

A CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

This list was compiled from 1983 to 2004 from observations by the members of the Space Coast Audubon Society and other qualified birders.

This list is in accordance with the 1998 seventh edition of the AOU Checklist and its supplements.

ABUNDANCE CODES

C - Common - Present in large numbers or widespread. Certain to be seen or heard in the right habitat.

U - Uncommon - Present in low numbers or local in distribution. Should be seen or heard with reasonable effort in the right habitat.

O - Occasional - Present in small numbers or local in distribution. Not expected to be seen or heard without special effort.

R - Rare - In range but not expected to be seen every year. When present, usually in very low numbers or are secretive or are hard to identify.

Accid'l - Accidental - Either very rare or out of their normal range.

Unknown - Status not yet determined.

Abundance codes are not uniform across seasons. For example, most ducks are scarce in early fall (September) but are common in late fall (November).

SEASONS AND SYMBOLS

S - March to May

S - June to August

F - September to November

W - December to February

***** - Nests in Brevard County

(OS) Seen off shore of Atlantic coast

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Name(s) _____

Date _____

Time _____

Location _____

Weather _____

Comments _____

TOTAL SPECIES _____

S S F W

DUCKS, GEESE, SWAN

O O O O ___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*

R R R R ___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck

Accid'l ___ Greater White-fronted Goose

R O R ___ Snow Goose

Accid'l ___ Ross's Goose

R ___ Canada Goose

R R ___ Brant

Accid'l ___ Tundra Swan

U U U U ___ Wood Duck*

O U U ___ Gadwall

R R ___ Eurasian Wigeon

U C C ___ American Wigeon

R O ___ American Black Duck

R O O ___ Mallard

C C C C ___ Mottled Duck*

C O C C ___ Blue-winged Teal

R R ___ Cinnamon Teal

U C C ___ Northern Shoveler

Accid'l ___ White-cheeked Pintail

U C C ___ Northern Pintail

O U U ___ Green-winged Teal

R O O ___ Canvasback

O O U ___ Redhead

O R O U ___ Ring-necked Duck

R O O ___ Greater Scaup

U R C C ___ Lesser Scaup

Accid'l ___ Common Eider

Accid'l ___ Harlequin Duck

R R R ___ Surf Scoter (OS)

S S F W

R R R ___ White-winged Scoter (OS)

R R R ___ Black Scoter (OS)

R R ___ Long-tailed Duck

R O O ___ Bufflehead

R R ___ Common Goldeneye

O C C ___ Hooded Merganser

Accid'l ___ Common Merganser

U R C C ___ Red-breasted Merganser

U O U ___ Ruddy Duck

TURKEY, BOBWHITE

O O O O ___ Wild Turkey*

U U U U ___ Northern Bobwhite*

LOONS

R R R ___ Red-throated Loon

R O C ___ Common Loon

GREBES

C U C C ___ Pied-billed Grebe*

O O U ___ Horned Grebe

Accid'l ___ Eared Grebe

SHEARWATER, STORM-PETRELS

R O U ___ Cory's Shearwater (OS)

R R R ___ Greater Shearwater (OS)

Accid'l ___ Sooty Shearwater (OS)

Accid'l ___ Manx Shearwater (OS)

O O ___ Audubon's Shearwater (OS)

O U O ___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel (OS)

Accid'l ___ Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (OS)

TROPICBIRD, GANNET, BOOBIES, PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ANHINGA, FRIGATEBIRD

R R R ___ White-tailed Tropicbird (OS)

R R ___ Masked Booby (OS)

R R R R ___ Brown Booby (OS)

O U U ___ Northern Gannet (OS)

O R U U ___ American White Pelican

C C C C ___ Brown Pelican*

C C C C ___ Double-crested Cormorant*

Accid'l ___ Great Cormorant

C C C C ___ Anhinga*

R O O R ___ Magnificent Frigatebird

HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERN, IBIS, SPOONBILL, STORK, VULTURES

R O O ___ American Bittern

U U O O ___ Least Bittern*

C C C C ___ Great Blue Heron*

Accid'l ___ "Great White Heron"

C C C C ___ Great Egret*

C C C C ___ Snowy Egret*

C C C C ___ Little Blue Heron*

S S F W

C C C C ___ Tricolored Heron*

O U U U ___ Reddish Egret*

C C C C ___ Cattle Egret*

U U U U ___ Green Heron*

U U U U ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*

O O O O ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*

C C C C ___ White Ibis*

U U U U ___ Glossy Ibis*

O U O R ___ Roseate Spoonbill*

U U U U ___ Wood Stork*

C C C C ___ Black Vulture*

C C C C ___ Turkey Vulture*

FLAMINGO

Accid'l ___ Greater Flamingo

HAWKS, KITES, EAGLE, FALCONS

C C C C ___ Osprey*

O O ___ Swallow-tailed Kite*

Accid'l ___ White-tailed Kite

O O O O ___ Snail Kite

Accid'l ___ Mississippi Kite

U U U U ___ Bald Eagle*

O U U ___ Northern Harrier

O U U ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk

O R O O ___ Cooper's Hawk*

C C C C ___ Red-shouldered Hawk*

R R R ___ Broad-winged Hawk

Accid'l ___ Short-tailed Hawk

R R ___ Swainson's Hawk

C C C C ___ Red-tailed Hawk*

Accid'l ___ Rough-legged Hawk

O O O O ___ Crested Caracara*

O C C ___ American Kestrel

R O O ___ Merlin

R O O ___ Peregrine Falcon

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS, LIMPKIN, CRANES

Accid'l ___ Yellow Rail

R R R R ___ Black Rail*

O O O O ___ Clapper Rail*

O O O O ___ King Rail*

R R O ___ Virginia Rail

O U U ___ Sora

R R R R ___ Purple Gallinule*

C C C C ___ Common Moorhen*

C O C C ___ American Coot*

O O O O ___ Limpkin*

C U C C ___ Sandhill Crane*

Introduced ___ Whooping Crane

PLOVERS, OYSTERCATCHER, STILT, AVOCET, SANDPIPERS

C O C C ___ Black-bellied Plover

R R ___ American Golden-Plover

Accid'l ___ Snowy Plover

S S F W

R R R R ___ Wilson's Plover*

O R U C ___ Semipalmated Plover

R R R ___ Piping Plover

C C C C ___ Killdeer*

O O O O ___ American Oystercatcher*

C C U ___ Black-necked Stilt*

O U U ___ American Avocet

C O C C ___ Greater Yellowlegs

C O C C ___ Lesser Yellowlegs

O O R ___ Solitary Sandpiper

C C C C ___ Willet*

O U U ___ Spotted Sandpiper

R R ___ Upland Sandpiper

O O O ___ Whimbrel

Accid'l ___ Hudsonian Godwit

Accid'l ___ Bar-tailed Godwit

O O O ___ Marbled Godwit

C O C C ___ Ruddy Turnstone

O R O O ___ Red Knot

C O C C ___ Sanderling

U O U R ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper

U C C ___ Western Sandpiper

C O C C ___ Least Sandpiper

R R ___ White-rumped Sandpiper

Accid'l ___ Baird's Sandpiper

O R O R ___ Pectoral Sandpiper

R R ___ Purple Sandpiper

C R C C ___ Dunlin

O R O O ___ Stilt Sandpiper

Accid'l ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Accid'l ___ Ruff

U O C U ___ Short-billed Dowitcher

O U O ___ Long-billed Dowitcher

O U U ___ Wilson's Snipe

R R ___ American Woodcock

R R ___ Wilson's Phalarope

R R R ___ Red-necked Phalarope (OS)

R O O R ___ Red Phalarope (OS)

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMER

O O O ___ Pomarine Jaeger (OS)

O R R ___ Parasitic Jaeger (OS)

C C C C ___ Laughing Gull*

Accid'l ___ Franklin's Gull

Accid'l ___ Little Gull

Accid'l ___ Black-headed Gull

O O C ___ Bonaparte's Gull

C U C C ___ Ring-billed Gull

C O C C ___ Herring Gull

O O ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull

Accid'l ___ Glaucous Gull

U O C C ___ Great Black-backed Gull

Accid'l ___ Sabine's Gull

R ___ Black-legged Kittiwake

O O O R ___ Gull-billed Tern*

U O U U ___ Caspian Tern*

C C C C ___ Royal Tern*

O R O O ___ Sandwich Tern

Accid'l ___ Roseate Tern

R U R ___ Common Tern (OS)

S S F W

C O C C ___ Forster’s Tern
C C U ___ Least Tern*
O U O R ___ Bridled Tern (OS)
R R R ___ Sooty Tern (OS)
R O O ___ Black Tern
C C C C ___ Black Skimmer*

DOVES

C C C C ___ Rock Pigeon*
C C C C ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove*
Accid’l ___ White-winged Dove
C C C C ___ Mourning Dove*
U U U U ___ Common Ground-Dove*

PARROT

O O O O ___ Monk Parakeet*

CUCKOOS, ANI

R R ___ Black-billed Cuckoo
O R O ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Accid’l ___ Smooth-billed Ani

OWLS

O O O O ___ Barn Owl*
U U U U ___ Eastern Screech-Owl*
O O O O ___ Great Horned Owl*
R R R ___ Burrowing Owl*
O O O O ___ Barred Owl*
R ___ Short-eared Owl

NIGHTHAWKS, NIGHTJARS

U C U ___ Common Nighthawk*
Accid’l ___ Antillean Nighthawk
C C O R ___ Chuck-will’s-widow*
O O R ___ Whip-poor-will

SWIFT, HUMMINGBIRDS

C C C ___ Chimney Swift*
Accid’l ___ Buff-bellied Hummingbird
O O O R ___ Ruby-thr. Hummingbird*
Accid’l ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
R R R ___ Rufous Hummingbird

KINGFISHER

C C C ___ Belted Kingfisher*

WOODPECKERS

R R R R ___ Red-headed Woodpecker*
C C C C ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*
O O U ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
C C C C ___ Downy Woodpecker*
O O O O ___ Hairy Woodpecker*
R R R R ___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker*

S S F W

U U U U ___ Northern Flicker*
U U U U ___ Pileated Woodpecker*

PASSERINES

Flycatchers

R O ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
R O ___ Acadian Flycatcher
Accid’l ___ Alder Flycatcher
R ___ Least Flycatcher
O U U ___ Eastern Phoebe
Accid’l ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher
U U O R ___ Great Crested Flycatcher*
R R ___ Western Kingbird
U O U ___ Eastern Kingbird*
O O O ___ Gray Kingbird*
Accid’l ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Accid’l ___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher

Shrike

U U U U ___ Loggerhead Shrike*

Vireos

U U U U ___ White-eyed Vireo*
O O R ___ Yellow-throated Vireo
O O U ___ Blue-headed Vireo
Accid’l ___ Warbling Vireo
R ___ Philadelphia Vireo
U O U ___ Red-eyed Vireo*
R R R ___ Black-whiskered Vireo*

Jays, Crows

C C C C ___ Blue Jay*
U U U U ___ Florida Scrub-Jay*
O O O O ___ American Crow*
C C C C ___ Fish Crow*

Lark

Accid’l ___ Horned Lark

Swallows

U U R ___ Purple Martin*
C C C ___ Tree Swallow
O R O R ___ N. Rough-winged Swallow*
R O ___ Bank Swallow
R R ___ Cliff Swallow
Accid’l ___ Cave Swallow
C O C ___ Barn Swallow*

Chickadee, Titmouse, Nuthatch

R R R R ___ Carolina Chickadee*
O O O O ___ Tufted Titmouse*
O O O O ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch*

S S F W

Wrens

C C C C ___ Carolina Wren*
U C C ___ House Wren
O O O ___ Sedge Wren
O O O ___ Marsh Wren

Kinglets, Gnatcatcher

Accid’l ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
O U U ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
U O U U ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*

Thrushes

R R R R ___ Eastern Bluebird*
O O ___ Veery
R R ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
Unknown ___ Bicknell’s Thrush
O O R ___ Swainson’s Thrush
O O R ___ Hermit Thrush
R R ___ Wood Thrush
U U C ___ American Robin

Mimics

C C C ___ Gray Catbird
C C C C ___ Northern Mockingbird*
U U O O ___ Brown Thrasher*

Starling

C C C C ___ European Starling*

Pipit

R R O ___ American Pipit

Waxwing

U O U ___ Cedar Waxwing

Wood Warblers

R R ___ Blue-winged Warbler
R R ___ Golden-winged Warbler
R O ___ Tennessee Warbler
O O O ___ Orange-crowned Warbler
R R ___ Nashville Warbler
C O C O ___ Northern Parula*
R O R ___ Yellow Warbler
O ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
O O ___ Magnolia Warbler
U O ___ Cape May Warbler
U U R ___ Black-thr. Blue Warbler
U C C ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
R O R ___ Black-thr. Green Warbler
R O ___ Blackburnian Warbler
O U O ___ Yellow-throated Warbler
U O U O ___ Pine Warbler*
C U C O ___ Prairie Warbler*

S S F W

C C C ___ Palm Warbler
R O R ___ Bay-breasted Warbler
U O ___ Blackpoll Warbler
R R ___ Cerulean Warbler
C C O ___ Black-and-white Warbler
C C R ___ American Redstart
O O ___ Prothonotary Warbler
U U ___ Worm-eating Warbler
R R ___ Swainson’s Warbler
U U O ___ Ovenbird
O R ___ Northern Waterthrush
O O ___ Louisiana Waterthrush
R R ___ Kentucky Warbler
R ___ Connecticut Warbler
Accid’l ___ Mourning Warbler
C O C ___ Common Yellowthroat*
O O ___ Hooded Warbler
R R ___ Wilson’s Warbler
R R ___ Canada Warbler
R R ___ Yellow-breasted Chat*

Tanagers

O O ___ Scarlet Tanager
O R O ___ Summer Tanager*

Towhee, Sparrows

U U U U ___ Eastern Towhee*
O O O O ___ Bachman’s Sparrow*
U C C ___ Chipping Sparrow
R R ___ Clay-colored Sparrow
R R R ___ Field Sparrow
R O O ___ Vesper Sparrow
Accid’l ___ Lark Sparrow
C C C ___ Savannah Sparrow
R O O ___ Grasshopper Sparrow
Accid’l ___ Henslow’s Sparrow
Accid’l ___ Le Conte’s Sparrow
Unknown ___ Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sp.
Unknown ___ Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sp.
Accid’l ___ Seaside Sparrow
Accid’l ___ Fox Sparrow
O O O ___ Song Sparrow
R R ___ Lincoln’s Sparrow
O U U ___ Swamp Sparrow
R R ___ White-throated Sparrow
O O O ___ White-crowned Sparrow
Accid’l ___ Dark-eyed Junco
Accid’l ___ Lapland Longspur
Accid’l ___ Snow Bunting

Grosbeaks

C C C C ___ Northern Cardinal*
O O ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Accid’l ___ Black-headed Grosbeak
O O O R ___ Blue Grosbeak*
O O O O ___ Indigo Bunting*
O O O O ___ Painted Bunting*
R R R ___ Dickcissel

S S F W

Bobolink, Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds, Orioles

O O ___ Bobolink
C C C C ___ Red-winged Blackbird*
U U U U ___ Eastern Meadowlark*
Accid’l ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
R R R ___ Rusty Blackbird
Accid’l ___ Brewer’s Blackbird
C C C C ___ Common Grackle*
C C C C ___ Boat-tailed Grackle*
Accid’l ___ Shiny Cowbird
Accid’l ___ Bronzed Cowbird
U O U U ___ Brown-headed Cowbird*
O O ___ Orchard Oriole
R R ___ Bullock’s Oriole
O O R ___ Baltimore Oriole

Finches

R ___ Purple Finch
Accid’l ___ House Finch
R ___ Pine Siskin
O U U ___ American Goldfinch

Old World Sparrow

C C C C ___ House Sparrow*

EXOTICS

The following introduced or escaped species are known to currently nest in Brevard County.

Muscovy Duck
Green Parakeet
Blue-crowned Parakeet

ADDITIONAL SPECIES

