

A BIRDER'S CHECKLIST OF OTTAWA*



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*50 km radius of the Peace Tower

These graphs give the probability that an average observer should find the given species in suitable habitat. They do not necessarily indicate the actual numbers of that species in the area (E.g. Boreal Owl may in fact be far more numerous than its given status might indicate). The status is also affected by the likelihood of a species to be singing and therefore found via its voice at a given date.

These graphs are prepared from the records of approximately 25 Ottawa observers from sightings within a 50 km radius of the Peace Tower. Included in the input data are daily lists from these observers for the years 1976 to 1978 and selected records for the years 1970 to 1975.

LEGEND:

- — Occasional or single records. Not to be expected.
 - +++++++ — Very Rare. Found on less than 5% of trips in the given weeks.
 - — Rare. Found on 5-30% of trips in the given weeks.
 - /////// — Uncommon. Found on 30-75% of trips in the given weeks.
 - — Common. Found on at least 75% of trips in the given weeks.
- (E) — Erratic. Actual status can vary from Not Present to the given status.
- (S) — No known photograph or specimen secured in Ottawa but at least four sight records have been acceptable to the Bird Records Committee of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club since January 1970.

* Known to have nested in the Ottawa area.

*? Suspected to have nested in the Ottawa area, but no proven record.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Grasshopper Sparrow	*				/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Henslow's Sparrow	*				.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Vesper Sparrow	*			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dark-eyed Junco	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
American Tree Sparrow	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Chipping Sparrow	*		.									.
Clay-coloured Sparrow	*			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Field Sparrow	*	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
White-crowned Sparrow	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
White-throated Sparrow	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fox Sparrow			/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Lincoln's Sparrow			.									
Swamp Sparrow	*		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Song Sparrow	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lapland Longspur	(E)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Snow Bunting			/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

Accidental/Occasional

Three or less records acceptable to OFNC since January 1970
The numbers given are the number of records since January 1970
followed by the year of the latest record.

Western Grebe (1, 75); Audubon's Shearwater (1, 75); Little Blue Heron (2, 75); Cattle Egret (2, 75); Snowy Egret (2, 76); Yellow-crowned Night Heron (2, 76); Glossy Ibis (2, 71); White-fronted Goose (2, 78); King Eider (2, 77); Harlequin Duck (3, 76); Purple Gallinule (2, 74); Ruff (1, 77); Piping Plover (3, 75); Marbled Godwit (3, 78); Willet (3, 75); Sandhill Crane (3, 78); Pomarine Jaeger (1, 73); Long-tailed Jaeger (1, 78); Black-legged Kittiwake (1, 71); Lesser Black-backed Gull (3, 78); Laughing Gull (1, 77); Black-headed Gull (1, 75); Forster's Tern (2, 78); Barn Owl (1, 77); Red-bellied Woodpecker (3, 78); Western Kingbird (1, 70); Cassin's Kingbird (1, 70); Varied Thrush (3, 79); White-eyed Vireo (2, 78); Prothonotary Warbler (2, 77); Worm-eating Warbler (1, 75); Blue-winged Warbler (1, 75); Yellow-throated Warbler (3, 78); Hooded Warbler (3, 75); Louisiana Waterthrush (1, 74); Connecticut Warbler (1, 73); Yellow-breasted Chat (2, 76); Yellow-headed Blackbird (1, 71); Orchard Oriole (1, 76); Brewer's Blackbird (1, 76); House Finch (3, 79); Dickcissel (2, 74); LeConte's Sparrow (3, 77); Sharp-tailed Sparrow (2, 77); Harris' Sparrow (2, 77).

Accidental/Occasional. No acceptable records since January 1970.

Band-rumped Storm Petrel; Wilson's Storm Petrel; White Pelican; Northern Gannet; European Wigeon; Fulvous Whistling Duck; Swallow-tailed Kite; Swainson's Hawk; Spruce Grouse; King Rail; Thick-billed Murre; Atlantic Puffin; Passenger Pigeon (Extinct); Northern Wheatear; Townsend's Solitaire; Fieldfare; Summer Tanager.