

## Ohio Birding Checklist with Difficulty Codes

Daily/Year/Life \_\_\_\_\_

This checklist is arranged in three sections, each corresponding to a pair of difficulty codes. The six codes/descriptions are based primarily on the collective experience of Greg Miller and Dan Sanders. Overall abundance and ease of identification have been factored into each of the six codes and are as follows:

### Easier to See Birds

1. Readily found within expected habitat during at least one season of the year.
2. Migrant in spring & fall OR breeding/wintering somewhat restricted within the state.

### Harder to See Birds

3. Spring-only or fall-only migrant OR breeding/wintering very local within the state.
4. Reported annually but easily missed, even with special effort.

### Review List Birds

5. More regularly occurring of the OBRC review-list species during the past 20 years or so.
6. Least expected of the OBRC review-list species; very rare in Ohio.

Taxonomic order and nomenclature within each section are from the Fifty-Seventh Supplement (July 2016) to the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-List of North American Birds*. The original version of this checklist was produced by Paul Gardner and Joe Hammond. Helpful comments were contributed by Bill Whan.

### Easier to See Birds - 203 Species

\_\_\_\_ Canada Goose 1  
\_\_\_\_ Mute Swan 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Tundra Swan* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Wood Duck 1  
\_\_\_\_ Gadwall 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Wigeon 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Black Duck 1  
\_\_\_\_ Mallard 1  
\_\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal 1  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Shoveler 1  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Pintail 1  
\_\_\_\_ Green-winged Teal 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Canvasback* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Redhead* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Greater Scaup* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Lesser Scaup 1  
\_\_\_\_ Bufflehead 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Common Goldeneye* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Hooded Merganser 1

\_\_\_\_ *Common Merganser* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser 1  
\_\_\_\_ Ruddy Duck 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Wild Turkey* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe 1  
\_\_\_\_ Horned Grebe 1  
\_\_\_\_ Rock Pigeon 1  
\_\_\_\_ Mourning Dove 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Common Nighthawk* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Chimney Swift 1  
\_\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Virginia Rail* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Sora 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Common Gallinule* 2  
\_\_\_\_ American Coot 1  
\_\_\_\_ Black-bellied Plover 1  
\_\_\_\_ *American Golden-Plover* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover 1  
\_\_\_\_ Killdeer 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Ruddy Turnstone* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Sanderling* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Dunlin 1  
\_\_\_\_ Least Sandpiper 1  
\_\_\_\_ Pectoral Sandpiper 1  
\_\_\_\_ Semipalmated Sandpiper 1  
\_\_\_\_ Short-billed Dowitcher 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Wilson's Snipe* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *American Woodcock* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper 1  
\_\_\_\_ Solitary Sandpiper 1  
\_\_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs 1  
\_\_\_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs 1  
\_\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull 1  
\_\_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull 1  
\_\_\_\_ Herring Gull 1  
\_\_\_\_ Great Black-backed Gull 1  
\_\_\_\_ Caspian Tern 1  
\_\_\_\_ Common Tern 1  
\_\_\_\_ Forster's Tern 1  
\_\_\_\_ Common Loon 1  
\_\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant 1  
\_\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron 1  
\_\_\_\_ Great Egret 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Snowy Egret* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Green Heron 1  
\_\_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Black Vulture* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Turkey Vulture 1  
\_\_\_\_ Osprey 1  
\_\_\_\_ Bald Eagle 1  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Harrier 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Sharp-shinned Hawk* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk 1  
\_\_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Broad-winged Hawk* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Rough-legged Hawk* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Eastern Screech-Owl* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Great Horned Owl* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Barred Owl* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Short-eared Owl* 2

\_\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Red-headed Woodpecker* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Yellow-bellied Sapsucker* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker 1  
\_\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker 1  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Flicker 1  
\_\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Kestrel 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Eastern Wood-Pewee* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Acadian Flycatcher* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Willow Flycatcher* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Least Flycatcher 1  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe 1  
\_\_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher 1  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird 1  
\_\_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Yellow-throated Vireo* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Blue-headed Vireo* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Warbling Vireo 1  
\_\_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo 1  
\_\_\_\_ Blue Jay 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Crow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Horned Lark 1  
\_\_\_\_ Purple Martin 1  
\_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Bank Swallow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Cliff Swallow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Barn Swallow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee 1  
\_\_\_\_ Black-capped Chickadee 1  
\_\_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Red-breasted Nuthatch* 2  
\_\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch 1  
\_\_\_\_ Brown Creeper 1  
\_\_\_\_ House Wren 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Winter Wren* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Marsh Wren* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Carolina Wren 1  
\_\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1  
\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet 1  
\_\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Veery* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush 1  
\_\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush 1  
\_\_\_\_ Wood Thrush 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Robin 1  
\_\_\_\_ Gray Catbird 1  
\_\_\_\_ Brown Thrasher 1  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird 1  
\_\_\_\_ European Starling 1  
\_\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing 1  
\_\_\_\_ House Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ *American Pipit* 2  
\_\_\_\_ House Finch 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Goldfinch 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Lapland Longspur* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Snow Bunting* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Ovenbird 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Worm-eating Warbler* 2

\_\_\_\_ *Louisiana Waterthrush* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Northern Waterthrush* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Prothonotary Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Tennessee Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Kentucky Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat 1  
\_\_\_\_ Hooded Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Redstart 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Cape May Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Cerulean Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Northern Parula* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Bay-breasted Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Blackburnian Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Blackpoll Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ Palm Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Pine Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Yellow-throated Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Prairie Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Canada Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Wilson's Warbler* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Yellow-breasted Chat* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Towhee 1  
\_\_\_\_ American Tree Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Field Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Vesper Sparrow* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Grasshopper Sparrow* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Henslow's Sparrow* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Fox Sparrow* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Song Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Lincoln's Sparrow* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow 1  
\_\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Summer Tanager* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager 1  
\_\_\_\_ Northern Cardinal 1  
\_\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1  
\_\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Dickcissel* 2  
\_\_\_\_ *Bobolink* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird 1  
\_\_\_\_ Eastern Meadowlark 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Rusty Blackbird* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Common Grackle 1  
\_\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird 1  
\_\_\_\_ *Orchard Oriole* 2  
\_\_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole 1

## Harder to See Birds - 93 Species

\_\_\_ Greater White-fronted Goose 3  
\_\_\_ Snow Goose 3  
\_\_\_ Ross's Goose 4  
\_\_\_ Brant 4  
\_\_\_ Cackling Goose 4  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Wigeon 4  
\_\_\_ Harlequin Duck 4  
\_\_\_ Surf Scoter 3  
\_\_\_ White-winged Scoter 3  
\_\_\_ Black Scoter 3  
\_\_\_ Long-tailed Duck 4  
\_\_\_ Northern Bobwhite 4\*\*  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant 3\*\*  
\_\_\_ Ruffed Grouse 4  
\_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe 4  
\_\_\_ Eared Grebe 4  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove 3  
\_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo 3  
\_\_\_ Chuck-will's-widow 4  
\_\_\_ Eastern Whip-poor-will 3  
\_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird 4  
\_\_\_ King Rail 4  
\_\_\_ Sandhill Crane 3  
\_\_\_ Black-necked Stilt 4  
\_\_\_ American Avocet 4  
\_\_\_ Upland Sandpiper 4  
\_\_\_ Whimbrel 4  
\_\_\_ Hudsonian Godwit 4  
\_\_\_ Marbled Godwit 4  
\_\_\_ Red Knot 4  
\_\_\_ Stilt Sandpiper 3  
\_\_\_ Purple Sandpiper 4  
\_\_\_ Baird's Sandpiper 3  
\_\_\_ White-rumped Sandpiper 3  
\_\_\_ Buff-breasted Sandpiper 4  
\_\_\_ Western Sandpiper 4  
\_\_\_ Long-billed Dowitcher 3  
\_\_\_ Willet 4  
\_\_\_ Wilson's Phalarope 3  
\_\_\_ Red-necked Phalarope 3  
\_\_\_ Red Phalarope 4  
\_\_\_ Pomarine Jaeger 4  
\_\_\_ Black-legged Kittiwake 4  
\_\_\_ Sabine's Gull 4  
\_\_\_ Little Gull 4  
\_\_\_ Laughing Gull 4  
\_\_\_ Franklin's Gull 4  
\_\_\_ Thayer's Gull 4  
\_\_\_ Iceland Gull 4  
\_\_\_ Lesser Black-backed Gull 3  
\_\_\_ Glaucous Gull 3  
\_\_\_ Black Tern 3  
\_\_\_ Red-throated Loon 4  
\_\_\_ American White Pelican 3  
\_\_\_ American Bittern 3  
\_\_\_ Least Bittern 3  
\_\_\_ Little Blue Heron 4  
\_\_\_ Cattle Egret 4  
\_\_\_ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 4  
\_\_\_ Golden Eagle 4

\_\_\_ Barn Owl 4  
\_\_\_ Snowy Owl 4  
\_\_\_ Long-eared Owl 3  
\_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl 4  
\_\_\_ Merlin 3  
\_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon 3  
\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher 4  
\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 4  
\_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher 4  
\_\_\_ Northern Shrike 4  
\_\_\_ Bell's Vireo 4  
\_\_\_ Philadelphia Vireo 3  
\_\_\_ Common Raven 4  
\_\_\_ Sedge Wren 3  
\_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush 3  
\_\_\_ Purple Finch 3  
\_\_\_ Red Crossbill 4  
\_\_\_ White-winged Crossbill 4  
\_\_\_ Common Redpoll 4  
\_\_\_ Pine Siskin 3  
\_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak 4  
\_\_\_ Golden-winged Warbler 4  
\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler 3  
\_\_\_ Connecticut Warbler 4  
\_\_\_ Mourning Warbler 3  
\_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow 4  
\_\_\_ Lark Sparrow 3  
\_\_\_ Le Conte's Sparrow 4  
\_\_\_ Nelson's Sparrow 4  
\_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak 3  
\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark 4  
\_\_\_ Yellow-headed Blackbird 4  
\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird 4

## Review-List Birds - 132 Species

\_\_\_ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 6  
\_\_\_ Fulvous Whistling-Duck 6  
\_\_\_ Trumpeter Swan 6\*  
\_\_\_ Cinnamon Teal 6  
\_\_\_ Garganey 6  
\_\_\_ Tufted Duck 6  
\_\_\_ King Eider 6  
\_\_\_ Common Eider 6  
\_\_\_ Barrow's Goldeneye 6  
\_\_\_ Western Grebe 6  
\_\_\_ Common Ground-Dove 6  
\_\_\_ White-winged Dove 5  
\_\_\_ Smooth-billed Ani 6  
\_\_\_ Groove-billed Ani 6  
\_\_\_ White-throated Swift 6  
\_\_\_ Mexican Violetear 6  
\_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird 6  
\_\_\_ Allen's Hummingbird 6  
\_\_\_ Calliope Hummingbird 6  
\_\_\_ Yellow Rail 6  
\_\_\_ Black Rail 6  
\_\_\_ Purple Gallinule 6  
\_\_\_ Whooping Crane 6  
\_\_\_ Northern Lapwing 6  
\_\_\_ Snowy Plover 6  
\_\_\_ Wilson's Plover 6

\_\_\_ Piping Plover 5  
\_\_\_ Long-billed Curlew 6  
\_\_\_ Ruff 5  
\_\_\_ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 6  
\_\_\_ Curlew Sandpiper 6  
\_\_\_ Red-necked Stint 6  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Woodcock 6  
\_\_\_ Spotted Redshank 6  
\_\_\_ Parasitic Jaeger 5  
\_\_\_ Long-tailed Jaeger 5  
\_\_\_ Thick-billed Murre 6  
\_\_\_ Black Guillemot 6  
\_\_\_ Long-billed Murrelet 6  
\_\_\_ Ancient Murrelet 6  
\_\_\_ Atlantic Puffin 6  
\_\_\_ Ivory Gull 6  
\_\_\_ Black-headed Gull 5  
\_\_\_ Ross's Gull 6  
\_\_\_ Black-tailed Gull 6  
\_\_\_ Heermann's Gull 6  
\_\_\_ Mew Gull 6  
\_\_\_ California Gull 5  
\_\_\_ Kelp Gull 6  
\_\_\_ Sooty Tern 6  
\_\_\_ Least Tern 6  
\_\_\_ Large-billed Tern 6  
\_\_\_ Arctic Tern 6  
\_\_\_ Royal Tern 6  
\_\_\_ Arctic Loon 6  
\_\_\_ Pacific Loon 5  
\_\_\_ Black-capped Petrel 6  
\_\_\_ Leach's Storm-Petrel 6  
\_\_\_ Wood Stork 6  
\_\_\_ Magnificent Frigatebird 6  
\_\_\_ Northern Gannet 6  
\_\_\_ Neotropic Cormorant 6  
\_\_\_ Great Cormorant 6  
\_\_\_ Anhinga 6  
\_\_\_ Brown Pelican 6  
\_\_\_ Tricolored Heron 5  
\_\_\_ Reddish Egret 6  
\_\_\_ White Ibis 6  
\_\_\_ Glossy Ibis 5  
\_\_\_ White-faced Ibis 5  
\_\_\_ Roseate Spoonbill 6  
\_\_\_ Swallow-tailed Kite 6  
\_\_\_ Mississippi Kite 5  
\_\_\_ Northern Goshawk 5  
\_\_\_ Harris's Hawk 6  
\_\_\_ Swainson's Hawk 6  
\_\_\_ Northern Hawk Owl 6  
\_\_\_ Burrowing Owl 6  
\_\_\_ Great Gray Owl 6  
\_\_\_ Boreal Owl 6  
\_\_\_ Red-naped Sapsucker 6  
\_\_\_ Red-cockaded Woodpecker 6  
\_\_\_ Black-backed Woodpecker 6  
\_\_\_ Crested Caracara 6  
\_\_\_ Gyrfalcon 6  
\_\_\_ Prairie Falcon 6  
\_\_\_ Gray Flycatcher 6  
\_\_\_ Dusky Flycatcher 6

\_\_\_ Say's Phoebe 6  
\_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher 6  
\_\_\_ Western Kingbird 5  
\_\_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 6  
\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike 5  
\_\_\_ Black-billed Magpie 6  
\_\_\_ Fish Crow 5  
\_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow 6  
\_\_\_ Cave Swallow 6  
\_\_\_ Boreal Chickadee 6  
\_\_\_ Brown-headed Nuthatch 6  
\_\_\_ Rock Wren 6  
\_\_\_ Bewick's Wren 6  
\_\_\_ Northern Wheatear 6  
\_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird 6  
\_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire 6  
\_\_\_ Varied Thrush 5  
\_\_\_ Bohemian Waxwing 6  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Tree Sparrow 6  
\_\_\_ Sprague's Pipit 6  
\_\_\_ Brambling 6  
\_\_\_ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch 6  
\_\_\_ Pine Grosbeak 6  
\_\_\_ Hoary Redpoll 6  
\_\_\_ Smith's Longspur 6  
\_\_\_ Swainson's Warbler 6  
\_\_\_ Kirtland's Warbler 5  
\_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler 6  
\_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler 6  
\_\_\_ Painted Redstart 6  
\_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee 6  
\_\_\_ Spotted Towhee 6  
\_\_\_ Cassin's Sparrow 6  
\_\_\_ Bachman's Sparrow 6  
\_\_\_ Black-throated Sparrow 6  
\_\_\_ Lark Bunting 6  
\_\_\_ Baird's Sparrow 6  
\_\_\_ Harris's Sparrow 5  
\_\_\_ Golden-Crowned Sparrow 6  
\_\_\_ Western Tanager 6  
\_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak 6  
\_\_\_ Painted Bunting 6  
\_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle 6  
\_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole 6

Total Ohio Species = 434 (Six Extinct/Extirpated Species Omitted)

\* Vagrant Trumpeter Swans from the west, although probably unrecognizable as such, would be code 6. ODNR-released TRUS and their progeny are not countable in Ohio but would be code 2.

\*\* Only considered to be countable in certain counties/locations due to frequently released populations.

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