

## LONGSPURS and SNOW BUNTING

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Lapland Longspur
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Smith's Longspur
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Bunting

## NEW WORLD SPARROWS

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

## CHAT and BLACKBIRDS

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 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
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Rusty Blackbird
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Common Grackle

## WARBLERS

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Ovenbird
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Worm-eating Warbler
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 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
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Cerulean Warbler T
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Tanager
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Western 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†**

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

We thank Michael Retter for producing the first edition of this checklist. We thank the many birders of McLean County who continue to document the status of our birds.

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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, Hooded Merganser, 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 based on 2020 list. 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

319 species conclusively recorded  
last updated May 2021

## DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Black-bellied Whistling Duck
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Goose
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Ross's Goose
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Greater White-fronted Goose
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Cackling Goose
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Canada Goose
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Mute Swan\*
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Trumpeter Swan
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 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
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Surf Scoter
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ White-winged Scoter
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Black Scoter
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Long-tailed Duck
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Bufflehead
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Common Goldeneye
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Hooded Merganser
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Common Merganser
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Ruddy Duck

## GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

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

## GREBES

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ **King Rail E**  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Virginia Rail*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Sora*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ *Common Gallinule E*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Coot*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Purple Gallinule**  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Yellow Rail**

**Black Rail E**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Sandhill Crane*  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Whooping Crane*

**STILTS and AVOCETS**

- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Black-necked Stilt*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Avocet*

**PLOVERS and SANDPIPERS**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Black-bellied Plover*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Golden-Plover*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Killdeer*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Semipalmated Plover*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Piping Plover E**  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Upland Sandpiper E*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Hudsonian Godwit**  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Marbled Godwit*  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Ruddy Turnstone*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ruff**  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Stilt Sandpiper*  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Sanderling*

**Dunlin**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Baird's Sandpiper*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Least Sandpiper*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *White-rumped Sandpiper*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Buff-breasted Sandpiper*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Pectoral Sandpiper*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *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*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Wilson's Phalarope E*

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Red-necked Phalarope*

**5 \_\_\_\_\_ Red Phalarope****GULLS and TERNS**

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

**LOONS**

- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Red-throated Loon**  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Pacific Loon**  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Common Loon*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Yellow-billed Loon**

**CORMORANTS and PELICANS**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Double-crested Cormorant*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *American White Pelican*

**HERONS**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Bittern E*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Least Bittern T*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Great Blue Heron*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Great Egret*  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Snowy Egret E*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Little Blue Heron E*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *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 T*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Swallow-tailed Kite**  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Mississippi Kite*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ **Bald Eagle**  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Northern Harrier E*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Sharp-shinned Hawk*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Cooper's Hawk*  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Northern Goshawk*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *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**  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Eastern Screech-Owl*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Great Horned Owl*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Snowy Owl*  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Burrowing Owl**  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Barred Owl*  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *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*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Pileated Woodpecker*

**FALCONS**

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

**FLYCATCHERS**

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

**SHRIKES and VIREOS**

- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Loggerhead Shrike E*  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Northern Shrike*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *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*  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Fish Crow*

**LARKS**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Horned Lark*

**SWALLOWS**

- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Bank Swallow*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Tree Swallow*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Purple Martin*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Barn Swallow*  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *Cliff 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**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Pipit*

**FRINGILLIDAE**

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