Ducks, Geese, Swans
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose
Cackling Goose
Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Trumpeter Swan
Tundra Swan
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
American Black Duck
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
New World Quail
Northern Bobwhite
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail
Wild Turkey
Ruffed Grouse
Sharp-tailed Grouse
Greater Prairie Chicken
Gray Partridge
Ring-necked Pheasant
Grebes
Red-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe
Pigeons, Doves
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared Dove
Passenger Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo
Goatsuckers
Common Nighthawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Swifts
Chimney Swift
Hummingbirds
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots
King Rail
Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Crakes
Sanderling
Stilts and Avocets
American Avocet
Lapwings and Plovers
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Kildeer
Sempipalmed Plover
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies
Upland Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Silt Sandpiper
Sanderling
Dunlin
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Wilson's Snipe
Eurasian Oystercatcher
Lesser Yellowlegs
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers
Bonaparte's Gull
Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Caspian Tern
Black Tern
Common Tern
Forster's Tern
Common Loon
Double-crested Cormorant
Falcinated
American White Pelican
Bitterns, Herons, and Allies
American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Ibis and Spoonbills
White-faced Ibis
New World Vultures
Turkey Vulture
Ospreys
Osprey
Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies
White-tailed Kite
Golden Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Typical Owls
Eastern Screech Owl
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Barred Owl
Great Gray Owl
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Kingfishers
Belted Kingfisher
Woodpeckers
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Caracaras and Falcons
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Flycatchers
Great Crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Shrikes
Loggerhead Shrike
Northern Shrike
Vireos
White-eyed Vireo
Bell's Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Jays, Magpies, Crows
Canada Jay
Blue Jay
American Crow
Larks
Horned Lark
Swallows
Bank Swallow
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Barb Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Chickadees, Titmice
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Nuthatches
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Creepers
Brown Creeper
Wrens
House Wren
Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Carolina Wren
 Bewick's Wren
Gnatcatchers
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Kinglets
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Thrushes
Eastern Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Henslow's Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Varied Thrush
Mimids
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird
Starlings
European Starling
Waxwings
Bohemian Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing
Old World Sparrows
House Sparrow
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Pipits
American Pipit
Finches
American Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
Red Crossbill
White-winged Crossbill
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Longspurs, Snow Bunting
Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting
Towhees, Sparrows
Grasshopper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Nelson's Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
Eastern Towhee
Chats
Yellow-breasted Chat
Blackbirds, Orioles
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Western Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Rusty Blackbird
Breuer's Blackbird
Common Grackle
Great-tailed Grackle
Wood-warblers
Ovenbird
Louisiana Waterthrush
Northern Waterthrush
Golden-winged Warbler
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Dickcissel


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