

BIG BEND BIRD LIST

Big Bend Wildlife Management Area



Florida's Wildlife Management Areas and Environmental Areas are home to an incredible diversity of birds. A continuous turnover of species in response to migratory movements ensures birders ever-changing experiences matched to the seasons.

We have prepared this checklist of birds to help you keep track of our spectacular and precious birdlife.

You may also consult on-line with FWC's Breeding Bird atlas data (MyFWC.com/bba).

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Symbols Used in This Checklist

Type

- species confirmed on this site
- species probably occurs on this site, based on habitat, range and (usually) confirmed occurrence in nearby regions.
- exotic (non-native) species

Seasons

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| Spring | March-May |
| Summer | June-August |
| Fall | September-November |
| Winter | December-February |

Breeding

- ▲ Species is known to breed in the area
- △ Species probably breeds in the area

Birds occurring near the WMA/WEA, but not actually recorded within its borders, are counted on the list if suitable habitat exists and if reasonable probability exists that the bird will occur there in the future. Thus, very rare birds recorded outside the WMA are not included on the list, but common birds are.

How you can help

This checklist is just a starting point. We are counting on you and other birders to let us know if you note additions or changes in status to species on this list. Please send corrections to:

Office of Recreation Services
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For more information visit MyFWC.com/recreation

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| LOONS | | | | | |
| ___ Common Loon | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| GREBES | | | | | |
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Horned Grebe | | ● | | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| GANNETS | | | | | |
| ___ Northern Gannet | | ● | | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| PELICANS | | | | | |
| ___ American White Pelican | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Brown Pelican | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| CORMORANTS | | | | | |
| ___ Double-crested Cormorant | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| ANHINGA | | | | | |
| ___ Anhinga | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| FRIGATEBIRD | | | | | |
| ___ Magnificent Frigatebird | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| BITTERNS, HERONS AND EGRETS | | | | | |
| ___ American Bittern | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Least Bittern | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Great Blue Heron | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Great Egret | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Snowy Egret | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Little Blue Heron | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Tricolored Heron | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Reddish Egret | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Cattle Egret | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Green Heron | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| IBISES AND SPOONBILLS | | | | | |
| ___ White Ibis | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Glossy Ibis | | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Roseate Spoonbill | | | ● | ● | |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| STORK | | | | | |
| ___ Wood Stork | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| NEW WORLD VULTURES | | | | | |
| ___ Black Vulture | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Turkey Vulture | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS | | | | | |
| ___ Snow Goose | | | | | ● |
| ___ Wood Duck | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Gadwall | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ American Wigeon | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ American Black Duck | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Mallard | △ | ○ | ● | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Mottled Duck | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Northern Shoveler | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Northern Pintail | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Green-winged Teal | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Canvasback | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Redhead | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Greater Scaup | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Lesser Scaup | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Bufflehead | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Common Goldeneye | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Hooded Merganser | | ● | | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| ___ Red-breasted Merganser | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Ruddy Duck | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |

OSPREY, KITES, HAWKS AND EAGLE

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|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Osprey | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Swallow-tailed Kite | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Mississippi Kite | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Bald Eagle | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Northern Harrier | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Cooper's Hawk | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Red-shouldered Hawk | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Broad-winged Hawk | △ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Red-tailed Hawk | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

FALCONS

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|----------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| ___ American Kestrel | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Merlin | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Peregrine Falcon | | ● | | ● | ● |

TURKEY

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|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Wild Turkey | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
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QUAIL

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| ___ Northern Bobwhite | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
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RAILS, GALLINULES, MOORHENS AND COOTS

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|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black Rail | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Clapper Rail | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ King Rail | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Virginia Rail | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Sora | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Purple Gallinule | | ○ | ○ | ○ | |
| ___ Common Moorhen | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ American Coot | | ● | | ● | ● |

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LIMPKIN

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| ___ Limpkin | | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
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CRANES

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| ___ Sandhill Crane | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
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PLOVERS

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|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black-bellied Plover | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Wilson's Plover | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Semipalmated Plover | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Piping Plover | | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Killdeer | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

OYSTERCATCHER

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|----------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| ___ American Oystercatcher | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
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STILTS AND AVOCETS

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|------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black-necked Stilt | | ● | ○ | ● | ○ |
| ___ American Avocet | | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

SANDPIPERS

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|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Greater Yellowlegs | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Lesser Yellowlegs | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Solitary Sandpiper | | ○ | | ○ | |
| ___ Willet | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Spotted Sandpiper | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Whimbrel | | ● | | ● | |
| ___ Long-billed Curlew | | ○ | | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Hudsonian Godwit | | ● | | | |
| ___ Marbled Godwit | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Ruddy Turnstone | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Red Knot | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Sanderling | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper | | ● | | ● | |
| ___ Western Sandpiper | | ● | | ● | ● |

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| ___ Least Sandpiper | ● | | ● | ● | |
| ___ Dunlin | ● | | ● | ● | |
| ___ Stilt Sandpiper | ○ | | ○ | | |
| ___ Short-billed Dowitcher | ● | | ● | ● | |
| ___ Common Snipe | ● | | ● | ● | |
| ___ American Woodcock | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | |

GULLS AND TERNS

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| ___ Laughing Gull | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Ring-billed Gull | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Herring Gull | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Caspian Tern | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Royal Tern | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Sandwich Tern | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Forster's Tern | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Least Tern | ○ | ○ | ○ | | |
| ___ Black Tern | | | ● | ● | |
| ___ Black Skimmer | ● | ● | ● | ● | |

PIGEONS AND DOVES

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| ___ Rock Dove | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Mourning Dove | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Common Ground-Dove | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

CUCKOOS

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| ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
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BARN OWL

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| ___ Barn Owl | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | |
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OWLS

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| ___ Eastern Screech-Owl | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Great Horned Owl | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Barred Owl | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| GOAT SUCKERS | | | | | |
| ___ Common Nighthawk | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Chuck-will's-widow | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Whip-poor-will | | ● | | ● | ● |

SWIFTS

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| ___ Chimney Swift | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
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HUMMINGBIRDS

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| ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
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KINGFISHER

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| ___ Belted Kingfisher | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
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WOODPECKERS

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| ___ Red-headed Woodpecker | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Downy Woodpecker | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Hairy Woodpecker | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Northern Flicker | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Pileated Woodpecker | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

FLYCATCHERS

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|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee | | ○ | ○ | ○ | |
| ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | | | | ● | |
| ___ Acadian Flycatcher | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Eastern Phoebe | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Great Crested Flycatcher | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Western Kingbird | | | | ● | ● |
| ___ Eastern Kingbird | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Gray Kingbird | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher | | ● | | | |

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| SHRIKES | | | | | |
| ___ Loggerhead Shrike | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| VIREOS | | | | | |
| ___ White-eyed Vireo | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Yellow-throated Vireo | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Blue-headed Vireo | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Red-eyed Vireo | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| JAYS AND CROWS | | | | | |
| ___ Blue Jay | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ American Crow | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Fish Crow | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| MARTIN AND SWALLOWS | | | | | |
| ___ Purple Martin | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Tree Swallow | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ N Rough-winged Swallow | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Barn Swallow | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| CHICKADEES AND TITMICE | | | | | |
| ___ Carolina Chickadee | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Tufted Titmouse | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| NUTHATCHES | | | | | |
| ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| WRENS | | | | | |
| ___ Carolina Wren | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ House Wren | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Winter Wren | | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| ___ Sedge Wren | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Marsh Wren | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

| | Breeding | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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| KINGLETS | | | | | |
| ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| GNATCATCHERS | | | | | |
| ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| THRUSHES | | | | | |
| ___ Eastern Bluebird | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Hermit Thrush | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Wood Thrush | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ American Robin | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| CATBIRD, MOCKINGBIRD AND THRASHER | | | | | |
| ___ Gray Catbird | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Northern Mockingbird | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Brown Thrasher | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| STARLING | | | | | |
| ___ European Starling | ▲ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ |

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| PIPITS | | | | | |
| ___ American Pipit | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| WAXWINGS | | | | | |
| ___ Cedar Waxwing | | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| NEW WORLD WARBLERS | | | | | |
| ___ Orange-crowned Warbler | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Northern Parula | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler | | | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Yellow-throated Warbler | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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| ___ Pine Warbler | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Prairie Warbler | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Palm Warbler | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Black-and-white Warbler | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ American Redstart | | ● | | ● | |
| ___ Prothonotary Warbler | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Swainson's Warbler | | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Ovenbird | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Northern Waterthrush | | ● | | ● | |
| ___ Louisiana Waterthrush | | ● | | ● | |
| ___ Kentucky Warbler | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Common Yellowthroat | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Hooded Warbler | | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Yellow-breasted Chat | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |

TANAGERS

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| ___ Summer Tanager | △ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Scarlet Tanager | | ○ | | ○ | |

TOWHEE, SPARROWS AND JUNCO

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|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Eastern Towhee | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Bachman's Sparrow | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Chipping Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Field Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Vesper Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Savannah Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Grasshopper Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Henslow's Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Le Conte's Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow | | | | | ● |
| ___ Seaside Sparrow | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Fox Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Song Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |

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| ___ Swamp Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ White-throated Sparrow | | ● | | ● | ● |
| ___ Dark eyed Junco | | | | | ● |

CARDINAL, GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Northern Cardinal | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | ○ | | ○ | |
| ___ Blue Grosbeak | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Indigo Bunting | △ | ● | ● | ● | |

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES AND ORIOLES

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Bobolink | | ● | | | |
| ___ Red-winged Blackbird | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Eastern Meadowlark | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Rusty Blackbird | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Common Grackle | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Boat-tailed Grackle | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Shiny Cowbird | | ● | | | |
| ___ Brown-headed Cowbird | △ | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ___ Orchard Oriole | | ● | ● | ● | |
| ___ Baltimore Oriole | | ● | | ● | |

FINCHES

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| ___ Purple Finch | | | | | ● |
| ___ Pine Siskin | | | | | ● |
| ___ American Goldfinch | | ● | | ● | ● |

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

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| ___ House Sparrow | ▲ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ |
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