



Birds of the Connecticut River Watershed

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Common name

Scientific name

Waterfowl

Tundra swan

Cygnus columbianus

Mute swan

Cygnus olor

Canada goose

Branta canadensis

Mallard

Anas platyrhynchos

American black duck

Anas rubripes

Gadwall

Anas strepera

Green-winged teal

Anas crecca

American wigeon

Anas americana

Northern pintail

Anas pintail

Northern shoveler

Anas acuta

Blue-winged teal

Anas discors

Ruddy duck

Oxyura jamaicensis

Wood duck

Aix sponsa

Canvasback

Aythya valisineria

Redhead

Aythya americana

Ring-necked duck

Aythya collaris

Greater scaup

Aythya marila

Lesser scaup

Aythya affinis

White-winged scoter

Melanitta fusca

Surf Scoter

Melanitta perspicillata

Black scoter

Melanitta nigra

Oldsquaw

Clangula hyemalis

Common goldeneye

Bucephala clangula

Bufflehead

Bucephala albeola

Common merganser

Mergus merganser

Red-breasted merganser

Mergus serrator

Hooded merganser

Lophodytes cucullatus

Shorebirds

Piping plover

Charadrius melodus

Semipalmated plover

Charadrius semipalmatus

Killdeer

Charadrius vociferus

Black-bellied plover

Pluvialis squatarola

Lesser golden plover

Pluvialis dominica

Willet

Catoptrophorus semipalmatus

Greater yellowlegs

Tringa melanoleuca

Lesser yellowlegs

Tringa flavipes

Solitary sandpiper

Tringa solitaria

Spotted sandpiper

Actitis macularia

Common snipe

Gallinago gallinago

Semipalmated sandpiper

Callidris pusilla





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Least sandpiper
Pectoral sandpiper
Dunlin

Calidris minutilla
Calidris melanotos
Calidris alpina

Other water-dependent birds

Common loon
Red-throated loon
Red-necked grebe
Horned grebe
Pied-billed grebe
Great cormorant
Double-crested cormorant
Least bittern
American bittern
Black-crowned night-heron
Green-backed heron
Snowy egret
Great egret
Great blue heron
Virginia rail
Sora rail
Common Moorhen
American coot
Ring-billed gull
Herring gull
Bald eagle
Northern harrier
Osprey
Belted kingfisher

Gavia immer
Gavia stellata
Podiceps grisegena
Podiceps auritus
Podilymbus podiceps
Phalacrocorax carbo
Phalacrocorax auritus
Ixobrychus exilis
Botaurus lentiginosus
Nycticorax nycticorax
Butorides striatu
Egretta thula
Casmerodius albus
Ardea herodias
Rallus limicola
Porzana carolina
Gallinula chloropus
Fulica americana
Larus delawarensis
Larus argentatus
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Circus cyaneus
Pandion haliaetus
Megaceryle alcyon

Passerines and raptors - seasonal breeders that do not winter in the watershed

Turkey vulture
Broad-winged hawk
Osprey
American woodcock
Upland sandpiper
Black-billed cuckoo
Yellow-billed cuckoo
Common nighthawk
Whip-poor-will
Chimney swift
Ruby-throated hummingbird
Red-headed woodpecker
Red-bellied woodpecker
Olive-sided flycatcher
Eastern wood-pewee
Yellow-bellied flycatcher
Acadian flycatcher
Alder flycatcher
Willow flycatcher

Cathartes aura
Buteo platypterus
Pandion haliaetus
Philohela minor
Bartramia longicauda
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus
Coccyzus americanus
Chordeiles minor
Caprimulgus vociferus
Chaetura pelagica
Archilochus colubris
Melanerpes erythrocephalus
Melanerpes carolinus
Nuttallornis borealis
Contopus virens
Empidonax flaviventris
Empidonax virescens
Empidonax alnorum
Empidonax traillii



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Least flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested flycatcher
Eastern kingbird
Purple martin
Tree swallow
Northern rough-winged swallow
Bank swallow
Cliff swallow
Barn swallow
House wren
Sedge wren
Marsh wren
Blue-grey gnatcatcher
Veery¹
Gray-cheeked thrush
Swainson's thrush¹
Wood thrush¹
Gray catbird
Brown thrasher
Loggerhead shrike
White-eyed vireo
Solitary vireo
Yellow-throated vireo
Warbling vireo
Philadelphia vireo
Red-eyed vireo
Blue-winged warbler
Golden-winged warbler
Cerulean warbler¹
Tennessee warbler
Nashville warbler
Northern Parula¹
Yellow warbler
Chestnut-sided warbler
Magnolia warbler
Cape May warbler
Black-throated blue warbler¹
Yellow-rumped warbler
Black-throated green warbler¹
Blackburnian warbler¹
Pine warbler
Prairie warbler
Palm warbler
Bay-breasted warbler¹
Blackpoll warbler¹
Black-and-white warbler¹
American redstart
Prothonotary warbler
Worm-eating warbler¹

Emidonax minimus
Sayornis phoebe
Myiarchus crinitus
Tyrannus tyrannus
Progne subis
Iridoprocne bicolor
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Riparia riparia
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
Hirundo rustica
Troglodytes aedon
Cistothorus platensis
Cistothorus palustris
Polioptila caerulea
Catharus fuscescens
Catharus minimus
Catharus ustulatus
Hylocichla mustelina
Dumetella carolinensis
Toxostoma rufum
Lanius ludovicianus
Vireo griseus
Vireo solitarius
Vireo flavifrons
Vireo gilvus
Vireo philadelphicus
Vireo olivaceus
Vermivora pinus
Vermivora chrysoptera
Dendroica cerulea
Vermivora peregrina
Vermivora ruficapilla
Parula americana
Dendroica petechia
Dendroica pensylvanica
Dendroica magnolia
Dendroica tigrina
Dendroica caerulescens
Dendroica coronata
Dendroica virens
Dendroica fusca
Dendroica pinus
Dendroica discolor
Dendroica palmarum
Dendroica castanea
Dendroica striata
Mniotilta varia
Setophaga ruticilla
Protonotario citrea
Helmitheros vermivorus



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Ovenbird ¹	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>
Northern waterthrush ¹	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>
Louisiana waterthrush ¹	<i>Seiurus motacilla</i>
Mourning warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>
Common yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Hooded warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>
Wilson's warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Canada warbler ¹	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>
Scarlet tanager ¹	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>
Rose-breasted grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
Indigo bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>
Chipping sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>
Grasshopper sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
Henslow's sparrow	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>
Lincoln's sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>
Red-winged blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Orchard oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>
Northern oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>

¹ Forest interior breeding birds

Passerines and raptors - residents that breed and winter within the watershed

Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Northern harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
Northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Sharp-shinned hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Cooper's hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
Red-shouldered hawk ¹	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>
Red-tailed hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
American kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Gray partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>
Ring-necked pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
Spruce grouse	<i>Canachites canadensis</i>
Ruffed grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>
Wild turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Northern bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>
Rock dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Common barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Eastern screech owl	<i>Otus asio</i>
Great horned owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Barred owl ¹	<i>Strix varia</i>
Long-eared owl	<i>Asio otus</i>
Northern saw-whet owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>
Downy woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>



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Hairy woodpecker ¹	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Three-toed woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>
Black-backed woodpecker	<i>Picoides arcticus</i>
Northern flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Pileated woodpecker ¹	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
Horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
Gray jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>
Blue jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
American crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Fish crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>
Common raven	<i>Crocus corax</i>
Black-capped chickadee	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>
Boreal chickadee	<i>Parus hudsonicus</i>
Tufted titmouse	<i>Parus bicolor</i>
Red-breasted nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>
White-breasted nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
Brown creeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
Carolina wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>
Winter wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Golden-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
Ruby-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>
Eastern bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
Hermit thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>
American robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Northern mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
Cedar waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
European starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Yellow-breasted chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>
Northern cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Rufous-sided towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Field sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>
Vesper sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
Savannah sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
Song sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Swamp sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>
White-throated sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>
Dark-eyed junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
Eastern meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Rusty blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>
Common grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Brown-headed cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Purple finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>
House finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>
Red crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
White-winged crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>
Pine siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>
American goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>
Evening grosbeak	<i>Hesperiphona vespertina</i>
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>





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Passerines and raptors - winter residents that do not breed in the watershed

Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
Rough legged hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
Snowy owl	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>
Northern hawk owl	<i>Surnia ulula</i>
Great grey owl	<i>Strix nebulosa</i>
Short-eared owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>
Boreal owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>
Bohemian waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>
Northern shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>
American tree sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>
Fox sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>
Lapland longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>
Snow bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>
Pine grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>
Common redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>
Hoary redpoll	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>

