

Capital District Bird-Finding Calendar (rev. 4/1/2017)

<i>WIDESPREAD SPECIES</i>	<i>FREQUENCY</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
Canada Goose	Abundant year-round resident	
Mallard	Abundant year-round resident	
Great Blue Heron	Uncommon year-round resident	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Uncommon year-round resident	
Cooper's Hawk	Uncommon year-round resident	
Red-tailed Hawk	Common year-round resident	
Rock Pigeon	Abundant year-round resident	
Mourning Dove	Abundant year-round resident	
Downy Woodpecker	Common year-round resident	
Hairy Woodpecker	Common year-round resident	
Blue Jay	Common year-round resident	
American Crow	Abundant year-round resident	
Black-capped Chickadee	Common year-round resident	
Tufted Titmouse	Common year-round resident	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Uncommon year-round resident	
White-breasted Nuthatch	Common year-round resident	
Eastern Bluebird	Uncommon year-round resident	
American Robin	Common year-round resident	
European Starling	Abundant year-round resident	
Song Sparrow	Common year-round resident	Spring=Abundant; Winter=Uncommon
Northern Cardinal	Common year-round resident	
House Finch	Uncommon year-round resident	
American Goldfinch	Common year-round resident	
House Sparrow	Abundant year-round resident	

INDIVIDUAL SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Species Name	Occurrence	Approximate Arrival Date
		↑ = northbound ↓ = southbound ↔ = dispersal

Habitat preference and additional information.

Likely location(s) to observe the species.

Snow Goose	Seasonally abundant migrant	↑: 3/12; ↓: 10/15
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More common in fall, feeding in harvested cornfields and resting on rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Often seen in large, flyover "skeins." Some overwinter where water remains open. Scan flocks for rare Ross' Goose.

Tomhannock Reservoir, Saratoga Lake, Fort Miller.

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Brant	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: mid-May; ↓: mid-Oct.
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Passes through quickly. Majority of birds heard/seen as flyovers.

Cackling Goose	Seasonally uncommon migrant	Spring and Fall
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Seen among migrating Canada Geese.

Mute Swan	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Seen along Hudson River, occasionally on reservoirs, lakes, ponds, estuaries. Retreats southward in winter.

Tomhannock Reservoir, Stony Creek Reservoir, Basic Creek Reservoir.

Tundra Swan	Rare winter visitant	↓: 11/1; ↑3/10
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

Saratoga Lake, Ft. Miller, Stillwater.

Wood Duck	Locally common summer resident	↑: 3/10
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Wooded swamps. Dabbler.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail (Niskayuna), Black Creek Marsh.

Gadwall	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 10/5
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Shallow ponds, flooded fields. Dabbler.

Stanton Pond, Vischer Ferry NHP.

American Wigeon	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 10/8
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Shallow ponds, flooded fields. Dabbler.

Stanton Pond, Vischer Ferry NHP, Collins Lake.

Eurasian Wigeon	Rare migrant	
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Seen in the company of American Wigeon.

American Black Duck	Uncommon year-round resident	
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Shallow ponds, wetlands, marshes. Dabbler.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, Stanton Pond

Blue-winged Teal	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/1; ↓: 8/20
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Ponds and wetlands. Dabbler.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, Cohoes Flats.

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Northern Shoveler	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/15; ↓: 9/15
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Ponds, wetlands, and flooded areas. Dabbler.

Stanton Pond, Vischer Ferry NHP, Collins Lake.

Northern Pintail	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 10/1
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Ponds and marshes. Dabbler.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Collins Lake, Stanton Pond.

Green-winged Teal	Seasonally common migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 9/1
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Ponds and marshes. Dabbler.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Collins Lake, Stanton Pond.

Canvasback	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 3/5; ↓: 11/5
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Lakes and rivers. Mainly bypasses this area.

Ft. Miller, Saratoga Lake, Stillwater.

Redhead	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 3/5; ↓: 10/30
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Lakes and rivers. Mainly bypasses this area.

Ft. Miller, Saratoga Lake, Stillwater.

Ring-necked Duck	Seasonally common migrant	↑ 3/10; ↓: 10/10
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Rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and ponds.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Stanton Pond, Collins Lake.

Greater Scaup	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/5; ↓: 10/20
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

Saratoga Lake, Tomhannock Reservoir, Ft. Miller.

Lesser Scaup	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/5; ↓: 10/20
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

Saratoga Lake, Vischer Ferry (Mohawk River), Ft. Miller.

Surf Scoter	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 10/20
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Normally seen on fall migration only.

Mohawk River, Saratoga Lake, Tomhannock Reservoir.

White-winged Scoter	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↓: 10/20
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Normally seen on fall migration only.

Mohawk River, Saratoga Lake, Tomhannock Reservoir.

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Black Scoter	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↓: 10/20
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Normally seen on fall migration only.

Mohawk River, Saratoga Lake, Tomhannock Reservoir.

Long-tailed Duck	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/15; ↓: 10/25
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

Basic Creek Reservoir, Myosotis Lake, Mohawk River.

Bufflehead	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 11/1
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

Basic Creek Reservoir, Vischer Ferry (Mohawk River), Ft. Miller.

Common Goldeneye	Common winter resident	↓: 11/5
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Rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Scan for rare Barrow's Goldeneye.

Red-breasted Merganser	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 10/20
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Very uncommon, usually 1-4 birds, April/November.

Mohawk River, Tomhannock Reservoir, Saratoga Lake.

Hooded Merganser	Locally uncommon year-round resident	migrants ↑: 3/15; ↓: 10/10
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Virtually any body of water. Most of the population breeds north of our area, and winters south of the region. A few overwinter if water remains open.

Common Merganser	Common winter resident	↓: 10/10
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Virtually any body of water, October-April.

Ruddy Duck	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 10/10
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More common in fall.

Stanton Pond, Tomhannock Reservoir, Basic Creek Reservoir.

Ruffed Grouse	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Early succession mixed deciduous forests, with small clearings.

Partridge Run WMA, Saratoga NHP, Thacher Park

Wild Turkey	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Hardwood forests with scattered openings.

Black Creek Marsh (and vicinity), Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Saratoga NHP

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Red-throated Loon	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 4/6; ↓: 10/10
Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.		
Tomhannock Reservoir, Collins Lake, Mohawk River.		
Common Loon	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/25; ↓: 10/10
Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.		
Alcove Reservoir, Saratoga Lake, Mohawk River.		
Pied-billed Grebe	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/14; ↓: 10/1
Marshes, shallow ponds.		
Collins Lake, Ann Lee Pond, Vischer Ferry NHP.		
Horned Grebe	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 10/10
Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.		
Collins Lake, Mohawk River, Tomhannock Reservoir.		
Red-necked Grebe	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/25; ↓: 10/15
Rivers, lakes and reservoirs.		
Tomhannock Reservoir, Hudson River.		
Double-crested Cormorant	Common summer resident	↑: 3/24
Widespread on reservoirs, lakes and rivers.		
Great Cormorant	Uncommon early spring visitant	Late-Feb. through March
On the Hudson River from about Coeymans southward. Favors river channel markers as perch. A few fall records, mostly juveniles.		
Embought Bay (Catskill), Germantown.		
American Bittern	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/15
In large cattail marshes.		
Black Creek Marsh, Cline Rd. marsh (Oppenheim).		
Least Bittern	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/7
In large cattail marshes.		
Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP.		
Great Egret	Locally uncommon summer visitant	↑: 4/5; ↔: 7/20

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Small numbers seen during spring migration; larger numbers during post-breeding dispersal. Any shallow water along rivers, ponds, lakes.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Mohawk River.

Snowy Egret	Rare summer visitant	↔ Late July- September
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Along/near the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers, Cohoes Flats.

Green Heron	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/20
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Shallow ponds, marshes, wooded wetlands.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, Five Rivers EEC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 4/19; ↓: 8/7
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Rivers, lakes, wooded marshes.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Cohoes Flats, Black Creek Marsh.

Black Vulture	Uncommon year-round resident	
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Increasing due to range expansion. Retreats southward in winter, though many are now overwintering as far north as Albany County.

Thacher Park, Five Rivers EEC.

Turkey Vulture	Common summer resident	↑: 2/12
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Widespread in small numbers. Retreats southward in winter.

Osprey	Seasonally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/1
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Rivers, lakes and ponds.

Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.

Bald Eagle	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Numbers increasing. Rivers, lakes and ponds.

Hudson and Mohawk Rivers, Tomhannock Reservoir.

Golden Eagle	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: March; ↓: late October
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Main breeding population migrates west of the area. Quebec & Labrador population crosses our area en route to/from wintering grounds.

Mississippi Kite	Locally rare summer resident	↑: present by end of May
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Range expanding. Breeding pair established in Montgomery County, NY in 2009/2010. Also present in southeast NH and northern CT.

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Northern Harrier	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Open habitat, especially grasslands and marshes.

Ft. Edward Grasslands, Coxsackie Grasslands, Five Rivers EEC.

Northern Goshawk	Locally rare year-round resident	
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Very localized breeder throughout the region. Prefers dense, contiguous forested areas.

Dyken Pond EEC, Partridge Run WMA.

Red-shouldered Hawk	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 3/12
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Deciduous woodlands, often near rivers and swamps. Most birds retreat just south of the area during the winter months, a few try to overwinter. Red-shouldered Hawks return to the same nesting territory year after year.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Stanton Pond, Partridge Run WMA

Broad-winged Hawk	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/20; ↓ migrants: 9/10
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Breeds in forested areas, especially at higher elevations. Migrates in large groups. Can be seen in great numbers at fall hawk watches.

Western Albany County, Rensselaer Plateau.

Rough-legged Hawk	Locally uncommon winter resident	↓: November through March
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Open grasslands.

Coxsackie, Ft. Edward, Northumberland.

American Kestrel	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Open habitat, with scattered trees for surveying prey. Often seen on utility wires.

Saratoga NHP, Coxsackie Grasslands, Ft. Edward.

Merlin	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Along rivers. Also seen at hawk watches during migration. Increasingly found in more populated areas.

Cohoes Flats/Peebles Island, Coxsackie.

Peregrine Falcon	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Along bodies of water, primarily the Hudson River. Nests in boxes on bridges, naturally on cliff faces.

Cohoes, Albany, Thacher Park.

Virginia Rail	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/10
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Cattail marshes. Calls alert observers to their presence, though they are frequently seen through diligent observation, and during post-breeding forays.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP.

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Sora	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/14
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Cattail marshes. More often heard than seen.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary.

Common Gallinule	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/20
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Cattail marshes.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, Cline Rd. marsh (Oppenheim).

American Coot	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/10; ↓: 10/20
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Lakes and ponds.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Collins Lake, Stanton Pond.

Black-bellied Plover	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 5/15; ↓: 8/15
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Mudflats, flooded fields.

Mohawk River, Wright's Loop.

American Golden-Plover	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 9/1
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Most likely during fall migration. Pastures, rocky flats.

Cohoes Flats, Myosotis Lake.

Semipalmated Plover	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/14; ↓: 7/20
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Mudflats, flooded fields.

Cohoes, Vischer Ferry (Mohawk River), Staats Island Rd. (Schodack).

Killdeer	Locally common summer resident	↑: 2/25
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Widespread in shortgrass and gravel areas, rocky flats.

Spotted Sandpiper	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/19
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Ponds, creeks, shorelines. Usually a singleton.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Peebles Island, Five Rivers EEC.

Solitary Sandpiper	Seasonally common migrant	↑: 4/27; ↓: 7/15
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Shallow, muddy, vegetated ponds and creeks, flooded areas.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Five Rivers EEC, Staats Island Rd. (Schodack).

Greater Yellowlegs	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/10; ↓: 8/5
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Any shallow water habitat.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Cohoes Flats, Stanton Pond.

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Lesser Yellowlegs	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/22; ↓: 7/15
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Any shallow water habitat.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Cohoes Flats, Papscanee Island North.

Upland Sandpiper	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 4/21
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Short grass fields and pastures, especially in agricultural areas.

Ft. Edward Grasslands, Fulton & Montgomery County farms/pastures. Notable breeders in West Ames, Montgomery County.

Sanderling	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 8/15
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More common during fall migration. At water's edge or on rocky flats.

Mohawk, Hudson Rivers.

Semipalmated Sandpiper	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↓: 7/15
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More common during fall migration. Mudflats, any shallow water habitat.

Cohoes Flats, Cocksackie Grasslands, Mohawk River.

Least Sandpiper	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/1; ↓: 7/10
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Mudflats, ponds, any shallow water habitat.

Cohoes Flats, Vischer Ferry NHP, Stanton Pond.

White-rumped Sandpiper	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 8/1
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More common during fall migration. Mudflats, ponds, any shallow water habitat.

Cohoes Flats, Vischer Ferry NHP, Stanton Pond.

Baird's Sandpiper	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 8/20
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More common during fall migration. Mudflats, grassy marshes, and dry grassy areas near lakes and ponds.

Myosotis Lake, Cohoes Flats, Cocksackie Grasslands.

Pectoral Sandpiper	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↓: mid-July through October
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More common during fall migration. Prefers weedy margins of lakes and ponds, along with muddy agricultural fields. Prolonged fall migration. Adults from mid-July through August; juveniles in September and October.

Myosotis Lake, Cohoes Flats, Stanton Pond.

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Dunlin	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 4/27; ↓: 10/1
Mudflats, flooded areas.		
Staats Island Rd., Cohoes Flats, Mohawk River.		
Stilt Sandpiper	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 9/1
More common during fall migration. Mudflats, flooded fields, shallow ponds and pools, and marshes.		
Cohoes Flats, The Crossings (Colonie), Myosotis Lake.		
Short-billed Dowitcher	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 7/15
More common during fall migration. Mud flats and flooded agricultural fields.		
Cohoes Flats, Vischer Ferry NHP, Myosotis Lake.		
Wilson's Snipe	Uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/1
Wet, grassy areas, edges of shallow ponds.		
Vischer Ferry NHP, Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh.		
American Woodcock	Uncommon summer resident	↑: 3/8
Along wooded edge habitat.		
Albany Pine Bush, Vischer Ferry NHP, Five Rivers EEC.		
Bonaparte's Gull	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/5; ↓: 10/10
Rivers and lakes. A few wanderers occasionally seen in summer.		
Cohoes Flats, Saratoga Lake, Mohawk River.		
Ring-billed Gull	Abundant year-round resident	
Rivers, lakes, landfills, parking lots. Summer residents are non-breeding individuals. Ring-billed Gulls breed in the Great Lakes region.		
Herring Gull	Abundant year-round resident	
Rivers, lakes, landfills, parking lots. Summer residents are non-breeding individuals. Herring Gulls breed on Long Island and in the Adirondacks/Lake Champlain Region.		
Iceland Gull	Rare winter visitant	Nov.- March
Occasionally appears among winter gulls along Hudson/Mohawk Rivers.		
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Rare winter visitant	Nov.- March
Occasionally appears among winter gulls along Hudson/Mohawk Rivers.		
Glaucous Gull	Rare winter visitant	Nov.- March
Occasionally appears among winter gulls along Hudson/Mohawk Rivers.		

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Great Black-backed Gull	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Rivers, reservoirs, lakes. Summer residents are non-breeding individuals. Great Black-backed Gulls breed along the Atlantic Coast from Long Island to the Canadian Maritime Provinces.		
Caspian Tern	Rare spring migrant/summer visitant	↑: 4/10; ↔: 7/10
Lakes and rivers. A few wanderers occasionally seen in mid-late summer.		
Black Tern	Rare spring migrant	↑: 5/15
Lakes and rivers.		
Common Tern	Rare spring migrant	↑: 5/1
Lakes and rivers.		
Saratoga Lake, Mohawk River.		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/13
Open woodlands with clearings and dense scrubby vegetation, often along water.		
Schodack Island SP, Vischer Ferry NHP, Black Creek Marsh.		
Black-billed Cuckoo	Uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/9
Deciduous woodlands and thickets.		
Saratoga NHP, Five Rivers EEC.		
Eastern Screech-Owl	Uncommon year-round resident	
Any wooded habitat with tree cavities, or nesting boxes. Often suns itself in those openings during the day.		
Black Creek Marsh, Vosburgh Marsh, Five Rivers EEC.		
Great Horned Owl	Uncommon year-round resident	
Open and secondary-growth woodlands and agricultural areas.		
Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Saratoga NHP.		
Snowy Owl	Rare winter visitant	
Irruptive species moves southward (typically immature birds), especially in years with high breeding success.		
Barred Owl	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Mixed woodland habitat with large trees.		
Saratoga NHP, Five Rivers EEC, Partridge Run WMA.		
Long-eared Owl	Locally rare year-round resident	
Open forest adjacent to grasslands/shrubland.		

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Short-eared Owl	Locally uncommon winter resident	↓: Nov.- March
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Open country grasslands, marshes.

Ft. Edward Grasslands, Coxsackie Grasslands

Northern Saw-whet Owl	Locally rare year-round resident	
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Forests, densely vegetated habitats.

Western Albany County.

Common Nighthawk	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/22; ↓: 8/10
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Declining. Formerly a resident breeder, now most commonly seen in migratory flight towards sundown.

Eastern Whip-poor-will	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 4/29
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Open, mature deciduous or mixed forest.

Stanton Pond, Malta Tech Park.

Chimney Swift	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/27
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Commonly nests in urban areas, forages over open areas.

Cohoes Flats, Five Rivers EEC.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/30
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Forest edges, old fields, orchards, meadows and backyards.

Five Rivers EEC, Schodack Island SP, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Belted Kingfisher	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes. Overwinters as long as open water is available.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Cohoes Flats.

Red-headed Woodpecker	Locally rare year-round resident	
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Open oak or pine savannah, wooded beaver swamps.

Albany Pine Bush Preserve

Red-bellied Woodpecker	Common year-round resident	
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Forests, woodlands, and backyards.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Collins Lake.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/1
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Young forests and edge habitat. A few birds linger through winter.

Five Rivers EEC, Saratoga NHP, Thacher Park.

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Northern Flicker	Common year-round resident	
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Woodlands, forest edges, open areas with scattered trees. Some birds regularly overwinter.

Five Rivers EEC, Saratoga NHP, Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

Pileated Woodpecker	Uncommon year-round resident	
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Mature woodlands, suburban woodlots with large trees.

Thacher Park, Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Olive-sided Flycatcher	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 5/15; ↓: 8/20
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Forest edges and openings, ponds, with tall snags.

Five Rivers EEC, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Ann Lee Pond.

Eastern Wood-Pewee	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/12
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All types of woodlands.

Thacher Park, Black Creek Marsh, Partridge Run WMA.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 5/20; ↓ migrants: 8/20
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Bogs, swamps, coniferous forest. Breeds at the highest elevations of the Catskill Mountains.

Plateau Mountain, Hunter Mountain.

Alder Flycatcher	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/15
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Wet thickets, especially of alder and birch.

Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh, Saratoga NHP.

Willow Flycatcher	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/16
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Moist, shrubby areas often with standing water.

Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Least Flycatcher	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/7
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Semi-open woodlands, shrubby fields.

Papscanee Island NP, Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Eastern Phoebe	Common summer resident	↑: 3/20
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Open woodlands, backyards, parks especially near water.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Mohawk-Hudson Bike/Hike Trail.

Great Crested Flycatcher	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/1
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Open deciduous woodlands, riparian corridors, wooded swamps, urban areas with large trees.

Schodack Island SP, Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP.

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Eastern Kingbird	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/25
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Fields, pastures, grasslands, and marshes with shrubs. Usually near water.

Saratoga NHP, Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Northern Shrike	Locally uncommon winter resident	↓: 11/1
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Open country with tall perches, shrubby fields, marshes.

Western Albany County, Coxsackie Grasslands, Black Creek Marsh.

Yellow-throated Vireo	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/27
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Edge habitat in mature deciduous woods, usually near water.

Schodack Island SP, Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Blue-headed Vireo	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/18
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Cool, higher elevation forests. Common Spring/Fall migrant.

Dyken Pond EEC, Cherry Plain SP, Thacher Park.

Warbling Vireo	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/26
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Mixed-deciduous woodlands along streams, ponds, and marshes.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Black Creek Marsh, Schodack Island SP.

Philadelphia Vireo	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/10; ↓: 9/1
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Deciduous woodlands. More often seen on fall migration.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Five Rivers EEC.

Red-eyed Vireo	Locally common summer resident	↑: 5/6
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Deciduous and mixed-deciduous forests, urban areas with large trees.

Hannacroix Creek Preserve, Five Rivers EEC, Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

Fish Crow	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Along rivers, lakes, and landfills.

Hudson River, Peebles Island SP, The Crossings (Colonie).

Common Raven	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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A variety of habitats, mostly outside of urban areas.

Thacher Park, Five Rivers EEC, Tomhannock Reservoir.

Horned Lark	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Open, barren country; airports, plowed agricultural fields, roadside edges in winter.

Coxsackie Flats, Saratoga County Airport, Northumberland farmlands (north of Bacon Hill).

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Purple Martin	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 4/20
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Colonial breeders in nest boxes and martin houses, especially in open areas near water.

Saratoga Lake and vicinity.

Tree Swallow	Locally common summer resident	↑: 3/12
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Open areas near water and fields, especially wooded swamps and shorelines.

Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh, Cohoes Flats.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/7
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Open habitats with nesting surfaces such as river banks and human structures.

Mohawk River Lock 7, Cohoes Flats, Tomhannock Reservoir.

Bank Swallow	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/18
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River banks or sand/gravel quarries.

Coxsackie Grasslands, Papscanee Island NP, Peebles Island SP.

Cliff Swallow	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/1
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Habitats with open foraging areas, especially near bridges and other man-made structures for nesting.

Alcove Reservoir, Schoharie Creek bridges.

Barn Swallow	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/7
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Open habitat including parks, agricultural areas, lakes, and ponds, with nearby structures for nesting.

Black Creek Marsh, Stanton Pond, The Crossings (Colonie).

Brown Creeper	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Evergreen or mixed evergreen-deciduous forests.

Five Rivers EEC, Thacher Park, Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

Carolina Wren	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Dense vegetation in wooded areas, primarily at lower elevations.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Peebles Island SP.

House Wren	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/19
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Edge habitat with trees, shrubs, and tangles; also farms and backyards.

Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP.

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Winter Wren	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/10
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Riparian corridors, coniferous forests with fallen trees, logs. A few birds overwinter; most winter just to our south, return north in April and May at lower elevations first, then expand northward and to higher elevations in June.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Thacher Park.

Sedge Wren	Locally rare summer resident	↑: mid-May
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Damp, tall-grass meadows with scattered bushes.

Ft. Edward grasslands, Sharon Springs (and vicinity).

Marsh Wren	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/13
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Cattail marshes. A few birds may attempt to overwinter.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, Mohawk-Hudson Bike/Hike Trail (Niskayuna).

Golden-crowned Kinglet	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Breeds in higher elevation spruce forest, more often seen Sept. through April when retreating to lower elevation mixed woodlands.

Partridge Run WMA, Thacher Park, Five Rivers EEC.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/7
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Breeds mainly to our north, in spruce-fir forests; a few breeding reports from the northern Catskills. Winters just to the south of our area, occasional Jan.-Mar. reports along the Hudson River.

Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/18
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Deciduous wooded habitats, especially near water.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, Schodack Island SP.

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Damp, deciduous forests and riparian corridors. Along with the Wood Thrush, lives at the lowest elevations of the resident thrushes.

Holt Preserve, Schodack Island SP, Papscanee Island NP.

Gray-cheeked Thrush	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 5/12; ↓: 9/25
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More often reported on fall migration, usually heard overhead in nocturnal flight.

Bicknell's Thrush	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 5/24
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Breeds at the highest elevations of the Catskill Mountains.

Plateau Mountain, Hunter Mountain.

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Swainson's Thrush	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/4; ↓: 9/5
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Breeds in spruce-fir forests in the Catskill Mountains, higher than the Hermit Thrush but below Bicknell's. More commonly observed on fall migration in lower elevation woodlands.

Partridge Run WMA, Hunter Mountain, Plateau Mountain.

Hermit Thrush	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/6
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Coniferous and deciduous forests with open understory for foraging. Hermit Thrushes occupy the middle elevations of the resident thrushes. Some birds attempt to overwinter.

Thacher Park, Dyken Pond EEC, Partridge Run WMA.

Wood Thrush	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/27
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Mature forests with an open floor and moist soil, with water nearby.

Black Creek Marsh, Schodack Island SP, Papscaenee Island NP.

Gray Catbird	Common summer resident	↑: 4/26
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Dense shrubs, vine tangles, and thickets of young trees.

Five Rivers EEC, Schodack Island SP, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Northern Mockingbird	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Open ground with shrubby vegetation such as hedges, fruiting bushes, and thickets.

The Crossings (Colonie), Five Rivers EEC, Saratoga NHP

Brown Thrasher	Uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/10
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Thickets, hedgerows, and forest edges.

Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh, Rensselaer Tech Park.

American Pipit	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↓: 9/20
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More often seen on fall migration. Recently plowed fields, mudflats, and river courses.

Stanton Pond, Myosotis Lake, Staats Island Rd.

Bohemian Waxwing	Rare winter visitant	
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Irruptive species feeds on mountain ash, crabapples and other fruit-bearing trees. Sometimes occurs in mixed company with Cedar Waxwing. Usually seen in northern portions of our area.

Cedar Waxwing	Common year-round resident	
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Deciduous, coniferous, and mixed woodlands, particularly areas along streams. Diet primarily consists of fruits, but is seen catching insects over ponds and streams in summer.

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Lapland Longspur	Locally rare winter resident	↓: Dec.- early March
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Plowed fields, stubble, and open grasslands. Often associates with Horned Lark.

Northumberland farm fields, Schaghticoke farm fields, Coxsackie Flats.

Snow Bunting	Locally uncommon winter resident	↓: Nov.- March
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Open weedy and grassy fields, and along shores of lakes.

Ft. Edward Flats, Northumberland farm fields, Coxsackie Flats.

Blue-winged Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/26
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Early to mid-succession habitats, especially abandoned farmland, shrublands, and forest clearings.

Five Rivers EEC, Saratoga NHP, Hannacroix Creek Preserve.

Golden-winged Warbler	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 5/7
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Nearly extirpated from the region as a breeding species. Early successional habitats such as recently abandoned farms, shrublands, and clearcuts.

Northeastern Washington County near VT border.

Tennessee Warbler	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/10; ↓: 9/1
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Open woodlands. More often seen on fall migration.

Thacher Park, Partridge Run WMA, Five Rivers EEC.

Orange-crowned Warbler	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 9/24
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Thickets and dense tangles of shrubs and vines. Nearly all sightings are on fall migration, in late Sept-Oct. for this late migrant.

Five Rivers EEC, Peebles Island SP, Papscanee Island NP.

Nashville Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/25; ↓ migrants: 9/1
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Second-growth deciduous or mixed forest with shrubby undergrowth. Usually seen on migration, a few breeding locations have been found at higher elevations in Rensselaer, Albany, Greene and Schoharie Counties.

Grafton Lakes SP, Burnt-Rossman Hills SF, Cherry Plain SP (and vicinity).

Northern Parula	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/29; ↓: 8/25
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Mature forests along streams, swamps, and other bottomlands. Normally seen on migration only, but breeds both south and north of our area. A few June/July reports from the Schoharie Valley.

Max Shaul SP (and vicinity).

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Yellow Warbler	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/23
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Shrubby thickets and woods, particularly along watercourses and in wetlands, especially where willows are present.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Black Creek Marsh, Papscanee Island NP.

Chestnut-sided Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/30
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Early successional deciduous woods and scrubby forests.

Partridge Run WMA, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Schodack Island SP.

Magnolia Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/3; ↓ migrants: 8/25
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Usually seen on migration. Breeds in small conifers, especially young spruces, in purely coniferous stands or mixed forest. A few breeders at higher elevations on the Rensselaer Plateau, western Albany County, and Schoharie County.

Dyken Pond EEC, Burnt-Rossman Hills SF, Partridge Run WMA.

Cape May Warbler	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/7; ↓: 8/25
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Coniferous forests and mixed woodlands, but nearly always around spruce trees.

Five Rivers, Partridge Run WMA, Camp Pinnacle (and vicinity).

Black-throated Blue Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/1; ↓ migrants: 8/25
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Usually seen on migration. Breeds in mature deciduous and mixed coniferous-deciduous woodlands with a thick understory, usually at higher elevations.

Partridge Run WMA, Burnt-Rossman Hills SF, Dyken Pond EEC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/12; ↓ migrants: 9/1
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Mature coniferous and mixed coniferous-deciduous woodlands. Very common during spring and fall migration, a few breeders are found at higher elevations on the Rensselaer Plateau, Northern Saratoga County, western Albany County, and the Schoharie Valley.

Dyken Pond EEC, Cherry Plain SP, Burnt-Rossman Hills SF.

Black-throated Green Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/23; ↓ migrants: 8/25
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Coniferous forests and transitional coniferous-deciduous forest, usually at higher elevations..

Dyken Pond EEC, Cherry Plain SP, Deer Mountain Nature Trail.

Blackburnian Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/28; ↓ migrants: 8/25
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Mature coniferous and mixed coniferous/deciduous forests at higher elevations.

Dyken Pond EEC, Cherry Plain SP, Burnt-Rossman Hills SF.

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Pine Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/4
Pine or mixed pine-deciduous forest.		
Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Five Rivers EEC, Wilton Wildlife Preserve.		
Prairie Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/27
Shrubby habitats and open fields, often with pine trees present.		
Five Rivers EEC, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Black Creek Marsh (and vicinity).		
Palm Warbler	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/7; ↓: 9/10
Second growth and thicket habitats, and open fields.		
Five Rivers EEC, Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry Preserve.		
Bay-breasted Warbler	Seasonally rare migrant	↑: 5/11; ↓: 9/1
Coniferous woodlands, more often seen on fall migration.		
Five Rivers EEC, Thacher Park, Albany Pine Bush Preserve.		
Blackpoll Warbler	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/12; ↓: 9/10
Various forest, woodland, scrub and brushy habitats. A small population breeds at higher elevations in the Catskill Mountains.		
Five Rivers EEC, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Vischer Ferry NHP.		
Cerulean Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/5
Forests with tall deciduous trees and open understory.		
Max Shaul SP (and vicinity), Schodack Island SP, Hannacroix Creek Preserve.		
Black-and-white Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/27
Mature and second-growth deciduous and mixed forests.		
Schodack Island SP, Holt Preserve, Max Shaul SP (and vicinity).		
American Redstart	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/27
Moist second growth deciduous forest, with abundant shrubs.		
Schodack Island SP, Papscanee Island NP, Vischer Ferry NHP.		
Worm-eating Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/3
Steep slopes with dense understory.		
Deer Mountain Nature Trail, Holt Preserve, Bennett Hill Preserve.		
Ovenbird	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/26

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Mature deciduous and mixed deciduous and coniferous forests.

Dyken Pond EEC, Schodack Island SP, Five Rivers.

Northern Waterthrush	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/26
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Thickets near slow-moving streams, ponds, swamps, and bogs.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Partridge Run WMA, Grafton Lakes SP.

Louisiana Waterthrush	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/9
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Gravel-bottomed streams flowing through hilly, deciduous forest.

Five Rivers EEC, Hannacroix Creek Preserve, Thacher Park.

Connecticut Warbler	Seasonally rare migrant	↓: 9/7
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Scrub and thicket habitats. All sightings are on fall migration.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Dyken Pond EEC.

Mourning Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/16; ↓ migrants: 9/1
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Second-growth forested areas, with moderately closed canopy and thick vegetation.

Partridge Run WMA, Cherry Plain SP, Berlin Mountain.

Common Yellowthroat	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/25
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Common in thick vegetation from wetlands to pine forests. Frequently near water.

Five Rivers EEC, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Hooded Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/6
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Hardwood forests with some shrub understory.

Holt Preserve, Bennett Hill Preserve, Partridge Run WMA.

Wilson's Warbler	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/7; ↓: 8/26
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Secondary growth and scrub thickets, pond edges and riparian habitats.

Schodack Island SP, Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Canada Warbler	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/5; ↓ migrants: 8/15
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Found in moist thickets in riparian corridors, brushy ravines, forest bogs.

Max Shaul SP (and vicinity), Cherry Plain SP, Partridge Run WMA.

Eastern Towhee	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/7
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Forest edges, overgrown fields and woodlands, and scrubby backyards or thickets. Winters just to the south of our area.

Five Rivers EEC, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Saratoga NHP.

American Tree Sparrow	Locally uncommon winter resident	↓: 10/23
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Weedy fields with hedgerows or shrubs, along forest edges, or near marshes.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Saratoga NHP.

Chipping Sparrow	Locally common summer resident	↑: 4/10
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Open woodlands, forests with grassy clearings, parks.

Albany Pine Bush Preserve, The Crossings (Colonie), Saratoga NHP.

Clay-colored Sparrow	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 5/2
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Brushy and weedy, dry habitats such as pastures and field edges. Population gradually expanding eastward from the Great Lakes region.

Five Rivers EEC, Sharon Springs (and vicinity), Ft. Edward Grasslands.

Field Sparrow	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 3/20
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Brushy pastures and old fields. Winters just to the south of our area.

Five Rivers EEC, Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Saratoga NHP.

Vesper Sparrow	Locally rare summer resident	↑: 4/13
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Open habitats with grass.

Ft. Edward Grasslands, Saratoga County Airport, Coxsackie Grasslands.

Savannah Sparrow	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/11
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Open areas with low vegetation, grasslands with few trees. A few birds overwinter, primarily in southern parts of our area.

Staats Island Rd. (Schodack), The Crossings (Colonie), Saratoga County Airport.

Grasshopper Sparrow	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/5
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Open grasslands with patches of bare ground.

Saratoga County Airport, Ft. Edward Grasslands.

Fox Sparrow	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/14; ↓: 10/14
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Thickets of dense, shrubby growth. Winters just to the south of our area.

Five Rivers EEC, Ann Lee Pond, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Lincoln's Sparrow	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 5/7; ↓: 9/3
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Brushy areas, thickets, hedgerows, clearings, and scrubby areas. More common on fall migration.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Coxsackie Grasslands.

Swamp Sparrow	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/2
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Various wetlands, including marshes, bogs, and swamps. Winters just to the south of our area.

Black Creek Marsh, Vischer Ferry NHP, Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail.

White-throated Sparrow	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Forest edges, thickets, overgrown fields, and parks. Retreats to higher elevations in summer.

Dyken Pond EEC, Cherry Plain SP, Partridge Run WMA.

White-crowned Sparrow	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 4/28; ↓: 9/27
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Thickets, weedy fields, and agricultural fields. A few birds overwinter, primarily in southern parts of our area.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Dark-eyed Junco	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Coniferous forests, open woodlands, fields and parks. Common in low elevations in winter.

Dyken Pond EEC, Grafton Lakes SP, Burnt-Rossman Hills SF.

Scarlet Tanager	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/3
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Deciduous and mixed deciduous/coniferous woodlands.

Five Rivers EEC, Vischer Ferry NHP, Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/27
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Deciduous and mixed woodlands, especially at the edges.

Five Rivers EEC, Schodack Island SP, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Indigo Bunting	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/9
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Brushy and weedy areas, on the edges of woods and fields, and along powerline cuts.

Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Malta Tech Park, Saratoga NHP.

Bobolink	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/29
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Open grasslands and hay fields.

Five Rivers EEC, Saratoga NHP, Coxsackie Grasslands.

Red-winged Blackbird	Locally abundant summer resident	Mid-Feb. through mid-Dec.
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Marshes, agricultural fields, pastures, and wet grasslands. Retreats slightly south of the area for a short time.

Areawide.

Eastern Meadowlark	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 3/26
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Farm fields, grasslands, and wet fields. A few birds attempt to overwinter.

Coxsackie Flats, Saratoga NHP, Ft. Edward Grasslands.

Rusty Blackbird	Seasonally uncommon migrant	↑: 3/20; ↓: 9/25
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Wet areas, including flooded woods, swamps, marshes and the edges of ponds.

Vischer Ferry NHP, Ann Lee Pond, Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail.

Common Grackle	Locally abundant summer resident	Late Feb. through mid-Nov.
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Agricultural fields, parks, woodland edges, marshes, and suburban lawns. Retreats slightly south of the area for a short time.

Areawide.

Brown-headed Cowbird	Locally uncommon summer resident	Mid-Feb. through mid-Nov.
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Woodland edges, brushy thickets, fields, pastures, orchards, and residential areas. A few birds overwinter, mainly in southern parts of our area.

Areawide.

Orchard Oriole	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 5/6
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Deciduous trees along streams, rivers and lakes, and near gardens and orchards.

Five Rivers EEC, Normanskill Farm, Saratoga NHP.

Baltimore Oriole	Locally uncommon summer resident	↑: 4/27
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Open woodland, forest edge, orchards, and stands of trees along rivers, in parks, and in suburban areas.

Five Rivers EEC, Schodack Island SP, Vischer Ferry NHP.

Pine Grosbeak	Rare winter visitant	↓: Nov.- Feb.
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Irruptive species feeds on fruit-bearing trees. Often found in urban/suburban areas with ornamental fruit tree plantings.

Purple Finch	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Moist, cool evergreen forests, and mixed forests, along wooded streams.

Partridge Run WMA, Cherry Plain SP, Burnt-Rossman Hills SF.

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Red Crossbill	Locally rare year-round resident	
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Mature coniferous forests. Wanders widely between years to find a good cone crop. Will breed throughout most of the year, whenever it finds areas with an abundance of cones.

Burnt-Rossman Hills SF, Partridge Run WMA.

White-winged Crossbill	Rare winter visitant	↓: Nov.- March
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Coniferous forests, especially where large crops of spruce and tamarack cones can be found. Wanders widely between years to find a good cone crop. Will breed throughout most of the year, whenever it finds areas with an abundance of cones. Breeding reports from higher elevations of Rensselaer County.

Common Redpoll	Locally uncommon winter visitant	↓: Nov.- mid-Apr.
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Irruptive species. Winter range extremely variable as birds seek unpredictable food sources. Open woodlands, scrubby and weedy fields, especially with birch trees.

Pine Siskin	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
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Coniferous or mixed coniferous forest. Irrupts southward and to lower elevations in search of seeds. Opportunistic and adaptable, foraging in weedy fields, scrubby thickets, or suburban yards and gardens. A few breeding locations in the higher elevations of western Albany and eastern Rensselaer Counties.

Evening Grosbeak	Locally uncommon winter visitant	↓: Oct.- Feb.
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Irruptive species. Winters in coniferous or deciduous forests, and in urban and suburban areas.

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Appendix A: List of Birds by Approximate Arrival Date

<i>JANUARY- all month</i>		
Tundra Swan	Rare winter visitant	
American Black Duck	Uncommon year-round resident	
Common Goldeneye	Common winter resident	
Common Merganser	Common winter resident	
Ruffed Grouse	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Wild Turkey	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Black Vulture	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Bald Eagle	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Northern Harrier	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Northern Goshawk	Locally rare year-round resident	
Rough-legged Hawk	Locally uncommon winter resident	
American Kestrel	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Merlin	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Ring-billed Gull	Abundant year-round resident	
Herring Gull	Abundant year-round resident	
Peregrine Falcon	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Iceland Gull	Rare winter visitant	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Rare winter visitant	
Glaucous Gull	Rare winter visitant	
Great Black-backed Gull	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Eastern Screech-Owl	Uncommon year-round resident	

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Great Horned Owl	Uncommon year-round resident	
Snowy Owl	Rare winter visitant	
Barred Owl	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Long-eared Owl	Locally rare year-round resident	
Short-eared Owl	Locally uncommon winter resident	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Locally rare year-round resident	
Belted Kingfisher	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Red-headed Woodpecker	Locally rare year-round resident	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Common year-round resident	
Northern Flicker	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Pileated Woodpecker	Uncommon year-round resident	
Northern Shrike	Locally uncommon winter resident	
Fish Crow	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Common Raven	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Horned Lark	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Brown Creeper	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Carolina Wren	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Northern Mockingbird	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Bohemian Waxwing	Rare winter visitant	
Cedar Waxwing	Common year-round resident	
Lapland Longspur	Rare winter resident	
Snow Bunting	Locally uncommon winter resident	
American Tree Sparrow	Locally uncommon winter resident	

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White-throated Sparrow	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Dark-eyed Junco	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Pine Grosbeak	Rare winter visitant	
Purple Finch	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Red Crossbill	Locally rare year-round resident	
White-winged Crossbill	Rare winter visitant	
Common Redpoll	Locally uncommon winter visitant	
Pine Siskin	Locally uncommon year-round resident	
Evening Grosbeak	Locally uncommon winter visitant	
FEBRUARY		
Turkey Vulture	2/12	
Red-winged Blackbird	2/15	
Brown-headed Cowbird	2/20	
Great Cormorant	2/24	
Common Grackle	2/25	
Killdeer	2/25	
MARCH		
Mute Swan	3/1	
Canvasback	3/5	
Redhead	3/5	
Greater Scaup	3/5	
Lesser Scaup	3/5	
American Woodcock	3/8	
Wood Duck	3/10	

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American Wigeon	3/10	
Eurasian Wigeon	3/10	
Northern Pintail	3/10	
Green-winged Teal	3/10	
Bufflehead	3/10	
Ring-necked Duck	3/10	
Red-breasted Merganser	3/10	
Ruddy Duck	3/10	
Horned Grebe	3/10	
American Coot	3/10	
Snow Goose	3/12	
Red-shouldered Hawk	3/12	
Tree Swallow	3/12	
Gadwall	3/14	
Pied-billed Grebe	3/14	
Fox Sparrow	3/14	
Northern Shoveler	3/15	
Hooded Merganser	3/15	
Long-tailed Duck	3/15	
Golden Eagle	3/15	
Eastern Phoebe	3/20	
Field Sparrow	3/20	
Rusty Blackbird	3/20	
Double-crested Cormorant	3/24	

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Common Loon	3/25	
Red-necked Grebe	3/25	
Eastern Meadowlark	3/26	
APRIL		
Blue-winged Teal	4/1	
Osprey	4/1	
Wilson's Snipe	4/1	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4/1	
Swamp Sparrow	4/2	
Pine Warbler	4/4	
Great Egret	4/5	
Bonaparte's Gull	4/5	
Red-throated Loon	4/6	
Hermit Thrush	4/6	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	4/7	
Barn Swallow	4/7	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4/7	
Palm Warbler	4/7	
Eastern Towhee	4/7	
Louisiana Waterthrush	4/9	
Virginia Rail	4/10	
Greater Yellowlegs	4/10	
Winter Wren	4/10	
Brown Thrasher	4/10	

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Chipping Sparrow	4/10	
Caspian Tern	4/10	
Savannah Sparrow	4/11	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4/12	
Marsh Wren	4/13	
Vesper Sparrow	4/13	
Sora	4/14	
American Bittern	4/15	
Blue-headed Vireo	4/18	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/18	
Bank Swallow	4/18	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4/19	
Spotted Sandpiper	4/19	
House Wren	4/19	
Green Heron	4/20	
Common Gallinule	4/20	
Broad-winged Hawk	4/20	
Purple Martin	4/20	
Upland Sandpiper	4/21	
Lesser Yellowlegs	4/22	
Yellow Warbler	4/23	
Black-throated Green Warbler	4/23	
Eastern Kingbird	4/25	
Nashville Warbler	4/25	

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Common Yellowthroat	4/25	
Warbling Vireo	4/26	
Gray Catbird	4/26	
Blue-winged Warbler	4/26	
Ovenbird	4/26	
Northern Waterthrush	4/26	
Solitary Sandpiper	4/27	
Dunlin	4/27	
Chimney Swift	4/27	
Yellow-throated Vireo	4/27	
Wood Thrush	4/27	
Prairie Warbler	4/27	
Black-and-white Warbler	4/27	
American Redstart	4/27	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4/27	
Baltimore Oriole	4/27	
Blackburnian Warbler	4/28	
White-crowned Sparrow	4/28	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	4/29	
Northern Parula	4/29	
Bobolink	4/29	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4/30	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4/30	
MAY		

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Least Sandpiper	5/1	
Great-crested Flycatcher	5/1	
Cliff Swallow	5/1	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/1	
Clay-colored Sparrow	5/2 (?)	
Magnolia Warbler	5/3	
Worm-eating Warbler	5/3	
Scarlet Tanager	5/3	
Veery	5/4	
Swainson's Thrush	5/4	
Cerulean Warbler	5/5	
Canada Warbler	5/5	
Grasshopper Sparrow	5/5	
Red-eyed Vireo	5/6	
Hooded Warbler	5/6	
Orchard Oriole	5/6	
Least Bittern	5/7	
Least Flycatcher	5/7	
Golden-winged Warbler	5/7 (?)	
Cape May Warbler	5/7	
Wilson's Warbler	5/7	
Lincoln's Sparrow	5/7	
Black-billed Cuckoo	5/9	
Indigo Bunting	5/9	

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Brant	5/10	
Common Tern	5/10	
Philadelphia Vireo	5/10	
Tennessee Warbler	5/10	
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/11	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5/12	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/12	
Blackpoll Warbler	5/12	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5/13	
Semipalmated Plover	5/14	
Black Tern	5/15	
Alder Flycatcher	5/15	
Mississippi Kite	5/15 (?)	
Black-bellied Plover	5/15	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	5/15	
Sedge Wren	5/15 (?)	
Willow Flycatcher	5/16	
Mourning Warbler	5/16	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5/20	
Common Nighthawk	5/22	
Bicknell's Thrush	5/24	
JUNE		
JULY		
Least Sandpiper	7/10	

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Caspian Tern	7/10	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	7/15	
Lesser Yellowlegs	7/15	
Solitary Sandpiper	7/15	
Short-billed Dowitcher	7/15	
Semipalmated Plover	7/20	
Great Egret	7/20	
Snowy Egret	7/22	
<i>AUGUST</i>		
Pectoral Sandpiper	8/1	
White-rumped Sandpiper	8/1	
Greater Yellowlegs	8/5	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	8/7	
Common Nighthawk	8/10	
Sanderling	8/15	
Black-bellied Plover	8/15	
Canada Warbler	8/15	
Blue-winged Teal	8/20	
Baird's Sandpiper	8/20	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	8/20	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	8/20	
Northern Parula	8/25	
Magnolia Warbler	8/25	
Cape May Warbler	8/25	

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Black-throated Blue Warbler	8/25	
Black-throated Green Warbler	8/25	
Blackburnian Warbler	8/25	
Wilson's Warbler	8/26	
SEPTEMBER		
Green-winged Teal	9/1	
Philadelphia Vireo	9/1	
Tennessee Warbler	9/1	
Nashville Warbler	9/1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9/1	
Bay-breasted Warbler	9/1	
Mourning Warbler	9/1	
American Golden-Plover	9/1	
Stilt Sandpiper	9/1	
Lincoln's Sparrow	9/3	
Swainson's Thrush	9/5	
Connecticut Warbler	9/7	
Blackpoll Warbler	9/10	
Palm Warbler	9/10	
Northern Shoveler	9/15	
American Pipit	9/20	
Orange-crowned Warbler	9/24	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	9/25	
Rusty Blackbird	9/25	

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White-crowned Sparrow	9/27	
OCTOBER		
Pied-billed Grebe	10/1	
Dunlin	10/1	
Northern Pintail	10/1	
Gadwall	10/5	
American Wigeon	10/8	
Horned Grebe	10/10	
Brant	10/10	
Red-throated Loon	10/10	
Ring-necked Duck	10/10	
Common Merganser	10/10	
Hooded Merganser	10/10	
Ruddy Duck	10/10	
Bonaparte's Gull	10/10	
Evening Grosbeak	10/10	
Common Loon	10/10	
Fox Sparrow	10/14	
Snow Goose	10/15	
Red-necked Grebe	10/15	
American Coot	10/20	
Red-breasted Merganser	10/20	
Greater Scaup	10/20	
Lesser Scaup	10/20	

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Surf Scoter	10/20	
White-winged Scoter	10/20	
Black Scoter	10/20	
American Tree Sparrow	10/23	
Long-tailed Duck	10/25	
Golden Eagle	10/25	
Redhead	10/30	
NOVEMBER		
Bufflehead	11/1	
Northern Shrike	11/1	
Rough-legged Hawk	11/1	
Tundra Swan	11/1	
Snow Bunting	11/1	
Common Redpoll	11/1	
Short-eared Owl	11/1	
White-winged Crossbill	11/1	
Canvasback	11/5	
Common Goldeneye	11/5	
Iceland Gull	11/10	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	11/10	
Glaucous Gull	11/10	
Pine Grosbeak	11/15	
Lapland Longspur	11/30	