

## DEFINITION OF SYMBOLS

Current Lewiston / Auburn area population for each bird species by month is shown as follows:

- **ABUNDANT:** widespread and easily found in proper habitat in large numbers.
- **COMMON:** widespread and easily found in proper habitat in smaller numbers.
- **UNCOMMON:** widespread in very small numbers or common only in very restricted habitat.
- **IRREGULAR:** not reported every year.
- V **Variable** abundance, prone to erratic outbreaks.
- N Usually *heard* or active at dusk and **night**.
- ♪ Identification usually requires hearing song or call.
- Species of greatest conservation concern, see [www.StateoftheBirds.org](http://www.StateoftheBirds.org), 2016 report.

**BREEDS:** shading bounds earliest date of first egg to latest date of last fledged, including multiple broods. Confirmed at least once in Lewiston/Auburn area since 1978. Shading design indicates *usual* location of nest.

C before shading if colonial nesting.

▨ mid to high in trees    ▨ tree cavity or nest box

▨ bushes or low trees    ▨ Manmade structures

▨ on or near ground, marsh vegetation, or burrow

BRED Formerly nested in the Lewiston / Auburn area.

Change in breeding status in the State of Maine:

<YEAR First YEAR known to have regularly bred.

YEAR> Last YEAR known to have bred.

(I) **Introduced** by man, *non-native* species.

(R) **Reintroduced** or **Released** *native* species.

**Hab.** Identifies **habitats** in which the species is *most likely* to occur in the Lewiston / Auburn area. See "Where to Bird" panel for description of habitats.

All species within Order or Family migrate *mainly* by: day \*, at night ♠, or both ♠\* at times continuously.

**Neotropical Migrants** move between Maine and Central / South America usually following:

- 1 – Atlantic Ocean direct (fall)
- 2 – West Indies and Caribbean Sea by Florida
- 3 – trans-Gulf chiefly by Yucatan
- 4 – circum-Gulf by land

Species migrating thru or wintering in Maine, most nest:

- <sup>A</sup> – in Arctic tundra
- <sup>B</sup> – in Boreal (Taiga) forests and lakes

© – **circumpolar** or **Holarctic** species, also native to parts of Europe and Asia.

Double lines (≡) separate Orders, single lines (—) separate Families, left margin lines (|) group Genus.

Sequence and names follow the AOS *Check-list of North American Birds*, 7th edition thru supplement 59.

## THE STANTON BIRD CLUB

Celebrating a century of commitment to nature. In 1919, a group of naturalists in the Lewiston / Auburn area organized the Stanton Bird Club, named in honor of Dr. Jonathan Y. Stanton (1834-1918), a much admired Bates College professor known for his love of wildlife. In 1921 the first of several gifts of land from Alfred Anthony led to establishing the Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary. Today Stanton manages an expanded Thorncrag and two other sanctuaries, open to visitors who respect the study and enjoyment of nature through numerous walking trails.

- Thorncrag (450 acres) - Montello St., Lewiston
- Applesass Hill (2 acres) - Pleasant St., Lewiston
- Woodbury (400 acres) - Pease Hill Rd., Monmouth, also accessible by Carver Rd. for Mud Pond

The Stanton Bird Club is a leading voice of conservation in Central Maine through environmental education for school children, natural history lectures, statewide field trips, and community events. Field trips are held throughout the year plus the Christmas Bird Count every December. All are free and open to everyone. For a field trip and monthly meeting schedule, recent sightings, club membership, and more visit

[www.StantonBirdClub.org](http://www.StantonBirdClub.org)

This Guide is mostly based on reports since the year 2000, with breeding data since 1978, from the following sources. New reports are welcomed for future editions.

- *Atlas of Breeding Birds in Maine 1978-1983*, Paul Adamus.
- eBird. An online database of bird distribution and abundance, [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org).
- *Guillemot*, a bimonthly newsletter, 1971-date, William Townsend, ed.
- Historical data from *Birds of Maine*, Ora Knight, 1908; *Birds of Lewiston - Auburn and vicinity*, Carrie Miller, 1918; and *Maine Birds*, Ralph Palmer, 1949.

In the Lewiston / Auburn area:

- 221 species occur regularly.
- 51 species are casual, accidental, or historical.
- 131 species have bred since 1978.

Hypothetical and exotic species are omitted. Be aware that escaped domestic and stocked fowl, plus exotic pet birds, are increasingly encountered.

Ongoing DNA analysis is changing our understanding of the origin and relationships through bird taxonomy. The sequence of this list will continue to evolve.

# THE BIRDS OF LEWISTON / AUBURN & VICINITY

A REFERENCE GUIDE



# STANTON BIRD CLUB

LEWISTON & AUBURN, MAINE

Founded 1919

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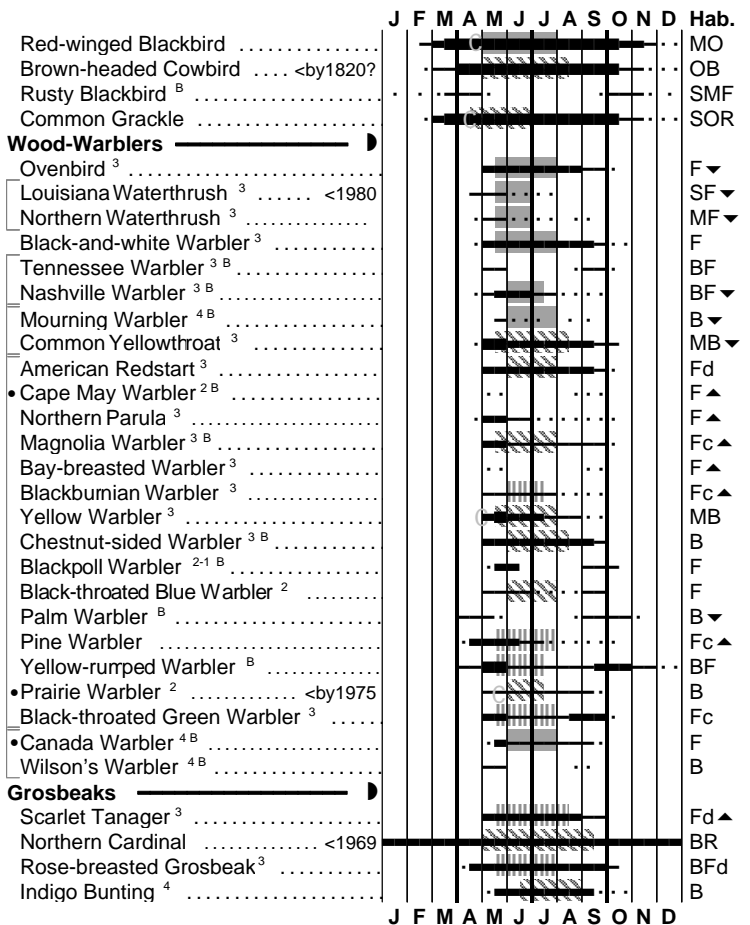
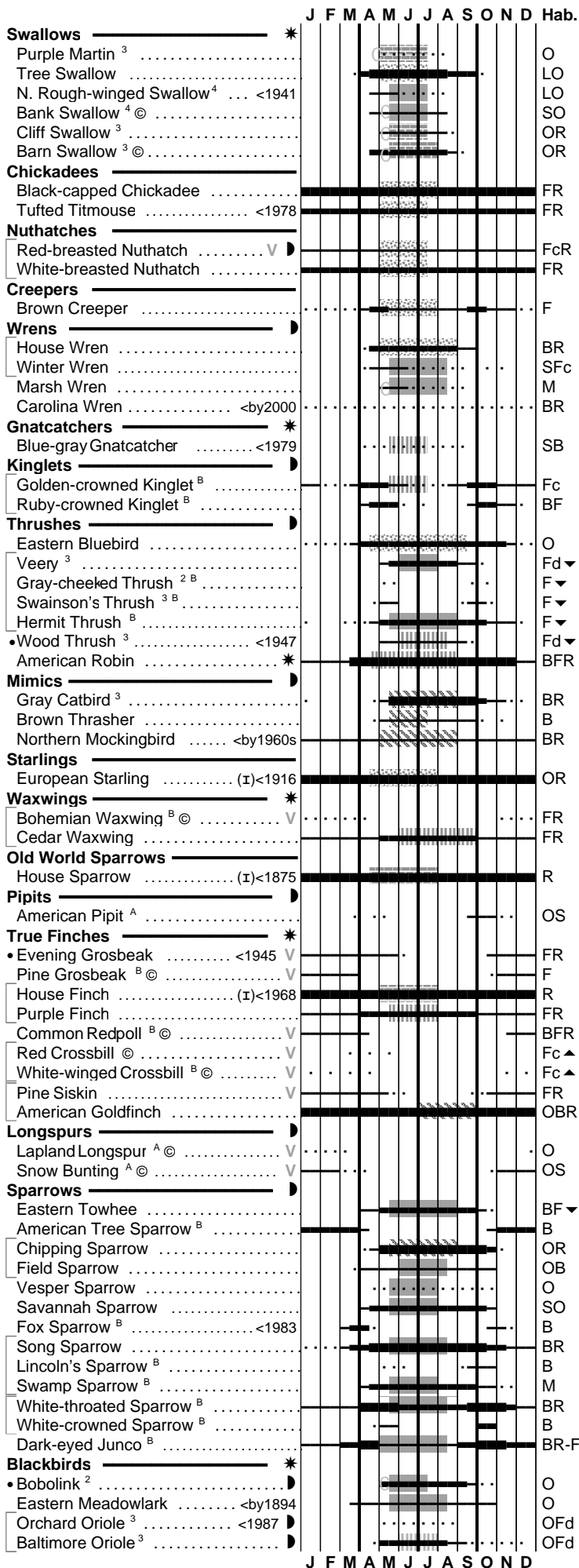
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STATUS

HISTORY

BIODIVERSITY





**CASUAL and ACCIDENTAL occurrences**  
 with date of most recent sighting

**CASUAL** - generally fewer than ten sightings since 1950, yet expected again:

- ① breeds in region plus spring overshoots and post-breeding dispersal,
- ② winters in region and invasions
- ③ migration route variances

**ACCIDENTAL** - far out of range and not expected:

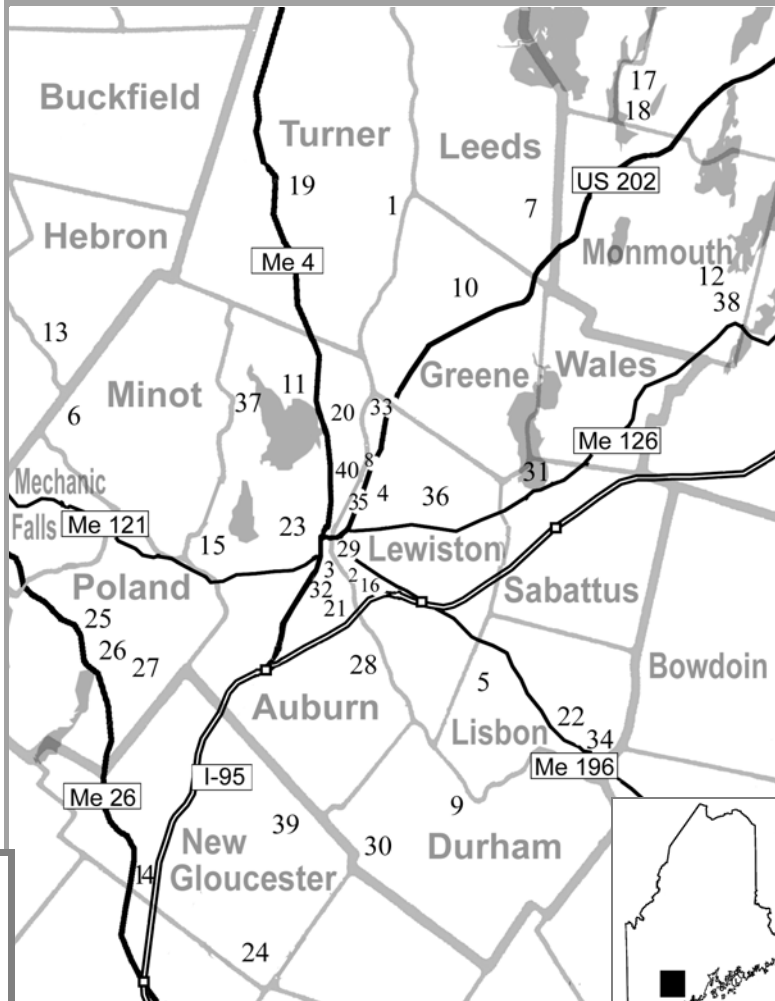
- ④ known to wander great distances
- ⑤ disrupted by ocean storms
- ⑥ errant migrant

**HISTORICAL**

Last sighting before 1950:  
 Harlequin Duck, Northern Bobwhite, Passenger Pigeon, Clapper Rail, Purple Gallinule, Wilson's Phalarope, Thick-billed Murre, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Eastern Screech-Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker, Western Kingbird, Sedge Wren [BRED].

- ③ Greater White-fronted Goose<sup>A</sup> © Nov. 2011
- ③ Brant<sup>A</sup> © Nov. 1982
- ③ Tundra Swan<sup>A</sup> April 1995
- ⑥ Tufted Duck March 2016
- ② • Common Eider<sup>A</sup> © Oct. 2017
- ④ Eurasian Collared-Dove June 2018
- ④ White-winged Dove Aug. 2012
- ① Common Gallinule <by 1970s June 1980
- ⑥ Northern Lapwing May 2013
- ③ • Hudsonian Godwit<sup>3-1</sup> A Oct. 2017
- ③ Baird's Sandpiper Oct. 2017
- ③ Long-billed Dowitcher © Nov. 2016
- ③ Red Phalarope<sup>A</sup> © May 2006
- ⑤ Dovekie © Dec. 1990
- ③ Sabine's Gull © Oct. 2016
- ② Red-throated Loon<sup>A</sup> © Nov. 1983
- ① Snowy Egret July 2015
- ① • Little Blue Heron Aug. 2010
- ① Glossy Ibis © <1972 April 2008
- ② Northern Hawk Owl © N Dec. 1990
- ② Great Gray Owl © N Jan. 1996
- ② Short-eared Owl © BRED? N March 1991
- ④ Boreal Owl © N Jan. 2008
- ② Gyrfalcon<sup>A</sup> © Nov. 2000
- ② Canada Jay<sup>B</sup> Dec. 1990
- ② Boreal Chickadee<sup>B</sup> Sept. 2001
- ④ Varied Thrush Dec.-Feb. 2012
- ② Hoary Redpoll<sup>A</sup> © Jan. 1994
- ④ Lark Sparrow Dec.-Apr. 2018
- ④ • Harris's Sparrow Dec. 1987
- ③ Yellow-breasted Chat<sup>3</sup> Oct. 2015
- ④ Yellow-headed Blackbird May 2003
- ① • Golden-winged Warbler<sup>3</sup> May 1997
- ① Blue-winged Warbler<sup>3</sup> <1980 May 2014
- ③ Orange-crowned Warbler Dec. 1994
- ① Summer Tanager<sup>2</sup> May 2018
- ① Blue Grosbeak<sup>3</sup> April 1993
- ④ Painted Bunting Jan. 2016
- ④ Dickcissel<sup>3</sup> Jan. 2012

## WHERE TO BIRD AROUND LEWISTON / AUBURN



**Map** identifies site location on the map.

**Acc.** identifies the means of **access** to the site:

**C** area can be birded from a **CAR**

**E** area is suitable for an **EASY** walk

**D** area contains more **DIFFICULT** walks

**K** area can be birded from a **KAYAK** or canoe

**Hab.** identifies the **habitats** found at each site.

☆ highlights the best areas.

These areas are open to the public, hours vary, some are privately owned or may charge an entry fee (\$). Locate with DeLorme's *Maine Atlas*, or by the given street.

- Site conditions vary over time — *use at your own risk.*
- Respect private property, do not trespass.
- Avoid woods in deer hunting season, late Oct. thru Nov.

	Map	Acc.	Hab.
Androscoggin Riverlands State Park / Homestead Trail, Center Bridge Rd. west of boat launch	1	DK	LF
Androscoggin River Overlook . . . . . Lincoln St. opp. Locust St.	2	C	L
Barker Mill Trail, Mill St. . . . . .	3	E	LBF
Bates College / Mt. David . . . . . College St. and Campus Ave.	4	E	LOF
☆ Beaver Park, off Pine Woods Rd. . . . .	5	ED \$	LOF
Bog Brook . . . . . Joe Town Rd. off Rt. 124	6	K	SMB
Curtis Homestead . . . . . Bog Rd. off Rt. 106	7	E	OBF
David Rancourt River Preserve . . . . . Tall Pines Dr.	8	E	LF
Durham River Park . . . . . Rt. 136 in Durham Village	9	E	LF
Hooper Pond Preserve, Hooper Pond Rd. off Allen Pond Rd.	10	K	LF
Lake Auburn / Lake Shore Dr. . . . . - Boat Launch Rest Area, Rt. 4 - Overlook & Townsend Marsh - North Auburn	11	C	LSM
Lake Cobbosseecontee - south . . . . . Cobbossee Rd. (causeway)	12	C	LS
Marshall Pond, Marshall Pond Rd. off Merrill Hill Rd.	13	K	LMF
Mayall Rd . . . . .	14	C	O
Mt. Apatite Park . . . . . Small Rd. off Hatch Rd.	15	D	BF

### HABITATS

- L LAKES**, ponds, rivers, or streams  
In winter, primarily the Androscoggin River
- S SHORES** of lakes and streams, or mud flats
- M MARSHES**, bogs, or swamps
- O OPEN** fields, pastures, or meadows
- B BRUSHY** fields, forest edges, or thickets
- F FORESTS**, wood lots, orchards, or groves
  - Fc** primarily **CONIFEROUS** growth
  - Fd** primarily **DECIDUOUS** growth
  - ▲ *usually high* in forest trees
  - ▼ *usually low* in trees or on the ground
  - no high-low symbol - at any tree height
- R RESIDENTIAL** areas, towns, or feeders
- A AERIAL**, often seen high overhead

Sabattus Pond is a prime inland location to find migrating ducks and shorebirds, particularly in fall when the water level is usually lower. The south end of Lake Cobbosseecontee is similar.

	Map	Acc.	Hab.
Mt. Hope Cemetery . . . . . River Rd. at Mount Hope Ave.	16	CE	LOF
Mt. Pisgah Trail, Mt. Pisgah Rd. . . . .	17	D	F
Nancy's Bog (Apple Valley Lake) . . . . . Mt. Pisgah Rd. at Bog Rd.	18	E	LMBF
Nezinscot River . . . . . Rt. 117 east of Rt. 4	19	K	SF
North River Rd. . . . . .	20	C	LOB
Oak Hill Cemetery. . . . . Riverside Dr. or 7th St.	21	E	OF
☆ Papermill, Androscoggin River & Ricker Farm Trails. . . . . Rt. 196 at Frost Hill Ave.	22	E	LSOF
Pettingill Park / Woods Trail . . . . . off Field Ave. or Winter St.	23	ED	LBF
☆ Pineland Farms . . . . . Rt. 231 at Morse Rd.	24	ED	SOBF
Poland Rail Trail, Poland Corner Rd. opp Plains Rd.	25	E	LF
Poland Spring Preservation Park. . . . . Ricker Hill	26	ED	LOF
Range Pond State Park . . . . . Empire Rd. off Rt. 122	27	EDK \$	LF
Riverside Dr. (Rt. 136) . . . . .	28	C	LOB
Riverwalk Trail / Railroad Park / West Pitch Park, Oxford St. at Beech St. & behind Hilton Inn	29	E	L
Runaround Pond Recreation Area. Runaround Pond Rd.	30	EK	LF
☆ Sabattus Pond . . . . . - Martin Point Park, Lake St. - South end, Rts. 9 & 126 - Riley Rd.	31	EK C E	LS LSM LO
Sherwood Forest Conservation Area, Sherwood Dr. at 19th St.	32	E	BF
☆ St. Peter's Cemetery, Deer Rd. . . . .	33	CE	OF
Summer Street Park. . . . .	34	E	LBF
Sunnyside Park / Riverside Trail / Riverside Cemetery. . . . . Whipple St. at Winter St.	35	E	LBF
☆ Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary . . . . . Highland Spring Rd.	36	ED	OBF
Whitman Spring Trail . . . . . N. Auburn opp. Holbrook Rd.	37	E	LF
☆ Woodbury Nature Sanctuary . . . . . Pease Hill Rd. at Whippoorwill Rd., Carver Rd. for Mud Pond	38	D	LMF
Woodman Rd. . . . . .	39	C	MO
YMCA Outdoor Education Center 167 Stetson Rd.	40	E	BF