

## Birds Reported in Allegheny County — 2003

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Birders found 222 species plus a hybrid Brewster's Warbler in Allegheny County during 2003 – five more species than the tally in 2002. The best birds were the county's second records of Lesser Black-backed Gull and Swainson's Warbler. Other rarities included White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Snow Bunting, Clay-colored Sparrow, and Brewer's Blackbird.

The Lesser Black-backed Gull was discovered by Dave Wilton on December 6 at Dashields on the Ohio River. It did not stay long enough for more than a few fast-moving birders to see it. The Swainson's Warbler was found by Chris Knoll at Sewickley Heights Park on May 9. It remained until at least May 16 – long enough for many observers to see it and hear the species' characteristically loud and oddly ventriloquial song.

1. Snow Goose
2. Canada Goose
3. Mute Swan
4. Tundra Swan
5. Wood Duck
6. Gadwall
7. American Wigeon
8. American Black Duck
9. Mallard
10. Blue-winged Teal
11. Northern Shoveler
12. Northern Pintail
13. Green-winged Teal
14. Canvasback
15. Redhead
16. Ring-necked Duck
17. Greater Scaup
18. Lesser Scaup
19. Surf Scoter
20. White-winged Scoter
21. Long-tailed Duck
22. Bufflehead
23. Common Goldeneye
24. Hooded Merganser
25. Common Merganser
26. Red-breasted Merganser
27. Ruddy Duck
28. Ring-necked Pheasant
29. Ruffed Grouse
30. Wild Turkey
31. Common Loon
32. Pied-billed Grebe
33. Horned Grebe
34. Red-necked Grebe
35. Double-crested Cormorant
36. Great Blue Heron
37. Great Egret
38. Green Heron
39. Black Vulture
40. Turkey Vulture
41. Osprey
42. Bald Eagle
43. Northern Harrier
44. Sharp-shinned Hawk
45. Cooper's Hawk
46. Northern Goshawk
47. Red-shouldered Hawk
48. Broad-winged Hawk
49. Red-tailed Hawk
50. Rough-legged Hawk
51. American Kestrel
52. Merlin
53. Peregrine Falcon
54. Virginia Rail
55. Sora
56. American Coot
57. Semipalmated Plover
58. Killdeer
59. Greater Yellowlegs
60. Lesser Yellowlegs
61. Solitary Sandpiper
62. Spotted Sandpiper
63. Semipalmated Sandpiper
64. Least Sandpiper

65. White-rumped Sandpiper
66. Baird's Sandpiper
67. Pectoral Sandpiper
68. Dunlin
69. Stilt Sandpiper
70. Wilson's Snipe
71. American Woodcock
72. Bonaparte's Gull
73. Ring-billed Gull
74. Herring Gull
75. Lesser Black-backed Gull
76. Caspian Tern
77. Forster's Tern
78. Black Tern
79. Rock Pigeon
80. Mourning Dove
81. Black-billed Cuckoo
82. Yellow-billed Cuckoo
83. Eastern Screech-Owl
84. Great Horned Owl
85. Barred Owl
86. Long-eared Owl
87. Short-eared Owl
88. Northern Saw-whet Owl
89. Common Nighthawk
90. Whip-poor-will
91. Chimney Swift
92. Ruby-throated Hummingbird
93. Belted Kingfisher
94. Red-headed Woodpecker
95. Red-bellied Woodpecker
96. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
97. Downy Woodpecker
98. Hairy Woodpecker
99. Northern Flicker
100. Pileated Woodpecker
101. Olive-sided Flycatcher
102. Eastern Wood-Pewee
103. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
104. Acadian Flycatcher
105. Alder Flycatcher
106. Willow Flycatcher
107. Least Flycatcher
108. Eastern Phoebe
109. Great Crested Flycatcher
110. Eastern Kingbird
111. White-eyed Vireo
112. Yellow-throated Vireo
113. Blue-headed Vireo
114. Warbling Vireo
115. Philadelphia Vireo
116. Red-eyed Vireo
117. Blue Jay
118. American Crow
119. Horned Lark
120. Purple Martin
121. Tree Swallow
122. N. Rough-winged Swallow
123. Bank Swallow
124. Cliff Swallow
125. Barn Swallow
126. Carolina Chickadee
127. Black-capped Chickadee
128. Tufted Titmouse
129. Red-breasted Nuthatch
130. White-breasted Nuthatch
131. Brown Creeper
132. Carolina Wren
133. House Wren
134. Winter Wren
135. Marsh Wren
136. Golden-crowned Kinglet
137. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
138. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
139. Eastern Bluebird
140. Veery
141. Gray-cheeked Thrush
142. Swainson's Thrush
143. Hermit Thrush
144. Wood Thrush
145. American Robin
146. Gray Catbird
147. Northern Mockingbird
148. Brown Thrasher
149. European Starling
150. American Pipit
151. Cedar Waxwing
152. Blue-winged Warbler
153. Golden-winged Warbler
154. Tennessee Warbler
155. Orange-crowned Warbler
156. Nashville Warbler

157. Northern Parula
158. Yellow Warbler
159. Chestnut-sided Warbler
160. Magnolia Warbler
161. Cape May Warbler
162. Black-throated Blue Warbler
163. Yellow-rumped Warbler
164. Black-throated Green Warbler
165. Blackburnian Warbler
166. Yellow-throated Warbler
167. Pine Warbler
168. Prairie Warbler
169. Palm Warbler
170. Bay-breasted Warbler
171. Blackpoll Warbler
172. Cerulean Warbler
173. Black-and-white Warbler
174. American Redstart
175. Worm-eating Warbler
176. Swainson's Warbler
177. Ovenbird
178. Northern Waterthrush
179. Louisiana Waterthrush
180. Kentucky Warbler
181. Connecticut Warbler
182. Mourning Warbler
183. Common Yellowthroat
184. Hooded Warbler
185. Wilson's Warbler
186. Canada Warbler
187. Yellow-breasted Chat
188. Scarlet Tanager
189. Eastern Towhee
190. American Tree Sparrow
191. Chipping Sparrow
192. Clay-colored Sparrow
193. Field Sparrow
194. Vesper Sparrow
195. Savannah Sparrow
196. Grasshopper Sparrow
197. Henslow's Sparrow
198. Fox Sparrow
199. Song Sparrow
200. Lincoln's Sparrow
201. Swamp Sparrow
202. White-throated Sparrow
203. White-crowned Sparrow
204. Dark-eyed Junco
205. Snow Bunting
206. Northern Cardinal
207. Rose-breasted Grosbeak
208. Indigo Bunting
209. Bobolink
210. Red-winged Blackbird
211. Eastern Meadowlark
212. Rusty Blackbird
213. Brewer's Blackbird
214. Common Grackle
215. Brown-headed Cowbird
216. Orchard Oriole
217. Baltimore Oriole
218. Purple Finch
219. House Finch
220. Pine Siskin
221. American Goldfinch
222. House Sparrow