

Chickadees, Nuthatches, Creepers	SP	SU	AU	WI
Black-capped Chickadee*	A	A	A	A
Boreal Chickadee				R
Tufted Titmouse*	A	A	A	A
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper*	U	U	U	U

Wrens	SP	SU	AU	WI
House Wren*	A	A	U	R
Winter Wren*	U	C	U	U
Sedge Wren	R	R		
Marsh Wren*	U	U	U	R
Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C

Gnatcatchers and Kinglets	SP	SU	AU	WI
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	U	R
Golden-crowned Kinglet*	C	U	C	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	R	C	O

Thrushes	SP	SU	AU	WI
Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	C
Townsend's Solitaire	R		R	
Veery*	C	C	U	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R	
Bicknell's Thrush*	U	U	O	
Swainson's Thrush*	U	C	U	
Hermit Thrush*	C	C	U	U
Wood Thrush*	C	C	U	
American Robin*	A	A	A	C
Varied Thrush				R

Mimics	SP	SU	AU	WI
Gray Catbird*	A	A	C	R
Brown Thrasher*	U	U	O	R
Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C
European Starling*	A	A	A	A

Pipits	SP	SU	AU	WI
American Pipit	U		U	O

Waxwings	SP	SU	AU	WI
Bohemian Waxwing				R
Cedar Waxwing*	C	C	C	U

Longspurs and Snow Buntings	SP	SU	AU	WI
Lapland Longspur			O	R
Snow Bunting	O		U	U

Warblers	SP	SU	AU	WI
Ovenbird*	A	A	U	R
Worm-eating Warbler*	U	U	O	
Louisiana Waterthrush*	C	C	U	

Warblers (cont.)	SP	SU	AU	WI
Northern Waterthrush*	U	O	R	
Golden-winged Warbler*	R	R	R	
Blue-winged Warbler*	C	C	U	
Black-and-white Warbler*	C	C	U	
Prothonotary Warbler*	R	R		
Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
Orange-crowned Warbler			R	R
Nashville Warbler*	U	O	U	
Connecticut Warbler			R	
Mourning Warbler*	U	U	O	
Kentucky Warbler*	R	R		R
Common Yellowthroat*	A	A	C	R
Hooded Warbler*	U	U		
American Redstart*	C	C	C	
Cape May Warbler	O		O	R
Cerulean Warbler*	U	U	R	
Northern Parula	U		O	
Magnolia Warbler*	C	C	U	
Bay-breasted Warbler	O		O	
Blackburnian Warbler*	C	C	U	
Yellow Warbler*	C	C	U	
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	C	C	U	
Blackpoll Warbler*	C	C	C	
Black-throated Blue Warbler*	C	C	U	
Palm Warbler	C		C	
Pine Warbler*	C	C	U	
Yellow-rumped Warbler*	A	C	A	O
Yellow-throated Warbler	R			
Prairie Warbler*	C	C	U	
Black-throated Green Warbler*	C	C	C	
Canada Warbler*	U	U	U	
Wilson's Warbler	U		R	
Yellow-breasted Chat*	R	R		R

Sparrows	SP	SU	AU	WI
Eastern Towhee*	C	C	C	O
American Tree Sparrow	C			C
Chipping Sparrow*	A	A	A	O
Clay-colored Sparrow		R	R	
Field Sparrow*	C	C	C	O
Vesper Sparrow*	R	R	R	R
Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	U	O
Grasshopper Sparrow*	R	L	R	R
Henslow's Sparrow*	R	R		R
Nelson's Sparrow			R	
Fox Sparrow	U		U	O
Song Sparrow*	A	A	A	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	R	U	R
Swamp Sparrow*	C	C	U	O
White-throated Sparrow*	A	U	A	C
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	R
Dark-eyed Junco*	A	C	C	A

Tanagers, Cardinals, and Allies	SP	SU	AU	WI
Scarlet Tanager*	C	C	C	
Western Tanager		R		
Northern Cardinal*	A	A	A	A
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	C	C	C	R
Indigo Bunting*	C	C	C	
Dickcissel			R	R

Blackbirds	SP	SU	AU	WI
Bobolink*	C	C	U	
Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	A	O
Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	O
Rusty Blackbird	U		U	O
Common Grackle*	A	C	A	O
Brown-headed Cowbird*	A	C	A	O
Orchard Oriole*	U	U		
Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	U	R

Finches	SP	SU	AU	WI
Pine Grosbeak				R
House Finch*	A	A	A	A
Purple Finch*	U	C	U	U
Red Crossbill	R		R	R
White-winged Crossbill			O	O
Common Redpoll	O		O	O
Pine Siskin*	O	R	O	U
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R

Old World Sparrows	SP	SU	AU	WI
House Sparrow*	A	A	A	A

The following species are **Accidental (A)**, **Origins Unknown (OU)**, or lack adequate documentation.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Slaty-backed Gull (A)
Wood Stork	Sooty Tern (A)
Tricolored Heron (A)	Forster's Tern (A)
Cattle Egret (A)	Eurasian Collared-Dove (OU)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Great Gray Owl (A)
Swallow-tailed Kite	Monk Parakeet (A)
King Rail (A)	Western Kingbird
American Oystercatcher (A)	Bewick's Wren (A)
Whimbrel (A)	Mountain Bluebird (A)
Red Knot	Smith's Longspur (A)
Ruff (A)	Harris's Sparrow
Purple Sandpiper (A)	Summer Tanager
Western Sandpiper (A)	Blue Grosbeak
Dovekie (A)	Brewer's Blackbird (A)
Little Gull	Bullock's Oriole (A)

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Locality _____
Date _____ Time _____
Weather _____
Observers _____
Notes _____

LEGEND

Abundance:	
Abundant (A)	Hard to miss at proper time; "all over". (Starling, Crow)
Common (C)	Very likely to find in suitable habitat at proper time. (Common Yellowthroat, Song Sparrow)
Uncommon (U)	Likely in some suitable habitat; harder to find due to habits, or short stay in area. (White-crowned Sparrow, Cerulean Warbler)
Occasional (O)	Some individuals present but widely scattered; cyclical or present in irruption years only. (Evening Grosbeak, Snowy Owl)
Local (L)	Present at specific locations, missing from other apparently suitable habitat.
Rare (R)	Few sightings on record.
Seasons:	
Spring (SP)	March – April – May
Summer (SU)	June – July – August
Autumn (AU)	September – October – November
Winter (WI)	December – January – February

Breeding Status: * denotes breeding record for Ulster County.

WATERFOWL		SP	SU	AU	WI
Greater White-fronted Goose	R				R
Snow Goose	U			U	O
Brant	C	R	U	R	
Cackling Goose	R			R	R
Canada Goose*	A	A	A	A	
Mute Swan*	C	C	C	C	
Tundra Swan	O			O	R
Wood Duck*	C	C	C	O	
Gadwall	U			U	R
American Wigeon	C			U	R
American Black Duck*	C	C	C	U	
Mallard*	A	C	A	C	
Blue-winged Teal	U			U	
Northern Shoveler	O			O	
Northern Pintail	U			U	O
Green-winged Teal	C			C	O
Canvasback	U	R	O	O	
Redhead	O			O	R
Ring-necked Duck	C			C	O
Tufted Duck	R				
Greater Scaup	U			U	O
Lesser Scaup	U			U	O
Surf Scoter	O			O	R
White-winged Scoter	O			O	R
Black Scoter	O			O	R
Long-tailed Duck	U			U	U
Bufflehead	C			C	U
Common Goldeneye	C			C	C
Barrow's Goldeneye	R				
Hooded Merganser*	C	U	C	U	
Common Merganser*	A	U	C	A	
Red-breasted Merganser	U			U	R
Ruddy Duck	U			U	R

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Northern Bobwhite	R	R	R	R	R
Ring-necked Pheasant*	U	U	U	U	U
Ruffed Grouse*	U	U	U	U	U
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C	C

LOONS and GREBES		SP	SU	AU	WI
Red-throated Loon	O			O	O
Common Loon	C	U	C	U	
Pied-billed Grebe*	C	U	C	O	
Horned Grebe	U			U	O
Red-necked Grebe	O			O	O

CORMORANTS and PELICANS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Double-crested Cormorant*	C	A	C	O	
Great Cormorant	U			O	R
American White Pelican		R			

HERONS and VULTURES		SP	SU	AU	WI
American Bittern*		U	R	O	R
Least Bittern*		U	U	U	
Great Blue Heron*		C	C	C	O
Great Egret		R	U	U	
Snowy Egret			R	R	
Little Blue Heron			R	R	
Green Heron*		C	C	C	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		U	U	U	
Glossy Ibis		R	R		
Black Vulture*		C	C	C	C
Turkey Vulture*		C	C	C	U

HAWKS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Osprey		C	O	C	R
Mississippi Kite			R		
Bald Eagle*		C	C	C	C
Northern Harrier*		U	U	U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk*		C	U	C	U
Cooper's Hawk*		C	U	C	C
Northern Goshawk*		O	O	O	O
Red-shouldered Hawk*		C	U	U	U
Broad-winged Hawk*		C	U	C	R
Red-tailed Hawk*		C	C	C	C
Rough-legged Hawk		O		R	U
Golden Eagle		R	R	R	R

RAILS and CRANES		SP	SU	AU	WI
Virginia Rail*		C	C	C	R
Sora*		U	U	U	R
Common Gallinule		U	U	O	
American Coot		U	U	U	O
Sandhill Crane		R	R	R	R

SHOREBIRDS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Black-bellied Plover		O		O	
American Golden-Plover		R		O	
Semipalmated Plover		U	R	U	
Killdeer*		C	C	C	R
Spotted Sandpiper*		C	C	C	
Solitary Sandpiper		C		C	
Greater Yellowlegs		C		C	R
Lesser Yellowlegs		U		C	
Upland Sandpiper*		L	L	O	
Hudsonian Godwit			R	R	
Ruddy Turnstone			R	R	
Stilt Sandpiper			R	R	
Sanderling		R			
Dunlin		R		O	R
Baird's Sandpiper				R	
Least Sandpiper		U	U	C	
White-rumped Sandpiper				R	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				R	

SHOREBIRDS (cont.)		SP	SU	AU	WI
Pectoral Sandpiper		O		U	
Semipalmated Sandpiper		U		U	
Short-billed Dowitcher				R	
Long-billed Dowitcher				R	
Wilson's Snipe*		U	O	U	R
American Woodcock*		C	U	U	R
Wilson's Phalarope		R		R	

GULLS and TERNS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Bonaparte's Gull		U		U	R
Laughing Gull			R		R
Ring-billed Gull		A	A	A	A
Herring Gull		C	C	C	C
Iceland Gull		R			O
Lesser Black-backed Gull		R		R	R
Glaucous Gull		R			O
Great Black-backed Gull*		C	C	C	C
Caspian Tern		O	R		
Black Tern		R	R	O	
Common Tern		R	R	R	
Forster's Tern		R	R		

DOVES and CUCKOOS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Rock Pigeon*		A	A	A	A
Mourning Dove*		A	A	A	A
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*		U	U	O	
Black-billed Cuckoo*		U	U	O	

OWLS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Barn Owl*		R	R	R	R
Eastern Screech-Owl*		U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl*		U	U	U	U
Snowy Owl		R			O
Barred Owl*		C	C	U	U
Long-eared Owl		R	R	R	R
Short-eared Owl		R		R	U
Northern Saw-whet Owl		O	R	U	O

GOATSUCKERS and SWIFTS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Common Nighthawk*		U	U	U	
Eastern Whip-poor-will*		U	U	O	
Chimney Swift*		C	C	C	

HUMMINBIRDS and KINGFISHERS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*		C	C	C	
Belted Kingfisher*		C	C	C	U

WOODPECKERS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Red-headed Woodpecker*		L	L	L	L
Red-bellied Woodpecker*		C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*		C	C	U	U
Downy Woodpecker*		C	C	C	C

WOODPECKERS (cont.)		SP	SU	AU	WI
Hairy Woodpecker*		C	C	C	C
Northern Flicker*		A	C	C	U
Pileated Woodpecker*		C	C	C	C

FALCONS		SP	SU	AU	WI
American Kestrel*		U	U	C	U
Merlin		O	R	O	O
Gyr Falcon		R			R
Peregrine Falcon*		U	U	U	O

PERCHING BIRDS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Flycatchers					
Olive-sided Flycatcher*		O	O	O	
Eastern Wood-Pewee*		C	C	U	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*		U	C	O	
Acadian Flycatcher*		U	U	O	
Alder Flycatcher*		U	U	O	
Willow Flycatcher*		C	C	O	
Least Flycatcher*		C	C	O	
Eastern Phoebe*		A	A	C	R
Great Crested Flycatcher*		C	C	U	
Eastern Kingbird*		C	C	U	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			R		

Shrikes		SP	SU	AU	WI
Loggerhead Shrike		R	R		R
Northern Shrike				R	R

Vireos		SP	SU	AU	WI
White-eyed Vireo*		R	R		
Yellow-throated Vireo*		C	C	U	
Blue-headed Vireo*		C	U	C	
Warbling Vireo*		C	C	U	
Philadelphia Vireo		R		O	
Red-eyed Vireo*		A	A	C	

Jays and Crows		SP	SU	AU	WI
Blue Jay*		A	A	A	A
American Crow*		A	A	A	A
Fish Crow*		C	C	C	O
Common Raven*		U	U	U	U

Larks		SP	SU	AU	WI
Horned Lark		O	R	O	U

Swallows		SP	SU	AU	WI
Purple Martin*		L	L	O	
Tree Swallow*		A	C	A	R
No. Rough-winged Swallow*		U	U	O	
Bank Swallow*		U	L	U	
Cliff Swallow*		U	U	U	
Barn Swallow*		C	C	C	