

# Checklist of **WISCONSIN BIRDS**



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# The Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail (GWBNT) Checklist (Second Edition, 2008)

## Preface for Second Edition

For this Second Edition, we have added 5 species to the Checklist (Cackling Goose, White-winged Tern, Green-breasted Mango, Rock Wren, Great-tailed Grackle) and deleted one (Streak-backed Oriole) based on input from Bill Mueller, the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology's Conservation Chair. We also updated other checklist elements to reflect the most current information on Wisconsin birds.

*Sumner W. Matteson  
Susan Foote-Martin  
February 2008*



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*“When dandelions have set the  
mark of May on Wisconsin pastures,  
it is time to listen for the final proof  
of spring. Sit down on a tussock,  
cock your ears at the sky, dial out the  
bedlam of meadowlarks and redwings,  
and soon you may hear it: the flight-song  
of the upland plover [Upland Sandpiper],  
just now back from the Argentine.”*

—Aldo Leopold,  
“Back from the Argentine,”  
*A Sand County Almanac*

## **A Personal Message from Signe Holtz**

*Director, Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin DNR*

**T**his checklist is a tribute to all of you who love Wisconsin birds and share that love with others—your parents, your children, your grandchildren, nieces and nephews, your students, and your friends. I hope that it helps you in your pursuit of beauty and diversity in this wonderful state of Wisconsin. Please share it with others and use it to help others find their way to nature.

Some people have told me that their parents were instrumental in connecting them to nature; others have said their teachers showed them the way to nature; and others have mentioned their spouse or close friend.

As for me, my parents—Lorraine White Holtz and Alfred K. Holtz—were my gateway to nature. My sisters and I hold these memories dear: our forays into the woods of southern Wisconsin to see spring wildflowers, the Purple Martins arriving at my father's bird house in the spring and treating us to aerial shows all summer, the birds from the north coming to our feeders in the winter. For my father, it was his grade school teacher in Columbus—who also happened to be his Aunt Mary Holtz—who cultivated in him a deep appreciation of the great diversity of bird life in Wisconsin. And for my mother, it was her brother, Donald White, who roamed the pine barrens near Spooner with her. These skills last people a lifetime. In my mother's last year with us, we went to see Yellow-headed Blackbirds in a marsh near Columbus, and she was delighted to hear their raspy calls.

I'm sure that you are grateful, as I am, for the great gift that these lovers of nature have given to us.

Please—Pass it on!

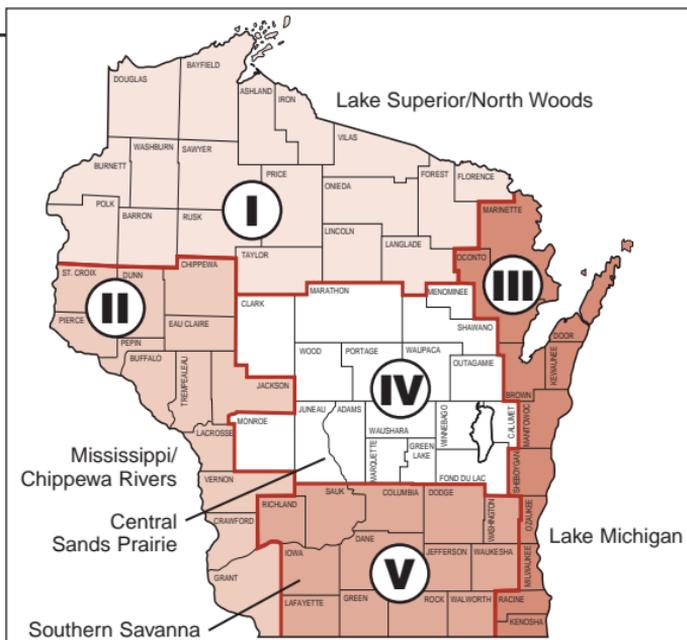


## Notes on Compiling the GWBNT Checklist...

We consulted the following sources in compiling this checklist: 1) *Wisconsin Birdlife, Population and Distribution, Past and Present* (Robbins 1991), 2) The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology's (WSO) Breeding Bird Atlas (WBBA) (1995-2000), 3) WSO's *Wisconsin Birds, A Checklist with Migration Graphs, Sixth Edition* (Temple et al. 2003), 4) *Checklists of Wisconsin Vertebrates* (Watermolen and Murrell 2001), and 5) *Wisconsin Annotated Checklist* (Mueller 2008). The taxonomic order of common bird names follows the Seventh Edition (including 48<sup>th</sup> Supplement) of the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-List of North American Birds* (AOU 1998). We occasionally modified subheadings for bird families.

We have adopted the official WSO notations for "**SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION**" and "**STATUS**", with some modifications.

- 1) A solid black dot (●) indicates seasonal occurrences or occurrence as a "**Migrant Only**" (spring and/or fall migrant, sometimes a winter or summer wanderer).
- 2) This symbol (★) indicates summer migrants or birds that are possible or rare during "**Summer**" or "**Winter**".
- 3) A bird species that is considered breeding "**Breeds**" in the state if it has been documented as nesting more than 1 year in the past 30 years. This includes the WBBA's "confirmed" and "probable" (useful for secretive nesters) categories, but not older records or lone records (e.g. Black Scoter, Bay-breasted Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, etc.) for the purposes of this checklist. Accordingly, each breeding bird species receives a check mark (✓).
- 4) "**Regular**" means present every year.
- 5) "**Rare**" means found annually 8 or fewer times.
- 6) We have combined "**Casual**" and "**Accidental**" species for the purposes of this checklist because of the relative rarity of observing species within this category. Together, birds in this category have been documented once every 1-5 years or less often. We are not including extirpated or hypothetical bird species, or species for which there are nineteenth century records only.



***Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail (GWBNT) Breeding Regions.***

We have adopted the same habitat codes (“Wet Meadows” added) as presented in WSO’s *Checklist* (2003) to maintain consistency and simplicity, and we have provided definitions for the habitat types presented on pages 4 and 5. As indicated in the Fifth Edition of WSO’s *Checklist* (1988), habitat types “are to be used as a general guide. Particularly when they are migrating, some species may be encountered in habitats other than those listed. [The] intention has been to describe the typical habitat in which one’s chances of finding the species are greatest.”

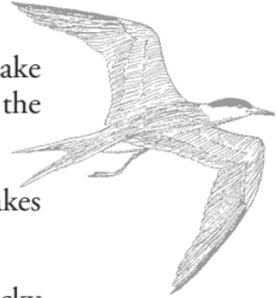
The map above shows GWBNT Breeding Regions. In the checklist “**GWBNT Breeding Region**” indicates where a breeding bird species occurs. Each GWBNT region is based on a consolidation of the Wisconsin DNR’s map of 16 Ecological Landscapes that are used for planning and implementing conservation measures in the state.

Nearctic-Neotropical migrants are *italicized*. These are birds with all or part of their populations breeding north of the Tropic of Cancer in Mexico and the Caribbean and all or part of their populations wintering south of that line (Rappole 1995).

***Sumner W. Matteson and Susan Foote-Martin  
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## Definitions of Habitat Types

**A. Great Lakes** – Open water of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior from the wash zone to deep water.



**B. Inland Waters** – Open water of lakes and streams.

**C. Great Lakes Shores** – Beaches (rocky and sand), dunes, bedrock, shoreline woods, bluffs, cliffs, and estuary mudflats.



**D. Inland Shores** – Areas of sparse vegetation (mudflats, sandbars, gravel, and rock) along the shores of inland streams and lakes.

**E. Marshes and/or Wet Meadows** – Deep and shallow marshes are open, wet areas with few shrubs and characterized by a mixture of emergent, floating, and submerged aquatic vegetation (cattails, sedges, pondweeds, rushes, water lilies, arrowhead, etc.). Deep marshes reach 5-6 feet deep or more and feature open water interspersed with floating vegetation. Wet meadows are transitional between marshes and swamps and feature rushes, sedges, water-loving grasses, ferns, and some cattails.



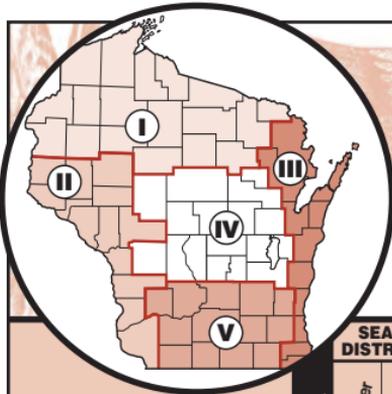
**F. Swamps and Bogs** – Forested to open areas that are wet most of the year and typically have tamarack, black spruce, white cedar, black ash, red maple, or low shrubs (alder, willows, leatherleaf, sweet gale, Labrador tea) as dominant species;



the groundlayer of bogs is typically covered by sphagnum moss.

- G. Grasslands** – Grassy areas—from wet to dry—that are mostly open (i.e., with few trees and shrubs). Examples include prairies, old fields, conservation area plantings, and pastures.
- H. Croplands** – Actively managed agricultural lands with rotating crops of corn, soybeans, small grains (wheat, oats, barely, rye), and hay, but also including other vegetable and fruit crops.
- I. Brushy Areas** – Upland or wet areas dominated by shrubs. Includes successional stages from old fields to forest in uplands, or shrubs associated with wetlands.
- J. Deciduous Woods** – Forest lands with predominant species (oaks, maples, birch, aspen, etc.) that lose their leaves by winter.
- K. Coniferous Woods** – Forest lands with predominant species (pines, spruce, fir, hemlock) that retain their leaves (needles) throughout the year.
- L. Urban Areas** – City buildings, industrial areas, residential back yards, clustered rural development areas, parks, cemeteries, manicured corporate lawns and ponds, horticultural plantings, etc.





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	Summer	Winter	Migrant Only	Breeds	Regular	Rare	Casual/Accidental		
<b>WHISTLING-DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>									
<i>Black-bellied Whistling-Duck</i>	*		●				●	BE	
<i>Fulvous Whistling-Duck</i>			●				●	BE	
<i>Greater White-fronted Goose</i>		*	●		●			ABEH	
<i>Snow Goose</i>	*	*	●		●			ABEH	
Ross's Goose			●			●		ABE	
Brant			●				●	ABE	
Cackling Goose			●		●			ABEHL	
Canada Goose	●	●	●	✓	●			ABEHL	ALL
Mute Swan	●	●		✓	●			ABL	ALL
<b>Trumpeter Swan (E)</b>	●	●		✓	●			ABE	I, II, IV
Tundra Swan	*	*	●		●			ABE	
<i>Wood Duck</i>	●	*		✓	●			BEF	ALL
<i>Gadwall</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
Eurasian Wigeon			●				●	B	
<i>American Wigeon</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	I, IV, V
American Black Duck	●	●		✓	●			ABE	ALL
<i>Mallard</i>	●	●		✓	●			ABEL	ALL
<i>Blue-winged Teal</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
<i>Cinnamon Teal</i>			●				●	B	
<i>Northern Shoveler</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL

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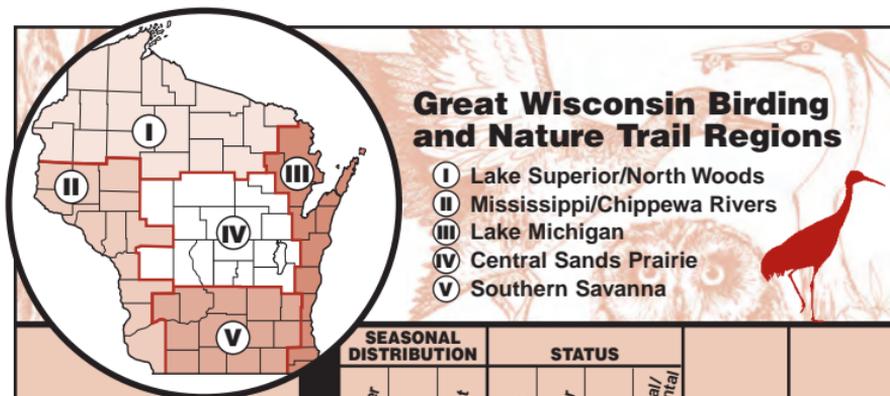
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<i>Northern Pintail</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	I, III, V
<i>Green-winged Teal</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
<i>Canvasback</i>	●	*			●			AB	
<i>Redhead</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
<i>Ring-necked Duck</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	I, II, IV, V
<i>Greater Scaup</i>	*	●			●			AB	
<i>Lesser Scaup</i>	●	*		✓	●			AB	I, IV
<i>King Eider</i>		*	●				●	A	
<i>Common Eider</i>			●				●	AB	
<i>Harlequin Duck</i>		●				●		A	
<i>Surf Scoter</i>		*	●		●			AB	
<i>White-winged Scoter</i>		*	●		●			AB	
<i>Black Scoter</i>		*	●		●			AB	
<i>Long-tailed Duck</i>	*	●			●			AB	
<i>Bufflehead</i>	*	●			●			AB	
<i>Common Goldeneye</i>	●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, V
<i>Barrow's Goldeneye</i>		●					●	A	
<i>Smew</i>			●				●	A	
<i>Hooded Merganser</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABEF	ALL
<i>Common Merganser</i>	●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, IV
<i>Red-breasted Merganser</i>	●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, IV
<i>Ruddy Duck</i>	●	●		✓	●			ABE	II-V



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<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANT, GROUSE, TURKEY, QUAIL</b>									
Gray Partridge	●	●		✓	●			GH	ALL
Ring-necked Pheasant	●	●		✓	●			EGHI	ALL
Ruffed Grouse	●	●		✓	●			JK	ALL
<b>Spruce Grouse (T)</b>	●	●		✓		●		FK	I
Sharp-tailed Grouse	●	●		✓	●			GI	I, II
<b>Greater Prairie-Chicken (T)</b>	●	●		✓	●			GH	I, IV
Wild Turkey	●	●		✓	●			GHIJ	ALL
Northern Bobwhite	●	●		✓	●			GI	II-V
<b>LOONS</b>									
Red-throated Loon	*	*	●		●			AB	
Pacific Loon		*	●			●		AB	
Common Loon	●	*		✓	●			AB	I-IV
<b>GREBES</b>									
<i>Pied-billed Grebe</i>	●	*		✓	●			BE	ALL
Horned Grebe	●	*			●			AB	
<b>Red-necked Grebe (E)</b>	●			✓	●			BE	ALL
<i>Eared Grebe</i>	*		●	✓		●		AB	II, IV
<i>Western Grebe</i>	●			✓		●		AB	IV

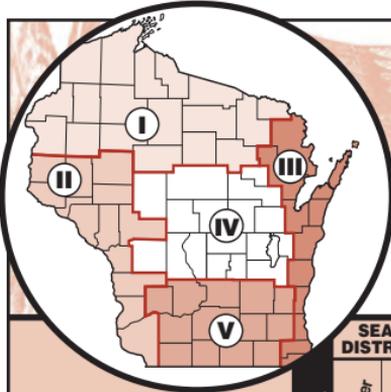
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<b>PELICANS</b>									
<i>American White Pelican</i>	●			✓	●			AB	III, V
<i>Brown Pelican</i>			●				●	AB	
<b>CORMORANTS</b>									
<i>Double-crested Cormorant</i>	●	*		✓	●			AB	ALL
<b>DARTERS</b>									
<i>Anhinga</i>			●				●	EF	
<b>FRIGATEBIRDS</b>									
<i>Magnificent Frigatebird</i>			●				●	A	
<b>BITTERNs, HERONS</b>									
<i>American Bittern</i>	●	*		✓	●			EF	ALL
<i>Least Bittern</i>	●			✓	●			E	ALL
<i>Great Blue Heron</i>	●	*		✓	●			CDEF	ALL
<b>Great Egret (T)</b>	●			✓	●			DEF	II-V
<b>Snowy Egret (E)</b>	●			✓		●		DE	III
<i>Little Blue Heron</i>	*		●			●		DE	
<i>Tricolored Heron</i>	*		●				●	BE	
<i>Cattle Egret</i>	●			✓	●			DEG	I, III, IV
<i>Green Heron</i>	●			✓	●			DEF	ALL
<i>Black-crowned Night-Heron</i>	●	*		✓	●			CDEF	II-V
<b>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (T)</b>	●			✓		●		EF	IV, V

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<b>IBISES</b>									
<i>White Ibis</i>			●				●	E	
<i>Glossy Ibis</i>			●				●	E	
<i>White-faced Ibis</i>			●				●	E	
<b>STORKS</b>									
<i>Wood Stork</i>			●				●	EF	
<b>VULTURES</b>									
<i>Black Vulture</i>			●				●	GI	
<i>Turkey Vulture</i>	●	*		✓	●			GHIJK	ALL
<b>OSPREY, KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS</b>									
<b>Osprey (T)</b>	●			✓	●			BCDF	ALL
<i>Swallow-tailed Kite</i>			●				●	E	
<i>White-tailed Kite</i>			●				●	GI	
<i>Mississippi Kite</i>			●				●	FGI	
<i>Bald Eagle</i>	●	●		✓	●			BCDGJ	ALL
<i>Northern Harrier</i>	●	●		✓	●			EGHI	ALL
<i>Sharp-shinned Hawk</i>	●	●		✓	●			FIJKL	ALL
<i>Cooper's Hawk</i>	●	●		✓	●			IJKL	ALL
<i>Northern Goshawk</i>	●	●		✓	●			IJK	I, II, III, IV
<i>Harris's Hawk</i>			●				●	IJ	
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk (T)</b>	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL

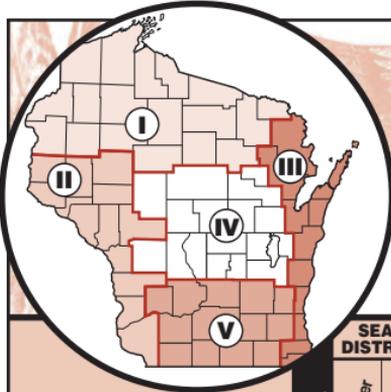
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<i>Broad-winged Hawk</i>	●			✓	●			IJK	ALL
<i>Swainson's Hawk</i>			●			●		GHIJ	
<i>Red-tailed Hawk</i>	●	●		✓	●			GIJKL	ALL
<i>Ferruginous Hawk</i>		*	●				●	GH	
<i>Rough-legged Hawk</i>	*	●			●			EGH	
<i>Golden Eagle</i>		*			●			GHIJ	
<b>FALCONS</b>									
<i>American Kestrel</i>	●	●		✓	●			GHIL	ALL
<i>Merlin</i>	●	*		✓	●			CDFGIKL	I, III
<i>Gyrfalcon</i>		●				●		CGHI	
<i>Peregrine Falcon (E)</i>	●	●		✓	●			CDGHL	I, II, III, V
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</b>									
<i>Yellow Rail (T)</i>	●			✓		●		EF	I, III, IV
<i>Black Rail</i>			●				●	E	
<i>King Rail</i>	●			✓		●		E	IV, V
<i>Virginia Rail</i>	●	*		✓	●			E	ALL
<i>Sora</i>	●	*		✓	●			E	ALL
<i>Purple Gallinule</i>			●				●	E	
<i>Common Moorhen</i>	●			✓	●			E	II-V
<i>American Coot</i>	●	●		✓	●			ABE	ALL

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<b>CRANES</b>									
<i>Sandhill Crane</i>	●	*		✓	●			EGH	ALL
<i>Whooping Crane**</i>	●			✓	●			EGH	
<b>PLOVERS</b>									
<i>Black-bellied Plover</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>American Golden Plover</i>	*		●		●			CDGH	
<i>Snowy Plover</i>			●				●	C	
<i>Semipalmated Plover</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<b>Piping Plover (E)</b>	●			✓		●		CD	II, III
<i>Killdeer</i>	●	*		✓	●			CDGHL	ALL
<b>STILTS, AVOCETS</b>									
<i>Black-necked Stilt</i>	*		●				●	E	
<i>American Avocet</i>	*		●			●		CD	
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>									
<i>Greater Yellowlegs</i>	*		●		●			CDE	
<i>Lesser Yellowlegs</i>	*		●		●			CDE	
<i>Solitary Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CDF	
<i>Willet</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Spotted Sandpiper</i>	●			✓	●			CD	ALL
<i>Upland Sandpiper</i>	●			✓	●			GH	ALL
<i>Whimbrel</i>	*		●			●		CD	

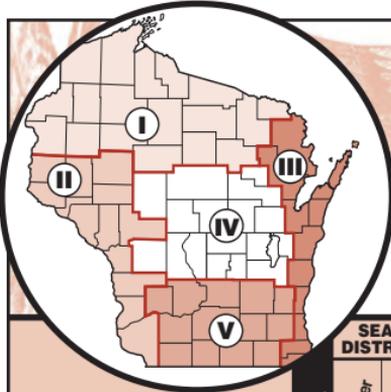
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<i>Long-billed Curlew</i>			●				●	CD	
<i>Hudsonian Godwit</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Marbled Godwit</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Ruddy Turnstone</i>	*		●		●			CDG	
<i>Black Turnstone</i>			●				●	CD	
<i>Red Knot</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Sanderling</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Semipalmated Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Western Sandpiper</i>	*		●			●		CD	
<i>Least Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>White-rumped Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Baird's Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CDG	
<i>Pectoral Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CDGH	
<i>Purple Sandpiper</i>		*	●			●		C	
<i>Dunlin</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Curlew Sandpiper</i>			●				●	D	
<i>Stilt Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</i>			●			●		G	
<i>Ruff</i>			●				●	D	
<i>Short-billed Dowitcher</i>	*		●		●			CD	
<i>Long-billed Dowitcher</i>	*		●		●			CD	

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### SANDPIPERS continued

<i>Wilson's Snipe</i>	●	*		✓	●			CDEF	ALL
American Woodcock	●			✓	●			FIJ	ALL
<i>Wilson's Phalarope</i>	●			✓	●			DE	I, III, IV, V
<i>Red-necked Phalarope</i>	*		●		●			ACD	
<i>Red Phalarope</i>			●				●	A	

### GULLS, TERNS

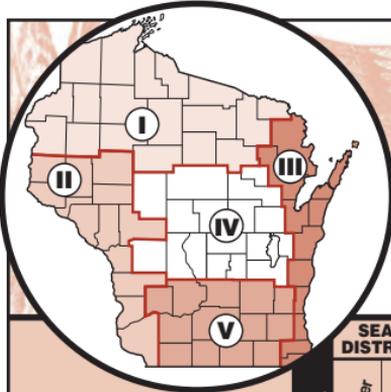
<i>Laughing Gull</i>	*		●				●	A	
<i>Franklin's Gull</i>	*		●		●			ABH	
Little Gull	●			✓		●		AC	III
Black-headed Gull		*	●				●	CD	
<i>Bonaparte's Gull</i>	●	*		✓	●			AB	I, III
Black-tailed Gull			●				●	AC	
Mew Gull		●					●	AC	
<i>Ring-billed Gull</i>	●	●		✓	●			ABH	ALL
<i>California Gull</i>			●				●	AB	
<i>Herring Gull</i>	●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, IV, V
Thayer's Gull		●			●			AC	
Iceland Gull		●					●	AC	
Lesser Black-backed Gull		*	●				●	AC	
<i>Glaucous-winged Gull</i>			●				●	A	

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Glaucous Gull	*	●			●			AC	
Great Black-backed Gull	●	●		✓	●			AC	III
<i>Sabine's Gull</i>			●			●		A	
Black-legged Kittiwake			●				●	AB	
Ross's Gull			●				●	A	
Ivory Gull			●				●	ABCD	
<i>Caspian Tern (E)</i>	●			✓	●			AB	III
<i>Royal Tern</i>			●				●	AC	
<i>Common Tern (E)</i>	●			✓	●			ABCE	I, III, IV, V
<i>Arctic Tern</i>			●				●	AC	
<i>Forster's Tern (E)</i>	●			✓	●			ABCE	II-V
<i>Least Tern</i>			●				●	ABC	
<i>Sooty Tern</i>			●				●	AB	
White-winged Tern			●				●	AB	
<i>Black Tern</i>	●			✓	●			ABE	ALL
<b>JAEGERS</b>									
Pomarine Jaeger			●				●	AC	
Parasitic Jaeger			●			●		AC	
Long-tailed Jaeger			●				●	AC	
<b>ALCIDS</b>									
Dovekie			●				●	A	
Ancient Murrelet			●				●	AB	



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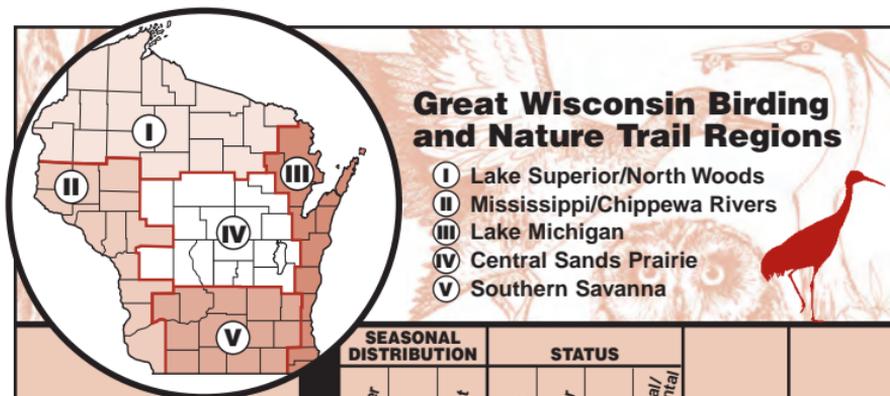
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<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>									
Rock Pigeon	●	●		✓	●			HL	ALL
<i>Band-tailed Pigeon</i>			●				●	HJ	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	●	●					●	L	
<i>White-winged Dove</i>			●				●	H	
Mourning Dove	●	●		✓	●			GHIL	ALL
Common Ground-Dove			●				●	H	
<b>CUCKOOS, ANIS</b>									
<i>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</i>	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Black-billed Cuckoo</i>	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
Groove-billed Ani			●				●	I	
<b>BARN OWLS</b>									
Barn Owl (E)	●	●		✓			●	EGIL	I, II, IV, V
<b>OWLS</b>									
Eastern Screech-Owl	●	●		✓	●			JL	ALL
Great Horned Owl	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL
Snowy Owl	*	●			●			CDEG	
Northern Hawk Owl		●					●	JK	
<i>Burrowing Owl</i>			●				●	GH	
Barred Owl	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL
Great Gray Owl	●	●		✓		●		IJK	I

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Long-eared Owl	●	●		✓	●			JK	ALL
Short-eared Owl	●	●		✓	●			EFGHI	I, IV
Boreal Owl		●					●	JK	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	●	●		✓	●			FJK	I, II, IV, V
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>									
Common Nighthawk	●			✓	●			GHL	ALL
Chuck-will's-widow	●						●	J	
Whip-poor-will	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
<b>SWIFTS</b>									
Chimney Swift	●			✓	●			FJKL	ALL
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>									
Green Violet-ear			●				●	L	
Green-breasted Mango	*						●	L	
Broad-billed Hummingbird			●				●	L	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	●			✓	●			IJL	ALL
Anna's Hummingbird			●				●	L	
Rufous Hummingbird			●				●	L	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>									
Belted Kingfisher	●	●		✓	●			DEF	ALL
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>									
Lewis's Woodpecker			●				●	J	
Red-headed Woodpecker	●	●		✓	●			IJL	ALL



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#### WOODPECKERS continued

Red-bellied Woodpecker	●	●		✓	●			FJL	ALL
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	●	●		✓	●			JKL	ALL
Downy Woodpecker	●	●		✓	●			FIJKL	ALL
Hairy Woodpecker	●	●		✓	●			IJKL	ALL
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker			●				●	FK	
Black-backed Woodpecker	●	●		✓		●		FK	I
Northern Flicker	●	●		✓	●			FGHIJL	ALL
Pileated Woodpecker	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL

#### FLYCATCHERS

<i>Olive-sided Flycatcher</i>	●			✓	●			FJK	I, III
<i>Western Wood-Pewee</i>			●				●	JK	
<i>Eastern Wood-Pewee</i>	●			✓	●			IJK	ALL
<i>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</i>	●			✓	●			FJK	I, III, IV
<b>Acadian Flycatcher (T)</b>	●			✓	●			J	II-V
<i>Alder Flycatcher</i>	●			✓	●			FI	ALL
<i>Willow Flycatcher</i>	●			✓	●			FI	ALL
<i>Least Flycatcher</i>	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Dusky Flycatcher</i>			●				●	IJ	
<i>Eastern Phoebe</i>	●			✓	●			DIKL	ALL
<i>Say's Phoebe</i>			●				●	DIL	

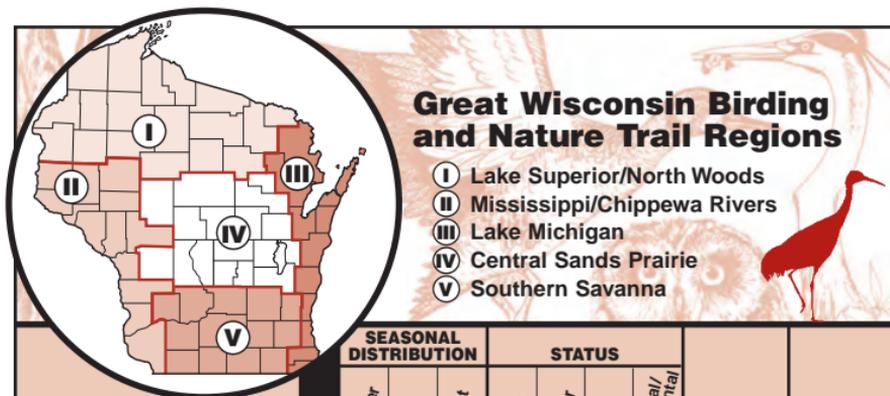
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<i>Vermilion Flycatcher</i>			●				●	I	
<i>Ash-throated Flycatcher</i>			●				●	I	
<i>Great Crested Flycatcher</i>	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Western Kingbird</i>	●			✓			●	I	V
<i>Eastern Kingbird</i>	●			✓	●			DGI	ALL
<i>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</i>	●						●	GI	
<i>Fork-tailed Flycatcher</i>			●				●	I	
<b>SHRIKES</b>									
<i>Loggerhead Shrike (E)</i>	●			✓		●		GI	ALL
Northern Shrike		●			●			GHI	
<b>VIREOS</b>									
<i>White-eyed Vireo</i>	●			✓		●		IJ	II, III, V
<i>Bell's Vireo (T)</i>	●			✓		●		I	II-V
<i>Gray Vireo</i>			●				●	IJ	
<i>Yellow-throated Vireo</i>	●			✓	●			J	ALL
<i>Blue-headed Vireo</i>	●			✓	●			FJK	ALL
<i>Warbling Vireo</i>	●			✓	●			DJL	ALL
<i>Philadelphia Vireo</i>	*			✓	●			IJ	I, II
<i>Red-eyed Vireo</i>	●			✓	●			IJKL	ALL
<b>JAYS, CROWS</b>									
Gray Jay	*	●		✓	●			FK	I, IV

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<b>JAYS, CROWS continued</b>									
Blue Jay	●	●		✓	●			IJKL	ALL
Clark's Nutcracker			●				●	IJ	
Black-billed Magpie		* ●					●	GHI	
American Crow	●	●		✓	●			GHIJKL	ALL
Common Raven	●	●		✓	●			GHIJK	I-IV
<b>LARKS</b>									
Horned Lark	●	●		✓	●			GH	ALL
<b>SWALLOWS</b>									
<i>Purple Martin</i>	●			✓	●			CDL	ALL
<i>Tree Swallow</i>	●			✓	●			CDEFGH	ALL
<i>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</i>	●			✓	●			CDG	ALL
<i>Bank Swallow</i>	●			✓	●			CDG	ALL
<i>Cliff Swallow</i>	●			✓	●			CDGHL	ALL
<i>Barn Swallow</i>	●			✓	●			CDEGH	ALL
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>									
Black-capped Chickadee	●	●		✓	●			IJKL	ALL
Boreal Chickadee	* ●	●		✓	●			FK	I
Tufted Titmouse	●	●		✓	●			JL	ALL
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>									
Red-breasted Nuthatch	●	●		✓	●			KL	ALL

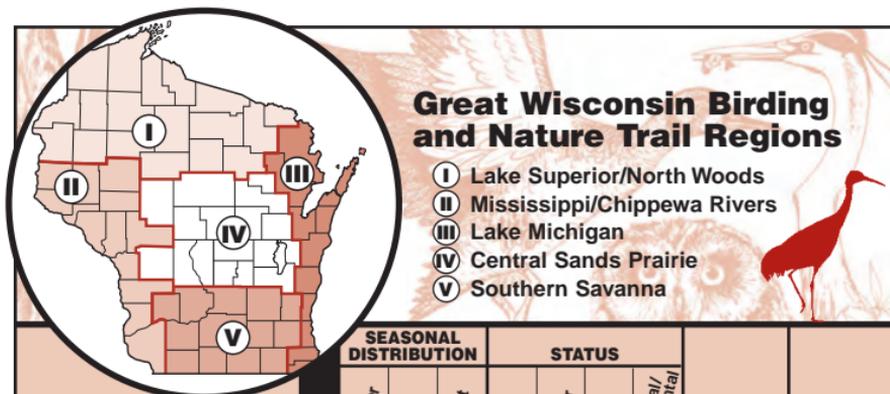
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White-breasted Nuthatch	●	●		✓	●			JL	ALL
Brown-headed Nuthatch		●					●	K	
<b>CREEPERS</b>									
Brown Creeper	●	●		✓	●			JKL	ALL
<b>WRENS</b>									
<i>Rock Wren</i>			●				●	IL	
Carolina Wren	●	●		✓		●		IL	II-V
<b>Bewick's Wren (E)</b>	●						●	I	
<i>House Wren</i>	●			✓	●			IJL	ALL
Winter Wren	●	*		✓	●			DFIK	ALL
<i>Sedge Wren</i>	●			✓	●			EG	ALL
<i>Marsh Wren</i>	●			✓	●			E	ALL
<b>KINGLETS</b>									
Golden-crowned Kinglet	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL
<i>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</i>	●	*		✓	●			IJK	I-III
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>									
<i>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</i>	●			✓	●			J	ALL
<b>THRUSHES</b>									
<i>Eastern Bluebird</i>	●	*		✓	●			GHI	ALL
<i>Mountain Bluebird</i>			●				●	GH	
<i>Townsend's Solitaire</i>		●				●		IJKL	

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<b>THRUSHES continued</b>									
<i>Veery</i>	●			✓	●			FIJ	ALL
<i>Gray-cheeked Thrush</i>			●		●			IJ	
<i>Swainson's Thrush</i>	●			✓	●			FIJK	I, III, V
<i>Hermit Thrush</i>	●	*		✓	●			FJK	I-IV
<i>Wood Thrush</i>	●			✓	●			JL	ALL
<i>American Robin</i>	●	●		✓	●			GHIJL	ALL
<i>Varied Thrush</i>		●				●		IL	
<b>MIMIC THRUSHES</b>									
<i>Gray Catbird</i>	●	*		✓	●			FIL	ALL
<i>Northern Mockingbird</i>	*	*		✓	●			IL	ALL
<i>Sage Thrasher</i>			●				●	I	
<i>Brown Thrasher</i>	●	*		✓	●			IL	ALL
<i>Curve-billed Thrasher</i>	●	●					●	IL	
<b>STARLINGS</b>									
<i>European Starling</i>	●	●		✓	●			FGHL	ALL
<b>PIPITS</b>									
<i>American Pipit</i>			●		●			DH	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>									
<i>Bohemian Waxwing</i>		●			●			IJKL	
<i>Cedar Waxwing</i>	●	●		✓	●			IJL	ALL

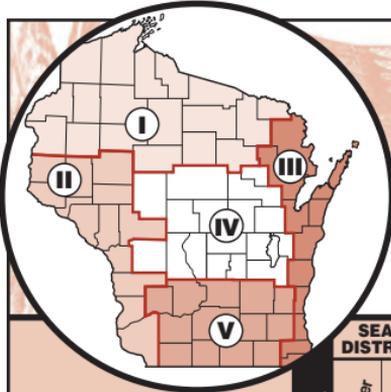
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<b>SILKY-FLYCATCHERS</b>									
Phainopepla			●				●	IL	
<b>WARBLERS</b>									
<i>Blue-winged Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Golden-winged Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL
<i>Tennessee Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			IJK	I, III
<i>Orange-crowned Warbler</i>			●		●			IJ	
<i>Nashville Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL
<i>Northern Parula</i>	●			✓	●			JK	I, III, IV, V
<i>Yellow Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			DEFIJL	ALL
<i>Chestnut-sided Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Magnolia Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FIJK	I, II, III, V
<i>Cape May Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FJK	I, III
<i>Black-throated Blue Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			IJK	I, III, IV
<i>Yellow-rumped Warbler</i>	●	*		✓	●			FIJK	ALL
<i>Black-throated Gray Warbler</i>			●				●	IJK	
<i>Black-throated Green Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FJK	ALL
<i>Townsend's Warbler</i>			●				●	JK	
<i>Hermit Warbler</i>			●				●	K	
<i>Blackburnian Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FJK	ALL
<b>Yellow-throated Warbler (E)</b>	●	*		✓		●		JK	II, III, V

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<i>Pine Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			K	ALL
<i>Kirtland's Warbler</i>	●			✓		●		K	I, III, IV
<i>Prairie Warbler</i>	●			✓		●		IJ	II-V
<i>Palm Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FGIJ	I, IV
<i>Bay-breasted Warbler</i>	*		●		●			JK	
<i>Blackpoll Warbler</i>			●		●			JK	
<b>Cerulean Warbler (T)</b>	●			✓	●			J	ALL
<i>Black-and-white Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			IJK	ALL
<i>American Redstart</i>	●			✓	●			CDIJK	ALL
<i>Prothonotary Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			DF	I, II, IV, V
<b>Worm-eating Warbler (E)</b>	●			✓		●		IJ	II, V
<i>Swainson's Warbler</i>			●			●		FI	
<i>Ovenbird</i>	●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL
<i>Northern Waterthrush</i>	●			✓	●			DFJK	ALL
<i>Louisiana Waterthrush</i>	●			✓	●			DJ	ALL
<b>Kentucky Warbler (T)</b>	●			✓	●			IJ	II-V
<i>Connecticut Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FJK	I, II, IV
<i>Mourning Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FIJ	ALL
<i>MacGillivray's Warbler</i>			●			●		I	
<i>Common Yellowthroat</i>	●			✓	●			CDEFGI	ALL

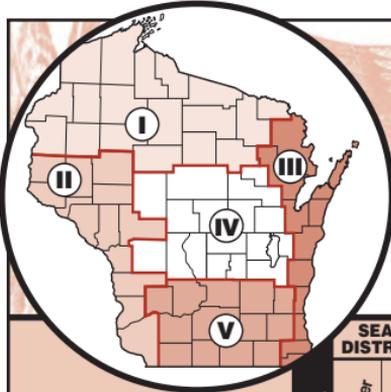
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<i>Hooded Warbler (T)</i>	●			✓	●			J	II-V
<i>Wilson's Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			IJK	I
<i>Canada Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL
<i>Yellow-breasted Chat</i>	●			✓		●		I	ALL
<b>TANAGERS</b>									
<i>Summer Tanager</i>	●					●		J	
<i>Scarlet Tanager</i>	●			✓	●			J	ALL
<i>Western Tanager</i>			●				●	J	
<b>SPARROWS</b>									
<i>Green-tailed Towhee</i>		●					●	I	
<i>Spotted Towhee</i>		*	●				●	I	
<i>Eastern Towhee</i>	●	*		✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</i>			●				●	I	
<i>American Tree Sparrow</i>		●			●			EGHI	
<i>Chipping Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			GIKL	ALL
<i>Clay-colored Sparrow</i>	●			✓	●			I	ALL
<i>Field Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			GI	ALL
<i>Vesper Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			GHI	ALL
<i>Lark Sparrow</i>	●			✓	●			GI	II, IV, V
<i>Black-throated Sparrow</i>		●					●	L	
<i>Lark Bunting</i>			●				●	GI	

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<b>SPARROWS continued</b>									
<i>Savannah Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			EGH	ALL
<i>Grasshopper Sparrow</i>	●			✓	●			G	ALL
Baird's Sparrow			●				●	G	
<b>Henslow's Sparrow (T)</b>	●			✓	●			G	ALL
Le Conte's Sparrow	●			✓	●			EGH	I-IV
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	●			✓		●		E	I
Fox Sparrow		*	●		●			IJL	
Song Sparrow	●	●		✓	●			DEFGIL	ALL
<i>Lincoln's Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			EFI	I-IV
<i>Swamp Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			EFI	ALL
White-throated Sparrow	●	●		✓	●			FIJKL	ALL
Harris's Sparrow		●			●			I	
<i>White-crowned Sparrow</i>		*	●		●			I	
Golden-crowned Sparrow			●				●	I	
Dark-eyed Junco	●	●		✓	●			FGHIKL	I, IV
Lapland Longspur		●			●			DGH	
Smith's Longspur			●				●	GH	
Chestnut-collared Longspur			●				●	H	
Snow Bunting		●			●			GH	

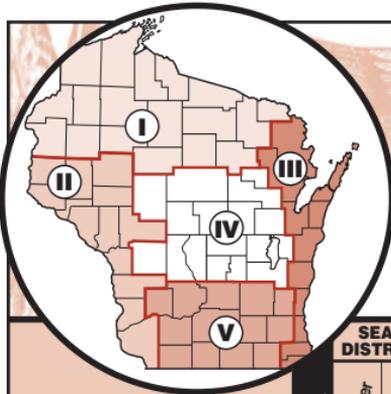
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<b>CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS</b>									
Northern Cardinal	●	●		✓	●			IJL	ALL
<i>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</i>	●	*		✓	●			JIL	ALL
<i>Black-headed Grosbeak</i>		●					●	IJ	
<i>Blue Grosbeak</i>	●						●	IJ	
<i>Lazuli Bunting</i>			●				●	J	
<i>Indigo Bunting</i>	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Painted Bunting</i>			●				●	J	
<i>Dickcissel</i>	●			✓	●			GHI	ALL
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>									
<i>Bobolink</i>	●			✓	●			EGH	ALL
<i>Red-winged Blackbird</i>	●	●		✓	●			DEFGHIL	ALL
<i>Eastern Meadowlark</i>	●	*		✓	●			GHI	ALL
<i>Western Meadowlark</i>	●	*		✓	●			GH	ALL
<i>Yellow-headed Blackbird</i>	●	*		✓	●			E	ALL
<i>Rusty Blackbird</i>	●	*			●			EFGI	
<i>Brewer's Blackbird</i>	●	*		✓	●			EGHI	ALL
<i>Common Grackle</i>	●	●		✓	●			EHIL	ALL
<i>Great-tailed Grackle</i>		*					●	H	
<i>Brown-headed Cowbird</i>	●	●		✓	●			GHIJ	ALL
<i>Orchard Oriole</i>	●			✓	●			IJL	ALL

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<b>BLACKBIRDS continued</b>									
<i>Baltimore Oriole</i>	●	*		✓	●			IJL	ALL
Bullock's Oriole			●				●	JL	
<i>Scott's Oriole</i>			●				●	JL	
<b>FINCHES</b>									
Brambling		●					●	I	
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch			●				●	L	
Pine Grosbeak		●			●			FIJKL	
Purple Finch	●	●		✓	●			FJKL	ALL
House Finch	●	●		✓	●			HL	ALL
Red Crossbill	*	●		✓	●			FKL	I, IV, V
White-winged Crossbill	*	●		✓	●			FKL	I, IV
Common Redpoll		●			●			GHIJL	
Hoary Redpoll		*				●		GHIJL	
Pine Siskin	*	●		✓	●			FIJKL	ALL
<i>American Goldfinch</i>	●	●		✓	●			GHIL	ALL
Evening Grosbeak	●	●		✓	●			FIJKL	I, III, IV
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>									
House Sparrow	●	●		✓	●			HIL	ALL
Eurasian Tree Sparrow			●				●	L	

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