

Seasonal and Relative Abundance Keys

s - Spring (March-May)
 S - Summer (June-August)
 F - Fall (September-November)
 W - Winter (December-February)

a - Abundant; can't miss; very numerous
 c - Common; should be seen in proper habitat
 u - Uncommon; present but not likely seen
 o - Occasional; several sightings per season
 r - Rare; seen at intervals of several years
 * - Accidental; observed very few times

P - Pelagic; best seen at sea
 B - Breeds in Ocean County
 b - Rare or former breeder in Ocean County

Underlined Species - NJ Endangered species, threatened species or species of special concern

	s	S	F	W
LOONS - GREBES				
Red-throated Loon.....	c	c	c	
Common Loon.....	c	o	c	c
<u>Pied-billed Grebe</u> (b).....	c	u	c	u
Horned Grebe.....	c	r	c	c
Red-necked Grebe.....	o		o	o
Eared Grebe.....			r	r
ALBATROSS - STORM-PETRELS				
Northern Fulmar (P).....	u	o	u	o
Cory's Shearwater (P).....	o	u	u	
Greater Shearwater (P).....	c	c	c	
Sooty Shearwater (P).....	c	c	u	
Manx Shearwater (P).....	u	u	u	o
Audubon's Shearwater (P).....		o	r	
Wilson's Storm Petrel (P).....	c	c	c	
Leach's Storm Petrel (P).....	r	r	r	
GANNETS - CORMORANTS				
Northern Gannet.....	c		c	c
Brown Pelican.....	r	u	o	r
Double-crested Cormorant (b).....	a	c	a	u
Great Cormorant.....	u		u	u
BITTERNS - HERONS - IBISES				
American Bittern (b).....	u	o	u	u
Least Bittern (b).....	u	u	u	r
Great Blue Heron (b).....	c	c	c	c
Great Egret (B).....	c	c	c	o
Snowy Egret (B).....	c	c	c	r
Little Blue Heron (B).....	c	c	c	r
Tricolored Heron (B).....	u	c	c	r
Cattle Egret (b).....	o	o	o	
Green Heron (B).....	c	c	c	
Black-crowned Night Heron (B).....	c	c	c	u
Yellow-crowned Night Heron (b).....	u	u	u	
Glossy Ibis (B).....	c	c	c	r
VULTURES				
Black Vulture.....	u	u	u	u
Turkey Vulture.....	c	c	c	c
SWANS-- GEESE - DUCKS				
Snow Goose.....	c		c	c
Canada Goose (B).....	a	a	a	a

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Brant.....	c	o	c	c
Mute Swan (B).....	c	c	c	c
Tundra Swan.....	u		u	c
Wood Duck (B).....	c	u	c	o
Gadwall (B).....	c	c	c	c
Eurasian Wigeon.....	r	r	r	
American Wigeon.....	c	o	c	c
American Black Duck (B).....	c	c	a	a
Mallard (B).....	a	a	a	a
Blue-winged Teal (b).....	c	u	c	r
Northern Shoveler (b).....	c	o	c	u
Northern Pintail.....	c	r	c	c
Green-winged Teal (b).....	c	o	c	u
Canvasback.....	c		c	c
Redhead.....	u	u	u	
Ring-necked Duck.....	u	r	u	c
Tufted Duck.....	r		r	
Greater Scaup.....	c	r	c	c
Lesser Scaup.....	c		c	c
King Eider.....	o	o	o	
Common Eider.....	o	o	o	
Harlequin Duck.....	u	r	u	c
Surf Scoter.....	u		c	c
White-winged Scoter.....	u		c	u
Black Scoter.....	u	r	c	c
Long-tailed Duck.....	c	r	c	c
Bufflehead.....	c	r	c	c
Common Goldeneye.....	u	r	c	c
<u>Hooded Merganser</u>	u		u	c
Common Merganser.....	u	o	u	
Red Breasted Merganser (b).....	c	r	c	c
Ruddy Duck (b).....	c	o	c	c
HAWKS - FALCONS				
Osprey (B).....	c	c	c	r
Bald Eagle (b).....	o	r	o	o
Northern Harrier (b).....	c	u	c	c
<u>Sharp-shinned Hawk</u> (b).....	c	o	c	c
Cooper's Hawk (B).....	u	o	u	u
<u>Northern Goshawk</u> (b).....	r	r	r	r
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u> (b).....	u	o	u	o
<u>Broad-winged Hawk</u> (B).....	c	u	c	
Red-tailed Hawk (B).....	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk.....	u		u	u
Golden Eagle.....		*	r	r
<u>American Kestrel</u>	c	u	c	u
Merlin.....	c		c	u
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>	u	u	u	u
PHEASANTS - GROUSE - QUAIL				
Ring-necked Pheasant (b).....	u	u	u	u
Ruffed Grouse (b).....	o	o	o	o
Wild Turkey (b).....	u	u	u	u
Northern Bobwhite (b).....	u	u	u	u
RAILS - GALLINULES - COOT				
Black Rail (b).....	r	r	r	
Clapper Rail (B).....	c	c	c	u
King Rail (b).....	o	o	o	
Virginia Rail (b).....	u	u	u	o
Sora (b).....	u	u	u	
Common Moorhen (b).....	o	o	o	
American Coot (b).....	c	o	c	c
PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS				
Black-bellied Plover.....	c	c	c	u
American Golden Plover.....	o	o	o	

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Semipalmated Plover.....	c	c	a	o
<u>Piping Plover</u> (b).....	u	u	o	
Killdeer (B).....	c	c	c	u
<u>American Oystercatcher</u>	c	c	c	u
Black-necked Stilt.....	r	r		
American Avocet.....	r	r	r	
Greater Yellowlegs.....	c	c	c	u
Lesser Yellowlegs.....	c	c	c	o
Solitary Sandpiper.....	c	c	u	
Willet (B).....	c	c	c	
<u>Spotted Sandpiper</u> (B).....	c	c	c	r
<u>Upland Sandpiper</u> (b).....	o	o	o	
<u>Whimbrel</u>	u	u	u	
Hudsonian Godwit.....	r	o	o	
Marbled Godwit.....		o	r	
Ruddy Turnstone.....	c	c	c	u
<u>Red Knot</u>	c	u	c	o
<u>Sanderling</u>	c	c	c	c
<u>Semipalmated Sandpiper</u>	a	a	c	
Western Sandpiper.....		u	u	r
Least Sandpiper.....	c	c	c	
White-rumped Sandpiper.....	u	u	u	
Baird's Sandpiper.....	r	r		
Pectoral Sandpiper.....	o	u	u	
Purple Sandpiper.....	u	u	u	c
Dunlin.....	c		a	c
Curlew Sandpiper.....	r	r	r	
Stilt Sandpiper.....	o	u	u	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper.....		r	r	
Short-billed Dowitcher.....	c	c	a	
Long-billed Dowitcher.....	c	o	u	
Common Snipe.....	c		c	u
American Woodcock (B).....	c	u	c	u
Wilson's Phalarope.....	r	o	o	
Red-necked Phalarope (P).....	u	u	u	
Red Phalarope (P).....	u		u	o
SKUAS-GULLS-AUKS				
South Polar Skua (P).....	r	r		
Pomarine Jaeger (P).....	u		c	u
Parasitic Jaeger (P).....	u		c	o
Long-tailed Jaeger (P).....	r	r		
Laughing Gull (B).....	c	a	a	o
Little Gull.....	o	r	o	r
Black-headed Gull.....	r		o	o
Bonaparte's Gull.....	c		c	c
Ring-billed Gull.....	a	u	a	a
Herring Gull (B).....	a	a	a	a
Iceland Gull.....	r		o	
Lesser Black-backed Gull.....	o		o	
Glaucous Gull.....	r		o	
Great Black-backed Gull (B).....	c	c	c	c
Black-legged Kittiwake (P).....	u		c	c
<u>Gull-billed Tern</u> (b).....	u	u	u	
<u>Caspian Tern</u> (b).....	u	u	u	
Royal Tern.....	u	u	c	o
<u>Roseate Tern</u> (b).....	o	o	o	
<u>Common Tern</u> (B).....	c	a	c	
Arctic Tern (P).....	o	o	o	
Forsters's Tern (B).....	c	a	c	o
<u>Least Tern</u> (B).....	c	c	c	
Bridled Tern (P).....	o	o	r	
Black Tern.....	o	u	o	
Black Skimmer (B).....	c	c	c	r

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Dovekie (P).....	r	r	r	
Common Murre (P).....	r			
Thick-billed Murre (P).....				r
Razorbill (P).....			o	o
Atlantic Puffin (P).....	r			r
DOVES - OWLS - HUMMINGBIRDS				
Rock Dove (B).....	a	a	a	a
Mourning Dove (B).....	a	a	a	a
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u> (B).....	c	u	c	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (B).....	c	c	c	
Barn Owl (B).....	u	u	u	u
Eastern Screech Owl (B).....	c	c	c	c
Great Horned Owl (B).....	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl.....			r	r
<u>Barred Owl</u> (b).....	u	u	u	u
<u>Long-eared Owl</u>	o		o	o
<u>Short-eared Owl</u> (b).....	u	r	u	u
Northern Saw-whet Owl.....	u	r	o	o
<u>Common Nighthawk</u> (B).....	c	c	c	
Chuck-will's-widow (B).....	c	c	u	
<u>Whip-poor-will</u> (B).....	c	c	c	
Chimney Swift (B).....	c	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (B).....	u	u	u	
KINGFISHERS - WOODPECKERS				
Belted Kingfisher (B).....	c	u	c	u
<u>Red-headed Woodpecker</u> (b).....	o	o	o	o
Red-bellied Woodpecker (B).....	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	u	u	u	u
Downy Woodpecker (B).....	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker (B).....	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker (B).....	c	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker.....	r			r
FLYCATCHERS - VIREOS				
Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	o		o	
Eastern Wood-Pewee (B).....	c	c		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	o		o	
Acadian Flycatcher (b).....	u	u	o	
Alder Flycatcher.....	o	o	o	
Willow Flycatcher (B).....	u	u	u	
Least Flycatcher.....	c	c	c	
Eastern Phoebe (B).....	c	c	c	
Great Crested Flycatcher (B).....	c	c	c	
Western Kingbird.....			o	r
Eastern Kingbird (B).....	c	c	c	
Loggerhead Shrike.....				r
Northern Shrike.....				r
White-eyed Vireo (B).....	c	c	c	
Yellow-throated Vireo (b).....	u	u	u	
<u>Blue-headed Vireo</u>	c	r	c	
Warbling Vireo (b).....	u	o	u	
Philadelphia Vireo.....	o	o	o	
Red-eyed Vireo (B).....	c	c	c	
JAYS - LARKS - SWALLOWS				
Blue Jay (B).....	c	c	c	c
American Crow (B).....	c	c	c	c
Fish Crow (B).....	c	c	c	u
<u>Horned Lark</u> (b).....	u	o	u	u
Purple Martin (B).....	c	c	c	
Tree Swallow (B).....	c	c	a	r
No. Rough-winged Swallow (B).....	c	c	c	
Bank Swallow (B).....	u	u	u	
<u>Cliff Swallow</u>	o	o	o	
Barn Swallow (B).....	c	c	c	

Checklist of Ocean County Birds

	S	S	F	W
CHICKADEES - WRENS				
__ Carolina Chickadee (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Black-capped Chickadee.....	r	r	r	r
__ Tufted Titmouse (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	u	o	u	u
__ White-breasted Nuthatch (B)...	c	c	c	c
__ Brown Creeper (b).....	c	o	c	u
__ Carolina Wren (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ House Wren (B).....	c	c	c	r
__ Winter Wren.....	o	u	o	o
__ Sedge Wren (b).....	r	r	r	r
__ Marsh Wren (B).....	c	c	c	o
KINGLETS - THRASHERS				
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	c	a	c	c
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c	c	u	u
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (B).....	c	c	u	u
__ Eastern Bluebird (B).....	c	c	c	u
__ Veery (B).....	c	u	c	c
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush.....	o	o	o	o
__ Bicknell's Thrush.....	o	o	o	o
__ Swainson's Thrush.....	u	u	u	u
__ Hermit Thrush (b).....	c	o	c	c
__ Wood Thrush (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ American Robin (B).....	a	a	a	a
__ Gray Catbird (B).....	c	c	c	o
__ Northern Mockingbird (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Brown Thrasher (B).....	c	c	c	o
STARLINGS - WAXWINGS				
__ European Starling (B).....	a	a	a	a
__ American Pipit.....	o	o	o	o
__ Cedar Waxwing (B).....	u	u	u	u
WARBLERS				
__ Blue-winged Warbler (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Golden-winged Warbler.....	o	o	o	o
__ Tennessee Warbler.....	c	c	c	c
__ Orange-crowned Warbler.....	r	o	o	o
__ Nashville Warbler.....	c	c	r	r
__ Northern Parula (b).....	c	o	c	c
__ Yellow Warbler (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler.....	c	o	c	c
__ Magnolia Warbler.....	c	r	c	c
__ Cape May Warbler.....	u	u	r	r
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler....	c	c	c	c
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	c	a	c	c
__ Black-throated Green Warbler (B).	c	u	c	c
__ Blackburnian Warbler.....	c	u	u	u
__ Yellow-throated Warbler (b).....	o	r	r	r
__ Pine Warbler (B).....	c	c	c	o
__ Prairie Warbler (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Palm Warbler.....	c	c	o	o
__ Bay Breasted Warbler.....	c	c	c	c
__ Blackpoll Warbler.....	c	o	c	c
__ Cerulean Warbler.....	r	r	r	r
__ Black-and-white Warbler (B)....	c	c	c	c
__ American Redstart (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Prothonotary Warbler (b).....	o	o	o	o
__ Worm-eating Warbler.....	o	o	o	o
__ Ovenbird (B).....	c	c	c	r
__ Northern Waterthrush (b).....	c	u	c	c
__ Louisiana Waterthrush (b).....	c	u	o	o
__ Kentucky Warbler (b).....	o	o	o	o
__ Connecticut Warbler.....	o	o	o	o
__ Common Yellowthroat (B).....	a	a	c	o

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__ Mourning Warbler.....	o	o	o	o
__ Hooded Warbler (B).....	u	u	u	u
__ Wilson's Warbler.....	u	u	u	u
__ Canada Warbler (b).....	c	r	c	c
__ Yellow-breasted Chat (b).....	u	u	u	r
TANAGERS-SPARROWS				
__ Summer Tanager.....	o	o	o	o
__ Scarlet Tanager.....	c	c	c	c
__ Eastern Towhee (B).....	a	a	a	o
__ American Tree Sparrow.....	o	u	c	c
__ Chipping Sparrow (B).....	c	c	c	o
__ Clay-colored Sparrow.....	r	o	r	r
__ Field Sparrow (B).....	c	c	c	u
__ Vesper Sparrow (b).....	o	r	o	o
__ Lark Sparrow.....	o	o	r	r
__ Savannah Sparrow (b).....	c	r	c	u
__ Ipswich Sparrow.....	o	o	u	u
__ Grasshopper Sparrow (B).....	c	c	u	u
__ Henslow's Sparrow.....	r	r	r	r
__ Nelson's Sparrow.....	o	u	u	u
__ Acadian Sparrow.....	o	o	u	u
__ Saltmarsh Sparrow (B).....	u	c	c	o
__ Seaside Sparrow (B).....	c	c	c	o
__ Fox Sparrow.....	u	u	u	u
__ Song Sparrow (B).....	a	c	a	c
__ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	r	u	u	u
__ Swamp Sparrow (B).....	c	c	c	u
__ White Throated Sparrow.....	c	a	c	c
__ White Crowned Sparrow.....	o	u	o	o
__ Dark-eyed Junco.....	c	r	a	c
__ Lapland Longspur.....	o	o	o	o
__ Snow Bunting.....	o	o	u	u
CARDINALS - BUNTINGS				
__ Northern Cardinal (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	c	o	c	c
__ Blue Grosbeak (B).....	u	u	u	u
__ Indigo Bunting (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Dickcissel.....	r	o	r	r
BLACKBIRDS - FINCHES				
__ Bobolink (b).....	u	u	u	u
__ Red-winged Blackbird (B).....	a	a	a	u
__ Eastern Meadowlark (B).....	u	u	u	u
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	r	r	r	r
__ Rusty Blackbird.....	o	o	o	o
__ Common Grackle (B).....	a	a	a	u
__ Boat-tailed Grackle (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Brown-headed Cowbird (B).....	c	c	c	u
__ Orchard Oriole (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Baltimore Oriole (B).....	c	c	c	r
__ Purple Finch.....	u	r	u	u
__ House Finch (B).....	a	a	a	a
__ Red Crossbill (b).....	r	r	r	r
__ White-winged Crossbill.....	r	r	r	r
__ Common Redpoll.....	u	u	u	u
__ Pine Siskin.....	u	u	u	u
__ American Goldfinch (B).....	c	c	c	c
__ Evening Grosbeak.....	o	o	o	o
__ House Sparrow (B).....	a	a	a	a

ACCIDENTALS (Observed very few times): Pacific Loon, Western Grebe, Black-browed Albatross, Cape Verde Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater, White-tailed Tropicbird, Red-billed Tropicbird, Masked Booby, Brown Booby, American White Pelican, Anhinga, White Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Greater White-fronted Goose, Canada "Richardson's" Goose, Green-winged "Common" Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Barrow's Goldeneye, Swallow-tailed Kite, Mississippi Kite, Swainson's Hawk, Yellow Rail, Purple Gallinule, Sandhill Crane, Wilson's Plover, "Eurasian" Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Black-tailed Gull, Ivory Gull, Sandwich Tern, Sooty Tern, Black Guillemot, White-winged Dove, Rufous Hummingbird, Black-backed Woodpecker, Say's Phoebe, Gray Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Common Raven, Cave Swallow, Boreal Chickadee, Bewick's Wren, Varied Thrush, Sage Thrasher, Bohemian Waxwing, Virginia's Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Green-tailed Towhee, Spotted Towhee, Cassin's Sparrow, Lark Bunting, LeConte's Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco, Smith's Longspur, Black-headed Grosbeak, Painted Bunting, Pine Grosbeak.



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