

# CHRONOLOGY OF CHANGES TO THE ILLINOIS STATE LIST OF BIRDS

(since 1 December 2012)

Note: when a species is added based on a first state record, the date listed here is the date that the record was accepted, rather than the date of the record itself.

## Changes on 6 March 2025

- Clapper Rail was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).
- Short-tailed Shearwater was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

## Changes on 25 July 2024

- The status of White-winged Dove was changed from Casual to Regular.
- The status of Swallow-tailed Kite was changed from Casual to Regular.
- The status of Evening Grosbeak was changed from Casual to Regular.
- The status of Hoary Redpoll was changed from Casual to Regular. [Note: this change should have taken place prior to the lumping of Common Redpoll with Hoary Redpoll and was made in order to have the change on record.]
- The status of White-winged Crossbill was changed from Casual to Regular.
- The status of Western Tanager was changed from Casual to Regular.

## Changes on 18 July 2024 (all by virtue of actions in the 65th AOS Check-list Supplement)

- The position of Passenger Pigeon was changed to immediately follow Rock Pigeon.
- Genus of Wilson's Plover changed from *Charadrius* to *Anarhynchus*.
- Genus of Mountain Plover changed from *Charadrius* to *Anarhynchus*.
- Genus of Snowy Plover changed from *Charadrius* to *Anarhynchus*.
- Genus of Least Bittern changed from *Ixobrychus* to *Botaurus*.
- The common name and genus of Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) changed to Western Cattle-Egret (*Ardea ibis*).
- The common name of Black-crowned Night-Heron changed to Black-crowned Night Heron.
- The common name of Yellow-crowned Night-Heron changed to Yellow-crowned Night Heron.
- The sequence for herons is re-ordered to
  - Least Bittern
  - American Bittern
  - Little Blue Heron
  - Tricolored Heron
  - Reddish Egret
  - Snowy Egret
  - Yellow-crowned Night Heron
  - Black-crowned Night Heron
  - Green Heron
  - Great Egret
  - Western Cattle-Egret
  - Great Blue Heron

- The common name and species name of Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) changed to American Barn Owl (*Tyto furcata*).
- The common name of House Wren changed to Northern House Wren.
- "Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*) (spec) Regular" and "Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) (photo) Casual" are replaced by virtue of a lump of the species, with "Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*) (spec) Regular".

#### **Changes on 9 January 2024**

- Broad-tailed Hummingbird was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).
- European Goldfinch was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 6 July 2023**

- Northern Goshawk was changed to American Goshawk (by virtue of taxonomic changes in the 64th AOS Check-list Supplement)
- Western Flycatcher was added (by virtue of the lumping of Pacific-slope Flycatcher and Cordilleran Flycatcher in the 64th AOS Check-list Supplement).

#### **Changes on 18 April 2023**

- Crested Caracara was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 9 November 2022**

- Painted Redstart was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 26 July 2022**

- Brown Booby was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 5 July 2022**

- Lesser Goldfinch was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 29 June 2021**

- Mew Gull was replaced with Short-billed Gull (by virtue of taxonomic changes in the 62nd AOS Check-list Supplement and the evidence within prior accepted records under the former species name).

#### **Changes on 8 April 2021**

- Great Kiskadee was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 2 March 2020**

- Small-billed Elaenia was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 20 February 2020**

- The status designation for Black-bellied Whistling-Duck was changed from "Casual" to "Regular"

- The status and breeding designation for Trumpeter Swan was changed from "Extirpated (reintroduced/established) / (b)" "Regular (reintroduced, established) / B"
- The status and breeding designation for Gray Partridge was changed from "Regular (N, Introduced) / B" to "Accidental (N, introduced) / b"
- The status designation for Ruffed Grouse was changed from "Accidental (NW)" to "Extirpated"
- The breeding designation for Black-necked Stilt was changed from "b" to "B"
- The status designation for Ruff was changed from "Casual" to "Regular"
- The status designation for Purple Sandpiper was changed from "Regular" to "Casual"
- The status designation for Long-tailed Jaeger was changed from "Accidental" to "Casual"
- The status designation for Little Gull was changed from "Casual" to "Regular"
- The status designation for Neotropic Cormorant was changed from "Casual" to "Regular"
- The status and breeding designation for Anhinga was changed from "Accidental" to "Regular / b"
- The status designation for Brown Pelican was changed from "Accidental" to "Casual"
- The status designation for White Ibis was changed from "Casual" to "Regular"
- The breeding designation for Osprey was changed from "b (local)" to "B"
- The breeding designation for Western Kingbird was changed from "b (local)" to "B (local)"
- The status designation for Fork-tailed Flycatcher was changed from "Casual" to "Accidental"
- The breeding designation for Least Flycatcher was changed from "B" to "B (N)"
- The status designation for Common Raven was changed from "Extirpated" to "Accidental"
- The breeding designation for Violet-green Swallow was changed from "b (cross-breeding)" to "b (cross-breeding, one record)"
- The status designation for Rock Wren was changed from "Casual" to "Accidental"
- The breeding designation for Bewick's Wren was changed from "B" to "b (local) (WC)"
- The status designation for Mountain Bluebird was changed from "Accidental" to "Casual"
- The status designation for Townsend's Solitaire was changed from "Casual" to "Regular"
- The breeding designation for Veery was changed from "B" to "B (N)"
- The status designation for Sprague's Pipit was changed from "Casual" to "Accidental"
- The status designation for Evening Grosbeak was changed from "Regular" to "Casual"
- The status designation for Pine Grosbeak was changed from "Casual" to "Accidental"
- The status designation for White-winged Crossbill was changed from "Regular" to "Casual"
- The status designation for Bachman's Sparrow was changed from "Accidental" to "Extirpated"
- The breeding designation for Clay-colored Sparrow was changed from "b (N, local)" to "B (N, local)"
- The status designation for Golden-crowned Sparrow was changed from "Accidental" to "Casual"

#### **Changes on 2 February 2020**

- Limpkin was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).
- Little Stint was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).
- Cassin's Kingbird was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

#### **Changes on 27 August 2019**

- Lewis's Woodpecker was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

**Changes on 24 June 2019** (all by virtue of actions in the 60th AOS Check-list Supplement) [Not all changes from this checklist supplement may be reflected here.]

- Genus of Tennessee Warbler changed from *Oreothlypis* to *Leiothlypis*.
- Genus of Orange-crowned Warbler changed from *Oreothlypis* to *Leiothlypis*.
- Genus of Nashville Warbler changed from *Oreothlypis* to *Leiothlypis*.

**Changes on 22 June 2019**

- Barnacle Goose was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

**Changes on 3 July 2018**

- Plumbeous Vireo was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

**Changes on 14 May 2018**

- Red-naped Sapsucker was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).
- Cassin's Vireo was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

**Changes on 5 July 2017**

- Thayer's Gull was removed (by virtue of taxonomic changes in the 58th AOS Check-list Supplement).

**Changes on 22 January 2017**

- Common Ringed Plover was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species).

**Changes on 6 July 2016**

- Green Violetear was replaced with Mexican Violetear (by virtue of taxonomic changes in the 58th AOS Check-list Supplement and the evidence within prior accepted records under the former species name).
- Western Scrub-Jay was removed (by virtue of taxonomic changes in the 58th AOS Check-list Supplement and the evidence within prior accepted records under the former species name).

**Changes on 9 June 2015**

- Pacific-slope/Cordilleran Flycatcher was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species group).

**Changes on 1 December 2012**

- Wandering Tattler was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species group).
- Western Gull was removed (by virtue of the sole accepted record being reconsidered and rejected).
- White-crested/Small-billed Elaenia was added (by virtue of a first accepted record of the species group).