Vermont Bird Checklist

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This checklist includes all species for which acceptable specimen, photographic, or written documentation exists for Vermont. The list has been approved by the Vermont Bird Records Committee and includes 400 species representing 22 orders and 63 families of birds. The names of the birds and their taxonomic arrangement follow the American Ornithological Society Checklist of North American Birds Seventh Edition (1998), 67th supplement (October 2026).

STATUS

E Extirpated - no longer occurs in Vermont but is not extinct
H Hypothetical - single records that lack photo documentation or second party confirmation
I Introduced
X Extinct – once occurred in Vermont and is now extinct

BREEDING

***** Species known to breed or to have bred in Vermont

OCCURRENCE

Dates of occurrence are median arrival and departure dates and are indicated by numbers for months and by A, B, C, or D for weeks of the month. For example, 3C indicates presence in the third week of March. A plus sign (+) indicates species for which individuals are periodically encountered far outside their normal occurrence dates.

REPORTING

This checklist is based upon more than a century of documented observations. Reports that will expand this knowledge base are encouraged and appreciated. A documentation form can be found on the Vermont Bird Records Committee's web site listed above. Remember to carefully distinguish your bird from all similar, more common species. Photographs are not necessary but are particularly useful.

Please submit documentation for:

- Any species not listed on this checklist, or
- Any species confirmed nesting which does not have an asterisk (*) after its name, or
- Any species observed more than one month outside its occurrence dates (regardless of location) which does not have a plus sign (+) after its dates, or
- Any species with the following codes (regardless of date):

C Please submit documentation if this species is observed outside the Lake Champlain Basin.

K Please submit documentation if this species is observed outside the Northeast Highlands (Northeast Kingdom).

N Please submit documentation if this species is confirmed nesting.

V Please submit documentation if this species is observed anywhere within Vermont.

	Species	Scientific name	Status	Breeding	Reporting	Occurrence
	Order — ANSERIFORMES					
	Family Anatidae — Ducks, Geese, and Swans					
1	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck				V	
2	Fulvous Whistling-Duck				V	
3	Snow Goose					3A-5A, 9C-1B
4	Ross's Goose					3A-4A, 10A-12A
5	Greater White-fronted Goose					3A-4A, 10A-11C
6	Pink-footed Goose					10C-3C

7	Brant				5A-6C, 10A-11C
8	Barnacle Goose				3A-4A, 10A-11C
9	Cackling Goose				3A-4A, 9B-12B
10	Canada Goose		*		1A-12D
11	Mute Swan	I	*	N	1A-12D
12	Trumpeter Swan			N	3A-5A, 8B-10B+
13	Tundra Swan				3A-4A, 10B-12B
14	Wood Duck		*		3A-11C+
15	Garganey			V	
16	Blue-winged Teal		*		3C-10D
17	Northern Shoveler		*	N	3C-5C, 8C-11C
18	Gadwall		*	N	3A-12C+
19	Eurasian Wigeon				3B-5B, 10A-12A+
20	American Wigeon		*	N	3A-5A, 9C-11C+
21	Mallard		*		1A-12D
22	American Black Duck		*		1A-12D
23	Northern Pintail		*	N	2C-4C, 9C-11C+
24	Green-winged Teal		*	N	3A-5C, 8A-12A+
25	Canvasback				11A-4A+
26	Redhead				10A-5A+
27	Ring-necked Duck		*	N	1A-12D
28	Tufted Duck			C	11C-4C
29	Greater Scaup				9D-5A+
30	Lesser Scaup				9D-5A+
31	King Eider			C	11A-3A
32	Common Eider				2C-4C, 10A-12C+
33	Harlequin Duck			C	11A-5A
34	Surf Scoter				9C-5C
35	White-winged Scoter				9C-5D
36	Black Scoter				9C-5C
37	Long-tailed Duck				10A-5A
38	Bufflehead				10C-5C
39	Common Goldeneye		*		1A-12D
40	Barrow's Goldeneye				11A-4C
41	Hooded Merganser		*		1A-12D
42	Common Merganser		*		1A-12D
43	Red-breasted Merganser		*	N	10B-5C
44	Ruddy Duck				3C-4C, 9D-11D
Order — GALLIFORMES					
Family Odontophoridae — New World Quail					
45	Northern Bobwhite	I			1A-12D
Family Phasianidae — Turkeys, Grouse, Partridges, Pheasants, Old World Quail, Guineafowl					
46	Wild Turkey		*		1A-12D
47	Ruffed Grouse		*		1A-12D
48	Spruce Grouse		*	K	1A-12D
49	Willow Ptarmigan			V	
50	Gray Partridge	I	*	V	
51	Ring-necked Pheasant	I	*	N	1A-12D
Order — PODICIPEDIFORMES					
Family Podicipedidae — Grebes					
52	Pied-billed Grebe		*		3C-11C+
53	Horned Grebe				10A-5A
54	Red-necked Grebe				3C-5C, 9A-12C+
55	Eared Grebe			V	

56	Western Grebe		H	V	
	Order — COLUMBIFORMES				
	Family Columbidae — Pigeons and Doves				
57	White-winged Dove			V	
58	Mourning Dove		*		1A-12D
59	Passenger Pigeon		X *	V	
60	Band-tailed Pigeon			V	
61	Eurasian Collared-Dove		I	V	
62	Rock Pigeon		I *		1A-12D
	Order — CUCULIFORMES				
	Family Cuculidae — Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis				
63	Yellow-billed Cuckoo		*		5B-9D
64	Black-billed Cuckoo		*		5B-9D
	Order — CAPRIMULGIFORMES				
	Family Caprimulgidae — Goatsuckers				
65	Common Nighthawk		*	N	5B-6B, 8A-9B
66	Eastern Whip-poor-will		*	N	5A-9C
	Order — APODIFORMES				
	Family Apodidae — Swifts				
67	Chimney Swift		*		5A-9C
	Family Trochilidae — Hummingbirds				
68	Mexican Violetear			V	
69	Ruby-throated Hummingbird		*		5A-10A
70	Rufous Hummingbird				10C-12C+
	Order — GRUIFORMES				
	Family Gruidae — Cranes				
71	Sandhill Crane		*	N	3C-11C+
	Family Rallidae — Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
72	King Rail			V	
73	Clapper Rail			V	
74	Virginia Rail		*		4B-10A
75	Sora		*	N	4B-10A
76	Common Gallinule		*		4C-10C
77	American Coot			N	3C-5C, 10A-12C+
78	Purple Gallinule			V	
79	Yellow Rail			V	
	Order — CHARADRIIFORMES				
	Family Recurvirostridae — Stilts and Avocets				
80	American Avocet			V	
	Family Charadriidae — Lapwings and Plovers				
81	Black-bellied Plover				4D-6B, 8B-11A
82	American Golden-Plover				8C-10D
83	Pacific Golden-Plover		H	V	
84	Killdeer		*		3A-11B
85	Common Ringed Plover			V	
86	Semipalmated Plover				5B-6B, 7C-10C
87	Piping Plover			V	
	Family Scolopacidae — Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies				
88	Upland Sandpiper		*	N	4D-8D
89	Hudsonian Whimbrel				7B-10B
90	Black-tailed Godwit			V	

91	Hudsonian Godwit		C	8D-11C
92	Marbled Godwit		V	
93	Ruddy Turnstone			5C-6B, 7C-10B
94	Red Knot		C	5C-6B, 8B-10B
95	Ruff		V	
96	Stilt Sandpiper			7B-10C
97	Curlew Sandpiper		V	
98	Sanderling			7C-10C
99	Dunlin			4D-6B, 8B-11B
100	Purple Sandpiper		C	10C-12C
101	Baird's Sandpiper			8A-9D
102	Least Sandpiper			5A-6A, 7B-10A
103	White-rumped Sandpiper			5C-5D, 8A-11A
104	Buff-breasted Sandpiper			8B-9D
105	Pectoral Sandpiper			4A-5C, 7D-11A
106	Semipalmated Sandpiper			5B-6B, 7C-10C
107	Western Sandpiper			8A-10A
108	Short-billed Dowitcher			5B-6A, 7C-10A
109	Long-billed Dowitcher			8B-11B
110	American Woodcock	*		3B-11B+
111	Wilson's Snipe	*		3B-11B+
112	Spotted Sandpiper	*		4C-10C
113	Solitary Sandpiper			4D-5D, 7B-10B
114	Lesser Yellowlegs			4D-5D, 7B-10D
115	Prairie Willet		V	
116	Saltmarsh Willet		V	
117	Greater Yellowlegs			4B-5D, 7B-11B
118	Wilson's Phalarope		C	5B-6A, 7D-9B
119	Red-necked Phalarope			5B-6A, 8A-10A
120	Red Phalarope			5B-6A, 8C-11C
	Family Stercorariidae — Jaegers and Skuas			
121	Pomarine Jaeger		C	8D-11C
122	Parasitic Jaeger		C	8D-11C
123	Long-tailed Jaeger		C	8D-11A
	Family Alcidae — Auks, Murres, and Puffins			
124	Dovekie		V	
125	Common Murre		V	
126	Thick-billed Murre		V	
127	Razorbill		V	
128	Black Guillemot		V	
129	Ancient Murrelet		V	
130	Atlantic Puffin		V	
	Family Laridae — Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers			
131	Black-legged Kittiwake		C	8A-11C
132	Ivory Gull		V	
133	Sabine's Gull		C	9A-11A
134	Bonaparte's Gull			4A-6A, 7C-12C
135	Black-headed Gull		C	9C-11C
136	Little Gull		C	7B-12B
137	Laughing Gull		V	
138	Franklin's Gull		V	
139	Black-tailed Gull		V	
140	Ring-billed Gull	*		1A-12D
141	American Herring Gull	*		1A-12D

142	Iceland Gull			11A-4A
143	Lesser Black-backed Gull		C	9A-5A
144	Slaty-backed Gull		V	
145	Glaucous Gull			12A-4B
146	Great Black-backed Gull	*		1A-12D
147	Sooty Tern		V	
148	Caspian Tern	*	N	4A-10A
149	Black Tern	*	N	4C-9C
150	White-winged Tern		V	
151	Common Tern	*	N	4D-10A
152	Arctic Tern		V	
153	Forster's Tern	*	V	
	Order — PHAETHONTIFORMES			
	Family Phaethontidae — Tropicbirds			
154	White-tailed Tropicbird		V	
	Order — GAVIIFORMES			
	Family Gaviidae — Loons			
155	Red-throated Loon			4A-5D, 9C-12C
156	Arctic Loon	H	V	
157	Pacific Loon		C	10C-1A
158	Common Loon	*		4A-1D
	Order — PROCELLARIIFORMES			
	Family Oceanitidae — Southern Storm-Petrels			
159	Wilson's Storm-Petrel		V	
	Family Hydrobatidae — Northern Storm-Petrels			
160	Leach's Storm-Petrel		V	
161	Band-rumped Storm-Petrel		V	
	Family Procellariidae — Fulmars, Shearwaters, and Petrels			
162	Northern Fulmar		V	
163	Cory's Shearwater		V	
164	Great Shearwater		V	
	Order — CICONIIFORMES			
	Family Ciconiidae — Storks			
165	Wood Stork		V	
	Order — SULIFORMES			
	Family Sulidae — Boobies and Gannets			
166	Brown Booby		V	
167	Northern Gannet		C	9C-12C
	Family Anhingidae — Anhingas			
168	Anhinga	H	V	
	Family Phalacrocoriacidae — Cormorants			
169	Great Cormorant			4C-5C, 9A-12D
170	Double-crested Cormorant	*		3D-12A+
	Order — PELECANIFORMES			
	Family Threskiornithidae — Ibises and Spoonbills			
171	White Ibis		V	
172	Glossy Ibis			4B-5C, 7C-10B
	Family Pelecanidae — Pelicans			
173	American White Pelican			5A-9C
174	Brown Pelican		V	
	Family Ardeidae — Bitterns, Herons, and Allies			

175	Least Bittern	*	N	5B-9B
176	American Bittern	*		4B-10C
177	Little Blue Heron			4C-5C, 7A-9C
178	Tricolored Heron		V	
179	Snowy Egret	*	N	4C-9D
180	Little Egret		V	
181	Yellow-crowned Night Heron		V	
182	Black-crowned Night Heron	*	N	4B-10D
183	Green Heron	*		4A-10D
184	American Egret	*	N	4B-10C
185	Western Cattle-Egret	*	N	4C-10C
186	Great Blue Heron	*		3B-12D+
	Order — CATHARTIFORMES			
	Family Cathartidae — New World Vultures			
187	Black Vulture	*	N	1A-12D
188	Turkey Vulture	*		2B-12D
	Order — ACCIPITRIFORMES			
	Family Pandionidae — Osprey			
189	Osprey	*		4A-11B
	Family Accipitridae — Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies			
190	Swallow-tailed Kite		V	
191	Golden Eagle			2D-4D, 9C-11C+
192	Northern Harrier	*		1A-12D
193	Sharp-shinned Hawk	*		1A-12D
194	Cooper's Hawk	*		1A-12D
195	American Goshawk	*		1A-12D
196	Bald Eagle	*		1A-12D
197	Red-shouldered Hawk	*		3C-11A+
198	Broad-winged Hawk	*		3D-10C
199	Swainson's Hawk		V	
200	Red-tailed Hawk	*		1A-12D
201	Rough-legged Hawk			10A-5A
	Order — STRIGIFORMES			
	Family Tytonidae — Barn Owls			
202	American Barn Owl	*	V	
	Family Strigidae — Typical Owls			
203	Eastern Screech-Owl	*		1A-12D
204	Great Horned Owl	*		1A-12D
205	Snowy Owl			11A-4D
206	Northern Hawk Owl			10D-3D
207	Barred Owl	*		1A-12D
208	Great Gray Owl		V	
209	Long-eared Owl	*	N	1A-12D
210	Short-eared Owl	*	N	1A-12D
211	Boreal Owl			10D-4D
212	Northern Saw-whet Owl	*		1A-12D
	Order — CORACIIFORMES			
	Family Alcedinidae — Kingfishers			
213	Belted Kingfisher	*		1A-12D
	Order — PICIFORMES			
	Family Picidae — Woodpeckers and Allies			
214	Lewis's Woodpecker		V	

215	Red-headed Woodpecker	*	N	1A-12D
216	Red-bellied Woodpecker	*		1A-12D
217	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	*		3C-11C+
218	American Three-toed Woodpecker	*	V	
219	Black-backed Woodpecker	*	K	1A-12D
220	Downy Woodpecker	*		1A-12D
221	Hairy Woodpecker	*		1A-12D
222	Northern Flicker	*		3A-12A+
223	Pileated Woodpecker	*		1A-12D
	Order — FALCONIFORMES			
	Family Falconidae — Caracaras and Falcons			
224	Crested Caracara		V	
225	American Kestrel	*		3A-12D+
226	Merlin	*		3A-12D+
227	Gyrfalcon		V	
228	Peregrine Falcon	*		1A-12D
229	Prairie Falcon		V	
	Order — PASSERIFORMES			
	Family Tyrannidae — Tyrant Flycatchers or New World Flycatchers			
230	Ash-throated Flycatcher		V	
231	Great Crested Flycatcher	*		4D-9D
232	Western Kingbird		V	
233	Eastern Kingbird	*		4C-9C
234	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		V	
235	Fork-tailed Flycatcher		V	
236	Olive-sided Flycatcher	*		5B-9C
237	Eastern Wood-Pewee	*		5B-9D
238	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	*		5B-9D
239	Acadian Flycatcher		N	5B-9C
240	Alder Flycatcher	*		5B-9C
241	Willow Flycatcher	*		5B-9C
242	Least Flycatcher	*		5A-9D
243	Hammond’s Flycatcher		V	
244	Eastern Phoebe	*		3C-10D+
245	Say's Phoebe		V	
	Family Vireonidae — Vireos			
246	White-eyed Vireo			4D-7A, 9B-1A
247	Bell’s Vireo		V	
248	Yellow-throated Vireo	*		4D-10A
249	Cassin's Vireo		V	
250	Blue-headed Vireo	*		4B-10D
251	Philadelphia Vireo	*	N	5B-10B
252	Eastern Warbling-Vireo	*		4D-9D
253	Red-eyed Vireo	*		5A-10B
	Family Laniidae — Shrikes			
254	Loggerhead Shrike	E *	V	
255	Northern Shrike			10C-4C
	Family Corvidae — Jays, Crows, and Magpies			
256	Canada Jay	*	K	1A-12D
257	Steller's Jay	H	V	
258	Blue Jay	*		1A-12D
259	American Crow	*		1A-12D
260	Fish Crow	*		1A-12D
261	Common Raven	*		1A-12D

	Family Paridae — Chickadees and Titmice				
262	Black-capped Chickadee		*		1A-12D
263	Boreal Chickadee		*	K	1A-12D
264	Tufted Titmouse		*		1A-12D
	Family Alaudidae — Larks				
265	Horned Lark		*		1A-12D
	Family Hirundinidae — Swallows				
266	Bank Swallow		*		4C-9C
267	Tree Swallow		*		3B-10D
268	Northern Rough-winged Swallow		*		4A-9C
269	Purple Martin		*		4B-9A
270	Barn Swallow		*		4B-10A
271	Cliff Swallow		*		4B-9D
272	Cave Swallow			V	
	Family Regulidae — Kinglets				
273	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		*		4A-11D+
274	Golden-crowned Kinglet		*		1A-12D
	Family Bombycillidae — Waxwings				
275	Bohemian Waxwing				10D-4D
276	Cedar Waxwing		*		1A-12D
	Family Sittidae — Nuthatches				
277	White-breasted Nuthatch		*		1A-12D
278	Red-breasted Nuthatch		*		1A-12D
	Family Certhiidae — Creepers				
279	Brown Creeper		*		1A-12D
	Family Polioptilidae — Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers				
280	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		*		4B-9B
	Family Troglodytidae — Wrens				
281	Bewick's Wren			V	
282	Carolina Wren		*		1A-12D
283	Winter Wren		*		3A-11D+
284	Eastern Marsh-Wren		*		4A-11A+
285	Sedge Wren		*	N	5A-10C
286	Northern House Wren		*		4C-10B
	Family Mimidae — Thrashers and Mockingbirds				
287	Gray Catbird		*		4D-10D+
288	Brown Thrasher		*		4C-10C+
289	Northern Mockingbird		*		1A-12D
	Family Sturnidae — Starlings				
290	European Starling	I	*		1A-12D
	Family Turdidae — Thrushes				
291	Eastern Bluebird		*		1A-12D
292	Mountain Bluebird			V	
293	Townsend's Solitaire			V	
294	Veery		*		4D-9D
295	Gray-cheeked Thrush				5B-6B, 9B-10C
296	Bicknell's Thrush		*		5B-10A
297	Swainson's Thrush		*		5A-10D
298	Hermit Thrush		*		4A-11B+
299	Wood Thrush		*		4D-10B
300	American Robin		*		1A-12D
301	Varied Thrush			V	
	Family Muscicapidae — Old World Flycatchers				
302	Northern Wheatear			V	

	Family Passeridae — Old World Sparrows				
303	House Sparrow	I	*		1A-12D
	Family Motacillidae — Wagtails and Pipits				
304	American Pipit				3C-5C, 9A-12A
	Family Fringillidae — Finches and Hawaiian Honeycreepers				
305	Evening Grosbeak		*		1A-12D
306	Pine Grosbeak				10D-4A
307	House Finch	I	*		1A-12D
308	Purple Finch		*		1A-12D
309	Redpoll				10D-4D
310	Red Crossbill		*	N	1A-12D
311	White-winged Crossbill		*		1A-12D
312	Pine Siskin		*		1A-12D
313	American Goldfinch		*		1A-12D
	Family Calcariidae — Longspurs and Snow Buntings				
314	Lapland Longspur				10A-4A
315	Smith's Longspur	H		V	
316	Snow Bunting				10C-3D
	Family Passerellidae — New World Sparrows				
317	Grasshopper Sparrow		*	N	5A-9A
318	Lark Sparrow			V	
319	Lark Bunting			V	
320	Chipping Sparrow		*		4A-11D+
321	Clay-colored Sparrow		*	N	4D-10D
322	Field Sparrow		*		3D-11B
323	Fox Sparrow				3A-5A, 9C-12C+
324	American Tree Sparrow				10B-5A
325	Dark-eyed Junco		*		1A-12D
326	White-crowned Sparrow				4C-5D, 9C-11C+
327	Golden-crowned Sparrow			V	
328	Harris's Sparrow			V	
329	White-throated Sparrow		*		1A-12D
330	Vesper Sparrow		*		4A-11A
331	LeConte's Sparrow			V	
332	Nelson's Sparrow				5D-6A, 9C-10D
333	Henslow's Sparrow	E	*	V	
334	Savannah Sparrow		*		1A-12D
335	Song Sparrow		*		1A-12D
336	Lincoln's Sparrow		*		5A-10D
337	Swamp Sparrow		*		4A-11C+
338	Green-tailed Towhee			V	
339	Spotted Towhee			V	
340	Eastern Towhee		*		4A-10C+
	Family Icteriidae — Yellow-breasted Chats				
341	Yellow-breasted Chat				5B-11B
	Family Icteridae — Blackbirds and New World Orioles				
342	Yellow-headed Blackbird				3B-5B, 8C-10C
343	Bobolink		*		5A-10A
344	Eastern Meadowlark		*		3A-11C+
345	Western Meadowlark			V	
346	Orchard Oriole		*		5A-8D
347	Bullock's Oriole			V	
348	Baltimore Oriole		*		4D-10B+
349	Red-winged Blackbird		*		1A-12D

350	Brown-headed Cowbird	*		1A-12D
351	Rusty Blackbird	*	N	3A-11D+
352	Brewer's Blackbird		V	
353	Common Grackle	*		2C-11C+
	Family Parulidae — New World Warblers or Wood-Warblers			
354	Ovenbird	*		4C-10A
355	Worm-eating Warbler		V	
356	Louisiana Waterthrush	*		4B-8B
357	Northern Waterthrush	*		4D-9C
358	Golden-winged Warbler	*		5A-9A
359	Blue-winged Warbler	*		5A-9A
360	Black-and-white Warbler	*		4C-10A
361	Prothonotary Warbler		N	5A-9A
362	Swainson's Warbler		V	
363	Tennessee Warbler	*	N	5A-10A
364	Orange-crowned Warbler			5A-5D, 9A-11A+
365	Nashville Warbler	*		4D-10D
366	Connecticut Warbler			8D-10B
367	Mourning Warbler	*		5B-10A
368	Kentucky Warbler		V	
369	Common Yellowthroat	*		4D-10D+
370	Hooded Warbler	*	N	5A-8D
371	American Redstart	*		4D-10A
372	Cape May Warbler	*	N	5A-10A
373	Cerulean Warbler	*	N	5B-8B
374	Northern Parula	*		4D-10A
375	Magnolia Warbler	*		5A-10A
376	Bay-breasted Warbler	*	N	5B-10A
377	Blackburnian Warbler	*		5A-9D
378	Yellow Warbler	*		4D-9D
379	Chestnut-sided Warbler	*		5A-9D
380	Blackpoll Warbler	*		5B-10C
381	Black-throated Blue Warbler	*		4D-10B
382	Palm Warbler	*	N	4B-11A
383	Pine Warbler	*		4A-10A+
384	Yellow-rumped Warbler	*		4A-12A+
385	Yellow-throated Warbler			4C-9C
386	Prairie Warbler	*		4C-9C
387	Black-throated Gray Warbler		V	
388	Black-throated Green Warbler	*		4C-10C
389	Canada Warbler	*		5B-9D
390	Wilson's Warbler	*	N	5A-10A
	Family Cardinalidae — Cardinals and Allies			
391	Summer Tanager			4C-5D
392	Scarlet Tanager	*		4D-10B
393	Western Tanager		V	
394	Northern Cardinal	*		1A-12D
395	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	*		4C-10C
396	Black-headed Grosbeak		V	
397	Blue Grosbeak			5A-10C
398	Indigo Bunting	*		5A-10C
399	Painted Bunting		V	
400	Dickcissel	*	N	5C-7A, 8D-12C