

THE BIRDS OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE: A CHECKLIST

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This list is a revision of the one by John B. White and others in v. 27, no. 1 of *The Migrant* (March 1956). Taxonomic order corresponds to that found in A.O.U.'s Check-list of North American Birds, 7th ed. Terminology on seasonal status and abundance corresponds to that found in Richard L. Knight's *The Birds of Northeast Tennessee: An Annotated Checklist* (1994), covering Carter, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington Counties. Species, seasonal status, and abundance reflect observations by members and associates of the Greeneville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society through September 20, 2005.

SEASONAL STATUS

PR: permanent resident--present year-round; abundance may vary seasonally

SR: summer resident--present throughout summer; usually arrives in spring and departs in fall

WR: winter resident--present throughout winter; usually arrives in fall and departs in spring

WV: winter visitor--infrequent and irregular in winter

T: transient--regularly found during spring migration and/or fall migration

V: visitor--infrequent and irregular; may be observed in different seasons; does not conform to any of the above patterns

SEASONS

Sp: spring (March 1-May 31)

Su: summer (June 1-July 31)

F: fall (August 1-November 30)

W: winter (December 1-February 28/29)

ABUNDANCE

c: common--25+ individuals per day

fc: fairly common--5-25 individuals per day

u: uncommon--fewer than 5 individuals per day

o: occasional--not to be expected every day; 1 or more individuals per season or year

r: rare--not to be expected every year; observed sporadically over a period of years

a: accidental--not expected; refers to individuals found well outside normal range

GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS

Greater White-fronted Goose T/WV (r)

Snow Goose WR/WV (r-o)

Ross's Goose T/WV (r)

Cackling Goose WV (r)

Canada Goose PR (fc-c)

Tundra Swan WV (r)

Wood Duck PR (u-fc Sp, Su, F; o W)

Gadwall WR (u-c)

American Wigeon WR (u)

American Black Duck WR (u-fc)

Mallard PR (fc-c F, W, Sp; u Su)

Blue-winged Teal T (u-c Sp, F; o W)

Northern Shoveler WR (o-u)

Northern Pintail WR (o-fc)

Green-winged Teal WR (u-fc)

Canvasback WR/WV (o)

Redhead WR/WV (o)

Ring-necked Duck WR (u-fc)

Greater Scaup WV (r)

Lesser Scaup WR/WV (o)

Bufflehead WR/WV (o)

Common Goldeneye WV (r)

Hooded Merganser WR (u-fc)

Common Merganser WV (r)

Red-breasted Merganser WV (r)

Ruddy Duck WR/WV (o)

GROUSE, TURKEYS, QUAIL

Ruffed Grouse PR (u)

Wild Turkey PR (u-c)

Northern Bobwhite PR (u-fc)

LOONS, GREBES

Common Loon WV (r)

Pied-billed Grebe WR (u)

Horned Grebe WV (r)

CORMORANTS, ETC.

Double-crested Cormorant T/WR (o)

HERONS, IBISES, VULTURES

American Bittern T (r)

Great Blue Heron PR (u Su; u-fc F, W, Sp)

Great Egret T (u-fc)

Snowy Egret T (r)

Little Blue Heron T (o)

Cattle Egret V/T (r)

Green Heron SR (u-fc)

Black-crowned Night-Heron SR (u-fc)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron V/SR (r)
White Ibis V (r)
Glossy Ibis V (a)
Roseate Spoonbill V (a)
Wood Stork V (a)
Black Vulture PR (u-fc)
Turkey Vulture PR (fc-c)

HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS

Osprey SR (o-u)
Mississippi Kite V (a)
Bald Eagle V (r)
Northern Harrier WR (u-fc)
Sharp-shinned Hawk PR (u)
Cooper's Hawk PR (u)
Red-shouldered Hawk T/V (o)
Broad-winged Hawk SR (u)
Red-tailed Hawk PR (u-fc)
Rough-legged Hawk WV (r)
Golden Eagle V (a)
American Kestrel PR (u-fc)
Merlin T (o)
Peregrine Falcon T or PR (o)

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS, CRANES

Black Rail V (a)
King Rail T (a)
Virginia Rail T (r)
Sora T (o-u)
Common Moorhen T (a)
American Coot WR (fc)
Sandhill Crane T (r)
Whooping Crane V (a)

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover T (r)
American Golden-Plover T (r)
Semipalmated Plover T (o-u)
Killdeer PR (fc-c)

STILTS, AVOCETS

American Avocet T (r)

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs T (u)
Lesser Yellowlegs T (u-fc)
Solitary Sandpiper T (u)
Willet T (r)
Spotted Sandpiper T (u)
Upland Sandpiper T (a)
Ruddy Turnstone T (a)
Sanderling T (a)
Semipalmated Sandpiper T (o)
Western Sandpiper T (r)
Least Sandpiper T (u-fc)
White-rumped Sandpiper T (r-o)
Baird's Sandpiper T (r)
Pectoral Sandpiper T (u)
Dunlin T (o)
Stilt Sandpiper T (r)

Buff-breasted Sandpiper T (a)
Short-billed Dowitcher T (r-o)
Long-billed Dowitcher T (r)
Wilson's Snipe WR (u-fc)
American Woodcock PR (o-u)
Wilson's Phalarope T (r)

GULLS, TERNS

Laughing Gull V (a)
Bonaparte's Gull WV (r-o)
Ring-billed Gull WR (u-c)
Herring Gull V (a)
Common Tern T (a)
Forster's Tern T (r)
Black Tern T (r)

DOVES

Rock Pigeon PR (c)
Eurasian Collared-Dove PR (u-fc)
Mourning Dove PR (c)

CUCKOOS

Black-billed Cuckoo T/possible SR (r)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo SR (u)

OWLS

Barn Owl PR (o)
Eastern Screech-Owl PR (u)
Great Horned Owl PR (u)
Barred Owl PR (o)
Long-eared Owl V (a)
Short-eared Owl WV (a)
Northern Saw-whet Owl T/WV, lowlands (a)

GOATSUCKERS

Common Nighthawk SR (u Sp, Su; fc-c F)
Chuck-will's-widow SR (u)
Whip-poor-will SR (u-fc)

SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS

Chimney Swift SR (c)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird SR (u-fc)
Rufous Hummingbird V (a)

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher PR (fc)

WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker PR (u)
Red-bellied Woodpecker PR (fc)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker WR (u)
Downy Woodpecker PR (fc)
Hairy Woodpecker PR (u)
Northern Flicker PR (fc)
Pileated Woodpecker PR (u)

FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher T (r)
Eastern Wood-Pewee SR (u-fc)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher T (r)

Acadian Flycatcher SR (fc)
Willow Flycatcher T/possible SR (r-o)
Least Flycatcher T (r)
Eastern Phoebe PR (fc Sp, Su, F; u W)
Great Crested Flycatcher SR (fc)
Eastern Kingbird SR (fc)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher V (a)

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike PR (o Su; u F, W, Sp)

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo SR (u-fc)
Yellow-throated Vireo SR (o-u)
Blue-headed Vireo SR, mountains (u-fc); T, lowlands (u)
Warbling Vireo SR (o)
Philadelphia Vireo T (r-o)
Red-eyed Vireo SR (fc-c)

JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS

Blue Jay PR (c)
American Crow PR (c)
Common Raven PR, mountains (u); V, lowlands (o F, W)

LARKS, SWALLOWS

Horned Lark PR (o Sp, Su, F; o-fc W)
Purple Martin SR (fc-c)
Tree Swallow SR (fc-c Sp, Su, F; u late W)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow SR (fc)
Bank Swallow T/possible SR (o-u)
Cliff Swallow SR (fc-c)
Barn Swallow SR (c)

CHICKADEES, TITMICE

Carolina Chickadee PR (fc-c)
Black-capped Chickadee WV (a)
Tufted Titmouse PR (fc-c)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

Red-breasted Nuthatch PR, mountains (u); WR, lowlands (o-u); Irruptive
White-breasted Nuthatch PR (u-fc)
Brown Creeper PR, mountains (u); WR, lowlands (u)

WRENS

Carolina Wren PR (fc-c)
Bewick's Wren Former PR; presumed extirpated
House Wren SR (fc)
Winter Wren SR, mountains (u); WR, lowlands (u)
Sedge Wren T (r)
Marsh Wren T (o)

KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS

Golden-crowned Kinglet PR, mountains (fc); WR, lowlands (fc)
Rudy-crowned Kinglet WR (u-fc)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher SR (fc)

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird PR (fc-c)

Veery SR, mountains (fc); T, lowlands (o)
Gray-cheeked Thrush T (r)
Swainson's Thrush T (u)
Hermit Thrush WR (u)
Wood Thrush SR (u)
American Robin PR (fc-c)

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS

Gray Catbird SR (u-fc)
Northern Mockingbird PR (fc-c)
Brown Thrasher SR (u-fc Sp, Su, F; o W)

STARLINGS, PIPITS, WAXWINGS

European Starling PR (c)
American Pipit WR (u-c)
Cedar Waxwing PR (u-c)

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler T (o)
Golden-winged Warbler T (r)
Tennessee Warbler T (r-o Sp; u-fc F)
Orange-crowned Warbler T (r-o)
Nashville Warbler T (o)
Northern Parula SR (u-fc)
Yellow Warbler T/possible SR (u-fc)
Chestnut-sided Warbler SR, mountains (u); T, lowlands (u)
Magnolia Warbler T (u)
Cape May Warbler T (u)
Black-throated Blue Warbler SR, mountains (fc-c); T, lowlands (o)
Yellow-rumped Warbler WR (fc-c)
Black-throated Green Warbler SR (fc)
Blackburnian Warbler T (u)
Yellow-throated Warbler SR (o)
Pine Warbler SR (u-fc Sp, Su, F; o W)
Kirtland's Warbler T (a)
Prairie Warbler SR (u)
Palm Warbler T (u Sp; fc F; o W)
Bay-breasted Warbler T (u)
Blackpoll Warbler T (u Sp; r F)
Cerulean Warbler T (r)
Black-and-white Warbler SR (fc)
American Redstart T (u)
Prothonotary Warbler SR (u-fc)
Worm-eating Warbler SR (u-fc)
Swainson's Warbler T/probable SR (o)
Ovenbird SR (fc-c)
Northern Waterthrush T (o-u)
Louisiana Waterthrush SR (fc)
Kentucky Warbler T/probable SR (o-u)
Connecticut Warbler T (r)
Mourning Warbler T (r)
Common Yellowthroat SR (fc-c)
Hooded Warbler SR (fc)
Wilson's Warbler T (r)
Canada Warbler SR, mountains (u-fc); T, lowlands (r)
Yellow-breasted Chat SR (fc)

TANAGERS

- Summer Tanager SR (o-u)
- Scarlet Tanager SR (u-fc)

SPARROWS

- Eastern Towhee PR (fc)
- Bachman's Sparrow Former SR; presumed extirpated
- American Tree Sparrow WV (a)
- Chipping Sparrow PR (u-fc Sp, Su, F; o-fc W)
- Field Sparrow PR (fc-c)
- Vesper Sparrow T (o)
- Savannah Sparrow PR (u-fc F, W, Sp; o Su)
- Grasshopper Sparrow SR (fc)
- Henslow's Sparrow T (a)
- Le Conte's Sparrow T (a)
- Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow T (r)
- Fox Sparrow WR (o)
- Song Sparrow PR (c)
- Lincoln's Sparrow T (r Sp; o F)
- Swamp Sparrow WR (u-fc)
- White-throated Sparrow WR (c)
- Harris's Sparrow V (a)
- White-crowned Sparrow WR (fc)
- Dark-eyed Junco PR, mountains (fc-c); WR, lowlands (u-fc)
- Lapland Longspur T/WV (r)
- Snow Bunting WV (a)

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS

- Northern Cardinal PR (c)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak SR, mountains (u); T, lowlands (u-fc)
- Blue Grosbeak SR (fc)
- Indigo Bunting SR (c)
- Dickcissel SR (u)

BLACKBIRDS

- Bobolink T (r-o)
- Red-winged Blackbird PR (c Sp, Su; u-c F, W)
- Eastern Meadowlark PR (fc-c)
- Rusty Blackbird WR (u-c)
- Brewer's Blackbird WV (r-o)
- Common Grackle PR (c Sp, Su; u-c F, W)
- Brown-headed Cowbird PR (fc Sp, Su; u-fc F, W)
- Orchard Oriole SR (fc)
- Baltimore Oriole T/SR (o-u)

FINCHES

- Purple Finch WR (o-fc)
- House Finch PR (fc-c)
- Red Crossbill V (r)
- Pine Siskin WR/WV (o-fc); Irruptive
- American Goldfinch PR (fc-c)
- Evening Grosbeak WV/WR (r-o); Irruptive
- House Sparrow PR (fc-c)

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