

Ohio Birding Checklist with Difficulty Codes

Overall abundance and ease of identification have been factored into all codes.

Easier to See Birds

1. Readily found within expected habitat during at least one season of the year.
2. Migrant in spring & fall OR breeding/wintering somewhat restricted within the state.

Harder to See Birds

3. Spring-only or fall-only migrant OR breeding/wintering very local within the state.
4. Reported annually but easily missed, even with special effort.

Review List Birds

5. More regularly occurring of the OBRC review-list species during the past 20 years or so.
6. Least expected of the OBRC review-list species; very rare in Ohio.

Easier to See Birds - 205 Species

___ Canada Goose 1
___ Mute Swan 1
___ *Tundra Swan* 2
___ Wood Duck 1
___ Gadwall 1
___ American Wigeon 1
___ American Black Duck 1
___ Mallard 1
___ Blue-winged Teal 1
___ Northern Shoveler 1
___ Northern Pintail 1
___ Green-winged Teal 1
___ *Canvasback* 2
___ *Redhead* 2
___ Ring-necked Duck 1
___ *Greater Scaup* 2
___ Lesser Scaup 1
___ Bufflehead 1
___ *Common Goldeneye* 2
___ Hooded Merganser 1
___ *Common Merganser* 2
___ Red-breasted Merganser 1
___ Ruddy Duck 1
___ *Ring-necked Pheasant* 2
___ *Wild Turkey* 2
___ *Northern Bobwhite* 2
___ Common Loon 1
___ Pied-billed Grebe 1
___ Horned Grebe 1
___ Double-crested Cormorant 1
___ Great Blue Heron 1
___ Great Egret 1

___ *Snowy Egret* 2
___ Green Heron 1
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron 1
___ *Black Vulture* 2
___ Turkey Vulture 1
___ Osprey 1
___ Bald Eagle 1
___ Northern Harrier 1
___ *Sharp-shinned Hawk* 2
___ Cooper's Hawk 1
___ Red-shouldered Hawk 1
___ *Broad-winged Hawk* 2
___ Red-tailed Hawk 1
___ *Rough-legged Hawk* 2
___ American Kestrel 1
___ *Virginia Rail* 2
___ Sora 1
___ *Common Moorhen* 2
___ American Coot 1
___ Black-bellied Plover 1
___ *American Golden-Plover* 2
___ Semipalmated Plover 1
___ Killdeer 1
___ Spotted Sandpiper 1
___ Solitary Sandpiper 1
___ Greater Yellowlegs 1
___ Lesser Yellowlegs 1
___ *Ruddy Turnstone* 2
___ *Sanderling* 2
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper 1
___ Least Sandpiper 1
___ Pectoral Sandpiper 1
___ Dunlin 1
___ Short-billed Dowitcher 1
___ *Wilson's Snipe* 2
___ *American Woodcock* 2
___ Bonaparte's Gull 1
___ Ring-billed Gull 1
___ Herring Gull 1
___ Great Black-backed Gull 1
___ Caspian Tern 1
___ Common Tern 1
___ Forster's Tern 1
___ Rock Pigeon 1
___ Mourning Dove 1
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo* 2
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl* 2
___ *Great Horned Owl* 2
___ *Barred Owl* 2
___ *Short-eared Owl* 2
___ *Common Nighthawk* 2
___ Chimney Swift 1
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1
___ Belted Kingfisher 1
___ *Red-headed Woodpecker* 2
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker 1
___ *Yellow-bellied Sapsucker* 2
___ Downy Woodpecker 1

___ Hairy Woodpecker 1
___ Northern Flicker 1
___ Pileated Woodpecker 1
___ *Eastern Wood-Pewee* 2
___ *Acadian Flycatcher* 2
___ *Willow Flycatcher* 2
___ Least Flycatcher 1
___ Eastern Phoebe 1
___ Great Crested Flycatcher 1
___ Eastern Kingbird 1
___ White-eyed Vireo 1
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo* 2
___ *Blue-headed Vireo* 2
___ Warbling Vireo 1
___ Red-eyed Vireo 1
___ Blue Jay 1
___ American Crow 1
___ Horned Lark 1
___ Purple Martin 1
___ Tree Swallow 1
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1
___ Bank Swallow 1
___ Cliff Swallow 1
___ Barn Swallow 1
___ Carolina Chickadee 1
___ Black-capped Chickadee 1
___ Tufted Titmouse 1
___ *Red-breasted Nuthatch* 2
___ White-breasted Nuthatch 1
___ Brown Creeper 1
___ Carolina Wren 1
___ House Wren 1
___ *Winter Wren* 2
___ *Marsh Wren* 2
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet 1
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1
___ Eastern Bluebird 1
___ *Veery* 2
___ Swainson's Thrush 1
___ Hermit Thrush 1
___ Wood Thrush 1
___ American Robin 1
___ Gray Catbird 1
___ Northern Mockingbird 1
___ Brown Thrasher 1
___ European Starling 1
___ *American Pipit* 2
___ Cedar Waxwing 1
___ Blue-winged Warbler 1
___ *Tennessee Warbler* 2
___ Nashville Warbler 1
___ *Northern Parula* 2
___ Yellow Warbler 1
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler 1
___ Magnolia Warbler 1
___ *Cape May Warbler* 2
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler 1

___ Yellow-rumped Warbler 1
___ Black-throated Green Warbler 1
___ *Blackburnian Warbler* 2
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler* 2
___ *Pine Warbler* 2
___ *Prairie Warbler* 2
___ Palm Warbler 1
___ *Bay-breasted Warbler* 2
___ *Blackpoll Warbler* 2
___ *Cerulean Warbler* 2
___ Black-and-white Warbler 1
___ American Redstart 1
___ *Prothonotary Warbler* 2
___ *Worm-eating Warbler* 2
___ Ovenbird 1
___ *Northern Waterthrush* 2
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush* 2
___ *Kentucky Warbler* 2
___ Common Yellowthroat 1
___ Hooded Warbler 1
___ *Wilson's Warbler* 2
___ *Canada Warbler* 2
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat* 2
___ *Summer Tanager* 2
___ Scarlet Tanager 1
___ Eastern Towhee 1
___ American Tree Sparrow 1
___ Chipping Sparrow 1
___ Field Sparrow 1
___ *Vesper Sparrow* 2
___ Savannah Sparrow 1
___ *Grasshopper Sparrow* 2
___ *Henslow's Sparrow* 2
___ *Fox Sparrow* 2
___ Song Sparrow 1
___ *Lincoln's Sparrow* 2
___ Swamp Sparrow 1
___ White-throated Sparrow 1
___ White-crowned Sparrow 1
___ Dark-eyed Junco 1
___ *Lapland Longspur* 2
___ *Snow Bunting* 2
___ Northern Cardinal 1
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1
___ Indigo Bunting 1
___ *Dickcissel* 2
___ *Bobolink* 2
___ Red-winged Blackbird 1
___ Eastern Meadowlark 1
___ *Rusty Blackbird* 2
___ Common Grackle 1
___ Brown-headed Cowbird 1
___ *Orchard Oriole* 2
___ Baltimore Oriole 1
___ House Finch 1
___ American Goldfinch 1
___ House Sparrow 1

Harder to See Birds - 86 Species

___ Greater White-fronted Goose 3
___ Snow Goose 3
___ Brant 4
___ Eurasian Wigeon 4
___ Harlequin Duck 4
___ Surf Scoter 3
___ White-winged Scoter 4
___ Black Scoter 3
___ Long-tailed Duck 4
___ Ruffed Grouse 4
___ Red-throated Loon 4
___ Red-necked Grebe 4
___ Eared Grebe 4
___ American White Pelican 3
___ American Bittern 3
___ Least Bittern 3
___ Little Blue Heron 4
___ Cattle Egret 4
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 4
___ Northern Goshawk 4
___ Golden Eagle 4
___ Merlin 3
___ Peregrine Falcon 3
___ King Rail 4
___ Sandhill Crane 3
___ American Avocet 4
___ Willet 4
___ Upland Sandpiper 4
___ Whimbrel 4
___ Hudsonian Godwit 4
___ Marbled Godwit 4
___ Red Knot 4
___ Western Sandpiper 4
___ White-rumped Sandpiper 3
___ Baird's Sandpiper 3
___ Purple Sandpiper 4
___ Stilt Sandpiper 3
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper 4
___ Long-billed Dowitcher 3
___ Wilson's Phalarope 3
___ Red-necked Phalarope 4
___ Red Phalarope 4
___ Laughing Gull 4
___ Franklin's Gull 4
___ Little Gull 4
___ Thayer's Gull 4
___ Iceland Gull 4
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull 3
___ Glaucous Gull 3
___ Sabine's Gull 4
___ Black-legged Kittiwake 4
___ Black Tern 3
___ Pomarine Jaeger 4

___ Black-billed Cuckoo 3
___ Barn Owl 4
___ Snowy Owl 4
___ Long-eared Owl 3
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl 4
___ Chuck-will's-widow 4
___ Whip-poor-will 3
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher 4
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 4
___ Alder Flycatcher 4
___ Northern Shrike 4
___ Bell's Vireo 4
___ Philadelphia Vireo 3
___ Sedge Wren 3
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush 3
___ Golden-winged Warbler 4
___ Orange-crowned Warbler 3
___ Connecticut Warbler 4
___ Mourning Warbler 3
___ Clay-colored Sparrow 4
___ Lark Sparrow 3
___ Le Conte's Sparrow 4
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow 4
___ Blue Grosbeak 3
___ Western Meadowlark 4
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird 4
___ Brewer's Blackbird 4
___ Purple Finch 3
___ Red Crossbill 4
___ White-winged Crossbill 4
___ Common Redpoll 4
___ Pine Siskin 3
___ Evening Grosbeak 4

Review-List Birds - 123 Species

___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 6
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck 6
___ Ross's Goose 5
___ Cackling Goose 5
___ Trumpeter Swan 6*
___ Cinnamon Teal 6
___ Garganey 6
___ Tufted Duck 6
___ King Eider 6
___ Common Eider 6
___ Barrow's Goldeneye 6
___ Pacific Loon 6
___ Western Grebe 6
___ Black-capped Petrel 6
___ Leach's Storm-Petrel 6
___ Northern Gannet 6
___ Brown Pelican 6
___ Anhinga 6
___ Magnificent Frigatebird 6
___ Tricolored Heron 5
___ White Ibis 6
___ Glossy Ibis 5

___ White-faced Ibis 5
___ Roseate Spoonbill 6
___ Wood Stork 6
___ Swallow-tailed Kite 6
___ Mississippi Kite 6
___ Harris's Hawk 6
___ Swainson's Hawk 6
___ Gyrfalcon 6
___ Prairie Falcon 6
___ Yellow Rail 6
___ Black Rail 6
___ Purple Gallinule 6
___ Northern Lapwing 6
___ Snowy Plover 6
___ Wilson's Plover 6
___ Piping Plover 5
___ Black-necked Stilt 5
___ Spotted Redshank 6
___ Long-billed Curlew 6
___ Red-necked Stint 6
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 6
___ Curlew Sandpiper 6
___ Ruff 5
___ Eurasian Woodcock 6
___ Black-headed Gull 5
___ Heermann's Gull 6
___ Mew Gull 6
___ California Gull 5
___ Ross's Gull 6
___ Ivory Gull 6
___ Sooty Tern 6
___ Least Tern 6
___ Large-billed Tern 6
___ Arctic Tern 6
___ Royal Tern 6
___ Parasitic Jaeger 5
___ Long-tailed Jaeger 5
___ Thick-billed Murre 6
___ Black Guillemot 6
___ Long-billed Murrelet 6
___ Ancient Murrelet 6
___ Atlantic Puffin 6
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove 5
___ White-winged Dove 5
___ Common Ground-Dove 6
___ Smooth-billed Ani 6
___ Groove-billed Ani 6
___ Northern Hawk Owl 6
___ Burrowing Owl 6
___ Great Gray Owl 6
___ Boreal Owl 6
___ White-throated Swift 6
___ Green Violet-ear 6
___ Anna's Hummingbird 6
___ Calliope Hummingbird 6
___ Rufous Hummingbird 5
___ Red-naped Sapsucker 6
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker 6

___ Black-backed Woodpecker 6
___ Gray Flycatcher 6
___ Say's Phoebe 6
___ Vermilion Flycatcher 6
___ Western Kingbird 5
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 6
___ Loggerhead Shrike 5
___ Black-billed Magpie 6
___ Common Raven 6
___ Violet-green Swallow 6
___ Cave Swallow 6
___ Boreal Chickadee 6
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch 6
___ Rock Wren 6
___ Bewick's Wren 6
___ Northern Wheatear 6
___ Mountain Bluebird 6
___ Townsend's Solitaire 6
___ Varied Thrush 5
___ Sprague's Pipit 6
___ Bohemian Waxwing 6
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler 6
___ Townsend's Warbler 6
___ Kirtland's Warbler 5
___ Swainson's Warbler 6
___ Painted Redstart 6
___ Western Tanager 6
___ Green-tailed Towhee 6
___ Spotted Towhee 6
___ Bachman's Sparrow 6
___ Black-throated Sparrow 6
___ Lark Bunting 6
___ Baird's Sparrow 6
___ Harris's Sparrow 5
___ Smith's Longspur 6
___ Black-headed Grosbeak 6
___ Painted Bunting 6
___ Great-tailed Grackle 6
___ Bullock's Oriole 6
___ Brambling 6
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch 6
___ Pine Grosbeak 6
___ Hoary Redpoll 6

Six Extinct/Extirpated Species Omitted

* Vagrant Trumpeter Swans from the west, although probably unrecognizable as such, would be code 6. ODNR-released swans and their progeny are not countable in Ohio but would be code 2.

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