

Birds of Illinois

Key

Evidence Type

photo = photograph **spec** = specimen **doc** = written documentation

Status Information

Regular = Species for which there are records in at least eight of the past ten years.

Casual = Species for which there are accepted records in three to seven of the past ten years.

Accidental = Species for which there are accepted records in no more than two of the past ten years.

Extirpated = Species which were formerly Casual or Regular in Illinois but which have not been recorded in the wild in the state for at least 50 years.

Extinct = Species which have occurred in the state but no longer occur anywhere in the world.

Breeding Information

For species that have bred in Illinois, an additional notation appears in the entry, following a slash ("/").

B = Species which currently breed more or less regularly in the state. In general, this is defined by breeding in at least eight of the last ten years or 40 or more of the last 50 years.

b = Species which have bred at least once in the past 50 years, but do not currently breed regularly.

(B) = Species which formerly bred more or less regularly in the state, but which have not been confirmed as breeding in the past 50 years.

(b) = Species which have been confirmed as breeding in the state, but never regularly, and with no confirmed records of breeding in the past 50 years.

Two terms are restricted to breeding species, based on Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) designations. These are:

Endangered = Species whose breeding populations are in danger of extirpation within Illinois; listed as endangered by the IDNR.

Threatened = Species whose breeding populations are at risk of becoming endangered within Illinois; listed as threatened by the IDNR.

Additional Information

Recent additions: Green Violetear

Total: 440, updated in September, 2011

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Order Anseriformes

Family Anatidae: Whistling-Ducks, Swans, Geese, and Ducks

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) (spec) Casual
Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) (photo) Accidental
Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*) (spec) Regular
Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens*) (spec.) Regular / b (cross-breeding)
Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*) (spec) Regular
Brant (*Branta bernicla*) (spec) Casual
Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*) (spec) Regular
Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) (spec) Regular / B
Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B
Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*) (spec) Extirpated (reintroduced, established) / (b)
Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*) (spec) Regular
Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*) (spec) Regular / B
Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) (spec) Regular / b
Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) (spec) Casual
American Wigeon (*Anas americana*) (spec) Regular
American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) (spec) Regular / b
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) (spec) Regular / B
Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) (photo) Accidental
Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*) (spec) Regular / B
Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*) (photo) Regular
Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*) (spec) Regular / b
Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*) (spec) Regular / b
Garganey (*Anas querquedula*) (doc) Accidental
Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*) (spec) Regular / b
Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*) (spec) Regular / b (NE)
Redhead (*Aythya americana*) (spec) Regular / b
Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*) (spec) Regular
Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) (doc) Accidental
Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*) (spec) Regular
Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*) (spec) Regular / b
King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) (spec) Casual
Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) (photo) Accidental
Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) (photo) Regular
Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*) (spec) Regular
White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) (spec) Regular
Black Scoter (*Melanitta americana*) (spec) Regular
Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*) (spec) Regular
Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*) (spec) Regular
Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) (spec) Regular
Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) (spec) Casual
Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) (spec) Regular / B
Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*) (spec) Regular
Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) (spec) Regular / b (NE)
Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) (spec) Regular / B

Order Galliformes

Family Odontophoridae: New World Quails

Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Phasianidae: Partridges, Pheasants, Grouse, Ptarmigans, and Turkeys

- Gray Partridge (*Perdix perdix*) (spec) Regular (N, introduced) / B
- Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B
- Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) (spec) Casual (NW) / (B) 1
- Sharp-tailed Grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianellus*) (spec) Extirpated / (b) (N)
- Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*) (spec) Regular (SE, local) / B (endangered) 2
- Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) (spec) Regular / B 3

Order Gaviiformes

Family Gaviidae: Loons

- Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*) (spec) Regular
- Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) (photo) Regular
- Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) (spec) Regular / (b) (N)
- Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*) (spec) Accidental

Order Podicipediformes

Family Podicipedidae: Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) (spec) Regular / B
- Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*) (spec) Regular / (b)
- Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*) (spec) Regular
- Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) (spec) Regular / b (NE)
- Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) (spec) Regular
- Clark's Grebe (*Aechmophorus clarkii*) (doc) Accidental

Order Ciconiiformes

Family Ciconiidae: Storks

- Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) (spec) Accidental

Order Suliformes

Family Fregatidae: Frigatebirds

- Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) (doc) Accidental

Family Sulidae: Boobies

- Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*) (doc) Accidental

Family Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

- Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) (spec) Casual
- Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Anhingidae: Anhingas

- Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) (photo) Casual

Order Pelecaniformes

Family Pelecanidae: Pelicans

- American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) (spec) Regular / B
- Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) (spec) Accidental

Family Ardeidae: Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets

American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) (spec) Regular / b (endangered)
Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*) (spec) Regular / B (threatened)
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) (spec) Regular / B
Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) (spec) Regular / B
Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) (photo) Regular
Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*) (photo) Accidental
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) (spec) Regular / B
Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) (spec) Regular / B
Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)

Family Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) (spec) Casual
Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) (photo) Regular
White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) (photo) Regular
Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) (photo) Accidental

Order Accipitriformes

Family Cathartidae: American Vultures

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) (photo) Regular / B (S) (local)
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Pandionidae: Osprey

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) (spec) Regular / b (local) (endangered)

Family Accipitridae: Ospreys, Kites, Eagles, Harriers, and Hawks

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) (spec) Accidental / (b)
White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) (doc) Accidental
Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) (spec) Regular / B (S, local) (threatened)
Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) (spec) Regular / B
Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) (spec) Regular / b
Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) (spec) Regular / B
Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) (spec) Regular
Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*) (spec) Regular / B
Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) (spec) Regular / B
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) (spec) Regular / B (NE, local) (endangered)
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) (spec) Regular / B
Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*) (spec) Accidental
Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*) (spec) Regular
Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) (spec) Regular

Order Falconiformes

Family Falconidae: Falcons

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) (spec) Regular / B
Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) (spec) Regular
Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) (spec) Casual
Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) (spec) Regular / B (threatened) 4
Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) (spec) Regular

Order Gruiformes

Family Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) (spec) Regular / (b) (N)
Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) (spec) Regular / b (endangered)
King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*) (spec) Regular / B
Sora (*Porzana carolina*) (spec) Regular / B
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*) (spec) Casual / b (S)
Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
American Coot (*Fulica americana*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Gruidae: Cranes

Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis*) (spec) Regular / B
Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) (spec) Accidental

Order Charadriiformes

Family Charadriidae: Plovers

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) (spec) Regular
American Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominicus*) (spec) Regular
Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*) (photo) Accidental
Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*) (photo) Accidental
Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) (spec) Regular
Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) (spec) Regular / b (endangered, State and Federal)
Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) (spec) Regular / B
Mountain Plover (*Charadrius montanus*) (photo) Accidental

Family Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) (spec) Regular / b
American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*) (spec) Regular

Family Scolopacidae: Sandpipers, Curlews, Godwits, Turnstones, Dowitchers, Snipes, Woodcocks, and Phalaropes

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) (spec) Regular / B
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) (spec) Regular
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) (spec) Regular
Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) (spec) Regular
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) (spec) Regular
Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) (spec) Extinct
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) (spec) Regular
Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*) (spec) Accidental / (b)
Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) (spec) Regular
Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*) (spec) Regular
Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) (spec) Regular
Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*) (spec) Regular
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) (spec) Regular
Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*) (spec) Regular
Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) (spec) Regular
Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*) (spec) Regular
White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*) (spec) Regular
Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*) (spec) Regular
Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*) (spec) Regular
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*) (photo) Accidental
Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*) (spec) Regular

Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) (spec) Regular
 Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*) (photo) Accidental
 Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*) (spec) Regular
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*) (spec) Regular
 Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) (photo) Casual
 Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*) (spec) Regular
 Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) (spec) Regular
 Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) (spec) Regular / B
 American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) (spec) Regular / B
 Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*) (spec) Regular / b (NE) (endangered)
 Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) (spec) Regular
 Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) (spec) Regular

Family Laridae: Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) (spec) Regular
 Ivory Gull (*Pagophila eburnea*) (photo) Accidental
 Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*) (spec) Regular
 Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*) (spec) Regular
 Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) (photo) Accidental
 Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) (photo) Regular
 Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) (photo) Accidental
 Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) (spec) Regular
 Franklin's Gull (*Leucophaeus pipixcan*) (spec) Regular
 Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*) (photo) Accidental
 Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) (photo) Casual
 Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) (spec) Regular / B
 Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*) (spec) Accidental
 California Gull (*Larus californicus*) (photo) Regular
 Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) (spec) Regular / B
 Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*) (spec) Regular
 Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides*) (photo) Regular
 Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) (photo) Regular
 Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) (photo) Accidental
 Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) (photo) Accidental
 Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) (spec) Regular
 Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) (spec) Regular
 Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) (doc) Accidental
 Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered, State and Federal)
 Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) (doc) Accidental
 Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) (photo) Accidental
 Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*) (spec) Regular / B
 Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
 Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
 Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) (photo) Casual
 Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
 Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) (photo) Accidental
 Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) (doc) Accidental
 Black Skimmer (*Rhynchops niger*) (photo) Accidental

Family Stercorariidae: Jaegers and Skuas

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) (photo) Regular 5
 Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) (spec) Regular 5
 Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) (photo) Casual 5

Family Alcidae: Alcids

Dovekie (*Alle alle*) (doc) Accidental
 Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*) (spec) Accidental

Order Columbiformes

Family Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B
Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*) (photo) Accidental
Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B 6
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) (photo) Casual
Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*) (spec) Regular / B
Passenger Pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) (spec) Extinct / (B)
Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*) (photo) Accidental
Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) (spec) Accidental

Order Psittaciformes

Family Psittacidae: Parakeets and Parrots

Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B
Carolina Parakeet (*Conuropsis carolinensis*) (spec) Extinct / (B)

Order Cuculiformes

Family Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Anis

Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) (spec) Regular / B
Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*) (spec) Regular / B (threatened)
Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) (spec) Accidental

Order Strigiformes

Family Tytonidae: Barn Owls

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)

Family Strigidae: Typical Owls

Eastern Screech-Owl (*Megascops asio*) (spec) Regular / B
Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) (spec) Regular / B
Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) (spec) Regular
Northern Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*) (spec) Accidental
Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) (spec) Casual
Barred Owl (*Strix varia*) (spec) Regular / B
Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*) (spec) Regular / b
Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*) (spec) Accidental
Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) (spec) Regular / b

Order Caprimulgiformes

Family Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers

Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) (spec) Regular / B
Chuck-will's-widow (*Caprimulgus carolinensis*) (spec) Regular / B
Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*) (spec) Regular / B

Order Apodiformes

Family Apodidae: Swifts

Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Trochilidae: Hummingbirds

Green Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*) (photo) Accidental
Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cyananthus latirostris*) (spec) Accidental 7
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) (spec) Regular / B
Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) (spec) Casual
Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*) (spec) Accidental 8

Order Coraciiformes

Family Alcedinidae: Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*) (spec) Regular / B

Order Piciformes

Family Picidae: Woodpeckers

Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) (spec) Regular / B
Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) (spec) Regular / B
Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*) (doc) Accidental
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) (spec) Regular / b
Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*) (spec) Regular / B
Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) (spec) Regular / B
Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) (photo) Accidental
Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) (spec) Accidental
Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) (spec) Regular / B
Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) (spec) Regular / B

Order Passeriformes

Family Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) (spec) Regular
Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) (spec) Regular / B
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) (spec) Regular
Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*) (spec) Regular / B
Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*) (spec) Regular
Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) (spec) Regular / B
Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) (spec) Regular / B
Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) (spec) Regular / B
Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) (photo) Accidental
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) (photo) Casual
Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) (spec) Accidental
Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) (spec) Regular / B
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) (photo) Accidental
Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) (spec) Regular / b (local)
Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) (spec) Regular / B
Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) (photo) Accidental
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) (photo) Regular / b
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) (photo) Accidental

Family Laniidae: Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Northern Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*) (spec) Regular

Family Vireonidae: Vireos

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) (spec) Regular / B
Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*) (spec) Regular / B
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) (spec) Regular / B
Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) (spec) Regular / b
Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) (spec) Regular / B
Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*) (spec) Regular
Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Corvidae: Jays, Nutcrackers, Magpies, and Crows

Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) (spec) Regular / B
Western Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma californica*) (photo) Accidental
Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*) (spec) Accidental
Black-billed Magpie (*Pica hudsonia*) (spec) Accidental
American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) (spec) Regular / B
Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*) (spec) Regular / B (S)
Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) (spec) Extirpated / (B)

Family Alaudidae: Larks

Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Hirundinidae: Swallows

Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) (spec) Regular / B
Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) (spec) Regular / B
Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*) (photo) Accidental / b (cross-breeding)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) (spec) Regular / B
Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) (spec) Regular / B
Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) (spec) Regular / B
Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) (photo) Accidental
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Paridae: Chickadees and Titmice

Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*) (spec) Regular / B
Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) (spec) Regular / B
Boreal Chickadee (*Poecile hudsonicus*) (spec) Accidental
Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Sittidae: Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*) (spec) Regular / b (N)
White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) (spec) Regular / B
Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) (photo) Accidental

Family Certhiidae: Creepers

Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Troglodytidae: Wrens

Rock Wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*) (spec) Casual
Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) (spec) Regular / B
Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) (spec) Regular / B
Winter Wren (*Troglodytes hiemalis*) (spec) Regular
Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*) (spec) Regular / B
Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Polioptilidae: Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Regulidae: Kinglets

Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*) (spec) Regular / b (N)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*) (spec) Regular

Family Muscicapidae: Wheatears

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) (photo) Accidental

Family Turdidae: Bluebirds, Solitaires, and Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) (spec) Regular / B

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) (photo) Accidental

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) (spec) Casual

Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*) (spec) Regular / B

Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus*) (spec) Regular

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) (spec) Regular

Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) (spec) Regular

Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) (spec) Regular / B

American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) (spec) Regular / B

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) (spec) Regular

Family Mimidae: Catbirds, Mockingbirds, and Thrashers

Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) (spec) Regular / B

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) (spec) Regular / B

Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*) (photo) Accidental

Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) (spec) Regular / B

Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*) (photo) Accidental

Family Sturnidae: Starlings

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B

Family Motacillidae: Pipits

American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*) (spec) Regular

Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*) (spec) Accidental

Family Bombycillidae: Waxwings

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) (spec) Casual

Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Calcariidae: Longspurs and Snow Bunting

Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*) (spec) Regular

Chestnut-collared Longspur (*Calcarius ornatus*) (photo) Accidental

Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*) (spec) Regular

Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) (spec) Regular

Family Parulidae: American Wood Warblers

Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) (spec) Regular / B

Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) (spec) Regular / B

Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*) (spec) Regular / B

Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) (spec) Regular

Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) (spec) Regular / b (N)

Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora pinus*) (spec) Regular / B

Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) (spec) Regular / B

Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*) (spec) Regular / B

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnithlypis swainsonii*) (spec) Regular / b (S) (endangered) 9

Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) (spec) Regular

Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*) (spec) Regular

Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*) (spec) Regular / b
 Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*) (spec) Regular
 MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*) (spec) Accidental
 Mourning Warbler (*Geothlypis philadelphia*) (spec) Regular / b
 Kentucky Warbler (*Geothlypis formosus*) (spec) Regular / B
 Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) (spec) Regular / B
 Hooded Warbler (*Setophaga citrina*) (spec) Regular / B
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) (spec) Regular / B
 Kirtland's Warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*) (spec) Accidental
 Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*) (spec) Regular
 Cerulean Warbler (*Setophaga cerulea*) (spec) Regular / B (threatened)
 Northern Parula (*Parula americana*) (spec) Regular / B
 Magnolia Warbler (*Setophaga magnolia*) (spec) Regular
 Bay-breasted Warbler (*Setophaga castanea*) (spec) Regular
 Blackburnian Warbler (*Setophaga fusca*) (spec) Regular
 Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*) (spec) Regular / B
 Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Setophaga pensylvanica*) (spec) Regular / B
 Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*) (spec) Regular
 Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*) (spec) Regular
 Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*) (spec) Regular
 Pine Warbler (*Setophaga pinus*) (spec) Regular / B
 Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*) (spec) Regular
 Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*) (spec) Regular / B
 Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*) (spec) Regular / B
 Grace's Warbler (*Setophaga graciae*) (photo) Accidental / B
 Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*) (phot) Accidental
 Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) (photo) Accidental
 Hermit Warbler (*Setophaga occidentalis*) (photo) Accidental
 Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*) (spec) Regular / b
 Canada Warbler (*Cardellina canadensis*) (spec) Regular / b
 Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*) (spec) Regular
 Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Emberizidae: Towhees, Sparrows, and Juncos

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*) (photo) Accidental
 Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) (photo) Regular
 Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) (spec) Regular / B
 Cassin's Sparrow (*Peucaea cassinii*) (photo) Accidental
 Bachman's Sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*) (spec) Accidental / (b)
 American Tree Sparrow (*Spizella arborea*) (spec) Regular
 Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) (spec) Regular / B
 Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) (spec) Regular / b (N, local)
 Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*) (spec) Accidental
 Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) (spec) Regular / B
 Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*) (spec) Regular / B
 Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*) (spec) Regular / B
 Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*) (photo) Accidental
 Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) (spec) Casual
 Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) (spec) Regular / B
 Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*) (spec) Regular / B
 Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) (spec) Regular / B
 Le Conte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*) (spec) Regular / (b) (N)
 Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*) (spec) Regular
 Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*) (spec) Regular
 Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) (spec) Regular / B
 Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolnii*) (spec) Regular
 Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) (spec) Regular / B
 White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) (spec) Regular / b (NE)
 Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) (spec) Regular
 White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) (spec) Regular

Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) (spec) Accidental
Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) (spec) Regular

Family Cardinalidae: Tanagers, Neotropical Grosbeaks, and Buntings

Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) (photo) Accidental
Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) (spec) Regular / B
Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*) (spec) Regular / B
Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) (spec) Casual
Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) (spec) Regular / B
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) (spec) Regular / B
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) (photo) Casual
Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*) (spec) Regular / B
Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) (spec) Accidental
Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) (spec) Regular / B
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) (spec) Regular / b (local)
Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) (spec) Regular / B

Family Icteridae: Bobolink, Blackbirds, Meadowlarks, Grackles, Cowbirds, and Orioles

Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) (spec) Regular / B
Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) (spec) Regular / B
Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) (spec) Regular / B
Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) (spec) Regular / B
Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) (spec) Regular / B (endangered)
Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) (spec) Regular
Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) (spec) Regular / B (N)
Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) (spec) Regular / B
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) (spec) Casual
Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) (spec) Regular / B
Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) (spec) Regular / B
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) (spec) Regular / B
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*) (photo) Accidental

Family Fringillidae: Holarctic Finches

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*) (photo) Accidental
Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*) (spec) Casual
Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*) (spec) Regular / (b)
House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B
Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) (spec) Regular / b
White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) (spec) Regular
Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*) (spec) Regular
Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) (photo) Accidental
Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*) (spec) Regular / b
American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) (spec) Regular / B
Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) (spec) Regular

Family Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B
Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*) (spec) Regular (introduced) / B

Footnotes

¹ Ruffed Grouse in NW Illinois may represent a remnant native population or wild dispersals from Wisconsin or Iowa. A very small population in Pope County may be the result of late 1950's or early 1960's releases of wild-trapped birds. All other populations in Union and Alexander County or extreme western Jo Daviess County are the results of wild-trapped birds released during the period 1982-94 and are not considered established.

² During the summers of 1991-98 Greater Prairie-Chickens from out-of-state were introduced into Illinois' only remaining populations in Jasper and Marion counties.

³ The native Wild Turkey population in Illinois was extirpated in the early 1900's. Turkeys were first reintroduced in

the Shawnee Forest in 1959 from out-of-state stock. Once established there, Illinois birds have been and continue to be introduced to unpopulated locations throughout the state.

⁴ Peregrine Falcon was extirpated as a breeding species; the current breeding population is reintroduced.

⁵ The status of the three species of jaegers in Illinois remains unclear, reflecting the paucity of accepted documentations, although the genus as a whole is certainly Regular. Historically, Parasitic has been thought to be by far the most frequent species, but recent evidence suggests that Pomarine and Long-tailed are less exceptional than formerly believed. Bailey (2002) reviews records of jaegers in Illinois, although many of the records he treats have not been accepted as correctly identified by IORC. We treat Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers as regular as suggested by Bailey (2002), and based on their abundance in the much greater number of records from Lake Michigan in Indiana (Brock 1986). However, in view of the limited number of well-documented reports identified to species, the Committee will continue to review documentations for all jaegers identified to species until a clearer picture of the relative abundance and timing of migration emerges.

⁶ Eurasian Collared-Doves have spread dramatically through southern and central Illinois since first recorded in 1996, and have established breeding populations known from several locations. The species was introduced into the Bahamas in 1974, and spread from there on its own to Florida by the late 1970's. The Illinois population is the result of the explosive spread of this species through eastern North America. In addition, a population of African Collared-Doves (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*) has been present in the Joliet area since at least 19xx and disperses from this population or other escapes have been recorded in most counties of northeastern Illinois. Because of taxonomic uncertainty regarding this form and the fact that most feral populations of African Collared-Doves elsewhere in North America have not proven to be self-sustaining, the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) does not consider African Collared-Dove to be a valid member of the established avifauna in Illinois.

⁷ Broad-billed Hummingbird is represented by an incomplete specimen (ISM 660432, a tail feather) and a series of photographs.

⁸ Allen's Hummingbird is represented by an incomplete specimen (ISM 660484, two tail feathers) and a series of photographs.

⁹ Swainson's Warbler was last confirmed breeding in 1982, and has not been documented in the summer since 1988. Apparent territorial males have been recorded in Jackson, Johnson, and Alexander Counties since 2007.