

Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas-3 safe dates/breeding dates (taxonomic order)

The breeding charts are to be used as a guide only. Birds can certainly show breeding evidence outside of the listed dates and can be recorded outside of the safe dates too; in those cases extra documentation should be included to justify the use of the breeding code and how it was determined that the bird was breeding and not a migrant. The charts are divided by ecozone, as shown on the map in Figure 1. For more information on safe dates / breeding dates see [Appendix H](#).

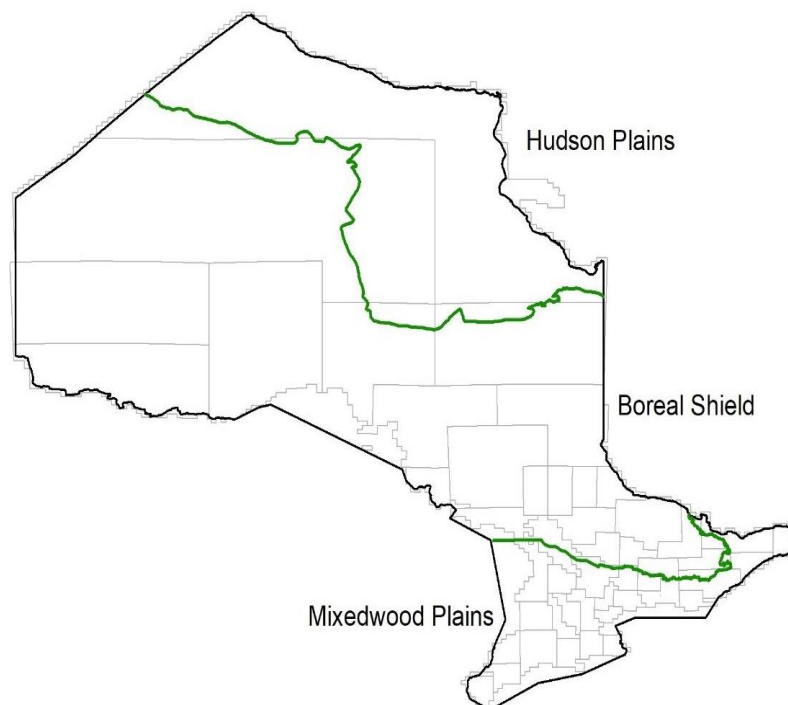


Figure 1: Map showing the three major ecozones (mixedwood plains, boreal shield, and Hudson plains) overlaid on the atlas regions.

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species	Safe dates	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Canada Goose	10 Jun - 14 Jul												
Mute Swan	31 Mar - 31 Aug												
Trumpeter Swan	31 Mar - 31 Aug												
Wood Duck	30 Apr - 15 Jul												
Blue-winged Teal	20 May - 15 Jul												
Northern Shoveler	15 May - 15 Jul												
Gadwall	15 May - 31 Jul												
American Wigeon	15 May - 31 Jul												
Mallard	30 Apr - 15 Jul												
American Black Duck	30 Apr - 15 Jul												
Northern Pintail	09 May - 15 Jul												
Green-winged Teal	20 May - 15 Jul												
Canvasback	15 May - 15 Jul												
Redhead	15 May - 15 Jul												
Ring-necked Duck	15 May - 15 Jul												
Lesser Scaup	15 May - 15 Jul												
Common Goldeneye	22 May - 31 Aug												
Hooded Merganser	15 May - 15 Jul												
Common Merganser	15 May - 15 Jul												
Red-breasted Merganser	15 May - 15 Jul												
Ruddy Duck	25 May - 15 Aug												
Northern Bobwhite	21 Apr - 15 Sep												
Gray Partridge	13 Apr - 08 Sep												
Ring-necked Pheasant	07 Apr - 18 Sep												
Ruffed Grouse	03 Apr - 14 Jul												
Spruce Grouse	25 Apr - 14 Jul												
Sharp-tailed Grouse	22 Apr - 14 Jul												
Wild Turkey	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Pied-billed Grebe	25 Apr - 31 Jul												
Red-necked Grebe	30 Apr - 31 Aug												
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	01 Jan - 31 Dec												
Mourning Dove	15 Mar - 30 Sep												
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 13 Aug												
Black-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 14 Aug												
Common Nighthawk	31 May - 31 Jul												
Chuck-will's-widow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Eastern Whip-poor-will	14 May - 12 Aug												
Chimney Swift	16 May - 31 Jul												
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	24 May - 31 Jul												



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Yellow Rail	24 May - 15 Jul												
King Rail	10 May - 14 Aug												
Virginia Rail	05 May - 10 Aug												
Sora	05 May - 15 Aug												
Common Gallinule	30 Apr - 31 Aug												
American Coot	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Sandhill Crane	20 Apr - 31 Aug												
Piping Plover	10 May - 19 Jul												
Killdeer	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Upland Sandpiper	06 May - 14 Jul												
American Woodcock	10 Apr - 14 Jul												
Wilson's Snipe	20 Apr - 01 Aug												
Spotted Sandpiper	08 May - 14 Jul												
Wilson's Phalarope	23 May - 14 Jul												
Little Gull	23 May - 14 Jul												
Ring-billed Gull	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Herring Gull	05 Apr - 14 Jul												
Great Black-backed Gull	21 Apr - 02 Jul												
Caspian Tern	15 May - 12 Jul												
Black Tern	15 May - 14 Jul												
Common Tern	31 May - 31 Jul												
Forster's Tern	15 May - 14 Jul												
Common Loon	24 May - 31 Jul												
Double-crested Cormorant	15 May - 14 Aug												
American White Pelican	24 May - 23 Jul												
American Bittern	10 May - 31 Jul												
Least Bittern	15 May - 31 Jul												
Great Blue Heron	20 Apr - 31 Jul												
Great Egret	15 May - 14 Jul												
Green Heron	15 May - 31 Jul												
Black-crowned Night-Heron	01 May - 31 Jul												
Black Vulture	10 May - 31 Jul												
Turkey Vulture	10 May - 31 Jul												
Osprey	30 Apr - 16 Jul												
Bald Eagle	10 May - 07 Jul												
Northern Harrier	30 Apr - 04 Aug												
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10 May - 31 Jul												
Cooper's Hawk	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Northern Goshawk	20 Apr - 03 Aug												



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Red-shouldered Hawk	25 Apr - 20 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Broad-winged Hawk	10 May - 31 Jul	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Red-tailed Hawk	15 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Barn Owl	15 May - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Eastern Screech-Owl	01 Nov - 14 Jul	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Great Horned Owl	01 Dec - 30 Jun	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Barred Owl	31 Mar - 31 Aug	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Long-eared Owl	15 Apr - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Short-eared Owl	15 Apr - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Northern Saw-whet Owl	01 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Belted Kingfisher	20 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Red-headed Woodpecker	15 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Red-bellied Woodpecker	30 Apr - 27 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	14 May - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Downy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Hairy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 24 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Black-backed Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Northern Flicker	14 May - 05 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Pileated Woodpecker	30 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
American Kestrel	20 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Merlin	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Peregrine Falcon	09 May - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Olive-sided Flycatcher	05 Jun - 14 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Eastern Wood-Pewee	31 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	08 Jun - 14 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Acadian Flycatcher	31 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Alder Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Willow Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Least Flycatcher	31 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Eastern Phoebe	30 Apr - 12 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow/Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Great Crested Flycatcher	31 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Eastern Kingbird	31 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Loggerhead Shrike	30 Apr - 11 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
White-eyed Vireo	24 May - 20 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Yellow-throated Vireo	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Blue-headed Vireo	20 May - 14 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Philadelphia Vireo	31 May - 19 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Warbling Vireo	24 May - 24 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Red-eyed Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue



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Blue Jay	15 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
American Crow	15 Apr - 14 Jul		Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Fish Crow	15 May - 31 Jul		Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Common Raven	15 Mar - 21 May	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Horned Lark	05 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Purple Martin	15 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Tree Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	10 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Bank Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Cliff Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Barn Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Black-capped Chickadee	16 Apr - 28 Jul		Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Boreal Chickadee	10 May - 31 Jul		Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Tufted Titmouse	15 May - 13 Jul		Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	15 May - 14 Jul		Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
White-breasted Nuthatch	20 Apr - 14 Jul		Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
Brown Creeper	10 May - 14 Jul		Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow			
House Wren	10 May - 31 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Winter Wren	15 May - 31 Jul		Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Sedge Wren	24 May - 31 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Marsh Wren	15 May - 31 Jul		Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Carolina Wren	20 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	20 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	15 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	20 May - 15 Aug				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Eastern Bluebird	15 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Veery	20 May - 22 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Swainson's Thrush	31 May - 14 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Hermit Thrush	15 May - 31 Jul		Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Wood Thrush	20 May - 12 Aug				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
American Robin	15 Apr - 16 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Gray Catbird	20 May - 19 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Brown Thrasher	10 May - 01 Aug				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Northern Mockingbird	15 May - 14 Aug				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
European Starling	15 Apr - 14 Jul				Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Cedar Waxwing	31 May - 14 Aug				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
House Sparrow	14 Apr - 07 Aug				Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
Evening Grosbeak	24 May - 31 Jul				Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		
House Finch	15 Apr - 31 Jul				Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow		



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Purple Finch	14 May - 31 Jul												
Red Crossbill													
White-winged Crossbill													
Pine Siskin	24 May - 14 Jul												
American Goldfinch	12 Jun - 31 Jul												
Eastern Towhee	20 May - 14 Aug												
Chipping Sparrow	15 May - 31 Jul												
Clay-colored Sparrow	20 May - 31 Jul												
Field Sparrow	10 May - 31 Jul												
Vesper Sparrow	10 May - 14 Aug												
Savannah Sparrow	15 May - 14 Aug												
Grasshopper Sparrow	14 May - 14 Aug												
Henslow's Sparrow	15 May - 31 Jul												
LeConte's Sparrow	15 May - 09 Aug												
Song Sparrow	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Lincoln's Sparrow	24 May - 14 Aug												
Swamp Sparrow	14 May - 31 Jul												
White-throated Sparrow	20 May - 31 Jul												
Dark-eyed Junco	14 May - 14 Aug												
Yellow-breasted Chat	31 May - 14 Jul												
Yellow-headed Blackbird	24 May - 14 Jul												
Bobolink	24 May - 14 Jul												
Eastern Meadowlark	15 May - 31 Jul												
Western Meadowlark	20 May - 31 Jul												
Orchard Oriole	24 May - 14 Jul												
Baltimore Oriole	24 May - 14 Jul												
Red-winged Blackbird	14 May - 14 Jul												
Brown-headed Cowbird	06 May - 14 Jul												
Brewer's Blackbird	14 May - 14 Jul												
Common Grackle	10 May - 14 Jul												
Ovenbird	20 May - 31 Jul												
Worm-eating Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul												
Louisiana Waterthrush	14 May - 30 Jun												
Northern Waterthrush	20 May - 14 Jul												
Golden-winged Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Blue-winged Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Black-and-white Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Prothonotary Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Tennessee Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul												



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Nashville Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Connecticut Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Mourning Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Kentucky Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Common Yellowthroat	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Hooded Warbler	31 May - 09 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
American Redstart	24 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Kirtland's Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Cape May Warbler	28 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Cerulean Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Northern Parula	25 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Magnolia Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Bay-breasted Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Blackburnian Warbler	24 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Yellow Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Palm Warbler	20 May - 07 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Pine Warbler	20 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Yellow-throated Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Prairie Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Black-throated Green Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Canada Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Wilson's Warbler	31 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Summer Tanager	31 May - 28 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Scarlet Tanager	24 May - 28 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Northern Cardinal	15 Apr - 08 Aug	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	24 May - 01 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Indigo Bunting	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Dickcissel	10 Jun - 31 Jul						■	■	■	■	■		



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Mute Swan	14 Apr - 31 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Trumpeter Swan	14 Apr - 31 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Wood Duck	15 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Blue-winged Teal	25 May - 15 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Northern Shoveler	25 May - 15 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Gadwall	25 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
American Wigeon	25 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Mallard	10 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
American Black Duck	10 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Northern Pintail	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Green-winged Teal	25 May - 15 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Canvasback	20 May - 15 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Redhead	20 May - 15 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Ring-necked Duck	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Lesser Scaup	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
White-winged Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Bufflehead	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Common Goldeneye	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Hooded Merganser	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Common Merganser	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Red-breasted Merganser	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Ruddy Duck	31 May - 15 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Gray Partridge	16 Apr - 09 Sep	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Ruffed Grouse	15 Apr - 24 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Spruce Grouse	26 Apr - 28 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Sharp-tailed Grouse	22 Apr - 25 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Wild Turkey	30 Apr - 26 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Pied-billed Grebe	10 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Horned Grebe	16 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Red-necked Grebe	14 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Eared Grebe	25 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	14 Mar - 13 Oct	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Mourning Dove	15 Apr - 31 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Black-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Common Nighthawk	31 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Eastern Whip-poor-will	24 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Chimney Swift	24 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue



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Ruby-throated Hummingbird	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Yellow Rail	31 May - 03 Aug					■	■	■	■	■			
Virginia Rail	15 May - 13 Aug					■	■	■	■	■			
Sora	15 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■			
Common Gallinule	15 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■			
American Coot	14 May - 14 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Sandhill Crane	10 May - 14 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Piping Plover	15 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Killdeer	30 Apr - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Upland Sandpiper	14 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Marbled Godwit	10 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
American Woodcock	25 Apr - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Wilson's Snipe	01 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Spotted Sandpiper	17 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Solitary Sandpiper	23 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Lesser Yellowlegs	23 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Greater Yellowlegs	23 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Wilson's Phalarope	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Bonaparte's Gull	23 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Little Gull	23 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Ring-billed Gull	02 May - 23 Jul	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Herring Gull	25 Apr - 24 Jul	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Great Black-backed Gull	30 Apr - 12 Jul	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Caspian Tern	23 May - 17 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Black Tern	24 May - 01 Aug					■	■	■	■	■			
Common Tern	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Forster's Tern	25 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Common Loon	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Double-crested Cormorant	24 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
American White Pelican	24 May - 28 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
American Bittern	15 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Least Bittern	20 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Great Blue Heron	25 Apr - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Green Heron	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Black-crowned Night-Heron	15 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Turkey Vulture	20 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Osprey	10 May - 26 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bald Eagle	15 May - 28 Jul	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northern Harrier	15 May - 11 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■



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Sharp-shinned Hawk	14 May - 31 Jul												
Cooper's Hawk	14 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Goshawk	30 Apr - 05 Aug												
Red-shouldered Hawk	25 Apr - 22 Jul												
Broad-winged Hawk	10 May - 31 Jul												
Red-tailed Hawk	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Golden Eagle	15 May - 31 Jul												
Eastern Screech-Owl	14 Feb - 14 Jul												
Great Horned Owl	15 Feb - 30 Jun												
Northern Hawk Owl	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Barred Owl	31 Mar - 14 Aug												
Great Gray Owl	15 Apr - 14 Aug												
Long-eared Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Short-eared Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Boreal Owl	31 Mar - 14 Aug												
Northern Saw-whet Owl	01 Apr - 31 Jul												
Belted Kingfisher	05 May - 31 Jul												
Red-headed Woodpecker	24 May - 14 Aug												
Red-bellied Woodpecker	24 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	24 May - 31 Jul												
Downy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Hairy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 27 Jul												
American Three-toed Woodpec	02 May - 31 Jul												
Black-backed Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Northern Flicker	14 May - 12 Aug												
Pileated Woodpecker	05 May - 31 Jul												
American Kestrel	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Merlin	09 May - 04 Aug												
Peregrine Falcon	15 May - 31 Jul												
Olive-sided Flycatcher	09 Jun - 14 Jul												
Eastern Wood-Pewee	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	09 Jun - 14 Jul												
Alder Flycatcher	14 Jun - 31 Jul												
Willow Flycatcher	14 Jun - 31 Jul												
Least Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Eastern Phoebe	10 May - 14 Aug												
Great Crested Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Western Kingbird	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
Eastern Kingbird	05 Jun - 31 Jul												



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Loggerhead Shrike	10 May - 13 Aug												
Yellow-throated Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-headed Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul												
Philadelphia Vireo	05 Jun - 09 Aug												
Warbling Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul												
Red-eyed Vireo	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Canada Jay	28 Feb - 19 May												
Blue Jay	20 May - 31 Jul												
Black-billed Magpie	20 Apr - 31 Jul												
American Crow	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Common Raven	25 Mar - 09 Jun												
Horned Lark	24 May - 31 Jul												
Purple Martin	24 May - 14 Jul												
Tree Swallow	20 May - 14 Jul												
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul												
Bank Swallow	25 May - 14 Jul												
Cliff Swallow	20 May - 14 Jul												
Barn Swallow	20 May - 14 Jul												
Black-capped Chickadee	30 Apr - 30 Jul												
Boreal Chickadee	15 May - 31 Jul												
Red-breasted Nuthatch	20 May - 14 Jul												
White-breasted Nuthatch	30 Apr - 14 Jul												
Brown Creeper	15 May - 23 Jul												
House Wren	20 May - 31 Jul												
Winter Wren	23 May - 31 Jul												
Sedge Wren	31 May - 31 Jul												
Marsh Wren	24 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	31 May - 14 Jul												
Golden-crowned Kinglet	22 May - 14 Aug												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	24 May - 14 Aug												
Eastern Bluebird	24 May - 14 Aug												
Veery	24 May - 14 Jul												
Swainson's Thrush	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Hermit Thrush	24 May - 31 Jul												
Wood Thrush	25 May - 13 Aug												
American Robin	30 Apr - 22 Aug												
Gray Catbird	24 May - 19 Jul												
Brown Thrasher	15 May - 03 Aug												
Northern Mockingbird	31 May - 14 Aug												



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European Starling	25 Apr - 18 Jul												
Cedar Waxwing	05 Jun - 14 Aug												
House Sparrow	30 Apr - 08 Aug												
Evening Grosbeak	01 Jun - 31 Jul												
Pine Grosbeak	15 May - 14 Aug												
House Finch	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Purple Finch	24 May - 31 Jul												
Red Crossbill													
White-winged Crossbill													
Pine Siskin	31 May - 14 Jul												
American Goldfinch	24 Jun - 31 Jul												
Eastern Towhee	24 May - 14 Aug												
Chipping Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Clay-colored Sparrow	25 May - 31 Jul												
Field Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Vesper Sparrow	15 May - 14 Aug												
Savannah Sparrow	21 May - 14 Aug												
Grasshopper Sparrow	24 May - 14 Aug												
LeConte's Sparrow	25 May - 31 Jul												
Nelson's Sparrow	05 Jun - 14 Aug												
Fox Sparrow	15 May - 14 Aug												
Song Sparrow	14 May - 14 Aug												
Lincoln's Sparrow	31 May - 14 Aug												
Swamp Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												
White-throated Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Dark-eyed Junco	24 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow-headed Blackbird	31 May - 14 Jul												
Bobolink	31 May - 14 Jul												
Eastern Meadowlark	24 May - 31 Jul												
Western Meadowlark	24 May - 31 Jul												
Baltimore Oriole	31 May - 14 Jul												
Red-winged Blackbird	24 May - 14 Jul												
Brown-headed Cowbird	18 May - 14 Jul												
Rusty Blackbird	24 May - 14 Jul												
Brewer's Blackbird	22 May - 14 Jul												
Common Grackle	15 May - 14 Jul												
Ovenbird	25 May - 31 Jul												
Louisiana Waterthrush	24 May - 30 Jun												
Northern Waterthrush	24 May - 14 Jul												



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Golden-winged Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Blue-winged Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Black-and-white Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Tennessee Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Orange-crowned Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Nashville Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Connecticut Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul						■	■	■	■			
Mourning Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul						■	■	■	■			
Common Yellowthroat	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
American Redstart	31 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Kirtland's Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Cape May Warbler	31 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Cerulean Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Northern Parula	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Magnolia Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Bay-breasted Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Blackburnian Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Yellow Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Chestnut-sided Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Blackpoll Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul						■	■	■	■			
Black-throated Blue Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Palm Warbler	26 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Pine Warbler	25 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Prairie Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Black-throated Green Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Canada Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul						■	■	■	■			
Wilson's Warbler	05 Jun - 24 Jul						■	■	■	■			
Scarlet Tanager	31 May - 30 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Northern Cardinal	14 May - 08 Aug	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■			
Indigo Bunting	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■			



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Snow Goose	25 May - 19 Aug												
Ross's Goose	25 May - 19 Aug												
Cackling Goose	25 May - 17 Aug												
Canada Goose	25 May - 09 Aug												
Tundra Swan	15 May - 09 Sep												
Wood Duck	25 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-winged Teal	31 May - 15 Jul												
Northern Shoveler	31 May - 15 Jul												
American Wigeon	31 May - 31 Jul												
Mallard	31 May - 07 Aug												
American Black Duck	31 May - 07 Aug												
Northern Pintail	31 May - 14 Aug												
Green-winged Teal	31 May - 15 Jul												
Ring-necked Duck	31 May - 31 Jul												
Greater Scaup	31 May - 14 Aug												
Lesser Scaup	31 May - 14 Aug												
King Eider	31 May - 14 Aug												
Common Eider	31 May - 14 Aug												
Surf Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug												
White-winged Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug												
Black Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug												
Long-tailed Duck	31 May - 14 Aug												
Bufflehead	31 May - 31 Jul												
Common Goldeneye	31 May - 31 Jul												
Hooded Merganser	31 May - 31 Jul												
Common Merganser	31 May - 31 Jul												
Red-breasted Merganser	31 May - 31 Jul												
Ruffed Grouse	01 May - 24 Jul												
Spruce Grouse	01 May - 29 Jul												
Willow Ptarmigan	12 May - 31 Jul												
Sharp-tailed Grouse	09 May - 01 Aug												
Pied-billed Grebe	25 May - 09 Aug												
Horned Grebe	31 May - 31 Jul												
Red-necked Grebe	31 May - 31 Jul												
Common Nighthawk	31 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow Rail	10 Jun - 14 Aug												
Sora	06 Jun - 14 Aug												
American Coot	25 May - 14 Aug												
Sandhill Crane	31 May - 31 Jul												



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American Golden-Plover	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Semipalmated Plover	31 May - 24 Jul												
Killdeer	31 May - 14 Jul												
Whimbrel	05 Jun - 24 Jul												
Hudsonian Godwit	31 May - 24 Jul												
Marbled Godwit	05 Jun - 24 Jul												
Stilt Sandpiper	05 Jun - 24 Jul												
Dunlin	31 May - 24 Jul												
Least Sandpiper	31 May - 24 Jul												
Pectoral Sandpiper	05 Jun - 24 Jul												
Semipalmated Sandpiper	31 May - 24 Jul												
Short-billed Dowitcher	31 May - 24 Jul												
Wilson's Snipe	31 May - 14 Jul												
Spotted Sandpiper	31 May - 14 Jul												
Solitary Sandpiper	31 May - 14 Jul												
Lesser Yellowlegs	31 May - 14 Jul												
Greater Yellowlegs	31 May - 14 Jul												
Wilson's Phalarope	31 May - 14 Jul												
Red-necked Phalarope	31 May - 14 Jul												
Parasitic Jaeger	31 May - 31 Jul												
Bonaparte's Gull	31 May - 24 Jul												
Little Gull	31 May - 14 Jul												
Ring-billed Gull	24 May - 23 Jul												
Herring Gull	31 May - 24 Jul												
Black Tern	31 May - 24 Jul												
Common Tern	06 Jun - 31 Jul												
Arctic Tern	06 Jun - 31 Jul												
Red-throated Loon	31 May - 14 Aug												
Pacific Loon	31 May - 14 Aug												
Common Loon	31 May - 14 Aug												
Double-crested Cormorant	31 May - 14 Aug												
American White Pelican	31 May - 14 Jul												
American Bittern	31 May - 14 Aug												
Great Blue Heron	15 May - 31 Jul												
Osprey	31 May - 17 Jul												
Bald Eagle	31 May - 01 Aug												
Northern Harrier	31 May - 12 Aug												
Sharp-shinned Hawk	25 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Goshawk	25 May - 05 Aug												



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Red-tailed Hawk	25 May - 31 Jul												
Rough-legged Hawk	25 May - 31 Jul												
Golden Eagle	25 May - 31 Jul												
Great Horned Owl	16 Mar - 30 Jun												
Northern Hawk Owl	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Barred Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Great Gray Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Long-eared Owl	15 May - 14 Aug												
Short-eared Owl	15 May - 14 Aug												
Boreal Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Northern Saw-whet Owl	01 May - 14 Jul												
Belted Kingfisher	31 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	31 May - 31 Jul												
Downy Woodpecker	14 May - 31 Jul												
Hairy Woodpecker	14 May - 27 Jul												
American Three-toed Woodpec	14 May - 31 Jul												
Black-backed Woodpecker	14 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Flicker	24 May - 14 Aug												
Pileated Woodpecker	10 May - 31 Jul												
American Kestrel	31 May - 31 Jul												
Merlin	31 May - 31 Jul												
Olive-sided Flycatcher	14 Jun - 14 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	14 Jun - 14 Jul												
Alder Flycatcher	14 Jun - 31 Jul												
Least Flycatcher	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
Eastern Kingbird	14 Jun - 31 Jul												
Northern Shrike	24 May - 30 Jun												
Blue-headed Vireo	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Philadelphia Vireo	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
Red-eyed Vireo	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
Canada Jay	30 Mar - 02 Jun												
American Crow	15 May - 31 Jul												
Common Raven	30 Apr - 04 Jul												
Horned Lark	31 May - 31 Jul												
Tree Swallow	31 May - 14 Jul												
Bank Swallow	31 May - 14 Jul												
Cliff Swallow	24 May - 14 Jul												
Barn Swallow	25 May - 14 Jul												
Black-capped Chickadee	10 May - 30 Jul												



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Boreal Chickadee	15 May - 31 Jul												
Red-breasted Nuthatch	24 May - 14 Jul												
Brown Creeper	24 May - 31 Jul												
Winter Wren	31 May - 31 Jul												
Golden-crowned Kinglet	31 May - 31 Jul												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	31 May - 31 Jul												
Eastern Bluebird	31 May - 31 Jul												
Gray-cheeked Thrush	10 Jun - 24 Jul												
Swainson's Thrush	10 Jun - 14 Jul												
Hermit Thrush	31 May - 31 Jul												
American Robin	24 May - 14 Aug												
European Starling	31 May - 18 Jul												
Bohemian Waxwing	31 May - 31 Jul												
Cedar Waxwing	13 Jun - 31 Jul												
House Sparrow	14 May - 31 Jul												
American Pipit	31 May - 31 Jul												
Pine Grosbeak	24 May - 04 Aug												
Purple Finch	31 May - 31 Jul												
Common Redpoll	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Hoary Redpoll	09 Jun - 31 Jul												
White-winged Crossbill													
Pine Siskin	10 Jun - 14 Jul												
American Goldfinch	02 Jul - 31 Jul												
Lapland Longspur	06 Jun - 01 Aug												
Smith's Longspur	06 Jun - 31 Jul												
American Tree Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Chipping Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Clay-colored Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Savannah Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
LeConte's Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Nelson's Sparrow	09 Jun - 14 Aug												
Fox Sparrow	24 May - 14 Aug												
Song Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Lincoln's Sparrow	06 Jun - 31 Jul												
Swamp Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
White-throated Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Harris's Sparrow	09 Jun - 31 Jul												
White-crowned Sparrow	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Dark-eyed Junco	05 Jun - 31 Jul												



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Bobolink	06 Jun - 09 Jul												
Red-winged Blackbird	31 May - 14 Jul												
Rusty Blackbird	31 May - 14 Jul												
Common Grackle	31 May - 14 Jul												
Ovenbird	31 May - 14 Jul												
Northern Waterthrush	31 May - 14 Jul												
Black-and-white Warbler	05 Jun - 24 Jul												
Tennessee Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Orange-crowned Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul												
Nashville Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Connecticut Warbler	09 Jun - 31 Jul												
Mourning Warbler	08 Jun - 14 Jul												
Common Yellowthroat	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
American Redstart	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Cape May Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Magnolia Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Bay-breasted Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul												
Blackburnian Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Yellow Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Chestnut-sided Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Blackpoll Warbler	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
Palm Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Yellow-rumped Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Black-throated Green Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Canada Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul												
Wilson's Warbler	06 Jun - 24 Jul												



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