

Kinglets	SP	SU	AU	WI
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	R	C	O
Golden-crowned Kinglet*	C	U	C	U

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

Nuthatches and Creepers				
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper*	U	U	U	U

Gnatcatchers and Wrens	SP	SU	AU	WI
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	U	R
Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C
Northern House Wren*	A	A	U	R
Winter Wren*	U	C	U	U
Sedge Wren	R	R	R	R
Marsh Wren*	U	U	U	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

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

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

Pipits	SP	SU	AU	WI
American Pipit	U		U	O

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

Finches (cont.)	SP	SU	AU	WI
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R

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

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

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

Warblers	SP	SU	AU	WI
Ovenbird*	A	A	U	R
Worm-eating Warbler*	U	U	O	
Louisiana Waterthrush*	C	C	U	
Northern Waterthrush*	U	O	R	
Golden-winged Warbler*	R	R	R	
Blue-winged Warbler*	C	C	U	
Black-and-white Warbler*	C	C	U	R
Prothonotary Warbler*	R	R		
Tennessee Warbler	U		U	R
Orange-crowned Warbler			R	R
Nashville Warbler*	U	O	U	
Connecticut Warbler	R		R	
Mourning Warbler*	U	U	O	
Kentucky Warbler*	R	R		R

Warblers (cont.)	SP	SU	AU	WI
Common Yellowthroat*	A	A	C	R
Hooded Warbler*	U	U		
American Redstart*	C	C	C	
Cape May Warbler	O	R	O	R
Cerulean Warbler*	U	U	R	
Northern Parula	U	R	O	R
Magnolia Warbler*	C	C	U	
Bay-breasted Warbler	O	R	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	R	

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

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

Pink-footed Goose	Wood Stork
Trumpeter Swan	Brown Booby
Eurasian Wigeon	Tricolored Heron
King Eider	Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Harlequin Duck	Western Cattle-Egret
Eurasian Collared-Dove (OU)	Swallow-tailed Kite
Rufous Hummingbird	Great Gray Owl
Clapper Rail	Crested Caracara
American Avocet	Monk Parakeet
American Oystercatcher	Western Kingbird
Whimbrel	Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Red Knot (?)	Bewick's Wren
Ruff	Mountain Bluebird
Western Sandpiper	Smith's Longspur
Willet	Lark Sparrow
Red-necked Phalarope	Harris's Sparrow (?)
Dovekie	LeConte's Sparrow
Black-legged Kittiwake	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Franklin's Gull	Western Meadowlark
Slaty-backed Gull	Bullock's Oriole
Sooty Tern	Brewer's Blackbird
Glaucous-winged Gull	Swainson's Warbler
Artic Tern	Summer Tanager (?)
Pacific Loon	Western Tanager
Wilson's Storm-Petrel (?)	

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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	R	U	O	
Ross's Goose	R				R
Brant	C	R	U	R	
Cackling Goose	R		R	U	
Canada Goose*	A	A	A	A	
Mute Swan*	C	C	C	C	
Tundra Swan	O		O	R	
Wood Duck*	C	C	C	O	
Blue-winged Teal	U	R	U		
Northern Shoveler	O		O		
Gadwall	U		U	R	
American Wigeon	C		U	U	
Mallard*	A	C	A	C	
American Black Duck*	C	C	C	U	
Northern Pintail	U	R	U	O	
Green-winged Teal	C	R	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
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse*	U	U	U	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant*	U	U	U	U	

GREBES		SP	SU	AU	WI
Pied-billed Grebe*	C	U	C	O	
Horned Grebe	U		U	O	
Red-necked Grebe	O		O	O	

DOVES, CUCKOOS, and NIGHTJARS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Rock Pigeon*	A	A	A	A	A
Mourning Dove*	A	A	A	A	A
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo*	U	U	O		
Common Nighthawk*	U	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will*	U	U	O		

SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Chimney Swift*	C	C	C	C	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	C	C	C	C	

RAILS and CRANES		SP	SU	AU	WI
King Rail	R	R			
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		
Killdeer*	C	C	C	R	
Semipalmated Plover	U	R	U		
Upland Sandpiper*	L	L	O		
Hudsonian Godwit		R	R		
Ruddy Turnstone	R	R	R		
Stilt Sandpiper		R	R		
Sanderling	R	R	R		
Dunlin	R		O	R	
Purple Sandpiper	R			R	
Baird's Sandpiper		R	R		
Least Sandpiper	U	U	C		
White-rumped Sandpiper	R	R	R		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			R		
Pectoral Sandpiper	O	U	U		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		U		
Short-billed Dowitcher	?	R	R		
Long-billed Dowitcher			R		
American Woodcock*	C	U	U	R	
Wilson's Snipe*	U	O	U	R	
Spotted Sandpiper*	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	C		C		
Lesser Yellowlegs	U		C		
Greater Yellowlegs	C		C	R	
Wilson's Phalarope	R		R		

GULLS and TERNS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U	R	
Little Gull	R				
Laughing Gull	R	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	U		
Black Tern	R	R	O		
Common Tern	R	U	R		
Forster's Tern	R	U			

LOONS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Red-throated Loon	O		O	O	
Common Loon	C	U	C	U	

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

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

HAWKS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Osprey*	C	C	C	R	
Golden Eagle	R	R	R	R	
Northern Harrier*	U	U	U	U	
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	C	U	C	U	
Cooper's Hawk*	C	U	C	C	
American Goshawk*	O	O	O	O	
Bald Eagle*	C	C	C	C	
Mississippi Kite		R			
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	

OWLS		SP	SU	AU	WI
American Barn Owl*	R	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	

KINGFISHERS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Belted Kingfisher*	C	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	
Gyrfalcon	R			R	
Peregrine Falcon*	U	U	U	O	

PERCHING BIRDS		SP	SU	AU	WI
Flycatchers		SP	SU	AU	WI
Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	U		
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	U		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		R			
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	

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

Shrikes, Jays, and Crows		SP	SU	AU	WI
Loggerhead Shrike	R	R		R	
Northern Shrike			R	R	
Blue Jay*	A	A	A	A	
American Crow*	A	A	A	A	
Fish Crow*	C	C	C	O	
Common Raven*	U	U	U	U	

Chickadees and Larks		SP	SU	AU	WI
Black-capped Chickadee*	A	A	A	A	
Boreal Chickadee				R	
Tufted Titmouse*	A	A	A	A	
Horned Lark	O	R	O	U	

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