



Checklist of Birds of Mississippi

Locality _____

Date _____ Time _____ Weather _____

Observers _____

This list includes 400 species which have been recorded in Mississippi. Taxonomic arrangement and species names follow the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition, 1998, as amended in the Forty-Fifth Supplement (Auk, July, 2004). Symbols indicating abundance and season incidence in the species' preferred habitat are: C-common or abundant; F-fairly common; U-uncommon; R-rare, present singly or in small numbers annually; Ca-casual, generally occurring in four to eight years during a ten year period; A-accidental, generally occurring three or fewer years during a ten year period; L-local, generally occurs in a small area of the state; G-Gulf Coast; I-inland; Ext-extirpated, no longer occurs in Mississippi; p-permanent resident; s-summer resident; w-winter resident; t-transient.

Species enclosed in brackets [] are undocumented by specimen or photograph but are sight records with acceptable written documentation. Species followed by an asterisk (*) have nested and have been documented by nest collection or photographs. Species followed by a double asterisk (**) have been recorded nesting in the state but have not been documented by nest collection or photographs. Species that carry the symbols R, Ca, A, or Ext warrant careful documentation.

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Table listing bird species and their status codes (e.g., Ca, Rt, Fp, CsRw, A, Fs, Uw, LUs, Ut, Cs, Ca, Cp, Ct, GUw, IUw, Cp, AsCt, Fs, LRsUt, Cs, A, Cs, Cp, Cp, Uw, Fp, Fp, Fw, Cp, Rw, Uw, Fw, Uw, Uw, Uw, GUp; IUtRw).

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GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS

— Black-bellied Whistling Duck*	A
— Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Ca
— Greater White-fronted Goose	Fw
— Snow Goose	Cw
— Ross's Goose	Rw
— Cackling Goose	R
— Canada Goose*	Cp
— Brant	A
— Trumpeter Swan	A
— Tundra Swan	Rw
— Wood Duck*	Cp
— Gadwall	Cw
— [Eurasian Wigeon]	A
— American Wigeon	Cw
— American Black Duck	Uw
— Mallard*	Cp
— Mottled Duck*	GU
— Blue-winged Teal *	RsCtUw
— Cinnamon Teal	Ca
— Northern Shoveler	Cw
— Northern Pintail	Cw
— Green-winged Teal	Cw
— Canvasback	Fw
— Redhead	Uw
— Ring-necked Duck	Cw
— Greater Scaup	Uw
— Lesser Scaup	Cw
— King Eider	A
— Surf Scoter	Rw
— White-winged Scoter	Rw
— Black Scoter	Rw
— Long-tailed Duck	Rw
— Bufflehead	Cw
— Common Goldeneye	Fw
— Hooded Merganser*	Cw
— Common Merganser	Rw
— Red-breasted Merganser	Cw
— Ruddy Duck*	Cw

TURKEYS

— Wild Turkey*	Fp
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QUAIL

— Northern Bobwhite*	Cp
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LOONS

— Red-throated Loon	Ca
— [Pacific Loon]	A
— Common Loon	GCw; IFtUw

GREBES

— Pied-billed Grebe*	UsCw
— Horned Grebe	Fw
— Red-necked Grebe	Ca
— Eared Grebe	Uw
— [Western Grebe]	Ca

SHEARWATERS

— [Sooty Shearwater]	A
— [Audubon's Shearwater]	A

STORM-PETRELS

— [Wilson's Storm-Petrel]	A
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BOOBIES & GANNETS

— [Masked Booby]	A
— Northern Gannet	GFw

PELICANS

— American White Pelican	Fw
— Brown Pelican	GCp; IA

CORMORANTS

— Neotropic Cormorant	A
— Double-crested Cormorant*	RsCw
— [Great Cormorant]	A

ANHINGAS

— Anhinga*	UsRw
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FRIGATEBIRDS

— Magnificent Frigatebird	GFs; IA
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BITTERNS & HERONS

— American Bittern	GUw; IUt
— Least Bittern*	Us
— Great Blue Heron*	Cp
— Great Egret*	Cp
— Snowy Egret*	Cp
— Little Blue Heron*	Cp
— Tricolored Heron*	Fp
— Reddish Egret	GRp; IA
— Cattle Egret*	CsUw
— Green Heron*	CsRw
— Black-crowned Night-Heron*	Up
— Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	FsRw

IBISES & SPOONBILLS

— White Ibis*	Fp
— Glossy Ibis	R
— White-faced Ibis	R
— Roseate Spoonbill*	Ca

STORKS

— Wood Stork	Us
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AMERICAN VULTURES

— Black Vulture *	Cp
— Turkey Vulture*	Cp

KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

— Osprey*	GU; IRsFt
— Swallow-tailed Kite*	Us
— White-tailed Kite*	Ca
— Mississippi Kite*	Fs
— Bald Eagle*	RsFw
— Northern Harrier*	Cw
— Sharp-shinned Hawk	Fw
— Cooper's Hawk*	UsFw
— Northern Goshawk	A
— Harris's Hawk	A
— Red-shouldered Hawk*	Fp
— Broad-winged Hawk*	Fs
— Swainson's Hawk	Ca
— Red-tailed Hawk*	Cp
— [Ferruginous Hawk]	A
— Rough-legged Hawk	A
— Golden Eagle	R

CARACARAS & FALCONS

— Crested Caracara	A
— American Kestrel*	UsCw
— Merlin	UtRw
— Peregrine Falcon	UtRw
— Prairie Falcon	A

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

— Yellow Rail	Ca
— Black Rail	A
— Clapper Rail*	GCp
— King Rail*	Up
— Virginia Rail	GUw; IUtRw
— Sora	GFw; IUtRw
— Purple Gallinule*	Us
— Common Moorhen*	Cp
— American Coot*	RsCw

LIMPKINS

— Limpkin	A
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CRANES

— Sandhill Crane*	GRp; ICa
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PLOVERS

— Black-bellied Plover	GFw; IUt
— American Golden-Plover	Ft
— Snowy Plover*	GRp

— Wilson's Plover*	GU
— Semipalmated Plover	GFw; IFt
— Piping Plover	GUw; IRt
— Killdeer*	Cp
— Mountain Plover	A

OYSTERCATCHERS

— American Oystercatcher*	GU
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STILTS & AVOCETS

— Black-necked Stilt*	GU; IRs
— American Avocet	GU; IRt

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPE

— Greater Yellowlegs	FtUw
— Lesser Yellowlegs	CtUw
— Solitary Sandpiper	Ct
— Willet*	GFp; IRt
— Spotted Sandpiper	CtUw
— Upland Sandpiper	Ut
— Whimbrel	Rt
— Long-billed Curlew	Ca
— Hudsonian Godwit	A
— Marbled Godwit	GRw; ICa
— Ruddy Turnstone	GFw; IRt
— Red Knot	GUw; IA
— Sanderling	GCw; IUt
— Semipalmated Sandpiper	Ct
— Western Sandpiper	GCw; IFtW
— Least Sandpiper	GCw; ICtUw
— White-rumped Sandpiper	Ut
— Baird's Sandpiper	Ut
— Pectoral Sandpiper	Ct
— Purple Sandpiper	A
— Dunlin	GCw; IFtRw
— Stilt Sandpiper	Ft
— Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Ut
— Ruff	A
— Short-billed Dowitcher	GFw; IUt
— Long-billed Dowitcher	GFw; IUt
— Wilson's Snipe	Cw
— American Woodcock*	Up
— Wilson's Phalarope	GUt; IRt
— Red-necked Phalarope	Ca
— Red Phalarope	Ca

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

— Pomarine Jaeger	A
— Parasitic Jaeger	Ca
— Long-tailed Jaeger	A
— Laughing Gull*	GCp; IR

— Franklin's Gull	Rt
— Little Gull	Ca
— Black-headed Gull	A
— Bonaparte's Gull	Cw
— Ring-billed Gull	Cw
— Herring Gull	Uw
— Lesser Black-backed Gull	A
— Glaucous Gull	Ca
— Great Black-backed Gull	Ca
— Sabine's Gull	A
— Black-legged Kittiwake	Ca
— Gull-billed Tern *	GU; IA
— Caspian Tern**	GFp; IUt
— Royal Tern*	GCp; IA
— Sandwich Tern*	GU; IA
— [Roseate Tern]	A
— Common Tern *	GU; IRt
— Forster's Tern	GCp; IFtUw
— Least Tern*	GCs; ILUs
— Bridled Tern	A
— Sooty Tern	A
— Black Tern	Ct
— Brown Noddy	A
— Black Skimmer*	GFp; IA

PIGEONS & DOVES

— Rock Pigeon*	Cp
— [Band-tailed Pigeon]	A
— Eurasian Collared-Dove*	LU
— White-winged Dove **	GR
— Mourning Dove*	Cp
— Inca Dove	A
— Common Ground-Dove*	GRp; ICa

CUCKOOS & ANIS

— Black-billed Cuckoo	Rt
— Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	Cs
— Groove-billed Ani	GRt; IA

BARN OWLS

— Barn Owl *	Up
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TYPICAL OWLS

— Eastern Screech-Owl*	Cp
— Great Horned Owl*	Cp
— Snowy Owl	A
— Burrowing Owl	Ca
— Barred Owl*	Cp
— Long-eared Owl	A
— Short-eared Owl	Uw
— Northern Saw-whet Owl	A

NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS

— Common Nighthawk*	Cs
— Chuck-will's-widow*	Cs
— Whip-poor-will*	Fs

SWIFTS

— Chimney Swift*	Cs
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HUMMINGBIRDS

— [Green Violet-ear]	A
— Broad-billed Hummingbird	A
— White-eared Hummingbird	A
— Buff-bellied Hummingbird	Ca
— Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	Cs
— Black-chinned Hummingbird	Rw
— Anna's Hummingbird	A
— Calliope Hummingbird	A
— Broad-tailed Hummingbird	A
— Rufous Hummingbird	GUw; IRw
— Allen's Hummingbird	A

KINGFISHERS

— Belted Kingfisher*	Fp
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WOODPECKERS

— Red-headed Woodpecker*	Cp
— Red-bellied Woodpecker*	Cp
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Cw
— Downy Woodpecker*	Cp
— Hairy Woodpecker*	Up
— Red-cockaded Woodpecker*	LRp
— Northern Flicker*	Cp
— Pileated Woodpecker*	Fp
— Ivory-billed Woodpecker	Ext

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

— Olive-sided Flycatcher	Ut
— [Western Wood-Pewee]	A
— Eastern Wood-Pewee*	Cs
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Ut
— Acadian Flycatcher*	Fs
— Alder Flycatcher	Rt
— Willow Flycatcher*	AsRt
— Least Flycatcher	Ut
— Eastern Phoebe*	Cp
— Say's Phoebe	A
— Vermilion Flycatcher	Rw
— Ash-throated Flycatcher	A
— Great Crested Flycatcher*	Cs
— [Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher]	A
— Cassin's Kingbird	A
— Western Kingbird*	Rt
— Eastern Kingbird*	Cs