



CHECKLIST (2003) OF THE BIRDS OF INSULAR NEWFOUNDLAND AND ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF WATERS

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This new checklist updates and replaces the Natural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador publication *Checklist (1999) of the Birds of Insular Newfoundland and its Continental Shelf Waters* by B. Mactavish, J.E. Maunder, W.A. Montevecchi and J.L. Wells. A total of 378 species, plus 3 additional subspecies, have been accepted for inclusion by the Bird Records Committee. Nomenclature is in accordance with the *American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (1998)* and supplements up to and including the *Forty-fourth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds (2003)*.

Ten species are new to the 2003 list, including Fea's Petrel, Brown Pelican, Gray Heron, American Avocet, Gull-billed Tern, White-winged Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Spotted Towhee and Brewer's Blackbird. The list is current to July 31, 2003.

Twelve additional species have been recorded from the neighbouring French Islands of **St-Pierre et Miquelon**, including Eared Grebe, Yellow Rail, Red-necked Stint, Roseate Tern, Ringed Turtle-Dove, European Turtle-Dove, Whip-poor-will, Common Swift, Common House-Martin, Black-backed Wagtail, Black-throated Sparrow and Eurasian Siskin (Desbrosse, A., R. Etcheberry, and G. Barthe. 1990. *Repertoire des oiseaux de l'archipel. Les cahiers de l'echo* [SPM] Avril 1990: 8 pp.; and R. Etcheberry, personal communication, 2003).

OCURRENCE (based on an experienced observer birding regularly and widely):

- C = COMMON likely to be found daily in appropriate season/habitat
- U = UNCOMMON likely to be found monthly in appropriate season/habitat; may be locally common
- U* = VERY UNCOMMON likely to be found annually in appropriate season/habitat; may be locally uncommon
- X = RARE not likely to be found annually; although apparently occurs regularly in very small numbers
- X* = VERY RARE recorded three times or less

STATUS:

- B = BREEDER known to breed ("b" if nesting abundance is significantly lower than indicated by occurrence designation)
- R = RESIDENT non-migratory, or maintains a significant year-round population
- E = IRRUPTIVE irruptive species, much more abundant in some years than in others
- V = VAGRANT occurrence is outside usual range
- I = INTRO-DUCED introduced to Newfoundland

SEASONAL DATES (seasons during which a species has been recorded - a lower case entry indicates that a species is less common during that season than indicated by the overall occurrence designation):

- SP= SPRING 21 March - 20 June F = FALL 21 September - 20 December
- S = SUMMER 21 June - 20 September W = WINTER 21 December - 20 March

GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS

..... Pink-footed Goose	XVSP
..... Greater White-fronted Goose	XVspF
..... Snow Goose	XVSPsFw
..... Canada Goose	CBSPSFw
..... Brant	XVSPsF
..... Barnacle Goose	X*VSF
..... Tundra Swan	X*VF
..... Wood Duck	U*SPsFw
..... Gadwall	XSPsFw
..... Eurasian Wigeon	U*SPsFW
..... American Wigeon	UBSPSFw
..... American Black Duck	CBSPSFw
..... Mallard	U*BSPSFw
..... Blue-winged Teal	U*BSPSF
..... Northern Shoveler	U*bSPSF
..... Northern Pintail	UBSPSFw
..... Garganey	X*VSP
..... Green-winged Teal	CBSPSFw
..... Green-winged Teal (Eur.)	XVSPFW
..... Canvasback	X*VSPSF
..... Redhead	X*VSPS
..... Ring-necked Duck	CBSPSFw
..... Tufted Duck	XVSPFW
..... Greater Scaup	UBR
..... Lesser Scaup	U*SPsFw
..... King Eider	USPFW
..... Common Eider	CbR
..... Harlequin Duck	U*bSPsFW
..... Surf Scoter	UspsFw
..... White-winged Scoter	USPSFw
..... Black Scoter	UbSPsFW
..... Long-tailed Duck	CSPsFW
..... Bufflehead	U*SPsFW
..... Common Goldeneye	CBR
..... Barrow's Goldeneye	U*SPFW
..... Hooded Merganser	XbspsFw
..... Common Merganser	UBR
..... Red-breasted Merganser	CBR
..... Ruddy Duck	XVsFw

GROUSE & PTARMIGAN

..... Ruffed Grouse	CBRI
..... Spruce Grouse	UBRI
..... Willow Ptarmigan	CBR
..... Rock Ptarmigan	UBR

LOONS

..... Red-throated Loon	UbSPSFw
..... Pacific Loon	X*VW
..... Common Loon	CBR

GREBES

..... Pied-billed Grebe	U*bbspsFw
..... Horned Grebe	XSPsFW
..... Red-necked Grebe	USPFW

FULMARS & SHEARWATERS

..... Northern Fulmar	CbR
..... Fea's Petrel	X*VS
..... Cory's Shearwater	U*S
..... Greater Shearwater	CSPSF
..... Sooty Shearwater	CSPSF
..... Manx Shearwater	UbSPSF

STORM-PETRELS

..... Wilson's Storm-Petrel UspSf
..... Leach's Storm-Petrel CBSPSF

GANNETS

..... Northern Gannet CBSPSFw

PELICANS

..... American White Pelican X*VSF
..... Brown Pelican X*VS

CORMORANTS

..... Double-crested Cormorant UBSPSFw
..... Great Cormorant UBR

FRIGATEBIRDS

..... Magnificent Frigatebird X*VSPS

HERONS

..... American Bittern UBSPSF
..... Least Bittern XVSPSF
..... Great Blue Heron U*SPSFw
..... Gray Heron X*VF
..... Great Egret XVSPSFw
..... Little Egret XVSP
..... Snowy Egret XVSPSFw
..... Little Blue Heron XVSPSF
..... Tricolored Heron X*VSPS
..... Cattle Egret XVspSF
..... Green Heron XVspSF
..... Black-crowned Night-Heron XVSPsw
..... Yellow-crowned Night-Heron XVspSF

IBISES

..... White Ibis X*VSP
..... Glossy Ibis XVSPsf

AMERICAN VULTURES

..... Turkey Vulture X*VSPSF

FLAMINGOS

..... Greater Flamingo X*VF

OSPREYS, EAGLES & HAWKS

..... Osprey CBSPSF
..... Bald Eagle UBR
..... Northern Harrier UBSPSFw
..... Sharp-shinned Hawk UbSPsFW
..... Cooper's Hawk X*VFW
..... Northern Goshawk UBSPSFw
..... Swainson's Hawk X*VF
..... Red-tailed Hawk XVSPSFw
..... Rough-legged Hawk UBSPSFw
..... Golden Eagle XVspFW

FALCONS

..... American Kestrel U*BSPPSFw
..... Merlin UBSPSFw
..... Gyrfalcon U*SPsFW
..... Peregrine Falcon U*SPSFw

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

..... Corn Crane	X*VF
..... Clapper Rail	XVF
..... King Rail	X*VF
..... Virginia Rail	XbspSFw
..... Sora	U*BSPSFw
..... Purple Gallinule	XVSPFw
..... Common Moorhen	XVFw
..... Eurasian Coot	X*VF
..... American Coot	U*spsFw

CRANES

..... Sandhill Crane	XVSPSFw
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PLOVERS

..... Northern Lapwing	XVspFW
..... Black-bellied Plover	CspSFw
..... European Golden-Plover	XVSPs
..... American Golden-Plover	UspSF
..... Common Ringed Plover	X*VS
..... Semipalmated Plover	CbspSF
..... Piping Plover	U*BSPS
..... Killdeer	U*BSPSFw

OYSTERCATCHERS

..... Eurasian Oystercatcher	X*VSP
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STILTS

..... Black-necked Stilt	X*VS
..... American Avocet	XVspS

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

..... Common Greenshank	X*VSPSFw
..... Greater Yellowlegs	CBSPSFw
..... Lesser Yellowlegs	UspSf
..... Common Redshank	X*VSPW
..... Spotted Redshank	X*VSPF
..... Wood Sandpiper	X*VF
..... Solitary Sandpiper	XspSf
..... Willet	U*bSPSf
..... Spotted Sandpiper	CBSPSf
..... Upland Sandpiper	X*VF
..... Eskimo Curlew	extinct?
..... Whimbrel	USf
..... Whimbrel (Eurasian)	XVSPS
..... Eurasian Curlew	X*VW
..... Black-tailed Godwit	XVSPwf
..... Hudsonian Godwit	U*SF
..... Bar-tailed Godwit	X*VF
..... Marbled Godwit	X*VSP
..... Ruddy Turnstone	CspSFw
..... Red Knot	UspSfw
..... Sanderling	CspSFw
..... Semipalmated Sandpiper	CspSF
..... Western Sandpiper	X*VS
..... Least Sandpiper	CBSPSf
..... White-rumped Sandpiper	CspSFw
..... Baird's Sandpiper	XSF
..... Pectoral Sandpiper	UspSF
..... Purple Sandpiper	USPsfw
..... Dunlin	UspSF
..... Curlew Sandpiper	XVspSf
..... Stilt Sandpiper	XSF
..... Buff-breasted Sandpiper	XSF
..... Ruff	XVSPSFw
..... Short-billed Dowitcher	UspSf
..... Wilson's Snipe	CBSPSFw
..... Eurasian Woodcock	X*VW

..... American Woodcock	XBSPSfw
..... Wilson's Phalarope	XSPSF
..... Red-necked Phalarope	USPSf
..... Red Phalarope	UspSF

SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

..... Great Skua	UspSFw
..... South Polar Skua	U*S
..... Pomarine Jaeger	CSPSF
..... Parasitic Jaeger	CSPSf
..... Long-tailed Jaeger	USPSf
..... Laughing Gull	XVSPSF
..... Franklin's Gull	XVSPSFw
..... Little Gull	XVSPSFw
..... Black-headed Gull	UbSPsFW
..... Bonaparte's Gull	XspSfw
..... Black-tailed Gull	X*VSP
..... Mew Gull	XSPsFW
..... Ring-billed Gull	CBSPSFw
..... Herring Gull	CBR
..... Yellow-legged Gull	XVspFW
..... Thayer's Gull	XVSPSFw
..... Iceland Gull	CSPsFW
..... Lesser Black-backed Gull	XSPSFw
..... Glaucous Gull	CSPsFW
..... Great Black-backed Gull	CBR
..... Sabine's Gull	XspSF
..... Black-legged Kittiwake	CBR
..... Ross's Gull	XVSPSFw
..... Ivory Gull	USPfw
..... Gull-billed Tern	X*VS
..... Caspian Tern	UbSPSf
..... Royal Tern	XVS
..... Sandwich Tern	X*VS
..... Common Tern	CBSPSf
..... Arctic Tern	CBSPSf
..... Forster's Tern	X*VF
..... Least Tern	X*VSPS
..... Bridled Tern	X*VFW
..... Black Tern	XVSPSf
..... Black Skimmer	X*VF

AUKS

..... Dovekie	CspsFW
..... Common Murre	CBR
..... Thick-billed Murre	CBR
..... Razorbill	UBSPSfw
..... Black Guillemot	CBR
..... Long-billed/Marbled Murrelet	X*VS
..... Atlantic Puffin	CBSPSfw

DOVES

..... Rock Pigeon	UBR
..... White-winged Dove	X*VSPS
..... Mourning Dove	UbspsFw

CUCKOOS

..... Black-billed Cuckoo	XVspSF
..... Yellow-billed Cuckoo	XVsF

OWLS

..... Barn Owl	X*VF
..... Great Horned Owl	UBR
..... Snowy Owl	UESPsFW
..... Northern Hawk Owl	U*BR
..... Long-eared Owl	X*VF
..... Short-eared Owl	UBSPSFw
..... Boreal Owl	UBR

..... Northern Saw-whet Owl XSPSFW

NIGHTJARS

..... Common Nighthawk XSPSF
..... Chuck-will's-widow X*VF

SWIFTS

..... Chimney Swift U*SPSF

HUMMINGBIRDS

..... Ruby-throated Hummingbird U*bSPSf
..... Rufous Hummingbird X*VS

KINGFISHERS

..... Belted Kingfisher CBSPSfw

WOODPECKERS

..... Lewis's Woodpecker X*VS
..... Red-headed Woodpecker X*VF
..... Red-bellied Woodpecker X*VFW
..... Yellow-bellied Sapsucker U*BSPSfW
..... Downy Woodpecker CBR
..... Hairy Woodpecker CBR
..... American Three-toed
Woodpecker U*BR
..... Black-backed Woodpecker UBR
..... Northern Flicker CBSPSfW

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

..... Olive-sided Flycatcher UBSPS
..... Eastern Wood-Pewee XSPSf
..... Yellow-bellied Flycatcher CBSPSf
..... Alder Flycatcher UBSPSf
..... Least Flycatcher U*SPSf
..... Eastern Phoebe XVSPS
..... Say's Phoebe X*VSPSF
..... Great Crested Flycatcher XVSF
..... Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher X*VF
..... Western Kingbird XVspSF
..... Eastern Kingbird UbSPSf
..... Scissor-tailed Flycatcher X*VS
..... Fork-tailed Flycatcher X*VF

SHRIKES

..... Northern Shrike U*ESPsfW

VIREOS

..... White-eyed Vireo XVSF
..... Yellow-throated Vireo XVSF
..... Blue-headed Vireo UBSPSf
..... Warbling Vireo XVspSF
..... Philadelphia Vireo U*BSPSF
..... Red-eyed Vireo U*BSPSF

JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS

..... Gray Jay CBR
..... Blue Jay UBR
..... Black-billed Magpie X*VF
..... Eurasian Jackdaw X*VSPFW
..... American Crow CBR
..... Common Raven CBR

LARKS

..... Horned Lark CBSPSFw

SWALLOWS

..... Purple Martin XVSPSf
..... Tree Swallow CBSPSFw
..... Northern Rough-winged Swallow XVSPS
..... Bank Swallow UBSPSf
..... Cliff Swallow XSPSF
..... Barn Swallow UBSPSf

CHICKADEES

..... Black-capped Chickadee CBR
..... Boreal Chickadee CBR

NUTHATCHES

..... Red-breasted Nuthatch UBR

CREEPERS

..... Brown Creeper U*BR

WRENS

..... House Wren XVFW
..... Winter Wren UBSPSFw
..... Marsh Wren X*VSF

KINGLETS

..... Golden-crowned Kinglet CBR
..... Ruby-crowned Kinglet CBSPSFw

GNATCATCHERS

..... Blue-gray Gnatcatcher XVFW

THRUSHES

..... Northern Wheatear XbSPSF
..... Eastern Bluebird X*VSP
..... Mountain Bluebird X*VFW
..... Townsend's Solitaire XVFW
..... Veery UBSPS
..... Gray-cheeked Thrush CBSPSF
..... Swainson's Thrush CBSPSf
..... Hermit Thrush CBSPSFw
..... Wood Thrush XVSP
..... Eurasian Blackbird X*VF
..... Fieldfare XVW
..... Redwing XVsfW
..... American Robin CBSPSFw
..... Varied Thrush X*VSPW

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

..... Gray Catbird XbSPSf
..... Northern Mockingbird U*bSPsFW
..... Brown Thrasher XVspFW

STARLINGS

..... European Starling CBR

PIPITS

..... White Wagtail X*VS
..... American Pipit CBSPSFw

WAXWINGS

..... Bohemian Waxwing UEspsFW
..... Cedar Waxwing UBSPSFw

WOOD WARBLERS

..... Blue-winged Warbler XVSF
..... Golden-winged Warbler XVspSF
..... Tennessee Warbler CBSPSf
..... Orange-crowned Warbler U*spsFw
..... Nashville Warbler XbSPSF
..... Northern Parula U*SPSF
..... Yellow Warbler CBSPSf
..... Chestnut-sided Warbler XSPSf
..... Magnolia Warbler CBSPSf
..... Cape May Warbler U*bSPSfw
..... Black-throated Blue Warbler XspSF
..... Yellow-rumped Warbler CBSPSFw
..... Yellow-rumped "Audubon's"
 Warbler X*VSP
..... Black-throated Gray Warbler X*VF
..... Black-throated Green Warbler CBSPSfw
..... Townsend's Warbler XVFW
..... Hermit Warbler X*VF
..... Blackburnian Warbler U*BSPSf
..... Yellow-throated Warbler XVsFw
..... Pine Warbler XVspFW
..... Prairie Warbler XVSFw
..... Palm Warbler UBSPSFw
..... Bay-breasted Warbler U*BSPSf
..... Blackpoll Warbler CBSPSfw
..... Cerulean Warbler XVSF
..... Black-and-white Warbler CBSPSfw
..... American Redstart CBSPSf
..... Prothonotary Warbler XVSF
..... Worm-eating Warbler X*VSF
..... Ovenbird CBSPSfw
..... Northern Waterthrush CBSPSf
..... Kentucky Warbler XVSF
..... Connecticut Warbler X*VF
..... Mourning Warbler CBSPSf
..... Common Yellowthroat UBSPSFw
..... Hooded Warbler XVSF
..... Wilson's Warbler CBSPSf
..... Canada Warbler XSPSf
..... Yellow-breasted Chat XVSFw

TANAGERS

..... Summer Tanager X*VSP
..... Scarlet Tanager XVSPSF
..... Western Tanager X*VSPF

SPARROWS

..... Spotted Towhee X*VF
..... Eastern Towhee XVSPsFW
..... American Tree Sparrow UBSPSFw
..... Chipping Sparrow U*BSPSfw
..... Clay-colored Sparrow XVSPsFW
..... Field Sparrow X*VSPFW
..... Vesper Sparrow X*SPFW
..... Lark Sparrow XVspSFw
..... Lark Bunting X*VF
..... Savannah Sparrow CBSPSFw
..... Grasshopper Sparrow XVspFw
..... Nelson's Sharp-tailed
 Sparrow XVF
..... Fox Sparrow CBSPSFw
..... Song Sparrow UBSPSFw

..... Lincoln's Sparrow	CBSPSfw
..... Swamp Sparrow	CBSPSFw
..... White-throated Sparrow	CBSPSFw
..... Harris's Sparrow	X*VW
..... White-crowned Sparrow	UBSPSFw
..... Dark-eyed Junco	CBR
..... Lapland Longspur	USPsfw
..... Chestnut-collared Longspur	X*VSP
..... Snow Bunting	CSPsFW

CARDINALS

..... Northern Cardinal	XVSF
..... Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U*BSPSFw
..... Blue Grosbeak	XVSPF
..... Indigo Bunting	XVSPsFw
..... Dickcissel	XspSFw

BLACKBIRDS

..... Bobolink	U*BSPSf
..... Red-winged Blackbird	U*BSPSFw
..... Eastern Meadowlark	XVspSFw
..... Yellow-headed Blackbird	XVspSFw
..... Rusty Blackbird	UBSPSFw
..... Brewer's Blackbird	X*VSP
..... Common Grackle	U*BSPSFw
..... Brown-headed Cowbird	U*bSPSFw
..... Orchard Oriole	X*VSPS
..... Baltimore Oriole	U*spSFw

FINCHES

..... Common Chaffinch	X*VSPW
..... Pine Grosbeak	CBR
..... Purple Finch	CBR
..... Red Crossbill	U*BR
..... White-winged Crossbill	CEBR
..... Common Redpoll	CEBR
..... Hoary Redpoll	XSPfW
..... Pine Siskin	CEBR
..... American Goldfinch	UBSPSFw
..... Evening Grosbeak	UEbSPsFW

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

..... House Sparrow	UBR
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