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KINGLETS to WAXWINGS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	f	v	c
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	s	f	r	c
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	v	f	f	c
___ Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	u	c
___ Veery	u	u	c	u
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	s	r	u	
___ Bicknell's Thrush	s	v	s	
___ Swainson's Thrush	u	u	f	
___ Hermit Thrush	u	f	v	c
___ Wood Thrush*	f	f	f	s
___ American Robin*	c	c	c	c
___ Gray Catbird*	u	c	c	c
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher*	u	f	u	f
___ European Starling*(i)	c	c	c	c
___ American Pipit	s	s	v	f
___ Cedar Waxwing*	u	f	f	c

WARBLERS

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

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TANAGERS to BUNTINGS

___ Summer Tanager*	u	u	u	r
___ Scarlet Tanager*	f	f	f	c
___ Eastern Towhee*	u	c	c	c
___ American Tree Sparrow	s	r	s	
___ Chipping Sparrow*	s	c	c	c
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	v	v	r	s
___ Field Sparrow*	f	f	f	c
___ Vesper Sparrow	v	v	s	
___ Lark Sparrow	v	v	r	r
___ Savannah Sparrow	f	f	u	c
___ "Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow	u	v	s	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow**	v	r	v	s
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	s	s	u	
___ Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	u	f	f	u
___ Seaside Sparrow*	u	c	c	f
___ Fox Sparrow	f	u	f	
___ Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	v	r	u	
___ Swamp Sparrow*	f	f	f	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c	v	v	c
___ White-crowned Sparrow	r	s	u	
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c	f	c	
___ Lapland Longspur	r	r	r	
___ Snow Bunting	s	r	u	
___ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	f	v	f	f
___ Blue Grosbeak*	f	f	f	u
___ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	f	f
___ Dickcissel	r	r	s	s

BLACKBIRDS to OLD WORLD SPARROWS

___ Bobolink	f	u	c	f
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	f
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	v	v	v	r
___ Rusty Blackbird	u	u	f	
___ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Boat-tailed Grackle*	f	f	f	f
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole*	f	f	f	v
___ Baltimore Oriole*	r	f	u	c
___ Purple Finch	u	s	r	f
___ House Finch*(i)	c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill**	v	v	v	v
___ Common Redpoll	r	v	r	
___ Pine Siskin	u	s	u	
___ American Goldfinch*	f	c	f	c
___ Evening Grosbeak	v	v	v	
___ House Sparrow*(i)	c	c	c	c

RARITIES

Observers lucky enough to encounter any of the species on these two lists (or species marked "v" on the main list) should document the record with careful notes, sketches, and photographs. Please contact CMBO (609-884-2736) and other birders as soon as possible.

Very Rare Visitors and Vagrants

This is a list of species that have been adequately documented *more than four times* in Cape May County, but less than annually since 1985.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eared Grebe, Northern Fulmar, Manx Shearwater, Magnificent Frigatebird, Wood Stork, Yellow Rail, Purple Gallinule, Wilson's Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Franklin's Gull, Sabine's Gull, Sooty Tern, Bridled Tern, Long-tailed Jaeger, Common Murre, Thick-billed Murre, Atlantic Puffin, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Rufous Hummingbird, Pileated Woodpecker, Say's Phoebe, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Shrike, Bell's Vireo, Common Raven, Northern Wheatear, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Henslow's Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Black-headed Grosbeak, Painted Bunting, Brewer's Blackbird, White-winged Crossbill.

Accidentals

These species have been adequately documented *four or fewer times* in Cape May County.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Ross's Goose, Pacific Loon, Western Grebe, Yellow-nosed Albatross, Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Brown Booby, Anhinga, White-tailed Kite, Eurasian Kestrel, Gyrfalcon, Corn Crane, Northern Lapwing, Lesser Sand-Plover (Mongolian Plover), Long-billed Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Red-necked Stint, Little Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Eurasian Woodcock, Great Skua, Black-tailed Gull, Thayer's Gull, Brown Noddy, White-winged Tern, Whiskered Tern, Black Guillemot, Band-tailed Pigeon, Common Ground-Dove, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Calliope Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Black-backed Woodpecker, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Gray Kingbird, Brown-chested Martin, Violet-green Swallow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Bohemian Waxwing, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Spotted Towhee, Lark Bunting, Harris's Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Smith's Longspur, Chestnut-collared Longspur.

The following species have been published as having occurred in Cape May County, but formal documentation is apparently lacking: Black-tailed Godwit, Black-capped Chickadee, Green-tailed Towhee, Pine Grosbeak, and Hoary Redpoll.

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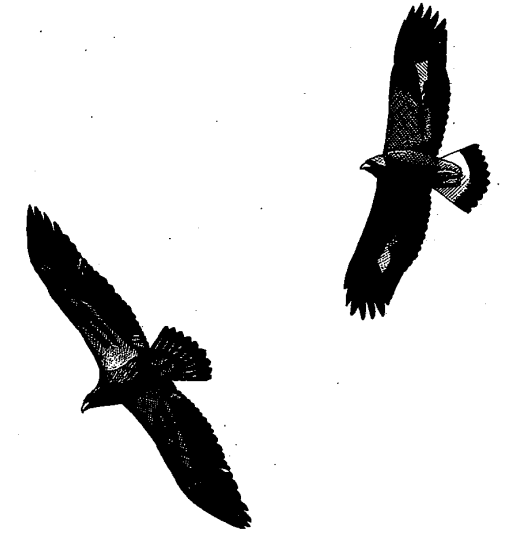
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Checklist of the Birds of Cape May County, New Jersey



CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY is world-famous for bird study. Its peninsular shape, diversity of habitats, and strategic position along the East Coast combine to make the Cape attractive to a rich diversity of birds. Ornithological studies can be traced to the pioneering work of Alexander Wilson and George Ord in 1808. In fact, Wilson's Plover was first described from the South Cape May Meadows and the Cape May Warbler was named by Wilson from a specimen taken in Cape May County by Ord. John James Audubon painted in the marshes of Great Egg Harbor. Witmer Stone documented the area's bird life from 1888 to 1937 in his classic work, *Bird Studies at Old Cape May* (1937).

This checklist treats birds found in Cape May County, the waters of Delaware Bay, and offshore to a distance of 50 miles. It contains sightings of **414 species** that have been observed here through January 2007, and *excludes* hypotheticals and known or suspected escapes. Two subspecies are shown in *italics*. Species are listed in accordance with the guidelines established by the American Ornithologists' Union. For more detailed information, please refer to *The Birds of Cape May* (1997) by David Sibley and *Birds and Birding at Cape May* (2006) by Clay and Pat Sutton.

SEASONAL OCCURRENCE:

W - Winter December – mid-March
Sp - Spring mid-March – May
Su - Summer June – mid-July
EF - Early Fall mid-July – mid-September
LF - Late Fall mid-September – November

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE AND STATUS:

Note that these are average numbers in suitable habitat.

c - common should not miss; more than 20 individuals per day
f - fairly common usually seen; 5 to 20 individuals per day
u - uncommon seen in limited numbers; 1 to 4 per day
s - scarce usually present, but not seen daily
r - rare seen only a few times per season
v - very rare very infrequent; averages 1 or fewer records per season
p - pelagic found primarily at sea; listed status is that from shore
i - introduced not native to New Jersey

* - regular breeder
** - irregular, presumed, or recent former breeder

WATERFOWL

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Table listing waterfowl species and their seasonal occurrence codes (W, Sp, Su, E, F, L, F).

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Table listing upland game birds species and their seasonal occurrence codes.

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LOONS to CORMORANTS

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BITTERNS to VULTURES

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DIURNAL RAPTORS

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RAILS to CRANES

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SHOREBIRDS

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GULLS to ALCIDS

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PIGEONS to WOODPECKERS

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FLYCATCHERS to VIREOS

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JAYS to WRENS

Table listing jays and wrens species and their seasonal occurrence codes.