

*Field Checklist of Birds of
Michigan's Upper Peninsula*

This checklist includes all 410 species observed within Michigan's Upper Peninsula as of 1 January 2024 that are acceptable by Michigan Bird Records Committee standards. Species that have nested in the U.P. are italicized. Uncommon species are indicated by U, rare species by R, and accidental species (acceptably documented fewer than 4 times in the U.P. during the last ten years) by A. An E designates extirpated species, while extinct species are indicated by †. The sequence of birds follows the 64th Supplement to the A.O.S. Checklist.

Waterfowl
Geese, Swans, Ducks, & Relatives

- Whistling-Ducks
- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (A)
- Fulvous Whistling-Duck (A)
- Geese and Swans
- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose (R)
- Greater White-fronted Goose (U)
- Brant (A)
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
- Tundra Swan (U)

Ducks and Mergansers

- Wood Duck
- Garganey (A)
- Blue-winged Teal
- Cinnamon Teal (A)
- Northern Shoveler
- Gadwall
- Eurasian Wigeon (A)
- American Wigeon
- Mallard
- American Black Duck
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- King Eider (A)
- Common Eider (A)
- Harlequin Duck (U)
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Barrow's Goldeneye (A)
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

Fowl
Turkey, Grouse, and Pheasant

- Wild Turkey
- Ruffed Grouse
- Spruce Grouse
- Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Greater Prairie-Chicken (E)
- Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe
- Eared Grebe (R)
- Western Grebe (A)

Pigeons and Doves

- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (A)
- Passenger Pigeon (†)
- Inca Dove (A)
- Common Ground-Dove (R)
- White-winged Dove (R)
- Mourning Dove

Cuckoos

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo

Nighthawks and Nightjars

- Common Nighthawk
- Chuck-will's-widow (A)
- Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts and Hummingbirds

- Chimney Swift
- Mexican Violetear (A)
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Anna's Hummingbird (A)
- Rufous Hummingbird (A)
- Broad-billed Hummingbird (A)
- Berylline Hummingbird (A)

Rails, Cranes, and Relatives
Rails, Gallinules, & Coot

- King Rail (A)
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Gallinule (R)
- American Coot
- Purple Gallinule (A)
- Yellow Rail (R)
- Black Rail (A)

Cranes

- Sandhill Crane

Shorebirds and Relatives

Stilts and Avocets

- Black-necked Stilt (A)
- American Avocet (R)

Plovers

- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Killdeer
- Semipalmated Plover
- Piping Plover (U)
- Wilson's Plover (A)

Sandpipers and Phalaropes

- Upland Sandpiper

- Whimbrel (U)
- Bar-tailed Godwit (A)
- Hudsonian Godwit (R)
- Marbled Godwit (R)
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Red Knot (U)
- Ruff (A)
- Stilt Sandpiper (U)
- Sanderling
- Dunlin
- Purple Sandpiper (R)
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper (U)
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper (U)
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper (A)
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher (R)
- American Woodcock
- Wilson's Snipe
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Willet (U)
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Wilson's Phalarope (U)
- Red-necked Phalarope (R)
- Red Phalarope (R)

Jaegers

- Pomarine Jaeger (A)
- Parasitic Jaeger (U)
- Long-tailed Jaeger (R)

Murres & Relatives

- Ancient Murrelet (A)

- Gulls & Terns
- Black-legged Kittiwake (U)
- Ross's Gull (A)
- Ivory Gull (A)
- Sabine's Gull (R)
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Little Gull (R)
- Laughing Gull (A)
- Franklin's Gull (R)
- Heermann's Gull (A)
- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull (A)
- Herring Gull
- Iceland Gull (U)
- Lesser Black-backed Gull (U)
- Slaty-backed Gull (A)
- Glaucous Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull (U)
- Least Tern (A)
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern (U)
- Common Tern
- Arctic Tern (R)
- Forster's Tern

Loons

- Red-throated Loon

- Pacific Loon (U)
- Common Loon
- Yellow-billed Loon (A)
- Frigates, Gannet, Anhinga, and Cormorants
- Magnificent Frigate (A)
- Northern Gannet (A)
- Anhinga (A)
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Neotropic Cormorant (A)

Pelicans, Herons, and Ibises
Pelicans

- American White Pelican
- Brown Pelican (A)
- Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets

- American Bittern
- Least Bittern (U)
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret (A)
- Little Blue Heron (A)
- Tricolored Heron (A)
- Cattle Egret (R)
- Green Heron
- Black-crowned Night-Heron (U)
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (A)

Ibises

- White Ibis (A)
- Glossy Ibis (A)
- White-faced Ibis (A)

Vultures
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- Black Vulture (R)
- Turkey Vulture

- Hawks and Allies
- Ospreys
- Osprey
- Kites, Eagles, & Hawks
- Swallow-tailed Kite (A)
- Golden Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- American Goshawk
- Bald Eagle
- Mississippi Kite (A)
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Short-tailed Hawk (A)
- Swainson's Hawk (U)
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Ferruginous Hawk (A)

- Owls
- Barn Owls
- Barn Owl (A)
- Typical Owls
- Eastern Screech-Owl (A)
- Great Horned Owl
- Snowy Owl
- Northern Hawk Owl (R)
- Burrowing Owl (A)
- Barred Owl

Great Gray Owl (R)
Long-eared Owl (U)
Short-eared Owl (U)
Boreal Owl (R)
Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

Lewis's Woodpecker (A)
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
American Three-toed Woodpecker (R)
Black-backed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker

Falcons

Crested Caracara (A)
American Kestrel
Merlin
Gyr Falcon (R)
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon (A)

Songbirds

Flycatchers

Ash-throated Flycatcher (A)
Great Crested Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird (A)
Western Kingbird (R)
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (R)
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (A)
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Acadian Flycatcher (A)
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher (U)
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe (R)
Vermilion Flycatcher (A)

Vireos

White-eyed Vireo (A)
Bell's Vireo (A)
Yellow-throated Vireo (U)
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo

Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike (R)
Northern Shrike

Jays, Magpies, & Crows

Canada Jay (U)
Blue Jay
Clark's Nutcracker (A)
Black-billed Magpie (R)
American Crow
Common Raven

Chickadees and Titmice

Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee (U)
Tufted Titmouse (R)

Larks

Horned Lark

Swallows

Bank Swallow
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow (A)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin (R)
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Cave Swallow (A)

Kinglets

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet

Waxwings

Bohemian Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing

Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers

Brown Creeper

Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Wrens

Rock Wren (A)
Carolina Wren (R)
House Wren
Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren

Mimics

Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Sage Thrasher (A)
Northern Mockingbird (U)

Starlings

European Starling

Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird (A)
Townsend's Solitaire (U)
Veery
Gray-checked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Varied Thrush (R)

Old World Flycatchers

Northern Wheatear (A)

Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow
Eurasian Tree Sparrow (U)

Wagtails and Pipits

White Wagtail (A)
American Pipit
Sprague's Pipit (A)

Finches

Brambling (A)
Evening Grosbeak
Pine Grosbeak
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (A)
House Finch
Purple Finch
Cassin's Finch (A)
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
Red Crossbill
White-winged Crossbill
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch

Longspurs and Snow Bunting

Lapland Longspur
Chestnut-collared Longspur (A)
Smith's Longspur (A)
Thick-billed Longspur (A)
Snow Bunting

Sparrows, Towhees, & Relatives

Cassin's Sparrow (A)
Grasshopper Sparrow (U)
Black-throated Sparrow (A)
Lark Sparrow (U)
Lark Bunting (R)
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow (A)
Fox Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow (A)
Harris's Sparrow (U)
White-throated Sparrow
Sagebrush Sparrow (A)
Vesper Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Nelson's Sparrow (R)
Henslow's Sparrow (A)
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Green-tailed Towhee (A)
Spotted Towhee (A)
Eastern Towhee

Chat

Yellow-breasted Chat (R)

Blackbirds & Relatives

Yellow-headed Blackbird (U)
Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Western Meadowlark (U)
Orchard Oriole (U)
Bullock's Oriole (A)
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Shiny Cowbird (A)
Brown-headed Cowbird

Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle
Boat-tailed/Great-tailed Grackle (A)

Warblers

Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler (A)
Louisiana Waterthrush (A)
Northern Waterthrush
Golden-winged Warbler
Blue-winged Warbler (R)
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler (R)
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Lucy's Warbler (A)
Nashville Warbler
Virginia's Warbler (A)
Connecticut Warbler (U)
Mourning Warbler
Kentucky Warbler (A)
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler (R)
American Redstart
Kirtland's Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Cerulean Warbler (A)
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler (R)
Prairie Warbler (R)
Black-throated Gray Warbler (A)
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Painted Redstart (A)

Cardinals, Tanagers, Grosbeaks, & Relatives

Hepatic Tanager (A)
Summer Tanager (R)
Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager (R)
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak (R)
Lazuli Bunting (A)
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting (R)
Dickcissel (U)

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