

Checklist of Birds - Macomb County, MI
Updated 12/30/2011
Total: 314 species
Compiled by Brian McGee

Species	County Status	Locations, Dates, Sources (see notes)
GAVIIFORMES		
GAVIIDAE		
Red-throated Loon	[C]	(MB), Metro Beach March 23 2007 - April 9 2007
Common Loon		
PODICIPEDIFORMES		
PODICIPEDIDAE		
Pied-billed Grebe	(B)	
Horned Grebe		
Red-necked Grebe	[C]	Metro Beach Oct-Nov 2011
Eared Grebe	[A]	
PROCELLARIIFORMES		
PROCELLARIIDAE		
Manx Shearwater	[A]	Armada Twp. August 19, 2000 (MBRC)
PELECANIFORMES		
SULIDAE		
Northern Gannet	[A]	(TH)
PELECANIDAE		
American White Pelican	[A]	Metro Beach Sep 19-21 2007
PHALACROCORACIDAE		
Double-crested Cormorant		
FREGATIDAE		
Magnificent Frigatebird	[A]	Metro Beach Oct 26-28 1995 (MBRC)
CICONIIFORMES		
ARDEIDAE		
American Bittern		
Least Bittern	(B)	
Great Blue Heron	(B)	"Great White" Heron, Metro Beach July-Aug 1999
Great Egret		
Snowy Egret	[C]	
Little Blue Heron	[C]	
Tricolored Heron	[A]	May 19 1981, May 8 2006 Metro Beach (MBRC)
Cattle Egret	[A]	Metro Beach July 2006, April 28, 2009
Green Heron	(B)	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	(P)	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	[A]	May 23 1981, Apr 20 1982 (MBRC)
THRESKIORNITHIDAE		
Glossy Ibis	[A]	Oct 23-25 1990
<i>Plegadis</i> Ibis	[A]	Nov 11-Dec 6 2001, Oct 15-16 2005 Metro Beach (MBRC)
CATHARTIDAE		
Turkey Vulture	(P)	
ANSERIFORMES		
ANATIDAE		
Greater White-fronted Goose	[C]	Stoney Creek January 1996
Snow Goose	[C]	Metro Beach October 24, 2008 (JF), Stony Creek October 2011
Ross's Goose	[C]	Metro Beach Oct 12, 2008 (JP), Warren Oct 21 - Nov 11, 2009 (MBRC)
Canada Goose	(B)	
Cackling Goose	[C]	Stony Creek November 2004 (BB), Stony Creek November 2007 (BM)
Brant	[A]	Metro Beach (TH)
Mute Swan	(B)	
Trumpeter Swan	[C]	(JS), (BB)
Tundra Swan		
Wood Duck	(B)	
Gadwall		
Eurasian Wigeon	[A]	May 5-8 1975, Sep 17 1982, Nov 29-30 1997 (MBRC)
American Wigeon		
American Black Duck		
Mallard	(B)	
Blue-winged Teal	(B)	
Cinnamon Teal	[A]	Chesterfield Twp. Apr 26-28 1982 (MBRC)
Northern Shoveler		
Northern Pintail		
Green-winged Teal		
Canvasback		

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Redhead		
Ring-necked Duck		
Greater Scaup		
Lesser Scaup	(P)	
King Eider	[A]	Dec 18 1976 (MBRC)
Surf Scoter		
White-winged Scoter		
Black Scoter	[C]	(MB)
Long-tailed Duck		
Bufflehead		
Common Goldeneye		
Barrow's Goldeneye	[A]	Metro Beach (TH)
Hooded Merganser	(P)	
Common Merganser		
Red-breasted Merganser		
Ruddy Duck	(P)	
FALCONIFORMES		
ACCIPITRIDAE		
Osprey		
Mississippi Kite	[A]	Metro Beach June 3, 2006 (AC)
Bald Eagle		
Northern Harrier	(P)	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		
Cooper's Hawk		
Northern Goshawk	[C]	(AC), (MB), St. Clair Shores April 15, 2007 (AR)
Red-shouldered Hawk	(P)	
Broad-winged Hawk		
Red-tailed Hawk	(B)	
Rough-legged Hawk		
Golden Eagle	[C]	2005 CBC, (MB)
FALCONIDAE		
American Kestrel	(B)	
Merlin		
Gyrfalcon	[A]	Chesterfield Twp., (RP)
Peregrine Falcon		
GALLIFORMES		
PHASIANIDAE		
Ring-necked Pheasant	(B)	
Ruffed Grouse	(P)	
Wild Turkey	(B)	
Northern Bobwhite	(B)	
GRUIFORMES		
RALLIDAE		
Yellow Rail	[C]	Metro Beach, (AC)
King Rail	[C]	7 records 1960 - 1987 (MBRC), (BB)
Virginia Rail	(P)	
Sora	(B)	
Common Moorhen	(B)	
American Coot	(B)	
GRUIDAE		
Sandhill Crane	(B)	
CHARADRIIFORMES		
CHARADRIIDAE		
Black-bellied Plover		
American Golden-Plover		
Semipalmated Plover		
Piping Plover	[C]	(AC), Stony Creek 5/7/11 (DF)
Killdeer	(B)	
RECURVIROSTRIDAE		
American Avocet	[A]	Wetzel State Park June 12, 2004 (MK), Wetzel SP August 21, 2009 (BM)
SCOLOPACIDAE		
Greater Yellowlegs		
Lesser Yellowlegs		
Solitary Sandpiper		
Willet	[A]	Metro Beach May 12, 1999 (MM)
Spotted Sandpiper	(B)	
Upland Sandpiper		
Whimbrel		
Hudsonian Godwit	[A]	(MB)

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Marbled Godwit	[C]	Metro Beach Aug 19, 2009 (BM)
Ruddy Turnstone		
Red Knot	[C]	(MB)
Sanderling		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		
Western Sandpiper		8 Records 1976-2005 (MBRC)
Least Sandpiper		
White-rumped Sandpiper		
Baird's Sandpiper		
Pectoral Sandpiper		
Purple Sandpiper	[A]	DNR Access, Harrison Twp. January 9-14 2007
Dunlin		
Stilt Sandpiper		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	[C]	(MB), Metro Beach September 2010 (AR), 9/12/11 (PP)
Ruff	[A]	May 12-16 1981 (MBRC)
Short-billed Dowitcher		
Long-billed Dowitcher		
Wilson's Snipe	(P)	
American Woodcock	(B)	
Wilson's Phalarope		
Red-necked Phalarope	[A]	(MB)
Red Phalarope	[A]	Metro Beach October 3-8, 2003 (MBRC)
LARIDAE		
Laughing Gull	[A]	Metro Beach May 22-June 18, 1999
Franklin's Gull	[A]	
Little Gull	[A]	(MB)
Bonaparte's Gull		
Heermann's Gull	[A]	Metro Beach Aug 26-Dec 12 1979, Oct 24-Dec 1980 , Oct 12-Nov 1 1981 (MBRC)
Ring-billed Gull		
California Gull	[A]	(MB)
Herring Gull		
Thayer's Gull	[C]	(JS), (MB)
Iceland Gull	[C]	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	[C]	(LH), (MB)
Slaty-backed Gull	[A]	(MB)
Glaucous Gull		
Great Black-backed Gull		
Black-legged Kittiwake	[A]	(MB)
Caspian Tern		
Common Tern	(P)	
Forster's Tern	(B)	
Black Tern	(B)	
ALCIDAE		
Common/Thick-billed Murre	[A]	November 23, 1950 (MBRC)
COLUMBIFORMES		
COLUMBIDAE		
Rock Pigeon	(B)	
Mourning Dove	(B)	
CUCULIFORMES		
CUCULIDAE		
Black-billed Cuckoo	(B)	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	(B)	
STRIGIFORMES		
TYTONIDAE		
Barn Owl	[E]	Jan 5 1958, Jan 10 1960, winter 1973-1974 (MBRC)
STRIGIDAE		
Eastern Screech-Owl	(B)	
Great Horned Owl	(B)	
Snowy Owl		
Barred Owl	(B)	
Long-eared Owl		
Short-eared Owl		
Northern Saw-whet Owl		(MB)

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CAPRIMULGIFORMES		
CAPRIMULGIDAE		
Common Nighthawk	(P)	
Whip-poor-will		
APODIFORMES		
APODIDAE		
Chimney Swift	(B)	
TROCHILIDAE		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	(B)	
Black Chinned Hummingbird	[A]	Ray Township May 9, 2003 (AC)
CORACIIFORMES		
ALCEDINIDAE		
Belted Kingfisher	(B)	
PICIFORMES		
PICIDAE		
Red-headed Woodpecker	(B)	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	(B)	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Downy Woodpecker	(B)	
Hairy Woodpecker	(B)	
Black-backed Woodpecker		Mt. Clemens, Dec. 5-19 1968 (AK)
Northern Flicker	(B)	
Pileated Woodpecker	(P)	Stony Creek
PASSERIFORMES		
TYRANNIDAE		
Olive-sided Flycatcher		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	(P)	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		
Acadian Flycatcher	(P)	
Alder Flycatcher	(P)	
Willow Flycatcher	(B)	
Least Flycatcher	(P)	
Eastern Phoebe	(B)	
Vermilion Flycatcher	[A]	November 12 1972 (MBRC)
Great Crested Flycatcher	(B)	
Eastern Kingbird	(B)	
LANIIDAE		
Loggerhead Shrike	[A]	April 18, 1954 (AK), May 3, 1962 (MBRC), Aug 5 – Oct 12 1981 (MBRC)
Northern Shrike		Macomb Township November 21, 2010 (PP)
VIREONIDAE		
White-eyed Vireo		
Bell's Vireo	[A]	May 6-20 1982 (MBRC)
Yellow-throated Vireo	(B)	
Blue-headed Vireo		
Warbling Vireo	(B)	
Philadelphia Vireo		
Red-eyed Vireo	(B)	
CORVIDAE		
Blue Jay	(B)	
American Crow	(B)	
ALAUDIDAE		
Horned Lark	(B)	
HIRUNDINIDAE		
Purple Martin	(B)	
Tree Swallow	(B)	
N. Rough-winged Swallow	(B)	
Bank Swallow	(B)	
Cliff Swallow	(B)	
Barn Swallow	(B)	
PARIDAE		
Black-capped Chickadee	(B)	
Tufted Titmouse	(B)	
SITTIDAE		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	(B)	
White-breasted Nuthatch		
CERTHIIDAE		
Brown Creeper	(B)	

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TROGLODYTIDAE		
Carolina Wren		
Bewick's Wren	[A]	May 14 1982 (MBRC), St. Clair Shores
House Wren	(B)	May 2 1963 (AK)
Winter Wren		
Sedge Wren		
Marsh Wren	(B)	
REGULIDAE		
Golden-crowned Kinglet		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
SYLVIIDAE		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	(B)	
TURDIDAE		
Eastern Bluebird	(B)	
Veery	(P)	
Gray-cheeked Thrush		
Swainson's Thrush		
Hermit Thrush		
Wood Thrush	(B)	
American Robin	(B)	
Varied Thrush	[A]	November 24, 1987 (BB)
MIMIDAE		
Gray Catbird	(B)	
Northern Mockingbird	(C)	
Brown Thrasher	(B)	May 16, 2009 (AR)
STURNIDAE		
European Starling	(B)	
MOTACILLIDAE		
American Pipit		
BOMBYCILLIDAE		
Bohemian Waxwing	[A]	(JS), Washington Twp, Bruce Twp, Armada Twp, March 1-6, 2008 (AR)
Cedar Waxwing	(B)	
PARULIDAE		
Blue-winged Warbler	(B)	
Golden-winged Warbler	(B)	
Tennessee Warbler		
Orange-crowned Warbler		
Nashville Warbler		
Northern Parula		
Yellow Warbler	(B)	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	(P)	
Magnolia Warbler		
Cape May Warbler		
Black-throated Blue Warbler		
Yellow-rumped Warbler		'Audubon's' Warbler September 21, 1999 (MBRC)
Black-throated Green Warbler	(P)	
Blackburnian Warbler		
Yellow-throated Warbler	[C]	(JS), (MB), Washington Twp. December 2010
Pine Warbler	(P)	
Prairie Warbler		
Palm Warbler		
Bay-breasted Warbler		
Blackpoll Warbler		
Cerulean Warbler	(P)	
Black-and-white Warbler		
American Redstart	(B)	
Prothonotary Warbler		
Worm-eating Warbler	[A]	(MB), (RP), Metro Beach April 26, 2008 (MT)
Ovenbird	(B)	
Northern Waterthrush	(P)	
Louisiana Waterthrush		
Kentucky Warbler		
Connecticut Warbler		
Mourning Warbler	(P)	
Common Yellowthroat	(B)	
Hooded Warbler	(P)	
Wilson's Warbler		
Canada Warbler		
Yellow-breasted Chat		

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THRAUPIDAE		
Summer Tanager		
Scarlet Tanager	(P)	
EMBERIZIDAE		
Eastern Towhee	(B)	
Spotted Towhee	[A]	Washington Twp., 12/19/09 (JFo)
Bachman's Sparrow	[A]	Metro Beach April 24, 1964 (RP)
American Tree Sparrow		
Chipping Sparrow	(B)	
Clay-colored Sparrow	(B)	Wetzel State Park
Field Sparrow	(B)	
Vesper Sparrow	(B)	
Lark Sparrow	[A]	(LH)
Savannah Sparrow	(B)	
Grasshopper Sparrow	(B)	
Henslow's Sparrow		
Fox Sparrow		
Song Sparrow	(B)	
Lincoln's Sparrow		
Swamp Sparrow	(B)	
White-throated Sparrow		
Harris's Sparrow	[C]	Shadbush Nature Center Jan. 2003, Clinton Township, May 7-9 2003 (BM)
White-crowned Sparrow		
Dark-eyed Junco		
Lapland Longspur		
Snow Bunting		
CARDINALIDAE		
Northern Cardinal	(B)	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	(B)	
Indigo Bunting	(B)	
Dickcissel		
ICTERIDAE		
Bobolink	(B)	
Red-winged Blackbird	(B)	
Eastern Meadowlark	(B)	
Western Meadowlark	[C]	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	[C]	(MB)
Rusty Blackbird		
Common Grackle	(B)	
Brown-headed Cowbird	(B)	
Orchard Oriole	(P)	
Baltimore Oriole	(B)	
FRINGILLIDAE		
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	[A]	Romeo Feb 26- late Mar 1984 (MBRC)
Pine Grosbeak	[A]	
Purple Finch		
House Finch	(B)	
Red Crossbill	[C]	
White-winged Crossbill	[C]	Clinton Twp. January – February 2009
Common Redpoll		
Hoary Redpoll	[A]	St. Clair Shores February 1972 (MM), (AK), (RP)
Pine Siskin		
American Goldfinch	(B)	
Evening Grosbeak	[C]	
PASSERIDAE		
House Sparrow	(B)	

Status Key:

[C] = Casual
[A] = Accidental
[E] = Extirpated
(B) = Confirmed Breeder
(P) = Possible Breeder

Notes:

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