

## **Birds Reported in Allegheny County – 2014**

*Compiled by Mike Fialkovich, Bird Reports Editor*

1. Greater White-fronted Goose
2. Snow Goose
3. Ross's Goose
4. Cackling Goose
5. Canada Goose
6. Mute Swan
7. Tundra Swan
8. Wood Duck
9. Gadwall
10. American Wigeon
11. American Black Duck
12. Mallard
13. Blue-winged Teal
14. Northern Shoveler
15. Northern Pintail
16. Green-winged Teal
17. Canvasback
18. Redhead
19. Ring-necked Duck
20. Greater Scaup
21. Lesser Scaup
22. Surf Scoter
23. White-winged Scoter
24. Black Scoter
25. Long-tailed Duck
26. Bufflehead
27. Common Goldeneye
28. Hooded Merganser
29. Common Merganser
30. Red-breasted Merganser
31. Ruddy Duck
32. Wild Turkey
33. Red-throated Loon
34. Common Loon
35. Pied-billed Grebe
36. Horned Grebe
37. Red-necked Grebe
38. Double-crested Cormorant
39. American Bittern
40. Least Bittern
41. Great Blue Heron
42. Great Egret
43. Green Heron
44. Black-crowned Night-Heron
45. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
46. Turkey Vulture
47. Osprey
48. Bald Eagle
49. Northern Harrier
50. Sharp-shinned Hawk
51. Cooper's Hawk
52. Red-shouldered Hawk
53. Broad-winged Hawk
54. Red-tailed Hawk
55. Rough-legged Hawk
56. American Kestrel
57. Merlin
58. Peregrine Falcon
59. Ruffed Grouse
60. Virginia Rail
61. Sora
62. American Coot
63. Sandhill Crane
64. American Golden Plover
65. Semipalmated Plover
66. Killdeer
67. American Avocet
68. Greater Yellowlegs
69. Lesser Yellowlegs
70. Solitary Sandpiper
71. Spotted Sandpiper
72. Semipalmated Sandpiper
73. Least Sandpiper
74. Pectoral Sandpiper
75. Dunlin
76. Short-billed Dowitcher
77. Long-billed Dowitcher
78. Wilson's Snipe
79. American Woodcock
80. Laughing Gull

81. Bonaparte's Gull
82. Ring-billed Gull
83. Herring Gull
84. Thayer's Gull
85. Iceland Gull
86. Lesser Black-backed Gull
87. Glaucous Gull
88. Great Black-backed Gull
89. Caspian Tern
90. Common Tern
91. Forster's Tern
92. Black Tern
93. Rock Pigeon
94. Mourning Dove
95. Black-billed Cuckoo
96. Yellow-billed Cuckoo
97. Eastern Screech-Owl
98. Great Horned Owl
99. Snowy Owl
100. Barred Owl
101. Short-eared Owl
102. Northern Saw-whet Owl
103. Common Nighthawk
104. Chimney Swift
105. Ruby-throated Hummingbird
106. Rufous Hummingbird
107. Belted Kingfisher
108. Red-headed Woodpecker
109. Red-bellied Woodpecker
110. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
111. Downy Woodpecker
112. Hairy Woodpecker
113. Northern Flicker
114. Pileated Woodpecker
115. Olive-sided Flycatcher
116. Eastern Wood-pewee
117. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
118. Acadian Flycatcher
119. Alder Flycatcher
120. Willow Flycatcher
121. Least Flycatcher
122. Eastern Phoebe
123. Great Crested Flycatcher
124. Eastern Kingbird
125. Northern Shrike
126. White-eyed Vireo
127. Yellow-throated Vireo
128. Blue-headed Vireo
129. Warbling Vireo
130. Philadelphia Vireo
131. Red-eyed Vireo
132. Blue Jay
133. American Crow
134. Fish Crow
135. Common Raven
136. Horned Lark
137. Purple Martin
138. Tree Swallow
139. Northern Rough-winged Swallow
140. Bank Swallow
141. Cliff Swallow
142. Barn Swallow
143. Carolina Chickadee
144. Black-capped Chickadee
145. Tufted Titmouse
146. Red-breasted Nuthatch
147. White-breasted Nuthatch
148. Brown Creeper
149. Carolina Wren
150. House Wren
151. Winter Wren
152. Marsh Wren
153. Golden-crowned Kinglet
154. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
155. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
156. Eastern Bluebird
157. Veery
158. Gray-cheeked Thrush
159. Swainson's Thrush
160. Hermit Thrush
161. Wood Thrush
162. American Robin
163. Gray Catbird
164. Northern Mockingbird
165. Brown Thrasher
166. European Starling
167. American Pipit
168. Cedar Waxwing

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| 169. Lapland Longspur             | 205. Yellow-breasted Chat   |
| 170. Snow Bunting                 | 206. Eastern Towhee         |
| 171. Ovenbird                     | 207. American Tree Sparrow  |
| 172. Worm-eating Warbler          | 208. Chipping Sparrow       |
| 173. Northern Waterthrush         | 209. Clay-colored Sparrow   |
| 174. Louisiana Waterthrush        | 210. Field Sparrow          |
| 175. Golden-winged Warbler        | 211. Vesper Sparrow         |
| 176. Blue-winged Warbler          | 212. Savannah Sparrow       |
| 177. Black-and-white Warbler      | 213. Grasshopper Sparrow    |
| 178. Tennessee Warbler            | 214. Henslow's Sparrow      |
| 179. Orange-crowned Warbler       | 215. Nelson's Sparrow       |
| 180. Nashville Warbler            | 216. Fox Sparrow            |
| 181. Connecticut Warbler          | 217. Song Sparrow           |
| 182. Mourning Warbler             | 218. Lincoln's Sparrow      |
| 183. Kentucky Warbler             | 219. Swamp Sparrow          |
| 184. Common Yellowthroat          | 220. White-throated Sparrow |
| 185. Hooded Warbler               | 221. White-crowned Sparrow  |
| 186. American Redstart            | 222. Dark-eyed Junco        |
| 187. Cape May Warbler             | 223. Summer Tanager         |
| 188. Cerulean Warbler             | 224. Scarlet Tanager        |
| 189. Northern Parula              | 225. Northern Cardinal      |
| 190. Magnolia Warbler             | 226. Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| 191. Bay-breasted Warbler         | 227. Indigo Bunting         |
| 192. Blackburnian Warbler         | 228. Bobolink               |
| 193. Yellow Warbler               | 229. Red-winged Blackbird   |
| 194. Chestnut-sided Warbler       | 230. Eastern Meadowlark     |
| 195. Blackpoll Warbler            | 231. Rusty Blackbird        |
| 196. Black-throated Blue Warbler  | 232. Common Grackle         |
| 197. Palm Warbler                 | 233. Brown-headed Cowbird   |
| 198. Pine Warbler                 | 234. Orchard Oriole         |
| 199. Yellow-rumped Warbler        | 235. Baltimore Oriole       |
| 200. Yellow-throated Warbler      | 236. Purple Finch           |
| 201. Prairie Warbler              | 237. House Finch            |
| 202. Black-throated Green Warbler | 238. Pine Siskin            |
| 203. Canada Warbler               | 239. American Goldfinch     |
| 204. Wilson's Warbler             | 240. House Sparrow          |

**Notes:**

Species reported but not included on the list include:

- Ring-necked Pheasant – no longer self sustaining populations.
- Northern Bobwhite – introduced; not self sustaining.
- Brewster's Warbler – hybrid; the first in four years.

We experienced a major gull invasion this winter that brought gulls in high numbers and variety with record setting totals of rare species. This surpassed the previous invasion in 2007.

White-winged Scoters and Red-necked Grebes were numerous due to the freezing of the Great Lakes.

Two Red-throated Loons together in February were a notable seventh county record. All recent records have been of single birds.

Goose variety was its greatest with Greater White-fronted (December), Snow (March and November), Ross's (April and December) and Cackling (March and December) reported this year.

Two flyover Sandhill Cranes in April and a flock heard flying over after dark in November were rare for the county.

Notable county records in 2014:

- First county record of Yellow-crowned Night-Heron in April.
- Fourth county record of Least Bittern but the first since 1923.
- Fifth county record of American Avocet; a flyover.
- Two Laughing Gulls in July; fourth county record and first record of multiple individuals.
- Fourth county record of Nelson's Sparrow in October.

Rare here a Summer Tanager was heard singing in April.

A Slate-colored Fox Sparrow in January was the first record of this race in Pennsylvania. This subspecies is quite notable and rare in the east.