |       |
| Chimney Swift                  | • L,O   |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | •     |       |       |   |       |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird      | • H,L   |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |       |   |       |
| Belted Kingfisher              | • C,D,N | •••   | •••   | •     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |   |       |
| Common Flicker                 | • H,I,L | •••   | •••   | •••   | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | •••   | •••   |   |       |
| Pileated Woodpecker            | • I,L   | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |   |       |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker         | I,L     |       |       |       |       | ••    |       |       |       | ••    | •••   | •••   | •••   |   |       |
| Red-headed Woodpecker          | H,K,N   |       |       |       | ••••  | ••    |       |       | ••    |       | ••••  | •••   | •••   |   |       |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker       | • I,K,L |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |       |   |       |
| Hairy Woodpecker               | • I,K,L | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |   |       |
| Downy Woodpecker               | • I,L   | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |   |       |
| Black-backed 3-toed Woodpecker | • I,J,M | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |   |       |
| Northern 3-toed Woodpecker     | • J,M   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   | •••   |   |       |
| Eastern Kingbird               | • D,H,L |       |       |       | •     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |       |   |       |
| Western Kingbird               | H,L,N   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ••    |       |       |   |       |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher      | H,L,N   |       |       |       |       | ••••  | ••••  | ••••  | ••••  | ••    |       |       |       |   |       |
| Great Crested Flycatcher       | • K,L   |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |       |   |       |
| Eastern Phoebe                 | • H,L,O |       |       | •     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |   |       |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher      | • F,J   |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |       |   |       |
| Acadian Flycatcher             | J,N     |       |       |       |       | ••    |       |       | ••••  | ••    |       |       |       |   |       |
| Alder Flycatcher               | • H     |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |       |       |       |   |       |
| Willow Flycatcher              | H       |       |       |       |       | ••••  | ••••  | ••••  | ••••  | ••••  |       |       |       |   |       |

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| Gray Catbird           | • H,L      |       |       |     |       | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     |     |       |     |   |       |
| Brown Thrasher         | • H,L      |       |       |     | •     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ...   | ... |   |       |
| American Robin         | • G,H,L    | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~   |   |       |
| Varied Thrush          | L          | ••••• | ••••• |     |       |      |       |       |       |       |     | ••••• |     |   |       |
| Wood Thrush            | • K,L      |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     |     |       |     |   |       |
| Hermit Thrush          | • I,L      |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | •••   |     |   |       |
| Swainson's Thrush      | • I,J      |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ••  |       |     |   |       |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush    | • M        |       |       |     |       | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     |     |       |     |   |       |
| Veery                  | • K,L      |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     |     |       |     |   |       |
| Eastern Bluebird       | • G,H,L    |       | ••    | ~   | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ••  |       |     |   |       |
| Wheatear               | C          |       |       |     |       |      |       |       |       | ••••  |     |       |     |   |       |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  | H,K,L      |       |       |     | •     | ~    | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | •   |       |     |   |       |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | • J        | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~   |   |       |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet   | • I,J,L    |       |       |     | •     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ••••• |     |   |       |
| Water Pipit            | • G,M      |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | ~     | ~   | ••    |     |   |       |
| Bohemian Waxwing       | -V-<br>H,L | ~     | ~     | ~   | ••••• | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~   |   |       |
| Cedar Waxwing          | • H,L      |       |       |     | •     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ••    |     |   |       |
| Northern Shrike        | H,L        | ~     | ~     | ~   | ••    | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~   |   |       |
| Loggerhead Shrike      | • H,L      |       |       |     | ••    | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ••    |     |   |       |
| Starling               | • G,H,L,O  | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   | ~     | ~   |   |       |
| White-eyed Vireo       | H,L        |       |       |     | ••••  | •••• | ••••  | ••••  | ••••  | •     |     |       |     |   |       |
| Yellow-throated Vireo  | • K,L      |       |       |     | ••    | •••• | ••••  | ••••  | ••••  |       |     |       |     |   |       |
| Solitary Vireo         | • I,J,L    |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   |       |     |   |       |
| Red-eyed Vireo         | • I,L      |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   |       |     |   |       |
| Philadelphia Vireo     | • I        |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   |       |     |   |       |
| Warbling Vireo         | • L        |       |       |     | ~     | ~    | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~     | ~   |       |     |   |       |

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| Black-and-white Warbler      | • K,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ... |       |       |   |       |
| Prothonotary Warbler         | H,L       |       |       |       |       | ..    |       |       | ..    | ...   |     |       |       |   |       |
| Golden-winged Warbler        | I,L       |       |       |       |       | ..    |       |       |       | ...   |     |       |       |   |       |
| Blue-winged Warbler          | H,I,L     |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Tennessee Warbler            | • F,J,L   |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ..  |       |       |   |       |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | H,I,L     |       |       |       |       | ..    |       |       |       | ~     | ..  |       |       |   |       |
| Nashville Warbler            | • F,H,I,L |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ..  |       |       |   |       |
| Parula Warbler               | • J,N     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Yellow Warbler               | • H,L     |       |       |       |       | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Magnolia Warbler             | • I,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Cape May Warbler             | • J,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler  | • I,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler        | • I,J,L   | ..... | ..... | ..... | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   | ..... | ..... |   |       |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | • J,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |
| Cerulean Warbler             | K,L,N     |       |       |       |       | ..    |       |       | ..    | ..    |     |       |       |   |       |
| Blackburnian Warbler         | • J       |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Yellow-throated Warbler      | C,I,L     |       |       | ..    | ..... | ..    |       | ..    | ..... | ..... |     |       |       |   |       |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler       | • I,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Bay-breasted Warbler         | • J,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | • J,M,N   |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |
| Pine Warbler                 | • J,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |
| Prairie Warbler              | • H,L     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ..  |       |       |   |       |
| Palm Warbler                 | • F,H,L   |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   | ..    |       |   |       |
| Ovenbird                     | • I       |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Northern Waterthrush         | • F,I,J   |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |
| Kentucky Warbler             | I,L       |       |       |       |       | ...   |       |       | ..    | ...   |     |       |       |   |       |
| Connecticut Warbler          | H,L       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | ..    | ...   |     |       |       |   |       |
| Mourning Warbler             | • H,I     |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ |     |       |       |   |       |
| Yellowthroat                 | • F,H,L   |       |       |       | ~     | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~~~~~ | ~   |       |       |   |       |

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|                        | Jan   | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Hoary Redpoll          | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Common Redpoll         | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Pine Siskin            | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| American Goldfinch     | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Red Crossbill          | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| White-winged Crossbill | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Rufous-sided Towhee    | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Savannah Sparrow       | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Grasshopper Sparrow    | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow   | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Seaside Sparrow        | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Vesper Sparrow         | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Lark Sparrow           | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Dark-eyed Junco        | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Tree Sparrow           | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Chipping Sparrow       | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Clay-colored Sparrow   | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Field Sparrow          | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Harris' Sparrow        | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| White-throated Sparrow | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Fox Sparrow            | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Lincoln's Sparrow      | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Swamp Sparrow          | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Song Sparrow           | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Lapland Longspur       | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |
| Snow Bunting           | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ... | ... | ... |

## Very Rare, Accidental and Hypothetical Species

The birds listed below have all occurred very rarely in Maine. Without being absolutely dogmatic I have placed birds in this appendix that have occurred less than 5 times in the last 15 years. Many species have been observed in Maine only once or twice. Birds observed by one or two people, that were not photographed or collected, are considered hypothetical. Records included are only those considered to be absolutely correct.

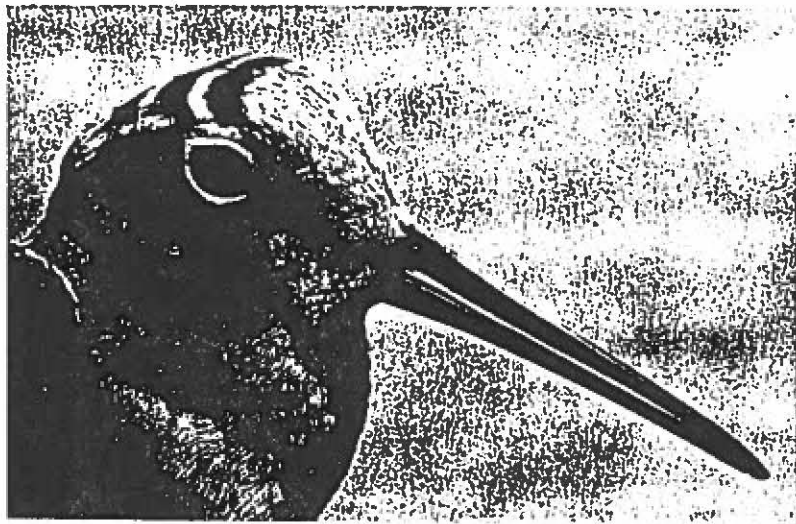
- Arctic Loon - Hypothetical; one acceptable sight record, Kittery, Oct. 1974.
- Eared Grebe - hypothetical; five sight records, all single observers, most recent 1977.
- Western Grebe - one record; two birds seen off Reid State Park, Dec. 18, 1977 - through Jan., 1978. Seen by many observers.
- Little Shearwater - hypothetical; three sight records from the "Bluenose" ferry, summer 1971.
- Audubon's Shearwater - hypothetical; one sight record, single observer.
- Black-capped Petrel - hypothetical; one sight record off Cutler, 1973, single observer.
- Cape Petrel - specimen; Harpswell, June, 1873.
- British Storm Petrel - hypothetical; three possible sight records. Extreme difficulties in separating this species from Wilson's Storm-Petrel make sight identification of this species problematic at best.
- White-tailed Tropicbird - specimen; East Winn, 1938, hurricane blown vagrant.
- White Pelican - most recent record, Blue Hill, 1945.
- Brown Pelican - most recent record, Georgetown Island, 1922.
- Magnificent Frigatebird - two old records, both birds collected, neither preserved.
- Lesser Frigatebird - one record; bird photographed off Deer Isle, 1960. First North American record.
- Wood Stork - two records; York Co., 1896; Cundy's Harbor, 1922.
- Whooper Swan - specimen; Washington Co., 1903.
- White-fronted Goose - three records; wing secured from bird killed near Wiscasset, Nov. 1922; single bird seen with Canada Geese in the mid-Sixties; one certainly wild individual near Woolwich, April 1977. Other sight records do not determine whether the individuals were wild or escaped birds.
- Fulvous Whistling Duck - two records; 4 shot from a flock of 13, Merymeeting Bay, 1963; two birds at Scarborough, 1972.
- Steller's Eider - specimen; Scarborough, 1926.
- Black Vulture - recent records include sight records in 1956 and 1962. A specimen was collected in 1956.

- **Swainson's Hawk** - Unrecorded since 1892 until 1976 and 1977; several single observer sight records and one sight record by numerous observers, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, April - May 1977.
- **Willow Ptarmigan** - three records; specimen, Kenduskeag, 1892; Sherman Mills, 1951; bird photographed on Bailey Island, May 1977.
- **Yellow Rail** - unrecorded in recent years, a possible sight record at Wells Beach, Sept., 1976.
- **Corn Crane** - specimen; Falmouth, 1889.
- **American Oystercatcher** - possible sight record in 1936; unrecorded in recent times but might be expected to occur in future years.
- **Black-necked Stilt** - two records; specimen, Rockland, 1889; sight record at Cobscook Bay State Park, 1976 (four observers).
- **American Avocet** - recent sight records include one bird seen at Scarborough, 1970; three birds in 1972, 2 at Scarborough, one at Winter Harbor (photo.).
- **Lapwing** - specimen; Aroostook Co., 1927.
- **Eskimo Curlew** - nearly extinct, not positively recorded since 1936.
- **Long-billed Curlew** - four records, most recent 1939
- **Rufous-necked Sandpiper** - one record of a single bird in breeding plumage photographed at Biddeford Pool, 16 - 22 July, 1977. Studied by many observers.
- **Lesser Black-backed Gull** - one record; Mt. Desert Island, 1968.
- **Mew Gull** - hypothetical; two sight records by single observers: Lubec, 1970; Sullivan, 1970.
- **Franklin's Gull** - three records; single bird at Kittery, 1970 (photographed); three birds off Eastport, 1971; one bird off Eastport, 1975.



- **Gull-billed Tern** - recent records include a single bird at Harbour Is., Muscongus Bay, 1949
- **Sooty Tern** - hurricane swept vagrant; recent records include three birds at Hog Island, Sept. 1954 and five birds at various localities Sept. 1960.
- **Royal Tern** - recent records include single birds at Popham Beach State Park, 1965; Muscongus Bay, 1968; Biddeford Pool, 1976.
- **Sandwich Tern** - hypothetical; one record of a single hurricane swept bird seen by a single observer at Pemaquid Pt., Sept. 1960.
- **Black Skimmer** - hurricane visitant; recent records include 3 - 6 birds at York Beach, 1968; Kittery, 1969; Back Bay, 1969. Might be expected to occur with greater frequency in future years.
- **Tufted Puffin (?)** - putative specimen obtained for Audubon from the Kennebec River, winter 1831 - 32.
- **White-winged Dove** - two records; most recent, Lincolnville Beach, 1973 (photographed).
- **Barn Owl** - very rare; most recent reliable record, pair nesting in Westbrook, 1960.
- **Chuck-will's-widow** - two records; Mt. Desert Island, 1974; North Harpswell, 1974 (song recorded).
- **Rufous Hummingbird** - hypothetical; single male seen in Orono, 1957.
- **Tropical Kingbird** - specimen; Scarborough, 1915.
- **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** - four, possibly five, records; specimen, 1908; Biddeford Pool, Sept. 1970; Whiting, Sept. 1975; Tenant's Harbor, Sept. 1976; Goose Rock Beach, Oct. 1976 (possibly the same individual as the Tenant's Harbor bird).
- **Variegated Flycatcher** - single record of a bird photographed at Biddeford Pool, Nov. 1977. First North American record.
- **Ash-throated Flycatcher** - two records; Appledore Island, 1971 (many observers); Mt. Desert Island, 1975.
- **Say's Phoebe** - one record of a bird photographed on Monhegan Island, 1974.
- **Black-billed Magpie** - one recent record, Tenant's Harbor, 1973 (photographed).
- **Fish Crow** - hypothetical; single occurrence of one bird (possibly two) in the Brunswick area, May 1975, independent observations made by two people.
- **Bewick's Wren** - hypothetical; one sight record, single observer, Mt. Desert Island, July 2, 1971.
- **Sprague's Pipit** - hypothetical; one sight record, Lincoln Center, 1975; possible sighting on Monhegan Island, 1961.
- **Worm-eating Warbler** - two recent records; Evergreen Cemetery, Portland, 1965; Appledore Island, 1971.

- Black-throated Gray Warbler - hypothetical (tentative); possibly 1936; possibly banded on Monhegan Island, 1960's.
- Louisiana Waterthrush - two recent records; York, 1972; Mt Desert Island, 1975.
- Western Meadowlark - two records; Newport, 1960; Dayton, 1971, 1972, 1973 (thought to be the same individual).
- Brewer's Blackbird - hypothetical; one record of a female observed at Popham Beach State Park, Oct. 1977.
- Black-headed Grosbeak - two records; Kittery Pt., 1967; Biddeford, 1973.
- Lazuli Bunting - hypothetical; one record, Mt. Desert Island, 1974.
- Painted Bunting - hypothetical; one record, Sorrento, 1974.
- Gray-crowned Rosy Finch - one record, Windsor, winter 1936 - 37.
- Green-tailed Towhee - one record, Biddeford Pool, Jan. - March, 1975. Many observers.
- Lark Bunting - three records; Hog Island, 1949; Mt. Desert Island, 1968; Monhegan Island, 1976 (photographed).
- Henslow's Sparrow - two records; Isle of Shoals, 1972; Kittery Pt., 1972.
- Le Conte's Sparrow - three records; Mt. Desert Island, 1968; Monhegan Island, 1974 (photographed); Lincoln Center, 1976.
- Chestnut-collared Longspur - specimen; Scarborough, 1886.
- Smith's Longspur - one record, photographed, Crescent Beach, Cape Elizabeth, Jan. 1956.



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