

Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas-3 safe dates/breeding dates (chronological order)

The breeding charts are to be used as a guide only. Birds can certainly show breeding evidence outside of the listed dates and can be recorded outside of the safe dates too; in those cases extra documentation should be included to justify the use of the breeding code and how it was determined that the bird was breeding and not a migrant. The charts are divided by ecozone, as shown on the map in Figure 1. For more information on safe dates / breeding dates see [Appendix H](#).

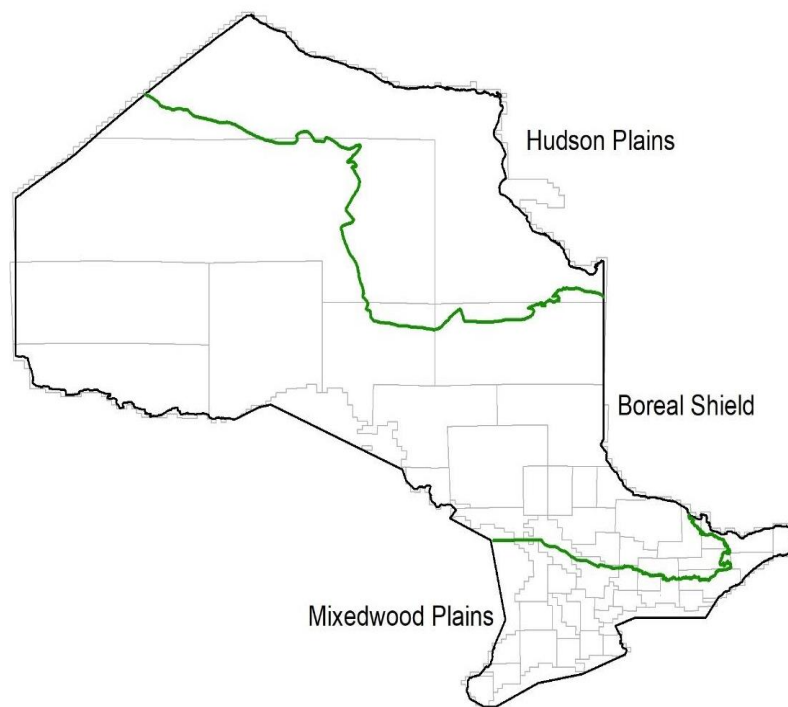


Figure 1: Map showing the three major ecozones (mixedwood plains, boreal shield, and Hudson plains) overlaid on the atlas regions.

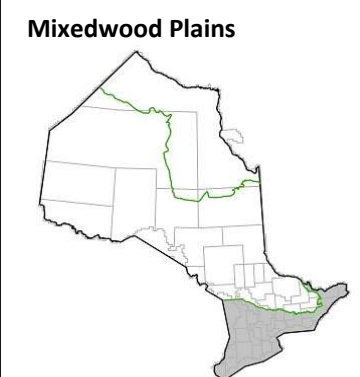
Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas-3 breeding season/safe date guide

species	Safe dates	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bald Eagle	10 May - 07 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Great Horned Owl	01 Dec - 30 Jun	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	01 Jan - 31 Dec	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Eastern Screech-Owl	01 Nov - 14 Jul	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Red Crossbill		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
White-winged Crossbill		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Common Raven	15 Mar - 21 May	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Tufted Titmouse	15 May - 13 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Red-bellied Woodpecker	30 Apr - 27 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Northern Cardinal	15 Apr - 08 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Black-capped Chickadee	16 Apr - 28 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Downy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
White-breasted Nuthatch	20 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Pileated Woodpecker	30 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Carolina Wren	20 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Hairy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 24 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Northern Saw-whet Owl	01 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Horned Lark	05 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Barred Owl	31 Mar - 31 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Mourning Dove	15 Mar - 30 Sep	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
American Woodcock	10 Apr - 14 Jul	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Grey
Red-tailed Hawk	15 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Barn Owl	15 May - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
American Crow	15 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Long-eared Owl	15 Apr - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Merlin	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Northern Goshawk	20 Apr - 03 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Great Blue Heron	20 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Short-eared Owl	15 Apr - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Red-shouldered Hawk	25 Apr - 20 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Peregrine Falcon	09 May - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Ruffed Grouse	03 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Cooper's Hawk	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Black Vulture	10 May - 31 Jul	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Turkey Vulture	10 May - 31 Jul	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Mallard	30 Apr - 15 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Northern Pintail	09 May - 15 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Sandhill Crane	20 Apr - 31 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Mute Swan	31 Mar - 31 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow



Legend

Grey	Absent
Yellow	Migrant/non-breeding
Light Blue	Breeding or migrant/non-breeding
Dark Blue	SAFE DATE: breeding



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Trumpeter Swan	31 Mar - 31 Aug												
Wood Duck	30 Apr - 15 Jul												
American Black Duck	30 Apr - 15 Jul												
Great Egret	15 May - 14 Jul												
American Kestrel	20 Apr - 31 Jul												
Pine Siskin	24 May - 14 Jul												
Killdeer	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Wild Turkey	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Hooded Merganser	15 May - 15 Jul												
Red-winged Blackbird	14 May - 14 Jul												
Common Grackle	10 May - 14 Jul												
Eastern Bluebird	15 May - 14 Aug												
Herring Gull	05 Apr - 14 Jul												
Canada Goose	10 Jun - 14 Jul												
Osprey	30 Apr - 16 Jul												
Eastern Phoebe	30 Apr - 12 Aug												
Northern Harrier	30 Apr - 04 Aug												
House Finch	15 Apr - 31 Jul												
American Robin	15 Apr - 16 Aug												
European Starling	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Fish Crow	15 May - 31 Jul												
Common Goldeneye	22 May - 31 Aug												
Belted Kingfisher	20 Apr - 14 Jul												
Ring-necked Pheasant	07 Apr - 18 Sep												
Common Merganser	15 May - 15 Jul												
Double-crested Cormorant	15 May - 14 Aug												
House Sparrow	14 Apr - 07 Aug												
Brown-headed Cowbird	06 May - 14 Jul												
Black-crowned Night-Heron	01 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Shoveler	15 May - 15 Jul												
Song Sparrow	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Pied-billed Grebe	25 Apr - 31 Jul												
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10 May - 31 Jul												
Winter Wren	15 May - 31 Jul												
Red-breasted Nuthatch	15 May - 14 Jul												
Blue Jay	15 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Flicker	14 May - 05 Aug												
Ring-billed Gull	15 Apr - 14 Jul												
Canvasback	15 May - 15 Jul												



Legend

White	Absent
Yellow	Migrant/non-breeding
Light Blue	Breeding or migrant/non-breeding
Dark Blue	SAFE DATE: breeding

Mixedwood Plains



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Wilson's Snipe	20 Apr - 01 Aug												
King Rail	10 May - 14 Aug												
Gray Partridge	13 Apr - 08 Sep												
Western Meadowlark	20 May - 31 Jul												
Louisiana Waterthrush	14 May - 30 Jun												
Brewer's Blackbird	14 May - 14 Jul												
Eastern Meadowlark	15 May - 31 Jul												
American Wigeon	15 May - 31 Jul												
Black-backed Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul												
Broad-winged Hawk	10 May - 31 Jul												
American Coot	30 Apr - 14 Aug												
Upland Sandpiper	06 May - 14 Jul												
Brown Creeper	10 May - 14 Jul												
Dark-eyed Junco	14 May - 14 Aug												
Redhead	15 May - 15 Jul												
Golden-crowned Kinglet	15 May - 14 Aug												
Common Loon	24 May - 31 Jul												
Sora	05 May - 15 Aug												
Red-necked Grebe	30 Apr - 31 Aug												
Gadwall	15 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Bobwhite	21 Apr - 15 Sep												
Great Black-backed Gull	21 Apr - 02 Jul												
Sharp-tailed Grouse	22 Apr - 14 Jul												
Marsh Wren	15 May - 31 Jul												
Brown Thrasher	10 May - 01 Aug												
Red-breasted Merganser	15 May - 15 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	14 May - 14 Jul												
American Bittern	10 May - 31 Jul												
Loggerhead Shrike	30 Apr - 11 Aug												
Virginia Rail	05 May - 10 Aug												
Northern Mockingbird	15 May - 14 Aug												
Green-winged Teal	20 May - 15 Jul												
Green Heron	15 May - 31 Jul												
Spruce Grouse	25 Apr - 14 Jul												
Boreal Chickadee	10 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-winged Teal	20 May - 15 Jul												
Hermit Thrush	15 May - 31 Jul												
Purple Martin	15 May - 14 Jul												
Vesper Sparrow	10 May - 14 Aug												



Legend

Light Blue	Absent
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Swamp Sparrow	14 May - 31 Jul												
Red-headed Woodpecker	15 May - 14 Aug												
Common Gallinule	30 Apr - 31 Aug												
Eastern Towhee	20 May - 14 Aug												
Piping Plover	10 May - 19 Jul												
Yellow Rail	24 May - 15 Jul												
American White Pelican	24 May - 23 Jul												
Field Sparrow	10 May - 31 Jul												
Purple Finch	14 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Waterthrush	20 May - 14 Jul												
LeConte's Sparrow	15 May - 09 Aug												
Yellow-headed Blackbird	24 May - 14 Jul												
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	20 May - 14 Jul												
Ruddy Duck	25 May - 15 Aug												
Common Tern	31 May - 31 Jul												
Baltimore Oriole	24 May - 14 Jul												
Chuck-will's-widow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Eastern Whip-poor-will	14 May - 12 Aug												
Little Gull	23 May - 14 Jul												
Forster's Tern	15 May - 14 Jul												
Tree Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul												
Grasshopper Sparrow	14 May - 14 Aug												
Ovenbird	20 May - 31 Jul												
Worm-eating Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul												
Wood Thrush	20 May - 12 Aug												
House Wren	10 May - 31 Jul												
Caspian Tern	15 May - 12 Jul												
White-throated Sparrow	20 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Rough-winged Swallo	10 May - 14 Jul												
Henslow's Sparrow	15 May - 31 Jul												
Savannah Sparrow	15 May - 14 Aug												
Summer Tanager	31 May - 28 Jul												
Scarlet Tanager	24 May - 28 Jul												
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	24 May - 01 Aug												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	20 May - 15 Aug												
Palm Warbler	20 May - 07 Aug												
Veery	20 May - 22 Jul												
Chipping Sparrow	15 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-headed Vireo	20 May - 14 Aug												



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Clay-colored Sparrow	20 May - 31 Jul												
White-eyed Vireo	24 May - 20 Jul												
Spotted Sandpiper	08 May - 14 Jul												
Yellow-throated Vireo	24 May - 31 Jul												
Sedge Wren	24 May - 31 Jul												
Gray Catbird	20 May - 19 Jul												
Least Flycatcher	31 May - 31 Jul												
Wilson's Phalarope	23 May - 14 Jul												
Lesser Scaup	15 May - 15 Jul												
Least Bittern	15 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow-rumped Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow-throated Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul												
Barn Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul												
Lincoln's Sparrow	24 May - 14 Aug												
Orchard Oriole	24 May - 14 Jul												
Bank Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul												
Prothonotary Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-winged Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Yellow-breasted Chat	31 May - 14 Jul												
Golden-winged Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Nashville Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Bobolink	24 May - 14 Jul												
Kirtland's Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Black-and-white Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Cliff Swallow	15 May - 14 Jul												
Ring-necked Duck	15 May - 15 Jul												
Great Crested Flycatcher	31 May - 31 Jul												
Warbling Vireo	24 May - 24 Jul												
Black Tern	15 May - 14 Jul												
Black-throated Blue Warbler	24 May - 31 Jul												
Cerulean Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Chestnut-sided Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Common Nighthawk	31 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 13 Aug												
Chimney Swift	16 May - 31 Jul												
Indigo Bunting	31 May - 14 Aug												
Prairie Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Kentucky Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul												



Legend

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Common Yellowthroat	24 May - 31 Jul												
Pine Warbler	20 May - 14 Jul												
Olive-sided Flycatcher	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Swainson's Thrush	31 May - 14 Jul												
Eastern Kingbird	31 May - 31 Jul												
Evening Grosbeak	24 May - 31 Jul												
Mourning Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul												
Black-throated Green Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul												
Canada Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul												
American Redstart	24 May - 19 Jul												
Blackburnian Warbler	24 May - 19 Jul												
Acadian Flycatcher	31 May - 31 Jul												
Hooded Warbler	31 May - 09 Aug												
Magnolia Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul												
Black-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 14 Aug												
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	24 May - 31 Jul												
Tennessee Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	08 Jun - 14 Jul												
Red-eyed Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul												
Wilson's Warbler	31 May - 24 Jul												
Philadelphia Vireo	31 May - 19 Aug												
Northern Parula	25 May - 31 Jul												
Bay-breasted Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul												
Willow Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Cedar Waxwing	31 May - 14 Aug												
Eastern Wood-Pewee	31 May - 31 Jul												
Alder Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Cape May Warbler	28 May - 14 Jul												
Connecticut Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul												
Dickcissel	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
American Goldfinch	12 Jun - 31 Jul												



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Red Crossbill		Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
White-winged Crossbill		Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Canada Jay	28 Feb - 19 May	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Eastern Screech-Owl	14 Feb - 14 Jul	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Great Horned Owl	15 Feb - 30 Jun	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	14 Mar - 13 Oct	Yellow	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Bald Eagle	15 May - 28 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Common Raven	25 Mar - 09 Jun	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Golden Eagle	15 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Northern Hawk Owl	15 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Barred Owl	31 Mar - 14 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Red-bellied Woodpecker	24 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Hairy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 27 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Northern Cardinal	14 May - 08 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Downy Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Pileated Woodpecker	05 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Black-capped Chickadee	30 Apr - 30 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
White-breasted Nuthatch	30 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Black-billed Magpie	20 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Boreal Owl	31 Mar - 14 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Northern Saw-whet Owl	01 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Great Gray Owl	15 Apr - 14 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Horned Lark	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Red-tailed Hawk	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Northern Goshawk	30 Apr - 05 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Merlin	09 May - 04 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
American Crow	30 Apr - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Red-shouldered Hawk	25 Apr - 22 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Peregrine Falcon	15 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Long-eared Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Great Blue Heron	25 Apr - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Short-eared Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Mute Swan	14 Apr - 31 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Turkey Vulture	20 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Pine Siskin	31 May - 14 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Trumpeter Swan	14 Apr - 31 Aug	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Cooper's Hawk	14 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
American Woodcock	25 Apr - 14 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Canada Goose	10 Jun - 14 Jul	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue



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Boreal Shield



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Wild Turkey	30 Apr - 26 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Red-winged Blackbird	24 May - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Sandhill Crane	10 May - 14 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Mourning Dove	15 Apr - 31 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Mallard	10 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Northern Pintail	20 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Wood Duck	15 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Ruffed Grouse	15 Apr - 24 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
American Black Duck	10 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
American Kestrel	30 Apr - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Osprey	10 May - 26 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Black-backed Woodpecker	30 Apr - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Common Grackle	15 May - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Gray Partridge	16 Apr - 09 Sep				■	■	■	■	■	■			
House Finch	30 Apr - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Hooded Merganser	20 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
European Starling	25 Apr - 18 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	20 May - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Killdeer	30 Apr - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Eastern Bluebird	24 May - 14 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Herring Gull	25 Apr - 24 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
American Three-toed Woodpec	02 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Common Merganser	20 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Double-crested Cormorant	24 May - 14 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Common Goldeneye	20 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Pied-billed Grebe	10 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Brown-headed Cowbird	18 May - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Louisiana Waterthrush	24 May - 30 Jun				■	■	■	■	■	■			
House Sparrow	30 Apr - 08 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Sharp-tailed Grouse	22 Apr - 25 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Northern Harrier	15 May - 11 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Blue Jay	20 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Eastern Phoebe	10 May - 14 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Broad-winged Hawk	10 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Northern Flicker	14 May - 12 Aug				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Upland Sandpiper	14 May - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Canvasback	20 May - 15 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Black-crowned Night-Heron	15 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Rusty Blackbird	24 May - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■			



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American Robin	30 Apr - 22 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Belted Kingfisher	05 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
American Coot	14 May - 14 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Boreal Chickadee	15 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Spruce Grouse	26 Apr - 28 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Winter Wren	23 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Brewer's Blackbird	22 May - 14 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Red-breasted Merganser	20 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Sharp-shinned Hawk	14 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Red-necked Grebe	14 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Eastern Meadowlark	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Western Meadowlark	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Brown Creeper	15 May - 23 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Great Black-backed Gull	30 Apr - 12 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Redhead	20 May - 15 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Marbled Godwit	10 May - 19 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Wilson's Snipe	01 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Golden-crowned Kinglet	22 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Dark-eyed Junco	24 May - 31 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Song Sparrow	14 May - 14 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Bonaparte's Gull	23 May - 24 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Yellow Rail	31 May - 03 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Green Heron	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Pine Grosbeak	15 May - 14 Aug	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Ring-billed Gull	02 May - 23 Jul	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
American Bittern	15 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Loggerhead Shrike	10 May - 13 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Virginia Rail	15 May - 13 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
American White Pelican	24 May - 28 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Hermit Thrush	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Northern Shoveler	25 May - 15 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Brown Thrasher	15 May - 03 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Lesser Yellowlegs	23 May - 14 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Sora	15 May - 14 Aug	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Green-winged Teal	25 May - 15 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Common Loon	24 May - 31 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Northern Waterthrush	24 May - 14 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Blue-winged Teal	25 May - 15 Jul	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue



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Light Blue	Absent
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Blue	Breeding or migrant/non-breeding
Dark Blue	SAFE DATE: breeding

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Vesper Sparrow	15 May - 14 Aug												
LeConte's Sparrow	25 May - 31 Jul												
Swamp Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Red-headed Woodpecker	24 May - 14 Aug												
Northern Mockingbird	31 May - 14 Aug												
Common Gallinule	15 May - 14 Aug												
Caspian Tern	23 May - 17 Jul												
Fox Sparrow	15 May - 14 Aug												
Greater Yellowlegs	23 May - 14 Jul												
Bufflehead	20 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	31 May - 14 Jul												
Piping Plover	15 May - 14 Jul												
Yellow-headed Blackbird	31 May - 14 Jul												
Field Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Common Tern	31 May - 31 Jul												
Eastern Towhee	24 May - 14 Aug												
American Wigeon	25 May - 31 Jul												
Baltimore Oriole	31 May - 14 Jul												
Palm Warbler	26 May - 31 Jul												
Eastern Whip-poor-will	24 May - 31 Jul												
Blue-headed Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul												
Tree Swallow	20 May - 14 Jul												
Purple Finch	24 May - 31 Jul												
Scarlet Tanager	31 May - 30 Jul												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	24 May - 14 Aug												
Ovenbird	25 May - 31 Jul												
Purple Martin	24 May - 14 Jul												
Marsh Wren	24 May - 31 Jul												
Wood Thrush	25 May - 13 Aug												
Northern Rough-winged Swallo	15 May - 14 Jul												
Savannah Sparrow	21 May - 14 Aug												
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	31 May - 31 Jul												
Kirtland's Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul												
Clay-colored Sparrow	25 May - 31 Jul												
Veery	24 May - 14 Jul												
Chipping Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												
Forster's Tern	25 May - 14 Jul												
Ruddy Duck	31 May - 15 Aug												
White-throated Sparrow	24 May - 31 Jul												



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Little Gull	23 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Grasshopper Sparrow	24 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
House Wren	20 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Lincoln's Sparrow	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Yellow-throated Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Lesser Scaup	20 May - 31 Jul			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Gray Catbird	24 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Least Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Least Bittern	20 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Orange-crowned Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Wilson's Phalarope	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Horned Grebe	16 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Gadwall	25 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Nashville Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Barn Swallow	20 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Ring-necked Duck	20 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Bank Swallow	25 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Spotted Sandpiper	17 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Blue-winged Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Golden-winged Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black-and-white Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Yellow Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Bobolink	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Swainson's Thrush	05 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Western Kingbird	10 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Evening Grosbeak	01 Jun - 31 Jul	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cliff Swallow	20 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Great Crested Flycatcher	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Warbling Vireo	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Sedge Wren	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black Tern	24 May - 01 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Cerulean Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Common Nighthawk	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
White-winged Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Solitary Sandpiper	23 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	



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Tennessee Warbler	31 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Pine Warbler	25 May - 14 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Chimney Swift	24 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	09 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Prairie Warbler	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Wilson's Warbler	05 Jun - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Indigo Bunting	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Philadelphia Vireo	05 Jun - 09 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Common Yellowthroat	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Eared Grebe	25 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Mourning Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Canada Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Eastern Kingbird	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Blackburnian Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Magnolia Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Black-throated Green Warbler	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
American Redstart	31 May - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Bay-breasted Warbler	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Black-billed Cuckoo	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	09 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Northern Parula	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Red-eyed Vireo	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Cape May Warbler	31 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Nelson's Sparrow	05 Jun - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Blackpoll Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Willow Flycatcher	14 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Connecticut Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Alder Flycatcher	14 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Cedar Waxwing	05 Jun - 14 Aug	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
American Goldfinch	24 Jun - 31 Jul	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■



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White-winged Crossbill		SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding
Golden Eagle	25 May - 31 Jul		Migrant/non-breeding			SAFE DATE: breeding		SAFE DATE: breeding					
Canada Jay	30 Mar - 02 Jun		Migrant/non-breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	Migrant/non-breeding				
Northern Hawk Owl	15 Apr - 14 Jul			SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Barred Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug			SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Boreal Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug			SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Great Horned Owl	16 Mar - 30 Jun			SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Great Gray Owl	30 Apr - 14 Aug			SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Northern Saw-whet Owl	01 May - 14 Jul	Absent		Migrant/non-breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding			Absent	
Northern Goshawk	25 May - 05 Aug			Migrant/non-breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Red-tailed Hawk	25 May - 31 Jul			Absent	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Bald Eagle	31 May - 01 Aug				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Black-capped Chickadee	10 May - 30 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Pileated Woodpecker	10 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Hairy Woodpecker	14 May - 27 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Downy Woodpecker	14 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Merlin	31 May - 31 Jul	Absent			SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
American Crow	15 May - 31 Jul			Migrant/non-breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Long-eared Owl	15 May - 14 Aug	Absent		Migrant/non-breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Pine Siskin	10 Jun - 14 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Great Blue Heron	15 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Short-eared Owl	15 May - 14 Aug			Migrant/non-breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Red-winged Blackbird	31 May - 14 Jul			Absent	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Black-backed Woodpecker	14 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Common Raven	30 Apr - 04 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
American Three-toed Woodpec	14 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Ruffed Grouse	01 May - 24 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Rough-legged Hawk	25 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Sandhill Crane	31 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Wood Duck	25 May - 31 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Mallard	31 May - 07 Aug				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	24 May - 14 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Cackling Goose	25 May - 17 Aug				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Canada Goose	25 May - 09 Aug				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Northern Pintail	31 May - 14 Aug				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Pied-billed Grebe	25 May - 09 Aug				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
European Starling	31 May - 18 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Double-crested Cormorant	31 May - 14 Aug				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				
Common Grackle	31 May - 14 Jul				SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding	SAFE DATE: breeding				



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American Black Duck	31 May - 07 Aug												
Boreal Chickadee	15 May - 31 Jul												
Spruce Grouse	01 May - 29 Jul												
American Kestrel	31 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Shrike	24 May - 30 Jun												
Hooded Merganser	31 May - 31 Jul												
House Sparrow	14 May - 31 Jul												
Rusty Blackbird	31 May - 14 Jul												
Northern Flicker	24 May - 14 Aug												
Herring Gull	31 May - 24 Jul												
Eastern Bluebird	31 May - 31 Jul												
Common Merganser	31 May - 31 Jul												
Killdeer	31 May - 14 Jul												
Common Goldeneye	31 May - 31 Jul												
American Coot	25 May - 14 Aug												
Snow Goose	25 May - 19 Aug												
Ross's Goose	25 May - 19 Aug												
Red-necked Grebe	31 May - 31 Jul												
Red-breasted Merganser	31 May - 31 Jul												
Northern Harrier	31 May - 12 Aug												
Lesser Yellowlegs	31 May - 14 Jul												
Marbled Godwit	05 Jun - 24 Jul												
Bonaparte's Gull	31 May - 24 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	31 May - 31 Jul												
Brown Creeper	24 May - 31 Jul												
Lapland Longspur	06 Jun - 01 Aug												
Northern Shoveler	31 May - 15 Jul												
Fox Sparrow	24 May - 14 Aug												
Sharp-tailed Grouse	09 May - 01 Aug												
Belted Kingfisher	31 May - 31 Jul												
American Bittern	31 May - 14 Aug												
Greater Yellowlegs	31 May - 14 Jul												
Pine Grosbeak	24 May - 04 Aug												
Northern Waterthrush	31 May - 14 Jul												
American Robin	24 May - 14 Aug												
Sharp-shinned Hawk	25 May - 31 Jul												
Winter Wren	31 May - 31 Jul												
Tundra Swan	15 May - 09 Sep												
Hermit Thrush	31 May - 31 Jul												



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Blue-winged Teal	31 May - 15 Jul												
Willow Ptarmigan	12 May - 31 Jul												
LeConte's Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Wilson's Snipe	31 May - 14 Jul												
Green-winged Teal	31 May - 15 Jul												
White-crowned Sparrow	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Swamp Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
American Wigeon	31 May - 31 Jul												
American White Pelican	31 May - 14 Jul												
Common Tern	06 Jun - 31 Jul												
Sora	06 Jun - 14 Aug												
American Tree Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Golden-crowned Kinglet	31 May - 31 Jul												
Common Redpoll	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Blue-headed Vireo	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Bufflehead	31 May - 31 Jul												
Tree Swallow	31 May - 14 Jul												
Ring-billed Gull	24 May - 23 Jul												
Ovenbird	31 May - 14 Jul												
Dark-eyed Junco	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Song Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Gray-cheeked Thrush	10 Jun - 24 Jul												
Savannah Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Clay-colored Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Chipping Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
King Eider	31 May - 14 Aug												
Common Eider	31 May - 14 Aug												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	31 May - 31 Jul												
Common Loon	31 May - 14 Aug												
Lesser Scaup	31 May - 14 Aug												
Greater Scaup	31 May - 14 Aug												
Horned Lark	31 May - 31 Jul												
Lincoln's Sparrow	06 Jun - 31 Jul												
Purple Finch	31 May - 31 Jul												
Palm Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul												
Osprey	31 May - 17 Jul												
Least Flycatcher	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
White-throated Sparrow	31 May - 31 Jul												
Wilson's Phalarope	31 May - 14 Jul												



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Red-throated Loon	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Yellow Rail	10 Jun - 14 Aug					■	■						
Little Gull	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Semipalmated Plover	31 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Orange-crowned Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Nashville Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Barn Swallow	25 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Bank Swallow	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Hudsonian Godwit	31 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black-and-white Warbler	05 Jun - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Yellow Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Arctic Tern	06 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Bobolink	06 Jun - 09 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Ring-necked Duck	31 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Horned Grebe	31 May - 31 Jul				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Spotted Sandpiper	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Swainson's Thrush	10 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Stilt Sandpiper	05 Jun - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Pectoral Sandpiper	05 Jun - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Whimbrel	05 Jun - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Smith's Longspur	06 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Cliff Swallow	24 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black Tern	31 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Red-necked Phalarope	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Common Nighthawk	31 May - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Wilson's Warbler	06 Jun - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Solitary Sandpiper	31 May - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Tennessee Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	14 Jun - 14 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Least Sandpiper	31 May - 24 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
American Golden-Plover	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Hoary Redpoll	09 Jun - 31 Jul	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Philadelphia Vireo	10 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Common Yellowthroat	05 Jun - 31 Jul					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Surf Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
White-winged Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black Scoter	31 May - 14 Aug					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	



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Semipalmated Sandpiper	31 May - 24 Jul												
Canada Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul												
Long-tailed Duck	31 May - 14 Aug												
Mourning Warbler	08 Jun - 14 Jul												
Eastern Kingbird	14 Jun - 31 Jul												
Blackburnian Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Magnolia Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
American Pipit	31 May - 31 Jul												
Short-billed Dowitcher	31 May - 24 Jul												
Black-throated Green Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
American Redstart	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Bay-breasted Warbler	05 Jun - 19 Jul												
Dunlin	31 May - 24 Jul												
Parasitic Jaeger	31 May - 31 Jul												
Pacific Loon	31 May - 14 Aug												
Bohemian Waxwing	31 May - 31 Jul												
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	14 Jun - 14 Jul												
Harris's Sparrow	09 Jun - 31 Jul												
Red-eyed Vireo	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
Cape May Warbler	05 Jun - 14 Jul												
Blackpoll Warbler	10 Jun - 31 Jul												
Nelson's Sparrow	09 Jun - 14 Aug												
Connecticut Warbler	09 Jun - 31 Jul												
Alder Flycatcher	14 Jun - 31 Jul												
Cedar Waxwing	13 Jun - 31 Jul												
American Goldfinch	02 Jul - 31 Jul												



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