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# CHECKLIST (2003) OF THE BIRDS OF INSULAR NEWFOUNDLAND AND ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF WATERS

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This new checklist updates and replaces the Natural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador publication *Checklist* (1999) of the Birds of Insular Newfoundland and its Continental Shelf Waters by B. Mactavish, J.E. Maunder, W.A. Montevecchi and J.L. Wells. A total of 378 species, plus 3 additional subspecies, have been accepted for inclusion by the Bird Records Committee. Nomenclature is in accordance with the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (1998) and supplements up to and including the Forty-fourth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds (2003).

Ten species are new to the 2003 list, including Fea's Petrel, Brown Pelican, Gray Heron, American Avocet, Gull-billed Tern, White-winged Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Spotted Towhee and Brewer's Blackbird. The list is current to July 31, 2003.

Twelve additional species have been recorded from the neighbouring French Islands of **St-Pierre et Miquelon**, including Eared Grebe, Yellow Rail, Red-necked Stint, Roseate Tern, Ringed Turtle-Dove, European Turtle-Dove, Whip-poor-will, Common Swift, Common House-Martin, Black-backed Wagtail, Black-throated Sparrow and Eurasian Siskin (Desbrosse, A., R. Etcheberry, and G. Barthe. 1990. Repertoire des oiseaux de l'archipel. *Les cahiers de l'echo* [SPM] Avril 1990: 8 pp.; and R. Etcheberry, personal communication, 2003).

OCCURRENCE (based on an experienced observer birding regularly and widely):

- C = COMMON likely to be found daily in appropriate season/habitat
- U = UNCOMMON likely to be found monthly in appropriate season/habitat; may be locally common
- U\* = VERY likely to be found annually in appropriate season/habitat; may be locally uncommon UNCOMMON
- X = RARE not likely to be found annually; although apparently occurs regularly in very small numbers
- X\* = VERY RARE recorded three times or less

#### STATUS:

- B = BREEDER known to breed ("b" if nesting abundance is significantly lower than indicated by occurrence designation)
- R = RESIDENT non-migratory, or maintains a significant year-round population
- E = IRRUPTIVE irruptive species, much more abundant in some years than in others
- V = VAGRANT occurrence is outside usual range
- I = INTRO- introduced to Newfoundland
  - DUCED
- **SEASONAL DATES** (seasons during which a species has been recorded a lower case entry indicates that a species is less common during that season than indicated by the overall occurrence designation):

SP= SPRING	21 March - 20 June	F = FALL	21 September - 20 December
S = SUMMER	21 June - 20 September	W = WINTER	21 December - 20 March

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# **GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS**

<ul> <li>Pink-footed Goose</li> <li>Greater White-fronted Goose</li> <li>Snow Goose</li> <li>Canada Goose</li> <li>Brant</li> <li>Barnacle Goose</li> <li>Tundra Swan</li> <li>Wood Duck</li> <li>Gadwall</li> <li>Eurasian Wigeon</li> <li>American Black Duck</li> <li>Mallard</li> <li>Blue-winged Teal</li> <li>Northern Shoveler</li> <li>Northern Pintail</li> <li>Garganey</li> <li>Green-winged Teal (Eur.)</li> <li>Canvasback</li> <li>Redhead</li> <li>Ring-necked Duck</li> <li>Greater Scaup</li> <li>King Eider</li> <li>Common Eider</li> <li>Harlequin Duck</li> <li>Surf Scoter</li> <li>White-winged Scoter</li> <li>Black Scoter</li> <li>Black Scoter</li> <li>Common Goldeneye</li> <li>Barrow's Goldeneye</li> <li>Hoded Merganser</li> <li>Common Merganser</li> <li>Red-breasted Merganser</li> <li>Red-breasted Merganser</li> <li>Ruddy Duck</li> </ul>	XVSP XVSPsFw CBSPSFw XVSPsF X*VSF X*VF U*SPsFw U*SPsFw U*SPsFW U*BSPSFW U*BSPSFW U*BSPSFW U*BSPSFW U*BSPSFW X*VSP CBSPSFW X*VSPSF X*VSPSFW X*VSPSFW USPFW USPFW USPFW USPFW USPSFW XVSPSFW USPSFW USPSFW USPSFW XVSPSFW USPFW U
Ruffed Grouse	CBRI
Spruce Grouse	UBRI
Willow Ptarmigan	CBR
Rock Ptarmigan	UBR
LOONS	
Red-throated Loon	UbSPSFw
Pacific Loon	X*VW
Common Loon	CBR

#### GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe	U*bspsFw
Horned Grebe	XSPsFW
Red-necked Grebe	USPFW

#### **FULMARS & SHEARWATERS**

Northern Fulmar	CbR
Fea's Petrel	X*VS
Cory's Shearwater	U*S
Greater Shearwater	CSPSF
Sooty Shearwater	CSPSF
Manx Shearwater	UbSPSF

# STORM-PETRELS

Wilson's Storm-Petrel Leach's Storm-Petrel	UspSf CBSPSF
GANNETS	
Northern Gannet	CBSPSFw
PELICANS	
American White Pelican Brown Pelican	X*VSF X*VS
CORMORANTS	
Double-crested Cormorant Great Cormorant	UBSPSFw UBR
FRIGATEBIRDS	
Magnificent Frigatebird	X*VSPS
HERONS	
American Bittern Least Bittern Great Blue Heron Gray Heron Great Egret Great Egret Little Egret Snowy Egret Little Blue Heron Tricolored Heron Cattle Egret Green Heron Black-crowned Night-Heron Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	UBSPSF XVSPSFw X*VF XVSPSFw XVSPSFw XVSPSFw XVSPSF X*VSPSF XVSPSF XVspSF XVSpSF XVSPSF XVSPSF
IBISES	
White Ibis Glossy Ibis	X*VSP XVSPsf
AMERICAN VULTURES	
Turkey Vulture	X*VSPSF
FLAMINGOS	
Greater Flamingo	X*VF
<b>OSPREYS, EAGLES &amp; HAWKS</b>	
Osprey Bald Eagle Northern Harrier Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Northern Goshawk Swainson's Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Rough-legged Hawk Golden Eagle	CBSPSf UBR UBSPSFW UbSPsFW X*VFW UBSPSFW XVSPSFW UBSPSFw XVspsFW
FALCONS	
American Kestrel Merlin Gyrfalcon Peregrine Falcon	U*BSPSFw UBSPSFw U*SPsFW U*SPSFW

# RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

Corn Crake	X*VF
Clapper Rail	XVF
King Rail	X*VF
Virginia Rail	XbspSFw
Sora	U*BSPSFw
Purple Gallinule	XVSPFw
Common Moorhen	XVFw
Eurasian Coot	X*VF
American Coot	U*spsFw
CRANES	

..... Sandhill Crane XVSPSFw

#### PLOVERS

	Northern Lapwing     Black-bellied Plover     European Golden-Plover     American Golden-Plover     Common Ringed Plover     Semipalmated Plover     Killdeer	XVspFW CspSFw XVSPs UspSF X*VS CbspSF U*BSPS U*BSPSFw
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#### OYSTERCATCHERS

Eurasian Oystercatcher	X*VSP

#### STILTS

Black-necked Stilt	X*VS
American Avocet	XVspS

#### **SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES**

American Woodcock Wilson's Phalarope	XBSPSfw XSPSF
Red-necked Phalarope	USPSf
Red Phalarope	UspSF

# SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

<ul> <li>Great Skua</li> <li>South Polar Skua</li> <li>Pomarine Jaeger</li> <li>Parasitic Jaeger</li> <li>Long-tailed Jaeger</li> <li>Laughing Gull</li> <li>Franklin's Gull</li> <li>Little Gull</li> <li>Black-headed Gull</li> <li>Black-tailed Gull</li> <li>Mew Gull</li> <li>Herring Gull</li> <li>Yellow-legged Gull</li> <li>Iceland Gull</li> <li>Great Black-backed Gull</li> <li>Gaucous Gull</li> <li>Great Black-backed Gull</li> <li>Sabine's Gull</li> <li>Black-legged Kittiwake</li> <li>Ross's Gull</li> <li>Ivory Gull</li> <li>Gull-billed Tern</li> <li>Caspian Tern</li> <li>Royal Tern</li> <li>Sandwich Tern</li> <li>Common Tern</li> <li>Forster's Tern</li> <li>Least Tern</li> <li>Black Tern</li> <li>Black Skimmer</li> </ul>	UspSFw U*S CSPSF CSPSf USPSf XVSPSFw XVSPSFW UbSPsFW UbSPsFW CBSPSFW CBSPSFW CBR XVSPSFW CSPsFW CSPsFW CSPsFW CSPsFW CSPsFW CSPSFW CSPSFW CSPSFW CSPSFW CSPSFW CSPSFW CSPSFW CSPSFW CSPSF CBR XVSPSFW XVSPSf XVS X*VS CBSPSf CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VSPS X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS CBSPSf X*VF X*VS X*VF X*VS X*VF X*VS X*VF
AUKS	
Dovekie	CspsFW

Dovekie	CspsFW
Common Murre	CBR
Thick-billed Murre	CBR
Razorbill	UBSPSfw
Black Guillemot	CBR
Long-billed/Marbled Murrelet	X*VS
Atlantic Puffin	CBSPSfw

#### DOVES

Rock Pigeon	UBR
White-winged Dove	X*VSPS
Mourning Dove	UbspsFw

# CUCKOOS

Black-billed Cuckoo Yellow-billed Cuckoo <b>OWLS</b>	XVspSF XVsF
Barn Owl	X*VF
Great Horned Owl	UBR
Snowy Owl	UESPsFW
Northern Hawk Owl	U*BR
Long-eared Owl	X*VF
Short-eared Owl	UBSPSFw
Boreal Owl	UBR

Northern Saw-whet Owl	XSPSFW
NIGHTJARS	
Common Nighthawk Chuck-will's-widow	XSPSF X*VF
SWIFTS	
Chimney Swift	U*SPSF
HUMMINGBIRDS	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird Rufous Hummingbird	U*bSPSf X*VS
KINGFISHERS	
Belted Kingfisher	CBSPSfw
WOODPECKERS	
Lewis's Woodpecker Red-headed Woodpecker Red-bellied Woodpecker Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker American Three-toed Woodpecker Black-backed Woodpecker Northern Flicker	X*VS X*VF X*VFW U*BSPSFw CBR CBR U*BR UBR CBSPSFw
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	
<ul> <li>Olive-sided Flycatcher</li> <li>Eastern Wood-Pewee</li> <li>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</li> <li>Alder Flycatcher</li> <li>Least Flycatcher</li> <li>Eastern Phoebe</li> <li>Say's Phoebe</li> <li>Great Crested Flycatcher</li> <li>Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher</li> <li>Western Kingbird</li> <li>Eastern Kingbird</li> <li>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</li> <li>Fork-tailed Flycatcher</li> </ul>	UBSPS XSPSf CBSPSf UBSPSf U*SPSf XVSPS X*VSPSF XVSF X*VF XVspsF UbSPSf X*VS X*VS
SHRIKES	
Northern Shrike	U*ESPsFW
VIREOS	
White-eyed Vireo Yellow-throated Vireo Blue-headed Vireo Warbling Vireo Philadelphia Vireo Red-eyed Vireo	XVSF XVSF UBSPSf XVspSF U*BSPSF U*BSPSF
JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS	
Gray Jay Blue Jay Black-billed Magpie Eurasian Jackdaw American Crow Common Raven LARKS	CBR UBR X*VF X*VSPFW CBR CBR

Horned Lark	CBSPSFw
SWALLOWS	
Purple Martin Tree Swallow Northern Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow	XVSPSf CBSPSfw XVSPS UBSPSf
Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow	XSPSF UBSPSf
CHICKADEES	
Black-capped Chickadee Boreal Chickadee	CBR CBR
NUTHATCHES	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	UBR
CREEPERS	
Brown Creeper	U*BR
WRENS	
House Wren Winter Wren Marsh Wren	XVFw UBSPSFw X*VSF
KINGLETS	
Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet	CBR CBSPSFw
GNATCATCHERS	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	XVSFw
THRUSHES	
<ul> <li>Northern Wheatear</li> <li>Eastern Bluebird</li> <li>Mountain Bluebird</li> <li>Townsend's Solitaire</li> <li>Veery</li> <li>Gray-cheeked Thrush</li> <li>Swainson's Thrush</li> <li>Hermit Thrush</li> <li>Wood Thrush</li> <li>Eurasian Blackbird</li> <li>Fieldfare</li> <li>Redwing</li> <li>American Robin</li> <li>Varied Thrush</li> </ul>	XbSPSF X*VSP X*VFW UBSPS CBSPSf CBSPSf CBSPSfw XVSP X*VF XVW XVSFW CBSPSFw X*VSPW
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
Gray Catbird Northern Mockingbird Brown Thrasher	XbSPSf U*bSPsFW XVspsFW
STARLINGS	
European Starling	CBR
PIPITS	
White Wagtail American Pipit	X*VS CBSPSFw

WAXWINGS	
Bohemian Waxwing Cedar Waxwing	UEspsFW UBSPSFW
WOOD WARBLERS	
<ul> <li>Blue-winged Warbler</li> <li>Golden-winged Warbler</li> <li>Tennessee Warbler</li> <li>Orange-crowned Warbler</li> <li>Nashville Warbler</li> <li>Northern Parula</li> <li>Yellow Warbler</li> <li>Chestnut-sided Warbler</li> <li>Magnolia Warbler</li> <li>Cape May Warbler</li> <li>Black-throated Blue Warbler</li> <li>Yellow-rumped Warbler</li> <li>Black-throated Gray Warbler</li> <li>Black-throated Gray Warbler</li> <li>Black-throated Green Warbler</li> <li>Hermit Warbler</li> <li>Hermit Warbler</li> <li>Yellow-throated Warbler</li> <li>Yellow-throated Warbler</li> <li>Pine Warbler</li> <li>Prairie Warbler</li> <li>Black-and-white Warbler</li> <li>Black-and-white Warbler</li> <li>Morm-eating Warbler</li> <li>Northern Waterthrush</li> <li>Kentucky Warbler</li> <li>Mourning Warbler</li> <li>Mourning Warbler</li> <li>Wilson's Warbler</li> <li>Wilson's Warbler</li> <li>Wilson's Warbler</li> <li>Kentucky Warbler</li> <li>Mourning Warbler</li> <li>Wilson's Warbler</li> <li>Wilson's Warbler</li> <li>Wilson's Warbler</li> <li>Canada Warbler</li> <li>Canada Warbler</li> </ul>	XVSF XVspSF CBSPSf U*spsFw XbSPSF CBSPSf CBSPSf U*bSPSfw XspSF CBSPSfw XVF X*VF CBSPSfw XVFW XVFW XVFW XVFW XVFW XVSFw U*BSPSf CBSPSfw XVSF CBSPSfw CBSPSfw CBSPSfw CBSPSfw CBSPSfw CBSPSf CBSPSf U*SF CBSPSf VSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF XVSF CBSPSf XVSF XVSF XVSF XVSF XVSF XVSF XVSF XVSF
Yellow-breasted Chat	XVSFw

#### TANAGERS

Summer Tanager	X*VSP
Scarlet Tanager	XVSPSF
Western Tanager	X*VSPF

# SPARROWS

<ul> <li>Spotted Towhee</li> <li>Eastern Towhee</li> <li>American Tree Sparrow</li> <li>Chipping Sparrow</li> <li>Clay-colored Sparrow</li> <li>Field Sparrow</li> <li>Vesper Sparrow</li> <li>Lark Sparrow</li> <li>Lark Bunting</li> <li>Savannah Sparrow</li> <li>Grasshopper Sparrow</li> <li>Nelson's Sharp-tailed</li> <li>Sparrow</li> <li>Fox Sparrow</li> </ul>	X*VF XVSPsFW UBSPSFw V*BSPSfw XVSPsFW X*VSPFW X*SPFW XVspSFw XVSpFw XVspFw XVF CBSPSFw UBSPSFw
Song Sparrow	UBSPSFw

Lincoln's SparrowCBSPSwamp SparrowCBSPWhite-throated SparrowCBSPHarris's SparrowX*VWWhite-crowned SparrowUBSPDark-eyed JuncoCBRLapland LongspurUSPsIChestnut-collared LongspurX*VSFSnow BuntingCSPsI	SFw SFw SFw SFw

# CARDINALS

Northern Cardinal	XVSF
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U*BSPSFw
Blue Grosbeak	XVSPF
Indigo Bunting	XVSPsFw
Dickcissel	XspSFW

#### BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink	U*BSPSf
Red-winged Blackbird	U*BSPSfw
Eastern Meadowlark	XVspSFw
Yellow-headed Blackbird	XVspSFw
Rusty Blackbird	UBSPSFw
Brewer's Blackbird	X*VSP
Common Grackle	U*BSPSFW
Brown-headed Cowbird	U*bSPSFW
Orchard Oriole	X*VSPS
Baltimore Oriole	U*spSFw

# FINCHES

Common Chaffinch Pine Grosbeak Purple Finch Red Crossbill White-winged Crossbill Common Redpoll Hoary Redpoll Hoary Redpoll Pine Siskin American Goldfinch Evening Grosbeak	X*VSPW CBR CBR U*BR CEBR CEBR XSPfW CEBR UBSPSFW UEbSPsFW

# OLD WORLD SPARROWS

..... House Sparrow

UBR