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PREFACE

This list was originally prepared for use in collecting data for a bulletin on the birds of New York, but, inasmuch as no check list of the birds of the entire state is available for the student of our avi-fauna, it has been thought advisable to publish it in this form, hoping that it may be of some use to students in ornithology and serve as a convenient means of keeping notes on the various species.

My purpose has been to include all the birds known to occur or to have occurred in our state, and only those forms have been admitted that have actually been taken in New York. Thus the list contains not only our regular summer and winter residents and migrants, but also those that occur as irregular visitants or stragglers. A number of the species recorded have been taken only once or twice in the state and this is in nearly every case indicated in a foot note with the proper reference. It is believed that nearly, if not quite all the birds of our state, that have been recorded, are included; but for any corrections or additions the author will be grateful.

The list is divided into two parts, the first containing those birds that have actually been taken in New York, the second including those of which we have no satisfactory state records, but which, having been taken in adjoining states, may be looked for in New York.

Strict adherence is given to the nomenclature of the American ornithologists union check list of 1895 and the supplements of January 1897 and 1899. The number of the species in this list is followed by the American ornithologists union number in parentheses or brackets, and as the pamphlet is designed for the use of students rather than advanced workers, the common name is given first.

My obligations are due to Dr F. J. H. Merrill, whose kind aid and criticism have been a source of inspiration in my work. Also to Dr J. A. Allen and Mr William Dutcher of New York, Dr William Brewster of Cambridge, and Dr A. W. Butler of Indianapolis, who have been so kind as to give me notes and suggestions on several species.

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CHECK LIST OF NEW YORK BIRDS

PART I

Order **Pygopodes**  Diving birds

Family **PODICIPIDAE**  Grebes

1a  (2) Holboell's grebe
Colymbus holbollii (Reinh.)

2  (3) Horned grebe
Colymbus auritus Linn.

3  (6) Pied-billed grebe
Podilymbus podiceps (Linn.)

Family **GAVIIDAE**  Loons

4  (7) Loon
Gavia imber (Gunn.)
5 (9) Black-throated loon
\[ \text{Gavia artica (Linn.)} \]

6 (11) Red-throated loon
\[ \text{Gavia lumme (Gunn.)} \]

Family ALCIDAE \( \text{Auks, murres and puffins} \)

7 (13) Puffin
\[ \text{Fratercula arctica (Linn.)} \]

8 (27) Black guillemot
\[ \text{Cepphus grylle (Linn.)} \]

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9 (31) Brünnich's murre
   Uria lomvia (Linn.)

10 (32) Razor-billed auk
   Alca torda Linn.

11 (34) Dovekie
   Alle alle (Linn.)

Order Longipennes  Long-winged swimmers

Family STERCORARIIDAE  Skuas and jaegers

12 (35) Skua¹
   Megalestris skua (Brünn.)

¹ Long Island record, Auk, 3 : 422-33. Niagara river, spring of 1886. See Auk, 6 : 331; also Berg-told's List of the birds of Buffalo and vicinity, p. 3.
13 (36) Pomarine jaeger
Stercorarius pomarinus (Temm.)

14 (37) Parasitic jaeger
Stercorarius parasiticus (Linn.)

15 (38) Long-tailed jaeger
Stercorarius longicaudus Vieill.

Family LARIDAE  Gulls and terns

16 (39) Ivory gull¹
Pagophila alba (Gunn.)

¹ One Long Island record. See Auk, 12: 290-91.
17 (40) Kittiwake
   Rissa tridactyla (Linn.)

18 (42) Glaucous gull
   Larus glaucus Brünn.

19 (43) Iceland gull
   Larus leucopterus Faber

20 (47) Great black-backed gull
   Larus marinus Linn.
21 (51) Herring gull
Larus argentatus Brünn.

22 (51a) American herring gull
Larus argentatus smithsonianus Coues

23 (54) Ring-billed gull
Larus delawarensis Ord

24 (58) Laughing gull
Larus atricilla Linn.

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1 Dr J. A. Allen writes me that this species is occasional in winter in Long Island sound and adjacent waters, and that several specimens taken in that locality and referable to this form have come under his observation.
25 (60) Bonaparte's gull
Larus philadelphia (Ord)

26 [60.1] Little gull¹
Larus minutus Pall.

27 (62) Sabine's gull²
Xema sabinii (Sab.)

28 (63) Gull-billed tern
Gelochelidon nilotica (Hasselq.)

¹ There is one American record of the occurrence of this European species. It was taken at Fire Island, Long Island. See Auk, 1888, 5: 172.
29 (64) Caspian tern
   Sterna caspia Pallas

30 (65) Royal tern
   Sterna maxima Bodd.

31 [68] Trudeau's tern¹
   Sterna trudeaui Aud.

32 (69) Forster's tern
   Sterna forsteri Nutt.

¹ One representative of this South American bird has been recorded from Long Island. See Aud. Orn. biog. 5:125; Aud. Syn. birds N. A., p. 319; Giraud's Birds of Long Island, p. 354; Baird, Brewer & Ridgway's Water birds, 2:291.
33 (70) Common tern
   Sterna hirundo Linn

34 (71) Arctic tern
   Sterna paradisaea Brünn.

35 (72) Roseate tern
   Sterna dougallii Montag.

36 (74) Least tern
   Sterna antillarum (Less.)
37  (75)  Sooty tern
     Sterna fuliginosa Gmel.

38  (77)  Black tern
     Hydrochelidon nigra surinamensis (Gmel.)

Family  RYNCHOPIDAE  Skimmers

39  (80)  Black skimmer
     Rynchops nigra Linn.

Order  Tubinares  Tube-nosed swimmers

Family  PROCELLARIIDAE  Fulmars and shearwaters

40  (88)  Cory's shearwater
     Puffinus borealis Cory
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45 [99] Scaled petrel
Aestrelata scalaris Brewst.

46 (106) Leach’s petrel
Oceanodroma leucorhoa (Vieill.)

47 (109) Wilson’s petrel
Oceanites oceanicus (Kuhl)

Order Steganopodes  Totipalmate swimmers
Family PHAËTHONTIDAE  Tropic birds

48 (112) Yellow-billed tropic bird
Phaëthon americanus Grant

1 The single specimen taken in Livingston co. in 1880 is unique, as it has not been taken elsewhere. See Bul. Nutt. orn. club, 6: 91-97; Auk, 11: 389-93.
2 This tropical form has once been taken at Knowlesville, Orleans co. See Bul. Nutt. orn. club, 5: 63. See also Short’s Birds of western New York. Also Langille’s, Our birds in their haunts, p. 615. One other state record. See Maynard’s Birds of eastern North America, 1881, p. 474
Family SULIDAE  *Gannets*

49 (115) Booby\(^1\)
Sula sula (Linn.)

50 (117) Gannet
Sula bassana (Linn.)

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Family PHALACROCORACIDAE  *Cormorants*

51 (119) Cormorant
Phalacrocorax carbo (Linn.)

52 (120) Double-crested cormorant
Phalacrocorax dilophus (Swain.)

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\(^1\) Accidental on Moriches bay, Long Island. See *Auk*, 10:271.
Family PELECANIDAE  *Pelicans*

53 (125) American white pelican
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos Gmel.

Family FREGATIDAE  *Man-o'-war birds*

54 (128) Man-o'-war bird¹
Fregata aquila Linn.

Order **Anseres**  *Lamellirostral swimmers*

Family ANATIDAE  *Ducks, geese and swans*

55 (129) American merganser
Merganser americanus (Cass.)

56 (130) Red-breasted merganser
Merganser serrator (Linn.)

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¹ There are two Long Island records. See *American naturalist*, 9: 470; *Auk*, 5: 172.
57 (131) Hooded merganser
   Lophodytes cucullatus (Linn.)

58 (132) Mallard
   Anas boschas Linn.

59 (133) Black duck
   Anas obscura Gmel.

60 (135) Gadwall
   Chaulelasmus streperus (Linn.)
61 (136) Widgeon
Mareca penelope (Linn.)

62 (137) Baldpate
Mareca americana (Gmel.)

63 (139) Green-winged teal
Nettion carolinensis (Gmel.)

64 (140) Blue-winged teal
Querquedula discors (Linn.)
65 (142) Shoveller
   Spatula clypeata (Linn.)

66 (143) Pintail
   Dafila acuta (Linn.)

67 (144) Wood duck
   Aix sponsa (Linn.)

68 [145] Rufous-crested duck¹
   Netta ruína (Pall.)

¹ This European species is known in the United States only by one specimen found in Fulton market, New York, and supposed to have been shot on Long Island. See Bul. Nutt. orn. club, 6:173; also Proc. U. S. nat. mus. 13(1), p. 22-34.
69 (146) Redhead
Aythya americana (Eyt.)

70 (147) Canvas-back
Aythya vallisneria (Wils.)

71 (148) American scaup duck
Aythya marila (Linn.)

72 (149) Lesser scaup duck
Aythya affinis (Eyt.)
73 (150) Ring-necked duck
Aythya collaris (Donov.)

74 (151) American golden-eye
Clangula clangula americana Faxon

75 (152) Barrow’s golden-eye
Clangula islandica (Gmel.)

76 (153) Buffle-head
Charitonetta albeola (Linn.)
77 (154) Old-squaw
    Harelda hyemalis (Linn.)

78 (155) Harlequin duck
    Histrionicus histrionicus (Linn.)

79 (156) Labrador duck
    Camptolaimus labradorius (Gmel.)

80 (160) American eider
    Somateria dresseri Sharpe

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1 Formerly a winter visitant to Long Island from the arctic regions. Now supposed to be extinct.
81 (162) King cinder
   Somateria spectabilis (Linn.)

82 (163) American scoter
   Oidemia americana Swains.

83 (165) White-winged scoter
   Oidemia deglandi Bonap.

84 (166) Surf scoter
   Oidemia perspicillata (Linn.)
85 (167) Ruddy duck
   Erismatura jamaicensis (Gmel.)

86 (169a) Greater snow goose
   Chen hyperborea nivalis (Forst.)

87 (169.1) Blue goose
   Chen caerulescens (Linn.)

88 (171a) American white-fronted goose
   Anser albifrons gambeli (Hartl.)
89 (172) Canada goose
    Branta canadensis (Linn.)

90 (172a) Hutchins's goose
    Branta canadensis hutchinsii (Rich.)

91 (173) Brant
    Branta bernicla (Linn.)

92 (174) Black brant
    Branta nigricans (Lawr.)
93  [175] Barnacle goose\(^1\)
   Branta leucopsis (Bechst.)

94  (180) Whistling swan
   Olor columbianus (Ord)

Order **Herodiones**  *Herons, ibises, etc.*
   Family **IBIDIDAE**  *Ibises*

95  (184) White ibis
   Guara alba (Linn.)

96  (186) Glossy ibis
   Plegadis autumnalis (Hasselq.)

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\(^1\) One Long Island record of this European species.  *See Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 2:18.
97 (187) White-faced glossy ibis
Plegadis guarauna (Linn.)

Family CICONIIDAE  Storks and wood ibises

98 (188) Wood ibis
Tantalus loculator Linn.

Family ARDEIDAE  Herons, bitterns, etc.

99 (190) American bittern
Botaurus lentiginosus (Montag.)

100 (191) Least bittern
Ardetta exilis (Gmel.)

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1 There is a specimen (no. 205) of this species in the New York state museum, taken on Grand Island, Niagara river, Aug. 1844. See 3d ann. rep't N. Y. state museum, p. 22; also Auk, 1887, 3:253-54.
101 (194) Great blue heron
Ardea herodias Linn.

102 (196) American egret
Ardea egretta Gmel.

103 (197) Snowy heron
Ardea candidissima Gmel.

104 (199) Louisiana heron
Ardea tricolor ruficollis (Gosse)

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1 One Long Island record. See DeKay, 1842, p.223. See also Giraud's Birds of Long Island, 1844, p.281-83.
105 (200) Little blue heron
Ardea caerulea Linn.

106 (201) Green heron
Ardea virescens Linn.

107 (202) Black-crowned night heron
Nycticorax nycticorax naevius (Bodd.)

108 (203) Yellow-crowned night heron
Nycticorax violaceus (Linn.)
Order **Paludicola**e *Cranes, rails, etc.*

Family **GRUIDAE** *Cranes*

109 (204) Whooping crane
Grus americana (Linn.)

110 (206) Sandhill crane
Grus mexicana (Müll.)

Family **RALLIDAE** *Rails, gallinules and coots*

111 (208) King rail
Rallus elegans Aud.

112 (211) Clapper rail
Rallus crepitans Gmel.

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1 Historic in New York.
113 (212) Virginia rail
    Rallus virginianus Linn.

114 (214) Sora
    Porzana carolina (Linn)

115 (215) Yellow rail
    Porzana noveboracensis (Gmel.)

116 (216) Black rail
    Porzana jamaicensis (Gmel.)
117 [217] Corn crake
   Crex crex (Linn.)

118 (218) Purple gallinule
   Ionornis martinica (Linn.)

119 (219) Florida gallinule
   Gallinula galeata (Licht.)

120 (221) American coot
   Fulica americana Gmel.
Order **Limicolae**  *Shore birds*

Family **PHALAROPODIDAE**  *Phalaropes*

121 (222) Red phalarope  
*Crymophilus fulicarius* (Linn.)

122 (223) Northern phalarope  
*Phalaropus lobatus* (Linn.)

123 (224) Wilson's phalarope  
*Steganopus tricolor* Vieill.

Family **RECURVIROSTRIDAE**  *Avocets and stilts*

124 (225) American avocet  
*Recurvirostra americana* Gmel.
125 (226) Black-necked stilt
Himantopus mexicanus (Müll.)

Family SCOLOPACIDAE  *Snipes, sandpipers, etc.*

126 (228) American woodcock
Philohela minor (Gmel.)

127 (230) Wilson's snipe
Gallinago delicata (Ord)

128 (231) Dowitcher
Macrorhamphus griseus (Gmel.)
129 (232) Long-billed dowitcher
Macrorhamphus scolopaceus (Say)

130 (233) Stilt sandpiper
Micropalma himantopus (Bonap.)

131 (234) Knot
Tringa canutus Linn.

132 (235) Purple sandpiper
Tringa maritima Brünn.
133 (239) Pectoral sandpiper
   Tringa maculata Vieill.

134 (240) White-rumped sandpiper
   Tringa fuscicollis Vieill

135 (241) Baird's sandpiper
   Tringa bairdii (Coues)

136 (242) Least sandpiper
   Tringa minutilla Vieill.
137 [243] Dunlin
Tringa alpina Linn.

138 (243a) Red-backed sandpiper
Tringa alpina pacifica (Coues)

139 (244) Curlew sandpiper
Tringa ferruginea Brünn.

140 (246) Semipalmated sandpiper
Ereunetes pusillus (Linn.)

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1 One Long Island record. See Auk, 10: 78.
141 (247) Western sandpiper
Ereunetes occidentalis Lawr.

142 (248) Sanderling
Calidris arenaria (Linn.)

143 (249) Marbled godwit
Limosa fedoa (Linn.)

144 (251) Hudsonian godwit
Limosa haemastica (Linn.)
145 (254) Greater yellow-legs  
   Totanus melanoleucus (Gmel.)

146 (255) Yellow-legs  
   Totanus flavipes (Gmel.)

147 (256) Solitary sandpiper  
   Helodromas solitarius (Wils.)

148 (258) Willet  
   Symphemia semipalmata (Gmel.)
149 [260] Ruff¹
Pavoncella pugnax (Linn.)

150 (261) Bartramian sandpiper
Bartramia longicauda (Bechst.)

151 (262) Buff-breasted sandpiper
Tryngites subruficollis (Vieill.)

152 (263) Spotted sandpiper
Actitis macularia (Linn.)

¹ Long Island records. See Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y. 5: 220.
153 (264) Long-billed curlew
   Numenius longirostris Wils.

154 (265) Hudsonian curlew
   Numenius hudsonicus Lath.

155 (266) Eskimo curlew
   Numenius borealis (Forst.)

156 (H.L.11.1) European curlew¹
   Numenius arquatus (Linn.)

¹ There is in the New York state museum, (no. 324 in coll.) one individual of this species believed to have been taken on Long Island in 1833 and we think the evidence is sufficient to warrant its being included in the list of birds actually taken in New York. See Auk, 9: 390-93.
Family CHARADRIIDAE  Plovers

157 [269] Lapwing¹
Vanellus vanellus (Linn.)

158 (270) Black-bellied plover
Squatarola squatarola (Linn.)

159 (272) American golden plover
Charadrius dominicus Müll.

160 (273) Killdeer
Aegialitis vocifera (Linn.)

¹ One specimen of this European form has been taken on Long Island. See Auk, 1886, 3: 438.
161 (274) Semipalmated plover
Aegialitis semipalmata Bonap.

162 (277) Piping plover
Aegialitis meloda (Ord)

163 (277a) Belted piping plover
Aegialitis meloda circumcincta Ridgw.

164 (280) Wilson's plover
Aegialitis wilsonia (Ord)
Family **APHRIZIDAE**  *Surf birds and turnstones*

165 (283) **Turnstone**  
Arenaria interpres (Linn.)

Family **HAEMATOPODIDAE**  *Oyster-catchers*

166 (286) **American oyster-catcher**  
Haematopus palliatus Temm.

Order **Gallinae**  *Gallinaceous birds*

Family **TETRAONIDAE**  *Grouse, partridges, etc.*

167 (289) **Bob-white**  
Colinus virginianus (Linn.)

168 (298) **Canada grouse**  
Canachites canadensis (Linn.)
169 (300) Ruffed grouse
    Bonasa umbellus (Linn.)

170 (300a) Canadian ruffed grouse
    Bonasa umbellus togata (Linn.)

171 (301) Willow ptarmigan¹
    Lagopus lagopus (Linn.)

172 (306) Heath hen²
    Tympanuchus cupido (Linn.)

² Historic in New York state.
Family PHASIANIDAE  
*Pheasants, etc.*

173 (310a)  
Wild turkey¹  
*Meleagris gallopavo fera* (Vieill.)

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Order **Columbae**  
*Pigeons*

Family COLUMBIDAE  
*Pigeons*

174 (315)  
Passenger pigeon  
*Ectopistes migratorius* (Linn.)

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175 (316)  
Mourning dove  
*Zenaidura macroura* (Linn.)

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Order **Raptores**  
*Birds of prey*

Family CATHARTIDAE  
*American vultures*

176 (325)  
Turkey vulture  
*Cathartes aura* (Linn.)

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¹ Historic in New York state.
177 (326) Black vulture
Catharista urubu (Vieill.)

Family FALCONIDAE  Vultures, falcons, hawks, eagles, etc.

178 (327) Swallow-tailed kite
Elanoides forficatus (Linn.)

179 (331) Marsh hawk
Circus hudsonius (Linn.)

180 (332) Sharp-shinned hawk
Accipiter velox (Wils.)
181 (333) Cooper's hawk
Accipiter cooperii (Bonap.)

182 (334) American goshawk
Accipiter atricapillus (Wils.)

183 (337) Red-tailed hawk
Buteo borealis (Gmel.)

184 (339) Red-shouldered hawk
Buteo lineatus (Gmel.)
185 (342) Swainson's hawk
Buteo swainsoni Bonap.

186 (343) Broad-winged hawk
Buteo latissimus (Wils.)

187 (347a) American rough-legged hawk
Archibuteo lagopus sancti-johannis (Gmel.)

188 (349) Golden eagle
Aquila chrysaetos (Linn.)

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1 Cornwall N. Y. record. See Auk, 10: 83-84.
189 (352) Bald eagle
    Haliaeetus leucocephalus (Linn.)

190 (353) White gyrfalcon¹
    Falco islandus Brünn.

191 (354a) Gyrfalcon²
    Falco rusticolus gyrfalco (Linn.)

192 (354b) Black gyrfalcon
    Falco rusticolus obsoletus (Gmel.)

¹ One taken on Long Island in 1856. See Auk, 10: 274-75; Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y. 8: 280.
² Long Island, fall of 1875.—Lawrence
193 (356) Duck hawk
Falco peregrinus anatum (Bonap.)

194 (357) Pigeon hawk
Falco columbarius Linn

195 (360) American sparrow hawk
Falco sparverius Linn.

196 (364) American osprey
Pandion haliaetus carolinensis (Gmel.)
Family STRIGIDAE  *Barn owls*

197 (365) American barn owl  
Strix pratincola Bonap.

Family BUBONIDAE  *Horned owls, etc.*

198 (366) American long-eared owl  
Asio wilsonianus (Less.)

199 (367) Short-eared owl  
Asio accipitrinus (Pall.)

200 (368) Barred owl  
Syrnium nebulosum (Forst.)
201 (370) Great gray owl
   Scotiaptex cinerea (Gmel.)

202 (372) Saw-whet owl
   Nyctala acadica (Gmel.)

203 (373) Screech owl
   Megascops asio (Linn.)

204 (375) Great horned owl
   Bubo virginianus (Gmel.)
205 (376) Snowy owl
Nyctea nyctea (Linn.)

206 (377a) American hawk owl
Surnia ulula caparoch (Miill.)

207 (378) Burrowing owl¹
Speotyto cunicularia hypogaea (Bonap.)

Order Psittaci  Parrots, etc.
Family PSITTACIDAE  Parrots
208 (382) Carolina paroquet²
Conurus carolinensis (Linn.)

¹ One New York record. See Forest and stream, 12 Aug. 1875, 5: 4.
² Historic in New York state.
Order **Coccygés**  *Cuckoos, etc.*

Family **CUCULIDAE** *Cuckoos, etc.*

209 (387) Yellow-billed cuckoo  
*Coccyzus americanus* (Linn.)

210 (388) Black billed cuckoo  
*Coccyzus erythropthalmus* (Wils.)

Family **ALCEDINIDAE** *Kingfishers*

211 (390) Belted kingfisher  
*Ceryle alcyon* (Linn.)

Order **Pici**  *Woodpeckers, etc.*

Family **PICIDAE** *Woodpeckers*

212 (393) Hairy woodpecker  
*Dryobates villosus* (Linn.)
213 (394c) Downy woodpecker
    Dryobates pubescens medianus (Swains.)

214 (400) Arctic three-toed woodpecker
    Picoides arcticus (Swains.)

215 (401) American three-toed woodpecker
    Picoides americanus Brehm

216 (402) Yellow-bellied sapsucker
    Sphyrapicus varius (Linn.)
217 (405a) Northern pileated woodpecker  
   Ceophloeus pileatus abieticola Bangs

218 (406) Red-headed woodpecker  
   Melanerpes erythrocephalus (Linn.)

219 (409) Red-bellied woodpecker  
   Melanerpes carolinus (Linn.)

220 (412a) Northern flicker  
   Colaptes auratus luteus Bangs
Order **Machrochires**  *Goatsuckers, swifts, etc.*

Family **CAPRIMULGIDAE**  *Goatsuckers, etc.*

221 (417) Whip-poor-will
Antrostomus vociferus (Wils.)

222 (420) Nighthawk
Chordeiles virginianus (Gmel.)

Family **MICROPODIDAE**  *Swifts*

223 (423) Chimney swift
Chaetura pelagica (Linn.)

Family **TROCHILIDAE**  *Hummingbirds*

224 (428) Ruby-throated hummingbird
Trochilus colubris Linn.
Order **Passeres** *Perching birds*

Family **TYRANNIDAE** *Tyrant flycatchers*

225 (444) **Kingbird**
Tyrannus tyrannus (Linn.)

226 (447) **Arkansas kingbird**
Tyrannus verticalis Say

227 (452) **Crested flycatcher**
Myiarchus crinitus (Linn.)

228 (456) **Phoebe**
Sayornis phoebe (Lath.)
229 (459) Olive-sided flycatcher
Contopus borealis (Swains.)

230 (461) Wood pewee
Contopus virens (Linn.)

231 (463) Yellow-bellied flycatcher
Empidonax flaviventris Baird

232 (465) Green-crested flycatcher
Empidonax virescens (Vieill.)
233 (466a) Alder flycatcher
Empidonax traillii alnorum Brewst.

234 (467) Least flycatcher
Empidonax minimus Baird

Family ALAUDIDAE  Larks

235 (474) Horned lark
Otocoris alpestris (Linn.)

236 (474b) Prairie horned lark
Otocoris alpestris praticola Hensh.
Family CORVIDAE  *Crows, jays, magpies, etc.*

237 (477) Blue jay
Cyanocitta cristata (Linn.)

238 (484) Canada jay
Perisoreus canadensis (Linn.)

239 (486a) Northern raven
Corvus corax principalis Ridgw.

240 (488) American crow
Corvus americanus Aud.
241 (490) Fish crow
   Corvus ossifragus Wils.

Family ICTERIDAE  Blackbirds, orioles, etc.
242 (494) Bobolink
   Dolichonyx oryzivorus (Linn.)

243 (495) Cowbird
   Molothrus ater (Bodd.)

244 (498) Red-winged blackbird
   Agelaius phoeniceus (Linn.)
245 (501) Meadowlark
   Sturnella magna (Linn.)

246 (506) Orchard oriole
   Icterus spurius (Linn.)

247 (507) Baltimore oriole
   Icterus galbula (Linn.)

248 (509) Rusty blackbird
   Scolecophagus carolinus (Müll.)
249 (511) Purple grackle
Quiscalus quiscula (Linn.)

250 (511b) Bronzed grackle
Quiscalus quiscula aeneus (Ridgw.)

Family FRINGILLIDAE  Finches, sparrows, etc.
251 (514) Evening grosbeak
Coccothraustes vespertinus (Coop.)

252 (515) Pine grosbeak
Pinicola enucleator canadensis (Cab.)
253 (517) Purple finch
   Carpodacus purpureus (Gmel.)

254 (521) American crossbill
   Loxia curvirostra minor (Brehm)

255 (522) White-winged crossbill
   Loxia leucoptera Gmel.

256 (528) Redpoll
   Acanthis linaria (Linn.)
257 (528b) Greater redpoll  
Acanthis linaria rostrata (Coues)

258 (529) American goldfinch  
Astragalinus tristis (Linn.)

259 (533) Pine siskin  
Spinus pinus (Wils.)

260 (534) Snowflake  
Passerina nivalis (Linn.)
261 (536) Lapland longspur
Calcarius lapponicus (Linn.)

262 (538) Chestnut-collared longspur
Calcarius ornatus (Towns.)

263 (540) Vesper sparrow
Pooecetes gramineus (Gmel.)

264 (541) Ipswich sparrow
Ammodramus princeps (Mayn.)

1 Long Island record. See Auk, 6: 190.
265 (542a) Savanna sparrow
Ammodramus sandwichensis savanna (Wils.)

266 (546) Grasshopper sparrow
Ammodramus savannarum passerinus (Wils.)

267 (547) Henslow's sparrow
Ammodramus henslowii (Aud.)

268 (548) Leconte's sparrow
Ammodramus leconteii (Aud.)

1 This is included on the authority of Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes, who reports the capture of a young bird of this species at Ithaca, 11 Oct. 1897. See Auk, 1898, 15: 188–89.
269 (549) Sharp-tailed sparrow
   Ammodramus caudacutus (Gmel.)

270 (549.1) Nelson's sparrow
   Ammodramus nelsoni (Allen)

271 (549 ra) Acadian sharp-tailed sparrow
   Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus (Dwight)

272 (550) Seaside sparrow
   Ammodramus maritimus (Wils.)
273 (552) Lark sparrow
Chondestes grammacus (Say)

274 (554) White-crowned sparrow
Zonotrichia leucophrys (Forst.)

275 (558) White-throated sparrow
Zonotrichia albicollis (Gmel.)

276 (559) Tree sparrow
Spizella monticola (Gmel.)

1 On Long Island. See Bul. nutt orn. club, 6: 58.
277 (560) Chipping sparrow
   Spizella socialis (Wils.)

278 (563) Field sparrow
   Spizella pusilla (Wils.)

279 (567) Slate-colored junco
   Junco hyemalis (Linn.)

280 (581) Song sparrow
   Melospiza fasciata (Gmel.)¹

¹ Oberholser has recently shown that the species name fasciata is untenable for this form and that melodia should be adopted. See Auk, 18: 182-83.
281 (583) Lincoln’s sparrow
Melospiza lincolnii (Aud.)

282 (584) Swamp sparrow
Melospiza georgiana (Lath.)

283 (585) Fox sparrow
Passerella iliaca (Merr.)

284 (587) Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus (Linn.)
285 (593) Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis (Linn.)

286 (595) Rose-breasted grosbeak
Zamelodia ludoviciana (Linn.)

287 (597) Blue grosbeak¹
Guiraca caerulea (Linn.)

288 (598) Indigo bunting
Cyanospiza cyanea (Linn.)

¹ See De Kay, 1842, p. 146; Bul. Nutt. orn. club, 3:182; Auk, 10:276.
289 (601) Painted bunting
   Cyanospiza ciris (Linn.)

290 (604) Dickcissel
   Spiza americana (Gmel.)

291 (605) Lark bunting
   Calamospiza melanocorys Stejn.

Family TANAGRIDAE  Tanagers

292 (607) Louisiana tanager
   Piranga ludoviciana (Wils.)

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1 See Bul. Nutt. orn. club, 3: 132; Forest and stream, 1884, p. 424.
2 This western species has once been taken on Long Island. See Auk, 6: 192, 1889.
3 One New York record. See Auk, 1890, 7: 55.
293 (608) Scarlet tanager
Piranga erythromelas Vieill.

294 (610) Summer tanager
Piranga rubra (Linn.)

Family HIRUNDINIDAE  Swallows

295 (611) Purple martin
Progne subis (Linn.)

296 (612) Cliff swallow
Petrochelidon lunifrons (Say)
297 (613) Barn swallow
   Hirundo erythrogaster Bodd.

298 (614) Tree swallow
   Tachycineta bicolor (Vieill.)

299 (616) Bank swallow
   Clivicola riparia (Linn.)

300 (617) Rough-winged swallow
   Stelgidopteryx serripennis (Aud.)
Family AMPELIDAE  Waxwings, etc.

301 (618) Bohemian waxwing
Ampelis garrulus Linn.

302 (619) Cedar waxwing
Ampelis cedrorum (Vieill.)

Family LANIIDAE1  Shrikes

303 (621) Northern shrike
Lanius borealis Vieill.

304 (622) Loggerhead shrike
Lanius ludovicianus Linn.

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1 Three species of shrikes have been recognized in New York state, but the status of the forms is not well understood, it often being a matter of difficulty to assign individual specimens to their proper species. William Palmer, after an examination of 176 specimens, proposes to "relegate excubitorides to the plains region west of the immediate Mississippi wooded drainage area, ludovicianus to the south Atlantic and gulf coasts, and Florida, and to recognize a new form (L. l. migrans) as occupying much of the remaining region of the east." The acceptance of his views has been deferred by the American ornithologists union for lack of material, and so it seems best for the present to let the species stand as given in Auk, 13: 241-58; also 16: 133.
White-rumped shrike
Lanius ludovicianus excubitorides (Swains.)

Family VIREONIDAE  

Red-eyed vireo
Vireo olivaceus (Linn.)

Philadelphia vireo
Vireo philadelphicus (Cass.)

Warbling vireo
Vireo gilvus (Vieill.)
309 (628) Yellow-throated vireo
   Vireo flavifrons Vieill.

310 (629) Blue-headed vireo
   Vireo solitarius (Wils.)

311 (629b) Plumbeous vireo¹
   Vireo solitarius plumbeus (Coues)

312 (631) White-eyed vireo
   Vireo noveboracensis (Gmel.)

¹ One New York record. See Auk 1894, 11:79.
Family MNIOTILTIDAE  Wood warblers

313 (636)  Black and white warbler
           Mniotilta varia (Linn.)

314 (637)  Prothonotary warbler
           Protonotaria citrea (Bodd.)

315 (639)  Worm-eating warbler
           Helmitherus vermivorus (Gmel.)

316 (641)  Blue-winged warbler
           Helminthophila pinus (Linn.)
317 (642) Golden-winged warbler
   Helminthophila chrysoptera (Linn.)

318 (H.L.20) Lawrence's warbler
   Helminthophila lawrencei (Herrick)

319 (H.L.21) Brewster's warbler
   Helminthophila leucobronchialis (Brewst.)

320 (645) Nashville warbler
   Helminthophila rubricapilla (Wils.)

1 These forms are included in the hypothetic list of the American ornithologists union check list, as they are supposed to be hybrids between H. pinus and H. chrysoptera. Both have been taken in New York, and are here included to learn more of their abundance and status in our state. See Auk, 1883, 5: 427; Bull. Nutt. orn. club, 4: 234, 1878; Auk, 1892, 9: 306.
321 (646) Orange-crowned warbler
Helminthophila celata (Say)

322 (647) Tennessee warbler
Helminthophila peregrina (Wils.)

323 (648a) Northern parula warbler
Compsothlypis americana usneae Brewst.

324 (650) Cape May warbler
Dendroica tigrina (Gmel.)
325 (652) Yellow warbler
   Dendroica aestiva (Gmel.)

326 (654) Black-throated blue warbler
   Dendroica caerulescens (Gmel.)

327 (655) Myrtle warbler
   Dendroica coronata (Linn.)

328 (657) Magnolia warbler
   Dendroica maculosa (Gmel.)
329 (658) Cerulean warbler
Dendroica rara Wils.

330 (659) Chestnut-sided warbler
Dendroica pensylvanica (Linn.)

331 (660) Bay-breasted warbler
Dendroica castanea (Wils.)

332 (661) Black-poll warbler
Dendroica striata (Forst.)
333 (662) Blackburnian warbler
Dendroica blackburniae (Gmel.)

334 (663) Yellow-throated warbler
Dendroica dominica (Linn.)

335 (667) Black-throated green warbler
Dendroica virens (Gmel.)

336 (671) Pine warbler
Dendroica vigorsii (Aud.)
337 (672) Palm warbler
Dendroica palmarum (Gmel.)

338 (672a) Yellow palm warbler
Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea Ridgw.

339 (673) Prairie warbler
Dendroica discolor (Vieill.)

340 (674) Oven-bird
Seiurus aurocapillus (Linn.)
341 (675) Water-thrush  
Seiurus noveboracensis (Gmel.)

342 (676) Louisiana water-thrush  
Seiurus motacilla (Vieill.)

343 (677) Kentucky warbler  
Geothlypis formosa (Wils.)

344 (678) Connecticut warbler  
Geothlypis agilis (Wils.)
345 (679) Mourning warbler
Geothlypis philadelphia (Wils.)

346 (681) Maryland yellow-throat
Geothlypis trichas (Linn.)

347 (683) Yellow-breasted chat
Icteria virens (Linn.)

348 (684) Hooded warbler
Wilsonia mitrata (Gmel.)
349 (685) Wilson's warbler
   Wilsonia pusilla (Wils.)

350 (686) Canadian warbler
   Wilsonia canadensis (Linn.)

351 (687) American redstart
   Setophaga ruticilla (Linn.)

Family MOTACILLIDAE  Wagtails

352 (697) American pipit
   Anthus pensilvanicus (Lath.)
Family TROGLODYTIDAE  *Wrens, thrashers, etc.*

353 (703)  Mockingbird  
Mimus polyglottos (Linn.)

354 (704)  Catbird  
Galeoscoptes carolinensis (Linn.)

355 (705)  Brown thrasher  
Hapnorhynchus rufus (Linn.)

356 (718)  Carolina wren  
Thryothorus ludovicianus (Lath.)
357 (721) House wren
Troglodytes aëdon Vieill.

358 (722) Winter wren
Anorthura hiemalis (Vieill.)

359 (724) Short-billed marsh wren
Cistothorus stellaris (Licht.)

360 (725) Long-billed marsh wren
Cistothorus palustris (Wils.)
Family CERTHIIDAE  Creepers

361 (726) Brown creeper
Certhia familiaris fusca (Barton) ¹

Family PARIDAE  Nuthatches and tits

362 (727) White-breasted nuthatch
Sitta carolinensis Lath.

363 (728) Red-breasted nuthatch
Sitta canadensis Linn.

364 (729) Brown-headed nuthatch ¹
Sitta pusilla Lath.

¹ Oberholser has recently shown that this name is untenable and that the former c. f. americana (Bonap.) must be restored. See Auk, 16: 185.
² One New York record. See Auk, 1888, 5: 432.
365 (731) Tufted titmouse
Parus bicolor Linn.

366 (735) Chickadee
Parus atricapillus Linn.

367 (740) Hudsonian chickadee
Parus hudsonicus Forst.

Family SYLVIIDAE  *Warblers, kinglets, gnatcatchers*

368 (748) Golden-crowned kinglet
Regulus satrapa Licht.
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369 (749) Ruby-crowned kinglet
Regulus calendula (Linn.)

370 (751) Blue-gray gnatcatcher
Polioptila caerulea (Linn.)

Family TURDIDAE Thrushes, stone-chats, blue-birds, etc.

371 (755) Wood thrush
Hylocichla mustelina (Gmel.)

372 (756) Wilson’s thrush
Hylocichla fuscescens (Steph.)
373 (757) Gray-checked thrush
Hylocichla Aliciae (Baird)

374 (757a) Bicknell's thrush
Hylocichla Aliciae bicknelli Ridgw.

375 (758a) Olive-backed thrush
Hylocichla ustulata swainsonii (Cab.)

376 (759b) Hermit thrush
Hylocichla aonalaschkae pallasii (Cab.)
377 (761) American robin
Merula migratoria (Linn.)

378 (763) Varied thrush
Hesperocichla naevia (Gmel.)

379 (765) Wheatear
Saxicola oenanthe (Linn.)

380 (766) Bluebird
Sialia sialis (Linn.)


2 Long Island records. See Auk, 3:490; also 10:277; Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y. 8: 289, 1867.
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INTRODUCED SPECIES

Family ALAUDIDAE  Larks

381  [473]  Skylark
Alauda arvensis Linn.

Family STURNIDAE  Starlings

382  [493]  Starling
Sturnus vulgaris Linn.

Family FRINGILLIDAE  Finches, sparrows, etc.

383  European goldfinch
Carduelis carduelis (Linn.)

384  House sparrow
Passer domesticus (Linn)

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1 Exclusive of game birds.
2 This European form is accidental in Greenland and Bermuda. Has been introduced in this country and in 1887 was found breeding at Flatbush L. I. See Auk, 5: 180; 12:390.
3 See Auk, 15: 55-56.
PART 2

HYPOTHETIC LIST

Including those forms, of which we have no satisfactory record, but which, having been taken in adjoining states, may be looked for in New York.

1 (28) Mandt's guillemot
   Cephus mandii (Licht.)
   Arctic regions ... south ... in winter, to Mass.—American ornithologists union

2 (30) Murre
   Uria troile (Linn.)
   Southward on the coast of North America, in winter, to southern New England.—American ornithologists union. This species has been reported from our state, but it seems probable that the specimens taken were immature individuals of U. lumme.

3 (67) Cabot's tern
   Sterna sandvicensis acuflavida (Cabot.)
   South Atlantic and gulf coasts of the United States, north, casually, to southern New England.—American ornithologists union

4 (86) Fulmar
   Fulmarus glacialis (Linn.)
   North Atlantic, south on the American side to the coast of Massachusetts, casually to New Jersey.—American ornithologists union. Accidental in northern New Jersey.—Chapman
5 (86a) Lesser fulmar
Fulmarus glacialis minor (Kjaerboelling)
North Atlantic, south on American side to coast of Massachusetts.—American ornithologists union

6 (126) Brown pelican
Pelecanus fuscus (Linn.)
Occasionally strays to Illinois and Massachusetts.—Chapman, Birds of eastern North America. De Kay (1842), mentions this form as "an occasional visitor to the coast of our state," but gives no records.—Birds, p. 294

7 [138] European teal
Nettion crecca (Linn.)
Occasional in eastern North America.—American ornithologists union. New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts records.—Abbott, Geology of New Jersey, p. 792; Treat, Auk, 8: 112; Mackay, Auk, 7: 294

8 (141) Cinnamon teal
Querquedula cyanoptera (Vieill.)
Accidental east of the Mississippi.
9 (173a) White-bellied brant
  Branta bernicla glaucogastra (Brehm.)
This subspecies has been recognized in America by Coues. See *Auk*, 14: 207-8. This form may be looked for in our state, though I can find no records as yet.

10 (191.1) Cory's least bittern
  Ardetta neoxena Cory
Michigan and Ontario records. Will undoubtedly be found in our state.

11 [227] European woodcock
  Scolopax rusticola (Linn.)
Accidental in the United States. There are New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island records; and we may expect to find this form in New York.

12 (371) Richardson's owl
  Nyctala tengmalmi richardsoni (Bonap.)
South in winter into the northern United States. *American ornithologist union*. Rhode Island record. See *Auk*, 3: 271
13 (395) Red-cockaded woodpecker
   Dryobates borealis (Vieill.)


14 (443) Scissor-tailed flycatcher
   Milvulus forficatus (Gmel.)

A southwestern United States form that has occurred accidentally in New Jersey and New England.

15 (475) American magpie.
   Pica pica hudsonica (Lab.)

De Kay (1842) mentions it as having occurred in the northwestern part of the state near Niagara, but does not give any records.

16 (497) Yellow-headed blackbird
   Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus (Bonap.)

Accidental in Ontario and the Atlantic states, Massachusetts, etc.—American ornithologists union
17 (736) Carolina chickadee
Parus carolinensis Aud.
Princeton N. J., is usually considered its northern limit. See Scott's The country, 1878, 1:334.
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