

CHECKLIST OF THE
BIRDS OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

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This list is based chiefly on James Bond's Birds of Mount Desert Island. The area covered includes the entire Acadia National Park area, including Schoodic Peninsula, Mount Desert Island, and Isle Au Haut together with all the islands and waters inbetween, and south to Mount Desert Rock.

	Summer Resident	Transient	Winter Resident or Visitor	Rare Visitor	Remarks
Common Loon	x	x	x		Uncommon breeder here
Red-throated Loon		x	x		
Red-necked Grebe		x	x		
Horned Grebe		x	x		
Pied-billed Grebe	x	x			Rare breeder here
Fulmar	x				Non-breeder here. Usually is far offshore.
Greater Shearwater	x				Non-breeder here. Usually is far offshore.
Sooty Shearwater	x				Non-breeder here. Usually is far offshore.
Manx Shearwater	x				Non-breeder here. Usually is far offshore.
Leach's Petrel	x	x			Duck Island & far offshore
Wilson's Petrel	x				Non-breeder here. Seen far offshore.
Gannet		x	x	x	
Great Cormorant		x	x		
Double-crested Cormorant	x	x			
Great Blue Heron	x	x	x		Rare in winter.
Green Heron	x				No breeding record yet
Little Blue Heron				x	Two records
Cattle Egret				x	Three records
Common Egret				x	Bass Harbor Area
Snowy Egret				x	
Black-crowned Night Heron	x	x			
Least Bittern	x				Rate; one nesting 1968
American Bittern	x	x			
Glossy Ibis				x	Sev. records 1973;1974
Whistling Swan		x	x		One autumn record
Canada Goose		x	x		One summer record (Baker Island)
Brant		x	x		Rate in winter & summer
Snow Goose		x		x	
Mallard		x	x		
Black Duck	x	x	x		
Pintail			x	x	One record
Green-winged Teal	x	x	x		Two winter records
Blue-winged Teal	x	x			
Wood Duck	x	x			
Redhead			x	x	One record
Ring-necked Duck	x				
Greater Scaup		x	x		
Common Goldeneye		x	x		Rare in summer
Barrow's Goldeneye		x	x		Uncommon
Bufflehead		x	x		
Oldsquaw		x	x		Rare in summer
Harlequin Duck		x	x		Annual in winter at Isle au Haut; rare in winter at Schoodic Pt.

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Common Eider	x	x	x		
King Eider			x	x	Numerous records '73, '74
White-winged Scoter		x	x		A few in summer
Surf Scoter		x	x		Rare in summer
Common Scoter		x	x		Rare in summer
Ruddy Duck				x	
Hooded Merganser		x	x	x	Rare in winter & summer
Common Merganser	x	x	x		Uncommon breeder here.
Red-breasted Merganser	x	x	x		Uncommon breeder here.
Turkey Vulture				x	One record
Goshawk	x		x		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	x	x	x		No breeding record yet; rare in winter & summer.
Cooper's Hawk			x	x	
Red-tailed Hawk	x		x		
Red-shouldered Hawk			x	x	
Broad-winged Hawk	x	x			
Rough-legged Hawk		x	x	x	
Bald Eagle	x	x	x		
Marsh Hawk	x	x	x		Uncommon nester; two winter records
Osprey	x	x	x		One winter record
Gyr Falcon				x	
Peregrine Falcon	x	x	x	x	Last nested here in '55; one winter record.
Merlin		x	x	x	
Kestrel	x	x	x		Rare in winter/ Last reported in 1899
Spruce Grouse	x		x		
Ruffed Grouse	x		x		
Ring-necked Pheasant	x		x		Introduced
King Rail				x	One autumn specimen record 1968
Clapper Rail				x	One summer specimen record
Virginia Rail	x	x	x	x	
Sora		x		x	
Purple Gallinule				x	Three specimen records
Common Gallinule				x	One late spring record
American Coot		x		x	
American Oystercatcher				x	One late Summer Record
Semipalmated Plover		x			Transient in summer
Piping Plover		x		x	
Killdeer	x		x		One nesting record
American Golden Plover		x		x	
Black-bellied Plover		x			Transient in summer
Ruddy Turnstone		x	x		Transient in summer; one winter record
American Woodcock	x	x			
Common Snipe		x	x		Uncommon in winter
Whimbrel		x			

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Upland Plover				x	Four specimen records
Spotted Sandpiper	x	x			
Solitary Sandpiper		x		x	
Greater Yellowlegs		x			Transient in summer
Lesser Yellowlegs		x			Transient in summer
Knot		x		x	No record recent
Purple Sandpiper		x	x		Rare in summer
Pectoral Sandpiper		x			Transient in summer
White-rumped Sandpiper		x		x	One sight record
Baird's Sandpiper		x		x	One late summer record
Least Sandpiper		x			Transient in summer
Curlew Sandpiper				x	One late summer record
Dunlin		x		x	One sight record
Short-billed Dowitcher		x			Transient in summer
Stilt Sandpiper		x			Sand Beach Marsh
Semipalmated Sandpiper		x			Transient in summer
Hudsonian Godwit		x		x	One Record
Sanderling		x			Transient in summer
Red Phalarope		x		x	Specimen record
Northern Phalarope		x			
Pomarine Jaeger		x		x	
Parasitic Jaeger		x		x	
Long-tailed Jaeger				x	One specimen record 1968
Skua					One specimen record from Pretty Marsh
Glaucous Gull			x	x	
Iceland Gull			x	x	
Kumlien's Iceland Gull			x	x	One specimen record
Great Black-backed Gull	x		x		
Lesser Black-backed Gull				x	Two records
Herring Gull	x		x		
Ring-billed Gull			x		Uncommon
Black Headed Gull			x	x	Winter, Compas Harbor
Little Gull			x	x	Winter, Bar Island
Laughing Gull				x	Summer visitor
Bonaparte's Gull		x	x		
Ivory Gull			x	x	One specimen record
Black-legged Kittiwake		x	x		Uncommon
Sabine's Gull		x			Off Great Head after storm
Forster's Tern				x	One summer record 1968
Common Tern	x				
Arctic Tern	x				Non-breeder here
Roseate Tern				x	Summer visitors
Sooty Tern				x	One Specimen record
Least Tern				x	One summer specimen record
Caspian Tern				x	Summer visitor
Black Tern				x	1 summer record; 1 spring record
Black Skimmer				x	After storms only
Razorbill			x	x	

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Common Murre			x	x	Two summer records
Thick-billed Murre			x	x	One summer record
Dovekie			x		Uncommon
Black Guillemot	x		x		
Common Puffin			x	x	
Rock Dove	x		x		Introduced
Mourning Dove	x		x		Uncommon
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				x	
Black-billed Cuckoo	x	x			
Barn Owl				x	One 1900 record
Screech Owl				x	One record; summer of 1934
Great Horned Owl	x		x	x	No breeding record yet
Snowy Owl		x	x		Uncommon
Hawk-Owl		x	x	x	
Barred Owl	x		x		
Great Gray Owl				x	One autumn sight record
Long-eared Owl			x	x	Specimen record
Short-eared Owl		x		x	
Boreal Owl			x	x	Specimen record
Saw-whet Owl	x		x	x	
Whip-poor-will	x				
Common Nighthawk	x	x			
Chimney Swift	x	x			
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	x	x			
Belted Kingfisher	x		x		Uncommon in winter
Yellow-shafted Flicker	x	x	x		One winter record
Pileated Woodpecker	x		x		Uncommon
Red-bellied Woodpecker			x	x	Two records 1968
Red-headed Woodpecker			x	x	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	x	x			Uncommon
Hairy Woodpecker	x		x		
Downy-Woodpecker	x		x		
Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker			x	x	
Eastern Kingbird	x	x			
Western Kingbird				x	
Great Crested Flycatcher	x				Uncommon
Eastern Phoebe	x	x			
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	x				Uncommon
Traill's Flycatcher	x	x			
Least Flycatcher	x	x			
Eastern Wood Pewee	x	x			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	x	x			
Horned Lark		x	x		Rare in winter
Tree Swallow	x	x			
Bank Swallow	x	x			

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Rough-winged Swallow	x				Uncommon
Barn Swallow	x	x			
Cliff Swallow	x	x			
Purple Martin		x		x	Formerly nested here.
Gray Jay	x		x		Rare
Blue Jay	x		x		
Common Raven	x		x		
Common Crow	x	x	x		
Black-capped Chickadee	x		x		
Boreal Chickadee	x		x		Uncommon
White-breasted Nuthatch			x		Absent some winters
Red-breasted Nuthatch	x		x		
Brown Creeper	x		x		
House Wren	x				Uncommon
Winter Wren	x	x	x		Rare in winter
Bewick's Wren				x	1 record; 1970 Ship Harbor
Carolina Wren			x	x	Rare in winter & summer
Long-billed Marsh Wren				x	
Short-billed Marsh Wren	x				Uncommon; no breeding record yet
Mockingbird			x	x	Becoming common in winter rare in summer
Catbird	x		x		Rare in winter
Brown Thrasher	x		x		Uncommon in winter
Robin	x	x	x		
Varied Thrush			x	x	Two records
Wood Thrush	x				Uncommon
Hermit Thrush	x	x	x		Rare in winter
Swainson's Thrush	x	x			
Gray-checked Thrush		x		x	
Veery	x	x			Uncommon
Eastern Bluebird	x	x		x	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				x	Two records
Golden-crowned Kinglet	x	x	x		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	x	x	x		Two winter records
Water Pipit		x		x	One record
Bohemian Waxwing			x	x	
Cedar Waxwing	x	x	x		Rare in winter
Northern Shrike			x		Uncommon
Loggerhead Shrike				x	
Starling	x		x		Introduced
Yellow-throated Vireo				x	
Solitary Vireo	x	x			
Red-eyed Vireo	x	x			
Philadelphia Vireo		x			
Warbling Vireo				x	
Black-and-white Warbler	x	x			
Pronthonotary Warbler				x	One record
Worm-eating Warbler				x	

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Golden-winged Warbler				x	
Blue-winged Warbler				x	One banding record 1968
Tennessee Warbler	x	x			
Orange-crowned Warbler			x	x	One wintering record
Nashville Warbler	x	x			
Parula Warbler	x	x			
Yellow Warbler	x	x			
Magnolia Warbler	x	x			
Cape May Warbler	x	x			Usually rare or absent in summer
Black-throated Blue Warbler	x	x			
Myrtle Warbler	x	x	x		Rare in winter
Black-throated Green Warbler	x	x			
Cerulean Warbler				x	One spring record
Blackburnian Warbler	x	x			
Chestnut-sided Warbler	x	x			
Bay-breasted Warbler	x	x			
Blackpoll Warbler	x	x			Nests on Duck Islands. Found nesting at Wonderland 1974
Pine Warbler		x	x	x	
Prairie Warbler				x	
Western Palm Warbler				x	
Yellow Palm Warbler	x	x			Uncommon in summer
Ovenbird	x	x			
Northern Waterthrush		x			Uncommon
Connecticut Warbler				x	
Mourning Warbler		x			
Yellowthroat	x	x			
Yellow-breasted Chat			x	x	Rare in summer also
Hooded Warbler				x	One autumn record 1968
Wilson's Warbler	x	x			
Canada Warbler	x	x			
American Restart	x	x			
House Sparrow	x		x		Introduced
Bobolink	x				
Eastern Meadowlark	x		x		Rare in winter
Yellow-headed Blackbird				x	
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x		
Orchard Oriole				x	
Baltimore Oriole	x		x		Uncommon
Bullock's Oriole			x	x	One record (banded)
Rusty Blackbird		x	x		Uncommon in winter
Common Grackle	x	x	x		Uncommon in winter
Brown-headed Cowbird	x	x	x		
Scarlet Tanager	x	x			Uncommon in summer
Summer Tanager				x	Two spring records
Cardinal			x		Becoming common in winter
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	x	x			Uncommon in summer
Blue Grosbeak			x	x	Specimens; 1 winter record

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Indigo Bunting	x				No breeding record yet
Dickcissel			x		Uncommon in winter & autumn
Evening Grosbeak	x	x	x		No breeding record yet
Purple Finch	x		x		Rare in winter
Pine Grosbeak		x	x		Rare in summer
Hoary Redpoll			x	x	One record 1969
Common Redpoll		x	x		Absent some years
Pine Siskin	x		x		Absent some years
American Goldfinch	x	x	x		
Red Crossbill	x		x		Absent some years
White-winged Crossbill	x		x		Absent some years
Green-tailed Towhee				x	One record
Rufous-sided Towhee	x		x		Uncommon in winter
Spotted Towhee			x	x	One record
Lark Bunting				x	One record
Savannah Sparrow	x	x			
Grasshopper Sparrow			x	x	One record
LeConte's Sparrow				x	One spring record 1968
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	x	x			Bass Harbor Marsh
Vesper Sparrow		x			Uncommon
Dark Sparrow				x	Three records (1 banding)
Slate-colored Junco	x	x	x		
Oregon Junco			x	x	1 spring & 1 winter record
Tree Sparrow		x	x		
Chipping Sparrow	x	x	x		Rare in winter
Clay-colored Sparrow				x	Pair at Bass Harbor, summer 1974
Field Sparrow	x		x		No nesting record yet; rare in winter
White-crowned Sparrow		x			
White-throated Sparrow	x	x	x		
Fox Sparrow		x	x		
Lincoln's Sparrow	x	x	x		Rare in summer; 1 winter record
Swamp Sparrow	x	x	x		Two winter records
Song Sparrow	x	x	x		
Lapland Longspur			x	x	
Snow Bunting		x	x		
Date for the following five species have been supplied by William Russell of Seal Harbor in May 1969.					
Corey's Shearwater	x	x		x	One record
Hairy Shearwater	x	x		x	Four records
White-fronted Goose				x	One March 1968 record
Long-billed Dowitcher		x		x	One Oct. 1969 record (specimen)
Black-headed Gull			x	x	One Jan. 1969 record