

THE OFFICIAL LIST OF TENNESSEE BIRDS

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In the fall of 1982, the Certification Committee of the Tennessee Ornithological Society was formed. Since then, the committee has assembled the following official list of Tennessee birds. Birds were placed on the list of confirmed species if the Committee determined (1) that there was extant either a verified skin, photograph, or sound recording of the species from Tennessee, or (2) that 3 independent observations of the species in the state had been satisfactorily documented. In the absence of such evidence, a species was considered to be of provisional status until such evidence is obtained.

Certification committee members include Martha Waldron, Pat Stallings, and James Tanner. David Pitts, Katherine Goodpasture, and Rick Knight are alternates, and Charles Nicholson is ex-officio chairman.

The bird species included on this list are those reported in Tennessee since ornithological exploration of the state began in the 1800's. A few additional species are known from archaeological evidence to have occurred in the state. These have been discussed by Parmalee and Klippel (1982), Corgan (1974), and others. Confirmed species appear in the following list without annotation. Provisional species are noted by (P) following the English name of the species. Species extirpated from Tennessee or extinct are noted by (E), and (I) denotes non-native species successfully established in Tennessee. Taxonomy follows AOU (1983), and the list is divided by families.

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| Red-throated Loon, <i>Gavia stellata</i> | Fulvous Whistling-Duck, <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> |
| Common Loon, <i>Gavia immer</i> | Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> |
| Pied-billed Grebe, <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> | Tundra Swan, <i>Cygnus columbianus</i> |
| Horned Grebe, <i>Podiceps auritus</i> | Trumpeter Swan (E), <i>Cygnus buccinator</i> |
| Red-necked Grebe, <i>Podiceps grisegena</i> | Greater White-fronted Goose, <i>Anser albifrons</i> |
| Eared Grebe, <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> | Snow Goose, <i>Chen caerulescens</i> |
| Western Grebe, <i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i> | Brant, <i>Branta bernicula</i> |
| Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, <i>Oceanodroma castro</i> | Barnacle Goose, <i>Branta leucopsis</i> |
| American White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i> | Canada Goose, <i>Branta canadensis</i> |
| Brown Pelican, <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> | Wood Duck, <i>Aix sponsa</i> |
| Double-crested Cormorant, <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i> | Green-winged Teal, <i>Anas crecca</i> |
| Anhinga, <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> | American Black Duck, <i>Anas rubripes</i> |
| American Bittern, <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i> | Mallard, <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> |
| Least Bittern, <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> | Northern Pintail, <i>Anas acuta</i> |
| Great Blue Heron, <i>Ardea herodias</i> | Garganey, <i>Anas querquedula</i> |
| Great Egret, <i>Casmerodius albus</i> | Blue-winged Teal, <i>Anas discors</i> |
| Snowy Egret, <i>Egretta thula</i> | Cinnamon Teal, <i>Anas cyanoptera</i> |
| Little Blue Heron, <i>Egretta caerulea</i> | Northern Shoveler, <i>Anas clypeata</i> |
| Tricolored Heron, <i>Egretta tricolor</i> | Gadwall, <i>Anas strepera</i> |
| Cattle Egret, <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | Eurasian Wigeon, <i>Anas penelope</i> |
| Green-backed Heron, <i>Butorides striatus</i> | American Wigeon, <i>Anas americana</i> |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron, <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | Canvasback, <i>Aythya valisineria</i> |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, <i>Nycticorax violaceus</i> | Redhead, <i>Aythya americana</i> |
| White Ibis, <i>Eudocimus albus</i> | Ring-necked Duck, <i>Aythya collaris</i> |
| Glossy Ibis (P), <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | Greater Scaup, <i>Aythya marila</i> |
| White-faced Ibis (P), <i>Plegadis chihi</i> | Lesser Scaup, <i>Aythya affinis</i> |
| Roseate Spoonbill (P), <i>Ajaja ajaja</i> | King Eider, <i>Somateria spectabilis</i> |
| Wood Stork, <i>Mycteria americana</i> | Oldsquaw, <i>Clangula hyemalis</i> |
| | Black Scoter, <i>Melanitta nigra</i> |
| | Surf Scoter, <i>Melanitta perspicillata</i> |
| | White-winged Scoter, <i>Melanitta fusca</i> |
| | Common Goldeneye, <i>Bucephala clangula</i> |
| | Barrow's Goldeneye (P), <i>Bucephala islandica</i> |
| | Bufflehead, <i>Bucephala albeola</i> |

Hooded Merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus*
 Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser*
 Red-breasted Merganser, *Mergus serrator*
 Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura jamaicensis*
 Masked Duck, *Oxyura dominica*

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*
 Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*
 American Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*
 Mississippi Kite, *Ictinia mississippiensis*
 Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
 Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*
 Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus*
 Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii*
 Northern Goshawk, *Accipiter gentilis*
 Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus*
 Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus*
 Swainson's Hawk (P), *Buteo swainsoni*
 Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis*
 Rough-legged Hawk, *Buteo lagopus*
 Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*
 Merlin, *Falco columbarius*
 Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*
 Prairie Falcon, *Falco mexicanus*

Ring-necked Pheasant (I), *Phasianus colchicus*
 Ruffed Grouse, *Bonasa umbellus*
 Greater Prairie Chicken (E), *Tympanuchus cupido*
 Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*
 Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*

Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis*
 Black Rail, *Latterallus jamaicensis*
 King Rail, *Rallus elegans*
 Virginia Rail, *Rallus limicola*
 Sora, *Porzana carolina*
 Purple Gallinule, *Porphyryla martinica*
 Common Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus*
 American Coot, *Fulica americana*
 Caribbean Coot, *Fulica caribaea*

Limpkin, *Aramus guarauna*

Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis*

Black-bellied Plover, *Pluvialis squatarola*
 Lesser Golden-Plover, *Pluvialis dominica*
 Snowy Plover, *Charadrius alexandrinus*
 Semipalmated Plover, *Charadrius semipalmatus*
 Piping Plover, *Charadrius melodus*
 Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferus*

Black-necked Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus*
 American Avocet, *Recurvirostra americana*

Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*
 Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes*
 Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria*
 Willet, *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*
 Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularia*
 Upland Sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda*
 Whimbrel, *Numenius borealis*
 Hudsonian Godwit, *Limosa haemastica*
 Marbled Godwit, *Limosa fedoa*
 Ruddy Turnstone, *Arenaria interpres*
 Red Knot, *Calidris canutus*
 Sanderling, *Calidris alba*
 Semipalmated Sandpiper, *Calidris pusilla*

Western Sandpiper, *Calidris mauri*
 Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla*
 White-rumped Sandpiper, *Calidris fuscicollis*
 Baird's Sandpiper, *Calidris bairdii*
 Pectoral Sandpiper, *Calidris melanotos*
 Purple Sandpiper, *Calidris maritima*
 Dunlin, *Calidris alpina*
 Stilt Sandpiper, *Calidris himantopus*
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper, *Tryngites subruficollis*
 Ruff (P), *Philomachus pugnax*
 Short-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus griseus*
 Long-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus scolopaceus*
 Common Snipe, *Gallinago gallinago*
 American Woodcock, *Scolopax minor*
 Wilson's Phalarope, *Phalaropus tricolor*
 Red-necked Phalarope, *Phalaropus lobatus*
 Red Phalarope, *Phalaropus fulicaria*

Laughing Gull, *Larus atricilla*
 Franklin's Gull, *Larus pipixcan*
 Bonaparte's Gull, *Larus philadelphia*
 Ring-billed Gull, *Larus delawarensis*
 Herring Gull, *Larus argentatus*
 Iceland Gull (P), *Larus glaucoideus*
 Glaucous Gull, *Larus hyperboreus*
 Great Black-backed Gull (P), *Larus marinus*
 Black-legged Kittiwake, *Rissa tridactyla*
 Caspian Tern, *Sterna caspia*
 Common Tern, *Sterna hirundo*
 Forster's Tern, *Sterna forsteri*
 Least Tern, *Sterna antillarum*
 Sooty Tern (P), *Sterna fuscata*
 Black Tern, *Chlidonias niger*
 Black Skimmer (P), *Rynchops niger*

Rock Dove (I), *Columba livia*
 Band-tailed Pigeon (P), *Columba fasciata*
 Mourning Dove, *Zenaidura macroura*
 Passenger Pigeon (E), *Ectopistes migratorius*
 Common Ground-Squirrel, *Columbina passerina*

Monk Parakeet (I), *Myiostitta monachus*
 Carolina Parakeet (E), *Conuropsis carolinensis*

Black-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*
 Groove-billed Ani, *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Common Barn-Owl, *Tyto alba*

Eastern Screech-Owl, *Otus asio*
 Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*
 Snowy Owl, *Nyctea scandiaca*
 Barred Owl, *Strix varia*
 Long-eared Owl, *Asio otus*
 Short-eared Owl, *Asio flammeus*
 Northern Saw-whet Owl, *Aegolius acadicus*

Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*
 Chuck-will's-widow, *Caprimulgus carolinensis*
 Whip-poor-will, *Caprimulgus vociferus*

Chimney Swift, *Chaetura pelagica*

Ruby-throated Hummingbird, *Archilochus colubris*

Belted Kingfisher, *Ceryle alcyon*

Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
 Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Melanerpes carolinus*
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, * *Sphyrapicus varius*
 Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*
 Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus*
 Red-cockaded Woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*

* Text corrected from woodpecker

- Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus*
 Pileated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus pileatus*
- Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus borealis*
 Eastern Wood-Pewee, *Contopus virens*
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, *Empidonax flaviventris*
 Acadian Flycatcher, *Empidonax virescens*
 Alder Flycatcher, *Empidonax alnorum*
 Willow Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii*
 Least Flycatcher, *Empidonax minimus*
 Eastern Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe*
 Vermilion Flycatcher, *Pyrocephalus rubinus*
 Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus cinerascens*
 Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*
 Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus*
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus forficatus*
- Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris*
- Purple Martin, *Progne subis*
 Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor*
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
 Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*
 Cliff Swallow, *Hirundo pyrrhonota*
 Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*
- Blue Jay, *Cyanocitta cristata*
 American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
 Fish Crow, *Corvus ossifragus*
 Common Raven, *Corvus corax*
- Black-capped Chickadee, *Parus atricapillus*
 Carolina Chickadee, *Parus carolinensis*
 Tufted Titmouse, *Parus bicolor*
- Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis*
 White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis*
 Brown-headed Nuthatch, *Sitta pusilla*
- Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana*
- Rock Wren, *Salpinctes obsoletus*
 Carolina Wren, *Thryothorus ludovicianus*
 Bewick's Wren, *Thyromanus bewickii*
 House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*
 Winter Wren, *Troglodytes troglodytes*
 Sedge Wren, *Cistothorus platensis*
 Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris*
- Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa*
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Poliophtila caerulea*
 Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis*
 Veery, *Catharus fuscescens*
 Gray-cheeked Thrush, *Catharus minimus*
 Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*
 Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*
 Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla ustulata*
 American Robin, *Turdus migratorius*
- Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis*
 Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*
 Brown Thrasher, *Toxostoma rufum*
- Water Pipit, *Anthus spinoletta*
 Sprague's Pipit, *Anthus spragueii*
- Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum*
- Northern Shrike, *Lanius excubitor*
 Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*
- European Starling (I), *Sturnus vulgaris*
- White-eyed Vireo, *Vireo griseus*
 Bell's Vireo, *Vireo bellii*
 Solitary Vireo, *Vireo solitarius*
 Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons*
 Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus*
 Philadelphia Vireo, *Vireo philadelphicus*
 Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus*
- Blue-winged Warbler, *Vermivora pinus*
 Golden-winged Warbler, *Vermivora chrysoptera*
 Tennessee Warbler, *Vermivora peregrina*
 Orange-crowned Warbler, *Vermivora celata*
 Nashville Warbler, *Vermivora ruficapilla*
 Northern Parula, *Parula americana*
 Yellow Warbler, *Dendroica petechia*
 Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Dendroica pensylvanica*
 Magnolia Warbler, *Dendroica magnolia*
 Cape May Warbler, *Dendroica tigrina*
 Black-throated Blue Warbler, *Dendroica caerulescens*
 Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Dendroica coronata*
 Black-throated Gray Warbler, *Dendroica nigrescens*
 Black-throated Green Warbler, *Dendroica virens*
 Blackburnian Warbler, *Dendroica fusca*
 Yellow-throated Warbler, *Dendroica dominica*
 Pine Warbler, *Dendroica pinus*
 Kirtland's Warbler (P), *Dendroica kirtlandii*
 Prairie Warbler, *Dendroica discolor*
 Palm Warbler, *Dendroica palmarum*
 Bay-breasted Warbler, *Dendroica castanea*
 Blackpoll Warbler, *Dendroica striata*
 Cerulean Warbler, *Dendroica cerulea*
 Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia*
 American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla*
 Prothonotary Warbler, *Protonotaria citrea*
 Worm-eating Warbler, *Helminthophila nigrescens*
 Swainson's Warbler, *Limothlypis swainsonii*
 Ovenbird, *Seiurus aurocapillus*
 Northern Waterthrush, *Seiurus noveboracensis*
 Louisiana Waterthrush, *Seiurus motacilla*
 Kentucky Warbler, *Oporornis formosus*
 Connecticut Warbler, *Oporornis agilis*
 Mourning Warbler, *Oporornis philadelphia*
 Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas*
 Hooded Warbler, *Wilsonia citrina*
 Wilson's Warbler, *Wilsonia pusilla*
 Canada Warbler, *Wilsonia canadensis*
 Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens*
 Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra*
 Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga olivacea*
 Western Tanager (P), *Piranga ludoviciana*
 Northern Cardinal, *Cardinalis cardinalis*
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus*
 Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus*
 Blue Grosbeak, *Gairaca caerulea*
 Indigo Bunting, *Passerina cyanea*
 Painted Bunting, *Passerina ciris*
 Dickcissel, *Spiza americana*
 Green-tailed Towhee, *Pipilo chlorurus*
 Rufous-sided Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
 Bachman's Sparrow, *Aimophila aestivialis*
 American Tree Sparrow, *Spizella arborea*
 Chipping Sparrow, *Spizella passerina*
 Clay-colored Sparrow (P), *Spizella pallida*
 Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla*
 Vesper Sparrow, *Pooecetes gramineus*
 Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus*
 Lark Bunting, *Calamospiza melanocorys*
 Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis*
 Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savaannarum*
 Henslow's Sparrow, *Ammodramus henslowii*
 Le Conte's Sparrow, *Ammodramus leconteii*
 Sharp-tailed Sparrow, *Ammodramus caudacutus*

Fox Sparrow, *Passerella iliaca*
 Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia*
 Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolni*
 Swamp Sparrow, *Melospiza georgiana*
 White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis*
 White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
 Harris' Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*
 Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis*
 Lapland Longspur, *Calcarius lapponicus*
 Smith's Longspur, *Calcarius pictus*
 Snow Bunting, *Plectrophenax nivalis*
 Bobolink, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*
 Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*
 Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
 Western Meadowlark, *Sturnella neglecta*
 Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*

Rusty Blackbird, *Euphagus carolinus*
 Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus*
 Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*
 Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molothrus ater*
 Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius*
 Northern Oriole, *Icterus galbula*

Purple Finch, *Carpodacus purpureus*
 House Finch (I), *Carpodacus mexicanus*
 Red Crossbill, *Loxia curvirostra*
 White-winged Crossbill, *Loxia leucoptera*
 Common Redpoll, *Carduelis flammea*
 Pine Siskin, *Carduelis pinus*
 American Goldfinch, *Carduelis tristis*
 Evening Grosbeak, *Coccothraustes vespertinus*

House Sparrow (I), *Passer domesticus*

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