

Birds Reported in Allegheny County – 2015

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1. Ross's Goose
2. Cackling Goose
3. Canada Goose
4. Mute Swan
5. Tundra Swan
6. Wood Duck
7. Gadwall
8. American Wigeon
9. American Black Duck
10. Mallard
11. Blue-winged Teal
12. Northern Shoveler
13. Northern Pintail
14. Green-winged Teal
15. Canvasback
16. Redhead
17. Ring-necked Duck
18. Greater Scaup
19. Lesser Scaup
20. Surf Scoter
21. White-winged Scoter
22. Black Scoter
23. Long-tailed Duck
24. Bufflehead
25. Common Goldeneye
26. Hooded Merganser
27. Common Merganser
28. Red-breasted Merganser
29. Ruddy Duck
30. Ruffed Grouse
31. Wild Turkey
32. Red-throated Loon
33. Common Loon
34. Pied-billed Grebe
35. Horned Grebe
36. Red-necked Grebe
37. Double-crested Cormorant
38. American Bittern
39. Great Blue Heron
40. Great Egret
41. Green Heron
42. Black-crowned Night-Heron
43. Black Vulture
44. Turkey Vulture
45. Osprey
46. Bald Eagle
47. Northern Harrier
48. Sharp-shinned Hawk
49. Cooper's Hawk
50. Red-shouldered Hawk
51. Broad-winged Hawk
52. Red-tailed Hawk
53. Rough-legged Hawk
54. American Kestrel
55. Merlin
56. Peregrine Falcon
57. Sora
58. American Coot
59. Semipalmated Plover
60. Killdeer
61. Greater Yellowlegs
62. Lesser Yellowlegs
63. Solitary Sandpiper
64. Spotted Sandpiper
65. Semipalmated Sandpiper
66. Least Sandpiper
67. Baird's sandpiper
68. Pectoral Sandpiper
69. Dunlin
70. Wilson's Snipe
71. American Woodcock
72. Little Gull
73. Kelp Gull
74. Bonaparte's Gull
75. Ring-billed Gull
76. Herring Gull
77. Thayer's Gull
78. Iceland Gull
79. Lesser Black-backed Gull
80. Glaucous Gull
81. Great Black-backed Gull
82. Caspian Tern
83. Common Tern
84. Forster's Tern
85. Black Tern
86. Rock Pigeon

87. Mourning Dove
88. Black-billed Cuckoo
89. Yellow-billed Cuckoo
90. Eastern Screech-Owl
91. Great Horned Owl
92. Barred Owl
93. Short-eared Owl
94. Northern Saw-whet Owl
95. Common Nighthawk
96. Chimney Swift
97. Ruby-throated Hummingbird
98. Rufous Hummingbird
99. Belted Kingfisher
100. Red-headed Woodpecker
101. Red-bellied Woodpecker
102. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
103. Downy Woodpecker
104. Hairy Woodpecker
105. Northern Flicker
106. Pileated Woodpecker
107. Olive-sided Flycatcher
108. Eastern Wood-pewee
109. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
110. Acadian Flycatcher
111. Alder Flycatcher
112. Willow Flycatcher
113. Least Flycatcher
114. Eastern Phoebe
115. Great Crested Flycatcher
116. Eastern Kingbird
117. Northern Shrike
118. White-eyed Vireo
119. Yellow-throated Vireo
120. Blue-headed Vireo
121. Warbling Vireo
122. Philadelphia Vireo
123. Red-eyed Vireo
124. Blue Jay
125. American Crow
126. Fish Crow
127. Common Raven
128. Horned Lark
129. Purple Martin
130. Tree Swallow
131. Northern Rough-winged Swallow
132. Bank Swallow
133. Cliff Swallow
134. Barn Swallow
135. Carolina Chickadee
136. Black-capped Chickadee
137. Tufted Titmouse
138. Red-breasted Nuthatch
139. White-breasted Nuthatch
140. Brown Creeper
141. Carolina Wren
142. House Wren
143. Winter Wren
144. Marsh Wren
145. Golden-crowned Kinglet
146. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
147. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
148. Eastern Bluebird
149. Veery
150. Gray-cheeked Thrush
151. Swainson's Thrush
152. Hermit Thrush
153. Wood Thrush
154. American Robin
155. Gray Catbird
156. Northern Mockingbird
157. Brown Thrasher
158. European Starling
159. American Pipit
160. Cedar Waxwing
161. Ovenbird
162. Worm-eating Warbler
163. Northern Waterthrush
164. Louisiana Waterthrush
165. Golden-winged Warbler
166. Blue-winged Warbler
167. Black-and-white Warbler
168. Prothonotary Warbler
169. Tennessee Warbler
170. Orange-crowned Warbler
171. Nashville Warbler
172. Connecticut Warbler
173. Mourning Warbler
174. Kentucky Warbler
175. Common Yellowthroat
176. Hooded Warbler
177. American Redstart
178. Cape May Warbler

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| 179. Cerulean Warbler | 206. Song Sparrow |
| 180. Northern Parula | 207. Lincoln's Sparrow |
| 181. Magnolia Warbler | 208. Swamp Sparrow |
| 182. Bay-breasted Warbler | 209. White-throated Sparrow |
| 183. Blackburnian Warbler | 210. White-crowned Sparrow |
| 184. Yellow Warbler | 211. Dark-eyed Junco |
| 185. Chestnut-sided Warbler | 212. Scarlet Tanager |
| 186. Blackpoll Warbler | 213. Northern Cardinal |
| 187. Black-throated Blue Warbler | 214. Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| 188. Palm Warbler | 215. Indigo Bunting |
| 189. Pine Warbler | 216. Dickcissel |
| 190. Yellow-rumped Warbler | 217. Bobolink |
| 191. Yellow-throated Warbler | 218. Red-winged Blackbird |
| 192. Prairie Warbler | 219. Eastern Meadowlark |
| 193. Black-throated Green Warbler | 220. Rusty Blackbird |
| 194. Canada Warbler | 221. Brewer's Blackbird |
| 195. Wilson's Warbler | 222. Common Grackle |
| 196. Yellow-breasted Chat | 223. Brown-headed Cowbird |
| 197. Eastern Towhee | 224. Orchard Oriole |
| 198. American Tree Sparrow | 225. Baltimore Oriole |
| 199. Chipping Sparrow | 226. Purple Finch |
| 200. Field Sparrow | 227. House Finch |
| 201. Vesper Sparrow | 228. Common Redpoll |
| 202. Savannah Sparrow | 229. Pine Siskin |
| 203. Grasshopper Sparrow | 230. American Goldfinch |
| 204. Henslow's Sparrow | 231. House Sparrow |
| 205. Fox Sparrow | |

Notes:

Species reported but not included on the list include:

- Ring-necked Pheasant – no longer self-sustaining populations.
- Northern Bobwhite – introduced; not self-sustaining.

Notable Hybrids:

- Lawrence's Warbler, the first since 2009
- Redhead X Ring-necked Duck
- Great Black-backed X Herring Gull

We experienced another major gull invasion in 2015 the second in a row. The numbers of rarities surpassed the two previous invasions (2007 and 2014).

Notable county birds in 2015:

- Little Gull – second and third county records.
- Kelp Gull – first county record.
- Brewer's Blackbird – one at Beechwood Farms briefly.

- Rufous Hummingbird – the bird trapped inside Phipps Conservatory and first discovered in December 2014 remained into mid-January 2015.
- Dickcissel – two on separate dates in May heard on nocturnal migration.
- Prothonotary Warbler – sixth record since 1996.