

LONGSPURS and SNOW BUNTING

- 1 _____ Lapland Longspur
- 2 _____ Smith's Longspur
- 3 _____ Snow Bunting

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- 1 _____ Eastern Towhee
- 1 _____ American Tree Sparrow
- 1 _____ Chipping Sparrow
- 3 _____ Clay-colored Sparrow
- 1 _____ Field Sparrow
- 1 _____ Vesper Sparrow
- 3 _____ Lark Sparrow
- 1 _____ Savannah Sparrow
- 2 _____ Grasshopper Sparrow
- 3 _____ Henslow's Sparrow
- 3 _____ LeConte's Sparrow
- 4 _____ Nelson's Sparrow
- 1 _____ Fox Sparrow
- 1 _____ Song Sparrow
- 2 _____ Lincoln's Sparrow
- 1 _____ Swamp Sparrow
- 1 _____ White-throated Sparrow
- 4 _____ Harris's Sparrow
- 1 _____ White-crowned Sparrow
- 1 _____ Dark-eyed Junco

CHAT and BLACKBIRDS

- 2 _____ Yellow-breasted Chat
- 5 _____ Yellow-headed Blackbird E
- 3 _____ Bobolink
- 1 _____ Eastern Meadowlark
- 3 _____ Western Meadowlark
- 2 _____ Orchard Oriole
- 1 _____ Baltimore Oriole
- 1 _____ Red-winged Blackbird
- 1 _____ Brown-headed Cowbird
- 2 _____ Rusty Blackbird
- 4 _____ Brewer's Blackbird
- 1 _____ Common Grackle

WARBLERS

- 1 _____ Ovenbird
- 4 _____ Worm-eating Warbler
- 2 _____ Louisiana Waterthrush
- 1 _____ Northern Waterthrush
- 2 _____ Golden-winged Warbler
- 2 _____ Blue-winged Warbler
- 1 _____ Black-and-white Warbler
- 3 _____ Prothonotary Warbler
- 1 _____ Tennessee Warbler
- 2 _____ Orange-crowned Warbler
- 1 _____ Nashville Warbler
- 3 _____ Connecticut Warbler
- 3 _____ Mourning Warbler
- 3 _____ Kentucky Warbler
- 1 _____ Common Yellowthroat
- 3 _____ Hooded Warbler

- 1 _____ American Redstart
- 2 _____ Cape May Warbler
- 4 _____ Cerulean Warbler E
- 2 _____ Northern Parula
- 1 _____ Magnolia Warbler
- 2 _____ Bay-breasted Warbler
- 2 _____ Blackburnian Warbler
- 1 _____ Yellow Warbler
- 1 _____ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- 1 _____ Blackpoll Warbler
- 3 _____ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- 1 _____ Palm Warbler
- 3 _____ Pine Warbler
- 1 _____ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- 3 _____ Yellow-throated Warbler
- 4 _____ Prairie Warbler
- 5 _____ Townsend's Warbler
- 1 _____ Black-throated Green Warbler
- 2 _____ Canada Warbler
- 2 _____ Wilson's Warbler

CARDINALIDAE

- 3 _____ Summer Tanager
- 2 _____ Scarlet Tanager
- 1 _____ Northern Cardinal
- 1 _____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- 2 _____ Blue Grosbeak
- 1 _____ Indigo Bunting
- 5 _____ Painted Bunting
- 1 _____ Dickcissel

The following are either extinct (†) or exist elsewhere but no longer in McLean County.

Carolina Parakeet†
Eskimo Curlew†
Greater Prairie-Chicken
Passenger Pigeon†

This checklist is dedicated to the late Dr. Dale Birkenholz—ornithologist, ISU curator, nature educator, and avid birder.

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Explanation of the Number Codes

1 – Common – should not be missed if looked for in appropriate seasons and habitat.

2 – Uncommon – present in appropriate habitat during the right season, but not expected on every outing

3 – Occasional – only observed a few times each year; also includes those species which may not occur every year but may be widespread in others.

4 – Rare – Five or fewer records in the past ten years. These should always be reported.

5 – Accidental – these species are major news in the local birding community and often state-wide. In addition to being reported, most need to be documented if part of the Illinois Ornithological Society's Review List:
<http://www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-ornithological-records-committee>

Italicized denotes breeding birds at or since the 2004 Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas. Not all are regular and/or widespread, so the following should be reported to eBird.org: Blue-winged Teal, Northern Bobwhite, Black-billed Cuckoo, Virginia Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Least Bittern, Northern Harrier, Red-shouldered Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Loggerhead Shrike, Bell's Vireo, Sedge Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Bobolink, Western Meadowlark, Ovenbird, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Blue Grosbeak. Always report unlisted breeders.

E = Endangered, T = Threatened as a *breeding* bird in Illinois. It may still be relatively common as a migrant or wintering species.

Any E or T species suspected of *breeding* should be reported to the IDNR for their database tracking such activity.

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/NaturalHeritage/Pages/ETSightingForm.aspx>

*Non-native species introduced by humans.

Please report *all* interesting sightings to:
1) JWP Audubon Facebook group
2) eBird.org (any sightings are good here)

Checklist of the Birds of McLean County, IL

314 species conclusively recorded
last updated August 2018

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

- 2 _____ Snow Goose
- 3 _____ Ross's Goose
- 2 _____ Greater White-fronted Goose
- 2 _____ Cackling Goose
- 1 _____ Canada Goose
- 2 _____ Mute Swan*
- 3 _____ Trumpeter Swan
- 4 _____ Tundra Swan
- 1 _____ Wood Duck
- 1 _____ Blue-winged Teal
- 1 _____ Northern Shoveler
- 1 _____ Gadwall
- 5 _____ Eurasian Wigeon
- 1 _____ American Wigeon
- 1 _____ Mallard
- 2 _____ American Black Duck
- 2 _____ Northern Pintail
- 2 _____ Green-winged Teal
- 2 _____ Canvasback
- 2 _____ Redhead
- 1 _____ Ring-necked Duck
- 2 _____ Greater Scaup
- 1 _____ Lesser Scaup
- 4 _____ Surf Scoter
- 4 _____ White-winged Scoter
- 5 _____ Black Scoter
- 5 _____ Long-tailed Duck
- 2 _____ Bufflehead
- 2 _____ Common Goldeneye
- 2 _____ Hooded Merganser
- 2 _____ Common Merganser
- 2 _____ Red-breasted Merganser
- 1 _____ Ruddy Duck

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

- 3 _____ Northern Bobwhite
- 1 _____ Ring-necked Pheasant*
- 2 _____ Wild Turkey

GREBES

- 1 _____ Pied-billed Grebe
- 1 _____ Horned Grebe
- 5 _____ Red-necked Grebe
- 4 _____ Eared Grebe
- 5 _____ Western Grebe

DOVES

- 1 _____ Rock Pigeon*
- 2 _____ Eurasian Collared-Dove*
- 5 _____ Common Ground-Dove
- 5 _____ White-winged Dove
- 1 _____ Mourning Dove

CUCKOOS

- 2 _____ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo*
 3 _____ *Black-billed Cuckoo T*

NIGHTJARS

- 1 _____ *Common Nighthawk*
 5 _____ **Chuck-will's-widow T**
 3 _____ *Whip-poor-will*

SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS

- 1 _____ *Chimney Swift*
 1 _____ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird*

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS and CRANES

- 5 _____ **Yellow Rail**
 5 _____ **Black Rail E**
 5 _____ **King Rail E**
 3 _____ *Virginia Rail*
 2 _____ *Sora*
 5 _____ **Purple Gallinule**
 4 _____ *Common Gallinule E*
 1 _____ *American Coot*
 3 _____ *Sandhill Crane*
 4 _____ *Whooping Crane*

STILTS and AVOCETS

- 4 _____ *Black-necked Stilt*
 3 _____ *American Avocet*

PLOVERS and SANDPIPERS

- 3 _____ *Black-bellied Plover*
 1 _____ *American Golden-Plover*
 2 _____ *Semipalmated Plover*
 5 _____ **Piping Plover E**
 1 _____ *Killdeer*
 3 _____ *Upland Sandpiper E*
 5 _____ **Hudsonian Godwit**
 5 _____ **Marbled Godwit**
 4 _____ *Ruddy Turnstone*
 5 _____ **Ruff**
 2 _____ *Stilt Sandpiper*
 4 _____ *Sanderling*
 2 _____ *Dunlin*
 3 _____ *Baird's Sandpiper*
 1 _____ *Least Sandpiper*
 3 _____ *White-rumped Sandpiper*
 3 _____ *Buff-breasted Sandpiper*
 1 _____ *Pectoral Sandpiper*
 1 _____ *Semipalmated Sandpiper*
 5 _____ **Western Sandpiper**
 2 _____ *Short-billed Dowitcher*
 3 _____ *Long-billed Dowitcher*
 1 _____ *American Woodcock*
 1 _____ *Wilson's Snipe*
 1 _____ *Spotted Sandpiper*
 1 _____ *Solitary Sandpiper*
 1 _____ *Lesser Yellowlegs*
 3 _____ *Willet*
 1 _____ *Greater Yellowlegs*
 2 _____ *Wilson's Phalarope E*

- 4 _____ *Red-necked Phalarope*

Red Phalarope**GULLS and TERNS**

- 2 _____ *Bonaparte's Gull*
 4 _____ *Franklin's Gull*
 1 _____ *Ring-billed Gull*
 5 _____ **California Gull**
 2 _____ *Herring Gull*
 5 _____ **Iceland Gull**
 5 _____ **Lesser Black-backed Gull**
 5 _____ **Glaucous Gull**
 5 _____ **Least Tern E**
 3 _____ *Caspian Tern*
 3 _____ *Black Tern E*
 4 _____ *Common Tern E*
 5 _____ **Arctic Tern**
 3 _____ *Forster's Tern E*

LOONS

- 5 _____ **Red-throated Loon**
 2 _____ *Common Loon*
 5 _____ **Yellow-billed Loon**

CORMORANTS and PELICANS

- 1 _____ *Double-crested Cormorant*
 2 _____ *American White Pelican*

HERONS

- 3 _____ *American Bittern E*
 4 _____ *Least Bittern T*
 1 _____ *Great Blue Heron*
 2 _____ *Great Egret*
 5 _____ **Snowy Egret E**
 3 _____ *Little Blue Heron E*
 4 _____ *Cattle Egret*
 1 _____ *Green Heron*
 3 _____ *Black-crowned Night-Heron E*
 5 _____ **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron E**

VULTURES

- 1 _____ *Turkey Vulture*

OSPREY, HAWKS, KITES and EAGLES

- 2 _____ *Osprey E*
 5 _____ **Swallow-tailed Kite**
 3 _____ *Mississippi Kite T*
 2 _____ *Bald Eagle*
 2 _____ *Northern Harrier E*
 2 _____ *Sharp-shinned Hawk*
 2 _____ *Cooper's Hawk*
 4 _____ *Northern Goshawk*
 3 _____ *Red-shouldered Hawk*
 2 _____ *Broad-winged Hawk*
 5 _____ **Swainson's Hawk E**
 1 _____ *Red-tailed Hawk*
 2 _____ *Rough-legged Hawk*
 5 _____ **Golden Eagle**

OWLS

- 5 _____ **Barn Owl T**
 1 _____ *Eastern Screech-Owl*

- 1 _____ *Great Horned Owl*

Snowy Owl**Burrowing Owl**

- 1 _____ *Barred Owl*
 3 _____ *Long-eared Owl*
 3 _____ *Short-eared Owl E*
 4 _____ *Northern Saw-whet Owl*

KINGFISHERS and WOODPECKERS

- 1 _____ *Belted Kingfisher*
 1 _____ *Red-headed Woodpecker*
 1 _____ *Red-bellied Woodpecker*
 1 _____ *Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*
 1 _____ *Downy Woodpecker*
 2 _____ *Hairy Woodpecker*
 1 _____ *Northern Flicker*
 3 _____ *Pileated Woodpecker*

FALCONS

- 1 _____ *American Kestrel*
 3 _____ *Merlin*
 5 _____ **Gyr Falcon**
 3 _____ *Peregrine Falcon*
 5 _____ **Prairie Falcon**

FLYCATCHERS

- 3 _____ *Olive-sided Flycatcher*
 1 _____ *Eastern Wood-Pewee*
 2 _____ *Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*
 2 _____ *Acadian Flycatcher*
 2 _____ *Alder Flycatcher*
 2 _____ *Willow Flycatcher*
 1 _____ *Least Flycatcher*
 1 _____ *Eastern Phoebe*
 5 _____ **Say's Phoebe**
 1 _____ *Great Crested Flycatcher*
 5 _____ **Western Kingbird**
 1 _____ *Eastern Kingbird*
 5 _____ **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**

SHRIKES and VIREOS

- 4 _____ *Loggerhead Shrike E*
 4 _____ *Northern Shrike*
 1 _____ *White-eyed Vireo*
 3 _____ *Bell's Vireo*
 2 _____ *Yellow-throated Vireo*
 2 _____ *Blue-headed Vireo*
 2 _____ *Philadelphia Vireo*
 1 _____ *Warbling Vireo*
 1 _____ *Red-eyed Vireo*

JAYS and CROWS

- 1 _____ *Blue Jay*
 1 _____ *American Crow*
 4 _____ *Fish Crow*

LARKS

- 1 _____ *Horned Lark*

SWALLOWS

- 1 _____ *Purple Martin*

- 1 _____ *Tree Swallow*

Northern Rough-winged Swallow**Bank Swallow****Cliff Swallow****Barn Swallow****TITS, NUTHATCHES and CREEPERS**

- 1 _____ *Black-capped Chickadee*
 1 _____ *Tufted Titmouse*
 2 _____ *Red-breasted Nuthatch*
 1 _____ *White-breasted Nuthatch*
 1 _____ *Brown Creeper*

WRENS

- 5 _____ **Rock Wren**
 1 _____ *House Wren*
 2 _____ *Winter Wren*
 2 _____ *Sedge Wren*
 2 _____ *Marsh Wren*
 1 _____ *Carolina Wren*
 5 _____ **Bewick's Wren E**

GNATCATCHERS, KINGLETS and THRUSHES

- 1 _____ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*
 1 _____ *Golden-crowned Kinglet*
 1 _____ *Ruby-crowned Kinglet*
 1 _____ *Eastern Bluebird*
 5 _____ **Mountain Bluebird**
 2 _____ *Veery*
 2 _____ *Gray-cheeked Thrush*
 1 _____ *Swainson's Thrush*
 1 _____ *Hermit Thrush*
 1 _____ *Wood Thrush*
 1 _____ *American Robin*

MIMIDS and STARLINGS

- 1 _____ *Gray Catbird*
 1 _____ *Brown Thrasher*
 3 _____ *Northern Mockingbird*
 1 _____ *European Starling*

WAXWINGS

- 1 _____ *Cedar Waxwing*

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- 1 _____ *House Sparrow**
 2 _____ *Eurasian Tree Sparrow**

PIPITS

- 2 _____ *American Pipit*

FRINGILLIDAE

- 5 _____ **Evening Grosbeak**
 1 _____ *House Finch**
 3 _____ *Purple Finch*
 4 _____ *Common Redpoll*
 5 _____ **Hoary Redpoll**
 4 _____ *Red Crossbill*
 5 _____ **White-winged Crossbill**
 3 _____ *Pine Siskin*
 1 _____ *American Goldfinch*