

List of Birds in Oswego County

Data taken from "The Birds of Oswego County: An Annotated Checklist" by Graig R. Fosdick

Family	Common Name	Scientific Name	Page #	New York Legal Status
Loons	Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	1	
Loons	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	1	
Grebes	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	2	
Grebes	Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	3	
Grebes	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	3	
Grebes	Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	4	
Cormorants	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	5	
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	American Bittern	<i>Botarus lentiginosus</i>	6	
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	7	Protected - Special Concern
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	7	Protected
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	8	
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	8	
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	9	
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	9	
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	10	
Bitterns, Herons, and Aliies	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	10	Protected
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Tundra Swans	<i>Cygnus colubianus</i>	11	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	12	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	12	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	12	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Brant	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	13	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	14	Game Species
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	14	Game Species
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	15	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	15	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	16	Game Species
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	16	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	17	Game Species
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	17	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	17	Game Species
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	18	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	19	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	19	

Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	20	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	20	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	21	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Oldsquaw	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	22	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	24	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	24	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	25	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cuculatus</i>	26	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	26	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	27	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	27	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	28	Protected
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	28	
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	29	
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	30	
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	31	
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperi</i>	31	Protected-Special Concern
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	32	
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	33	
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	33	Protected
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	34	Protected
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Bueto lagopus</i>	35	
Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	36	
Caracaras and Falcons	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	36	Protected
Caracaras and Falcons	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	37	
Caracaras and Falcons	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	37	
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Quail	Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	38	Game Species
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Quail	Ruffed Grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	38	Game Species
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Quail	Wild Turkeys	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	39	
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	40	Game Species
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	40	Game Species
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		Game Species
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	41	
Plovers and Lapwings	Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	42	
Plovers and Lapwings	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	43	Protected
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	44	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	44	

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	44	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	45	Protected
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	45	Protected-Special Concern
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	47	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	47	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	47	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	48	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	48	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	48	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	49	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	50	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	50	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	51	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Common Snipe	<i>Callinago gallinago</i>	52	Game Species
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	52	Game Species
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	53	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	54	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	54	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	54	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i>	56	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	57	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	58	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	58	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	59	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	59	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	60	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	61	
Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	62	
Piegons and Doves	Rock Dove	<i>Columbia livia</i>	63	Unprotected
Piegons and Doves	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidra macroura</i>	63	Protected
Roadrunners, Cuckoos, and Anis	Black-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	64	Protected
Roadrunners, Cuckoos, and Anis	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	64	Protected
Typical Owls	Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Otus asio</i>	65	
Typical Owls	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	65	Protected
Typical Owls	Snowy Owl	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	65	
Typical Owls	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	67	
Typical Owls	Northern Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	68	Protected

Swifts	Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	69	Protected
Hummingbirds	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	69	Protected
Kingfishers	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	70	Protected
Woodpeckers and Allies	Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	70	Protected
Woodpeckers and Allies	Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	70	Protected
Woodpeckers and Allies	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	71	
Woodpeckers and Allies	Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	71	Protected
Woodpeckers and Allies	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	71	Protected
Woodpeckers and Allies	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	72	Protected
Woodpeckers and Allies	Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	72	Protected
Tyrant Flycatchers	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus borealis</i>	73	
Tyrant Flycatchers	Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	73	Protected
Tyrant Flycatchers	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	73	
Tyrant Flycatchers	Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	74	Protected
Tyrant Flycatchers	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	74	Protected
Tyrant Flycatchers	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	74	Protected
Tyrant Flycatchers	Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	75	Protected
Tyrant Flycatchers	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	75	Protected
Tyrant Flycatchers	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	76	Protected
Larks	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	76	Protected
Swallows	Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	77	Protected
Swallows	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	77	Protected
Swallows	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	78	Protected
Swallows	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	78	Protected
Swallows	Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonta</i>	78	
Swallows	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	79	Protected
Jays, Magpies, and Crows	Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	79	Protected
Jays, Magpies, and Crows	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	79	Game Species
Jays, Magpies, and Crows	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	80	
Chickadees and Titmice	Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	81	Protected
Chickadees and Titmice	Boreal Chickadee	<i>Parus hudsonicus</i>	81	
Nuthatches	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta candensis</i>	82	
Nuthatches	White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	82	Protected
Creepers	Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	83	Protected
Wrens	Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	83	
Wrens	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	83	Protected
Wrens	Winter Wren	<i>Trigloodytes troglodytes</i>	84	Protected

Wrens	Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	84	
Wrens	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	84	
Muscicapids	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	85	
Muscicapids	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	85	
Muscicapids	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	86	Protected
Muscicapids	Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialia</i>	86	Protected-Special Concern
Muscicapids	Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	87	Protected
Muscicapids	Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	87	
Muscicapids	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	87	
Muscicapids	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	88	
Muscicapids	Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	88	Protected
Muscicapids	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	88	Protected
Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies	Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	89	Protected
Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies	Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	89	Protected
Wagtails and Pipits	American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	90	
Waxwings	Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	91	Protected
Shrike	Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	91	
Starlings	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	92	Unprotected
Vireos	Solitary Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	92	
Vireos	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	93	Protected
Vireos	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	93	
Vireos	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	93	
Vireos	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	94	Protected
Warblers	Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	94	
Warblers	Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	94	Protected
Warblers	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	95	
Warblers	Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	96	
Warblers	Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	96	
Warblers	Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i>	96	
Warblers	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	97	Protected
Warblers	Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	97	Protected
Warblers	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolila</i>	97	
Warblers	Cape May Warbler	<i>Dendroica tigrina</i>	98	
Warblers	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	98	
Warblers	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	98	
Warblers	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	99	Protected
Warblers	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	99	

Warblers	Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>	100	
Warblers	Palm Warbler	<i>Dendroica palmarum</i>	101	
Warblers	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	102	
Warblers	Cerulean Warbler	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	102	Protected
Warblers	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Minotilta varia</i>	102	Protected
Warblers	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	103	Protected
Warblers	Ovenbird	<i>Seirus aurocapillus</i>	104	Protected
Warblers	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seirus novaboracensis</i>	104	Protected
Warblers	Mourning Warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	105	Protected
Warblers	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	105	Protected
Warblers	Hooded Warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	106	Protected
Warblers	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	106	
Warblers	Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	106	Protected
Tanagers	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	107	Protected
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies	Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	107	Protected
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheuctytis ludovicianus</i>	108	Protected
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	108	Protected
Emberizines	Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	109	Protected
Emberizines	American Tree Sparrow	<i>Sipzella arborea</i>	109	
Emberizines	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Sipzella passerina</i>	109	Protected
Emberizines	Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	110	Protected
Emberizines	Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	111	
Emberizines	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	111	Protected
Emberizines	Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	111	Protected-Special Concern
Emberizines	Henslow's Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	112	
Emberizines	Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	112	
Emberizines	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	113	Protected
Emberizines	Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>	113	
Emberizines	Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georginana</i>	113	Protected
Emberizines	White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	114	
Emberizines	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	114	
Emberizines	Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	114	
Emberizines	Lapland Longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	115	
Emberizines	Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	115	
Icterines	Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	116	Protected
Icterines	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agealius phoenicicus</i>	116	Protected
Icterines	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	116	Protected

Icterines	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	117	
Icterines	Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscalus</i>	118	Protected
Icterines	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	118	Protected
Icterines	Northern Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	119	Protected
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	Pine Grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	119	
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	120	Protected
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	120	
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	120	
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	121	
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	121	
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	121	
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	122	Protected
Fringilline, Gardueline Finches and Allies	Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	122	
Old World Sparrows	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	122	Unprotected