



Checklist of Birds of Mississippi

Locality _____

Date _____ Time _____ Weather _____

Observers _____

This list includes 408 species which have been recorded in Mississippi. Taxonomic arrangement and species names follow the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition, 1998, as amended in the Forty-Seventh Supplement (Auk, July, 2006). Symbols indicating abundance and season incidence in the species' preferred habitat are: C-common or abundant; F-fairly common; U-uncommon; R-rare, present singly or in small numbers annually; Ca-casual, generally occurring in four to eight years during a ten year period; A-accidental, generally occurring three or fewer years during a ten year period; L-local, generally occurs in a small area of the state; G-Gulf Coast; I-inland; Ext-extirpated, no longer occurs in Mississippi; p-permanent resident; s-summer resident; w-winter resident; t-transient.

Species enclosed in brackets [] are undocumented by specimen or photograph but are sight records with acceptable written documentation. Species followed by an asterisk (*) have nested and have been documented by nest collection or photographs. Species followed by a double asterisk (**) have been recorded nesting in the state but have not been documented by nest collection or photographs. Species that carry the symbols R, Ca, A, or Ext warrant careful documentation.

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__ [Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher]	A	__ House Wren	Uw
__ Cassin's Kingbird	A	__ Winter Wren	Fw
__ Western Kingbird*	Rt	__ Sedge Wren	Uw
__ Eastern Kingbird*	Cs	__ Marsh Wren *	GU; IUtRw
__ Gray Kingbird*	Ca		
__ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	Rt		

SHRIKES

__ Loggerhead Shrike*	Fp		
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VIROES

__ White-eyed Vireo*	CsRw		
__ Bell's Vireo	Ca		
__ [Black-capped Vireo]	A		
__ Yellow-throated Vireo*	Fs		
__ Blue-headed Vireo	Uw		
__ Warbling Vireo*	LUs		
__ Philadelphia Vireo	Ut		
__ Red-eyed Vireo *	Cs		
__ [Black-whiskered Vireo]	Ca		

JAYS & CROWS

__ Blue Jay*	Cp		
__ American Crow*	Cp		
__ Fish Crow*	Cp		

LARKS

__ Horned Lark*	Cp		
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SWALLOWS

__ Purple Martin*	Cs		
__ Tree Swallow*	AsCt		
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	Fs		
__ Bank Swallow*	LRsUt		
__ Cliff Swallow*	Cs		
__ Cave Swallow	A		
__ Barn Swallow *	Cs		

TITMICE

__ Carolina Chickadee*	Cp		
__ Tufted Titmouse *	Cp		

NUTHATCHES

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	Uw		
__ White-breasted Nuthatch*	Fp		
__ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	Fp		

CREEPERS

__ Brown Creeper	Fw		
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WRENS

__ Rock Wren	A		
__ Carolina Wren*	Cp		
__ Bewick's Wren*	Rw		

KINGLETS

__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	Cw		
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Cw		

GNATCATCHERS

__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	CsRw		
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THRUSHES

__ Eastern Bluebird*	Cp		
__ Mountain Bluebird	A		
__ [Townsend's Solitaire]	A		
__ Veery	Ut		
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush	Ut		
__ Swainson's Thrush	Ft		
__ Hermit Thrush	Fw		
__ Wood Thrush*	Cs		
__ American Robin*	Cp		

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

__ Gray Catbird*	Ct; GUw; IUs		
__ Northern Mockingbird*	Cp		
__ Brown Thrasher*	Cp		

STARLINGS

__ European Starling*	Cp		
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WAGTAILS & PIPITS

__ Citrine Wagtail	A		
__ American Pipit	Cw		
__ Sprague's Pipit	Ca		

WAXWINGS

__ Cedar Waxwing**	AsCw		
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WOOD WARBLERS

__ Bachman's Warbler	Ext		
__ Blue-winged Warbler	Ft		
__ Golden-winged Warbler	Ut		
__ Tennessee Warbler	Ct		
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	Uw		
__ Nashville Warbler	Ut		
__ Northern Parula*	Cs		
__ Yellow Warbler	Ct		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	Ft		
__ Magnolia Warbler	Ct		
__ Cape May Warbler	Rt		
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	Rt		
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	Cw		
__ [Black-throated Gray Warbler]	A		

__ Black-throated Green Warbler	Ct		
__ Townsend's Warbler	A		
__ Blackburnian Warbler	Ft		
__ Yellow-throated Warbler*	Fs		
__ Pine Warbler*	Cp		
__ Prairie Warbler*	Fs		
__ Palm Warbler	GFw; IFtRw		
__ Bay-breasted Warbler	Ft		
__ Blackpoll Warbler	Ft		
__ Cerulean Warbler	Ut		
__ Black-and-white Warbler*	Cs		
__ American Redstart*	UsCt		
__ Prothonotary Warbler*	Cs		
__ Worm-eating Warbler*	Us		
__ Swainson's Warbler*	Us		
__ Ovenbird**	LUsFt		
__ Northern Waterthrush	Ut		
__ Louisiana Waterthrush*	Fs		
__ Kentucky Warbler*	Cs		
__ [Connecticut Warbler]	Ca		
__ Mourning Warbler	Rt		
__ Common Yellowthroat*	CsUw		
__ Hooded Warbler*	Cs		
__ Wilson's Warbler	Ut		
__ Canada Warbler	Ft		
__ [Painted Redstart]	A		
__ Yellow-breasted Chat*	Cs		

TANAGERS

__ Summer Tanager*	Cs		
__ Scarlet Tanager*	UsFt		
__ Western Tanager	Ca		

SPARROWS

__ Green-tailed Towhee	A		
__ Spotted Towhee	A		
__ Eastern Towhee*	Cp		
__ Bachman's Sparrow*	Us		
__ American Tree Sparrow	Ca		
__ Chipping Sparrow*	FsCw		
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	Ca		
__ Field Sparrow*	FsCw		
__ Vesper Sparrow	Uw		
__ Lark Sparrow*	LRs		
__ Lark Bunting	A		
__ Savannah Sparrow	Cw		
__ Grasshopper Sparrow*	GRw; ILRs		
__ Henslow's Sparrow	Rw		
__ LeConte's Sparrow	Uw		
__ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	GUw; ICa		

__ Seaside Sparrow*	GUw		
__ Fox Sparrow	Fw		
__ Song Sparrow	Cw		
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	UtRw		
__ Swamp Sparrow	Cw		
__ White-throated Sparrow	Cw		
__ Harris's Sparrow	Ca		
__ White-crowned Sparrow	Fw		
__ Dark-eyed Junco	Cw		
__ Lapland Longspur	Cw		
__ Smith's Longspur	Ca		
__ Snow Bunting	A		

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & ALLIES

__ Northern Cardinal*	Cp		
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Ft		
__ Black-headed Grosbeak	Ca		
__ Blue Grosbeak*	Cs		
__ [Lazuli Bunting]	A		
__ Indigo Bunting*	Cs		
__ Painted Bunting*	Us		
__ Dickcissel*	Cs		

BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES

__ Bobolink	Ct		
__ Red-winged Blackbird*	Cp		
__ Eastern Meadowlark*	Cp		
__ Western Meadowlark	Rw		
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	Ca		
__ Rusty Blackbird	Fw		
__ Brewer's Blackbird	Fw		
__ Common Grackle*	Cp		
__ Boat-tailed Grackle*	GCp		
__ [Great-tailed Grackle]	A		
__ Shiny Cowbird	A		
__ Bronzed Cowbird	Ca		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird*	Cp		
__ Orchard Oriole*	Cs		
__ Bullock's Oriole	A		
__ Baltimore Oriole*	Cs		

FINCHES

__ Purple Finch	Fw		
__ House Finch*	FsCw		
__ Red Crossbill*	Ca		
__ Pine Siskin	Cw		
__ Lesser Goldfinch	A		
__ American Goldfinch*	Cp		
__ Evening Grosbeak	Uw		

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

__ House Sparrow*	Cp		
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GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS

__ Black-bellied Whistling Duck*	R	__ Horned Grebe	Fw
__ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Ca	__ Red-necked Grebe	Ca
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	Fw	__ Eared Grebe	Uw
__ Snow Goose	Cw	__ [Western Grebe]	Ca
__ Ross's Goose	Uw	SHEARWATERS	
__ Cackling Goose	LUw	__ [Sooty Shearwater]	A
__ Canada Goose*	Cp	__ [Audubon's Shearwater]	A
__ Brant	A	STORM-PETRELS	
__ Trumpeter Swan	A	__ [Wilson's Storm-Petrel]	A
__ Tundra Swan	Rw	BOOBIES & GANNETS	
__ Wood Duck*	Cp	__ [Masked Booby]	A
__ Gadwall	Cw	__ Northern Gannet	GFw
__ [Eurasian Wigeon]	A	PELICANS	
__ American Wigeon	Cw	__ American White Pelican	Fw
__ American Black Duck	Uw	__ Brown Pelican	GCp; IA
__ Mallard*	Cp	CORMORANTS	
__ Mottled Duck*	GUp	__ Neotropic Cormorant	R
__ Blue-winged Teal *	RsCtUw	__ Double-crested Cormorant*	RsCw
__ Cinnamon Teal	Ca	__ [Great Cormorant]	A
__ Northern Shoveler	Cw	ANHINGAS	
__ Northern Pintail	Cw	__ Anhinga*	UsRw
__ Green-winged Teal	Cw	FRIGATEBIRDS	
__ Canvasback	Fw	__ Magnificent Frigatebird	GFs; IA
__ Redhead	Uw	BITTERNS & HERONS	
__ Ring-necked Duck	Cw	__ American Bittern	GUw; IUt
__ Greater Scaup	Uw	__ Least Bittern*	Us
__ Lesser Scaup	Cw	__ Great Blue Heron*	Cp
__ King Eider	A	__ Great Egret*	Cp
__ Surf Scoter	Rw	__ Long-tailed Duck	Rw
__ White-winged Scoter	Rw	__ Snowy Egret*	Cp
__ Black Scoter	Rw	__ Little Blue Heron*	Cp
__ Long-tailed Duck	Rw	__ Tricolored Heron*	Fp
__ Bufflehead	Cw	__ Reddish Egret	GRp; IA
__ Common Goldeneye	Fw	__ Cattle Egret*	CsUw
__ Hooded Merganser*	Cw	__ Green Heron*	CsRw
__ Common Merganser	Rw	__ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	Up
__ Red-breasted Merganser	Cw	__ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	FsRw
__ Ruddy Duck*	RsCw		

TURKEYS

__ Wild Turkey*	Fp
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QUAIL

__ Northern Bobwhite*	Cp
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LOONS

__ Red-throated Loon	Ca
__ Pacific Loon	A
__ Common Loon	GCw; IFtUw

GREBES

__ Pied-billed Grebe*	UsCw
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AMERICAN VULTURES

__ Black Vulture *	Cp
__ Turkey Vulture*	Cp

KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

__ Osprey*	GUp; IRsFt
__ Swallow-tailed Kite*	Us
__ White-tailed Kite*	Ca
__ Mississippi Kite*	Fs
__ Bald Eagle*	RsFw
__ Northern Harrier*	Cw
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk**	CasFw
__ Cooper's Hawk*	UsFw
__ Northern Goshawk	A
__ Harris's Hawk	A
__ Red-shouldered Hawk*	Fp
__ Broad-winged Hawk*	Fs
__ Swainson's Hawk	Ca
__ Red-tailed Hawk*	Cp
__ Ferruginous Hawk	A
__ Rough-legged Hawk	A
__ Golden Eagle	R

CARACARAS & FALCONS

__ Crested Caracara	A
__ American Kestrel*	UsCw
__ Merlin	UtRw
__ Peregrine Falcon	UtRw
__ Prairie Falcon	A

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

__ Yellow Rail	Ca
__ Black Rail	A
__ Clapper Rail*	GCp
__ King Rail*	Up
__ Virginia Rail	GUw; IUtRw
__ Sora	GFw; IUtRw
__ Purple Gallinule*	Us
__ Common Moorhen*	Cp
__ American Coot*	RsCw

LIMPKINS

__ Limpkin	A
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CRANES

__ Sandhill Crane*	GRp; IRw
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PLOVERS

__ Black-bellied Plover	GFw; IUt
__ American Golden-Plover	Ft
__ Snowy Plover*	GUp
__ Wilson's Plover*	GUw
__ Semipalmated Plover	GFw; IFt

PIPING PLOVER

__ Piping Plover	GUw; IRt
__ Killdeer*	Cp
__ Mountain Plover	A

OYSTERCATCHERS

__ American Oystercatcher*	GUp
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STILTS & AVOCETS

__ Black-necked Stilt*	GUp; IRs
__ American Avocet	GUp; IRt

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPE

__ Spotted Sandpiper	CtUw
__ Solitary Sandpiper	Ct
__ Greater Yellowlegs	FtUw
__ Willet*	GFp; IRt
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	CtUw
__ Upland Sandpiper	Ut
__ Whimbrel	Rt
__ Long-billed Curlew	Ca
__ Hudsonian Godwit	A
__ Marbled Godwit	GRw; ICa
__ Ruddy Turnstone	GFw; IRt
__ Red Knot	GUw; IA
__ Sanderling	GCw; IUt
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	Ct
__ Western Sandpiper	GCw; IFtRw
__ Least Sandpiper	GCw; ICtUw
__ White-rumped Sandpiper	Ut
__ Baird's Sandpiper	Ut
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	Ct
__ Purple Sandpiper	A
__ Dunlin	GCw; IFtRw
__ Stilt Sandpiper	Ft
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Ut
__ Ruff	A
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	GFw; IUt
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	GFw; IUt
__ Wilson's Snipe	Cw
__ American Woodcock*	Up
__ Wilson's Phalarope	GUt; IRt
__ Red-necked Phalarope	Rt
__ Red Phalarope	Ca

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

__ Laughing Gull*	GCp; IR
__ Franklin's Gull	Rt
__ Little Gull	Ca
__ Black-headed Gull	A
__ Bonaparte's Gull	Cw
__ Ring-billed Gull	Cw
__ California Gull	A

HERRING GULL

__ Herring Gull	Uw
__ Thayer's Gull	A
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull	Ca
__ Glaucous Gull	Ca
__ Great Black-backed Gull	Ca
__ Sabine's Gull	A
__ Black-legged Kittiwake	Ca
__ Brown Noddy	A
__ Sooty Tern	A
__ Bridled Tern	A
__ Least Tern*	GCs; ILUs
__ Gull-billed Tern *	GUw; IA
__ Caspian Tern**	GFp; IUt
__ Black Tern	Ct
__ [Roseate Tern]	A
__ Common Tern *	GUw; IRt
__ Forster's Tern	GCp; IFtUw
__ Royal Tern*	GCp; IA
__ Sandwich Tern*	GUw; IA
__ Black Skimmer*	GFp; IA

JAEGERS

__ Pomarine Jaeger	A
__ Parasitic Jaeger	Ca
__ Long-tailed Jaeger	A

PIGEONS & DOVES

__ Rock Pigeon*	Cp
__ White-Crowned Pigeon	A
__ [Band-tailed Pigeon]	A
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove*	LUw
__ White-winged Dove **	GR
__ Mourning Dove*	Cp
__ Inca Dove	A
__ Common Ground-Dove*	GRp; ICa
__ Ruddy Ground-Dove	A

CUCKOOS & ANIS

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	Cs
__ Black-billed Cuckoo	Rt
__ Groove-billed Ani	GRt; IA

BARN OWLS

__ Barn Owl *	Up
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TYPICAL OWLS

__ Eastern Screech-Owl*	Cp
__ Great Horned Owl*	Cp
__ Snowy Owl	A
__ Burrowing Owl	Ca
__ Barred Owl*	Cp
__ Long-eared Owl	A

SHORT-EARED OWL

__ Short-eared Owl	Uw
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	A

NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS

__ [Lesser Nighthawk]	A
__ Common Nighthawk*	Cs
__ Whip-will's-widow*	Cs
__ Chuck-poor-will*	Fs

SWIFTS

__ Chimney Swift*	Cs
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HUMMINGBIRDS

__ [Green Violet-ear]	A
__ Broad-billed Hummingbird	A
__ White-eared Hummingbird	A
__ Buff-bellied Hummingbird	Ca
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	Cs
__ Black-chinned Hummingbird	Rw
__ Anna's Hummingbird	A
__ Callopie Hummingbird	A
__ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	A
__ Rufous Hummingbird	GUw; IRw
__ Allen's Hummingbird	A

KINGFISHERS

__ Belted Kingfisher*	Fp
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WOODPECKERS

__ Red-headed Woodpecker*	Cp
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	Cp
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Cw
__ Downy Woodpecker*	Cp
__ Hairy Woodpecker*	Up
__ Red-cockaded Woodpecker*	LRp
__ Northern Flicker*	Cp
__ Pileated Woodpecker*	Fp
__ Ivory-billed Woodpecker	Ext

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	Ut
__ [Western Wood-Pewee]	A
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	Cs
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Ut
__ Acadian Flycatcher*	Fs
__ Alder Flycatcher	Rt
__ Willow Flycatcher*	AsRt
__ Least Flycatcher	Ut
__ Eastern Phoebe*	Cp
__ Say's Phoebe	A
__ Vermilion Flycatcher	Rw
__ Ash-throated Flycatcher	A
__ Great Crested Flycatcher*	Cs