

Birds of the Quiet Corner

A field checklist
for the birds
of northeastern
Connecticut



Date _____

Location _____

Weather _____

Observers _____

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Seasons:

Wi: December-February

Sp: March-May

Su: June-July

Fa: August-November

Relative abundance:

a: abundant; easily found, present in large numbers

c: common; likely to be seen in suitable habitat

u: uncommon; present, but not certain to be seen

o: occasional; seen only a few times

r: rare; not always seen every year

		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Loons, Grebes, Cormorants					
___	Common Loon	o		o	
___	Pied-billed Grebe	u		u	o
___	Horned Grebe	o		u	r
___	Double-crested Cormorant	u	o	u	r

Hérons

___	American Bittern	o	o	r	
___	Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	o
___	Great Egret	r	r	r	
___	Snowy Egret	r	r	o	
___	Little Blue Heron			r	
___	Cattle Egret	r	r	r	
___	Green-backed Heron	u	u	u	
___	Black-crowned Night Heron	r	r	o	

Swans, Geese, Ducks

___	Mute Swan	o	o	o	o
___	Snow Goose	o		o	o
___	Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
___	Wood Duck	c	c	c	u
___	Green-winged Teal	u		u	r
___	American Black Duck	u	u	u	u
___	Mallard	c	c	c	c
___	Northern Pintail	o		o	o
___	Blue-winged Teal	o		o	
___	Gadwall	u		u	r
___	American Wigeon	o		o	r
___	Canvasback	o		o	o
___	Redhead	r		r	r
___	Ring-necked Duck	u		u	o
___	Lesser Scaup	o		o	r

		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___	Oldsquaw	r		r	r
___	Black Scoter			r	
___	White-winged Scoter	r		r	r
___	Common Goldeneye	u		u	u
___	Bufflehead	u		u	o
___	Hooded Merganser	u	r	u	o
___	Common Merganser	u		u	u
___	Ruddy Duck			u	o

Vultures, Hawks

___	Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	u
___	Osprey	u	o	u	
___	Bald Eagle	o		o	o
___	Northern Harrier	u		u	o
___	Sharp-shinned Hawk	c	r	c	u
___	Cooper's Hawk	o	r	o	o
___	Northern Goshawk	o	o	o	o
___	Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	u
___	Broad-winged Hawk	c	c	c	
___	Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
___	Rough-legged Hawk				r
___	American Kestrel	c	u	c	u
___	Merlin	o		o	r
___	Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r

Pheasants, Rails

___	Ring-necked Pheasant	u	u	u	u
___	Ruffed Grouse	u	u	u	u
___	Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
___	Northern Bobwhite	o	o	o	o
___	Virginia Rail	u	u	u	o
___	Sora	o	r	o	r
___	American Coot	o		o	o

Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls

___	Black-bellied Plover			o	
___	Lesser Golden Plover			r	
___	Semipalmated Plover	o		o	
___	Killdeer	u	u	u	u
___	Greater Yellowlegs	u	r	u	
___	Lesser Yellowlegs	o		o	
___	Solitary Sandpiper	u		u	
___	Spotted Sandpiper	u	o	u	
___	Upland Sandpiper	r	r	r	
___	Semipalmated Sandpiper	o		u	
___	Least Sandpiper	u	r	u	

		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___	Pectoral Sandpiper	o		o	
___	Dunlin			o	
___	Short-billed Dowitcher			o	
___	Common Snipe	u		u	o
___	American Woodcock	c	c	u	
___	Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	c
___	Herring Gull	u	u	u	u
___	Great Black-backed Gull	u	u	u	u

Doves-Woodpeckers

___	Rock Dove	c	c	c	c
___	Mourning Dove	a	a	a	a
___	Black-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
___	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
___	Eastern Screech-Owl	o	o	o	o
___	Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
___	Barred Owl	u	u	u	u
___	Long-eared Owl	o		o	o
___	Northern Saw-whet Owl	o	o	o	o
___	Common Nighthawk	u	o	u	
___	Whip-poor-will	o	o	o	
___	Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
___	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	u	u	
___	Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	o
___	Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
___	Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	
___	Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___	Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___	Northern Flicker	c	c	c	o
___	Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u

Flycatchers-Swallows

___	Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	r	o	
___	Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	
___	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
___	Acadian Flycatcher	o	o		
___	Alder Flycatcher	o	o		
___	Willow Flycatcher	u	u	u	
___	Least Flycatcher	c	c	c	
___	Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	r
___	Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	c	
___	Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
___	Horned Lark	u	o	u	u
___	Purple Martin	o	r	o	
___	Tree Swallow	c	c	a	

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___ No. Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
___ Bank Swallow	u	u	u	
___ Cliff Swallow	o		o	
___ Barn Swallow	c	c	c	

Crows-Wrens

___ Blue Jay	a	a	a	a
___ American Crow	a	a	a	a
___ Common Raven	o	o	o	o
___ Black-capped Chickadee	a	a	a	a
___ Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Creeper	u	u	u	u
___ Carolina Wren	u	u	u	u
___ House Wren	c	c	c	
___ Winter Wren	u	u	u	o
___ Marsh Wren	o		o	

Kinglets-Starlings

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	r	c	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	o
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	u
___ Veery	c	c	c	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
___ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
___ Hermit Thrush	u	u	u	o
___ Wood Thrush	c	c	c	
___ American Robin	a	a	a	u
___ Gray Catbird	a	a	a	o
___ Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	o
___ Water Pipit	o		o	r
___ Cedar Waxwing	c	c	c	u
___ Northern Shrike	r		r	r
___ Loggerhead Shrike			r	
___ European Starling	a	a	a	a

Vireos, Warblers

___ White-eyed Vireo	o	o	o	
___ Solitary Vireo	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	c	c	c	
___ Warbling Vireo	c	c	c	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	r		o	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	a	a	a	

		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___	Blue-winged Warbler	c	c	c	
___	Golden-winged Warbler	o	r	r	
___	Tennessee Warbler	c	r	c	
___	Nashville Warbler	u	o	u	
___	Northern Parula	c	r	c	
___	Yellow Warbler	a	a	a	
___	Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	u	u	
___	Magnolia Warbler	u	o	u	
___	Cape May Warbler	u		u	
___	Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	u	u	
___	Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	u	a	o
___	Black-throated Green Warbler	u	u	u	
___	Blackburnian Warbler	u	u	u	
___	Pine Warbler	u	u	u	
___	Prairie Warbler	u	u	u	
___	Palm Warbler	u		u	
___	Bay-breasted Warbler	u	o	u	
___	Blackpoll	c	o	c	
___	Cerulean Warbler	o	o		
___	Black-and-white Warbler	c	c	c	
___	American Redstart	c	c	c	
___	Worm-eating Warbler	u	u	o	
___	Ovenbird	a	a	c	r
___	Northern Waterthrush	u	u	u	
___	Louisiana Waterthrush	u	u	u	
___	Kentucky Warbler	r	r		
___	Connecticut Warbler			o	
___	Mourning Warbler	o		o	
___	Common Yellowthroat	a	a	a	r
___	Hooded Warbler	o	o		
___	Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
___	Canada Warbler	c	u	c	
___	Yellow-breasted Chat	r	r	r	r

Tanagers-Sparrows

___	Scarlet Tanager	c	c	c	
___	Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
___	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c	c	c	
___	Indigo Bunting	u	u	u	
___	Dickcissel	r		r	r
___	Rufous-sided Towhee	c	c	c	o
___	American Tree Sparrow	c		c	c
___	Chipping Sparrow	a	a	a	r
___	Field Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___	Vesper Sparrow	o		o	r
___	Savannah Sparrow	c	u	c	o

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___	Grasshopper Sparrow	o	r	o	r
___	Fox Sparrow	u		u	o
___	Song Sparrow	a	a	a	c
___	Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	r
___	Swamp Sparrow	c	c	c	o
___	White-throated Sparrow	c	o	c	c
___	White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	o
___	Dark-eyed Junco	a	u	a	a
___	Lapland Longspur				r
___	Snow Bunting	o		o	o

Blackbirds-Finches

___	Bobolink	u	u	u	
___	Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	u
___	Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	u
___	Rusty Blackbird	u		u	o
___	Common Grackle	a	a	a	u
___	Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	u
___	Orchard Oriole	o	o		
___	Northern Oriole	c	c	c	r
___	Pine Grosbeak	r		r	r
___	Purple Finch	u	u	u	u
___	House Finch	c	c	c	c
___	Red Crossbill	o		o	o
___	White-winged Crossbill	r		r	r
___	Common Redpoll	o		o	o
___	Pine Siskin	u	r	u	u
___	American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c
___	Evening Grosbeak	o	r	o	o
___	House Sparrow	c	c	c	c

This checklist contains the bird species that have been recorded regularly in northeastern Connecticut. Other species have been reported , but are unlikely to be located most years. Relative abundances are primarily based on 25 years of local observation by the compiler. Birds vary annually in their numbers, so abundances are chosen to represent typical conditions in suitable habitat. - R.J. Craig, compiler

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