

# 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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**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)

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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\*

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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

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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)

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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\*

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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\*

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**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**

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