

## Bird Checklist – Cobequid Shore & Uplands

From Bass River to Five Islands (including Economy) – all in Colchester County, Nova Scotia,  
plus scattered incidental sightings from Great Village & Parrsboro.

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### Checklist Legend

Status: C = common, FC = Fairly Common, UC = uncommon, R = rare, E = erratic, \* = confirmed breeder  
Seasons: sp = spring, f = fall, w = winter, su = summer, res = resident. (Seasonally rare if in brackets)

Species	Status	Seasons
Red-throated Loon	FC	sp, f (w)
Common Loon	C*	sp > f
Pied-billed Grebe	R*	sp > f
Horned Grebe	R	sp, f (w)
Red-necked Grebe	R	sp, f (w)
Double-crested Cormorant	C*	sp > f
American Bittern	FC*	sp > f
Great Blue Heron	C*	sp > f (w)
Canada Goose	C*	sp, f (w)
Wood Duck	UC	sp > f
Green-winged Teal	C	sp > f (w)
American Black Duck	C*	res
Mallard	UC	res
Northern Pintail	UC	sp, f (w)
Blue-winged Teal	UC	sp > f
American Wigeon	UC	sp, f
Ring-necked Duck	FC	sp > f
Common Eider	C*	sp > f (w)
Long-tailed Duck	FC	w
Black Scoter	UC	sp, f (w)
Surf Scoter	C	sp (s) f, w
White-winged Scoter	C	w
Common Goldeneye	FC	w
Bufflehead	UC	w
Common Merganser	C*	res
Red-breasted Merganser	FC	sp (f,w)
Osprey	UC	sp
Bald Eagle	C*	res
Northern Harrier	FC*	sp > f (w)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	FC	sp > f (w)
Northern Goshawk	UC*	res
Broad-winged Hawk	UC	sp > f
Red-tailed Hawk	FC	res
Rough-legged Hawk	R	w
American Kestrel	C*	sp > f (w)
Merlin	FC*	sp > f
Peregrine Falcon	UC	sp-w
Grey Partridge	R*	extirpated?
Ring-necked Pheasant	FC*	res
Spruce Grouse	FC*	res
Ruffed Grouse	C*	res
Sora	R	su
Black-bellied Plover	C	(sp) f

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American Golden-Plover	R	f
Semipalmated Plover	C	(sp) f
Killdeer	UC*	sp > f
Greater Yellowlegs	C	sp > f
Lesser Yellowlegs	UC	sp, f
Solitary Sandpiper	R	f
Willet	C*	sp > su
Spotted Sandpiper	FC*	sp > f
Whimbrel	FC	f
Hudsonian Godwit	R	f
Ruddy Turnstone	C	sp > f
Red Knot	UC	f
Sanderling	C	f
Semipalmated Sandpiper	C	f. (w)
Least Sandpiper	C	f
White-rumped Sandpiper	C	sp, f
Pectoral Sandpiper	R	f
Purple Sandpiper	C	w
Dunlin	C	f (w)
Short-billed Dowitcher	C	f
Wilson's Snipe	FC	sp > f
American Woodcock	C	sp > f
Ring-billed Gull	C	sp, f (w)
Herring Gull	C*	res
Great Black-backed Gull	C	res
Rock Pigeon	C*	res
Mourning Dove	C*	res
Black-billed Cuckoo	R	sp > f
Great Horned Owl	FC*	res
Barred Owl	FC	res
Northern Saw-whet Owl	FC*	res
Common Nighthawk	UC*	sp > f
Chimney Swift	UC*	sp > f
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	C	sp > f
Belted Kingfisher	C*	sp > f
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C*	sp > f
Downy Woodpecker	C*	res
Hairy Woodpecker	C*	res
Black-backed Woodpecker	UC*	res
Northern Flicker	C*	sp > f
Pileated Woodpecker	FC*	res
Olive-sided Flycatcher	FC*	sp > f
Eastern Wood-Pewee	FC	sp > f



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### Species Rarely Noted

Species	# of records
Sooty Shearwater	1 w record
Leach's Storm-Petrel	2 f records
Northern Gannet	2 sp records
Great Cormorant	3 sp records
Little Blue Heron	1 Aug record
Green Heron	1 May record
Glossy Ibis	2 May records
Greater White-fr. Goose	w '99
Snow Goose	1 f, 2 sp records
Brant	2 sp records
Northern Shoveler	2 sp records
Greater Scaup	f (w) records
Lesser Scaup	1 f record
Barrow's Goldeneye	2 recs (May, Dec)
Hooded Merganser	2 sp records
Turkey Vulture	1 sp record
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 w record
Gyrfalcon	2 w records
Sandhill Crane	1 su rec, Gt. Village
Piping Plover	1 sp record
Upland Sandpiper	1 Aug record
Western Sandpiper	1 f record
Baird's Sandpiper	2 Aug records
Red-necked Phalarope	1 f record
Laughing Gull	1 sp rec, Parrsboro
Black-headed Gull	2 w records
Bonaparte's Gull	1 sp record
Iceland Gull	3 w records
Glaucous Gull	1 w record
Caspian Tern	1 sp record
Common Tern	3 f records
Least Tern	1 Aug record
Dovekie	2 w records
Thick-billed Murre	2 w records
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	several f records
Snowy Owl	2-3 w records
Long-eared Owl	1 sp record

Species	# of records
Short-eared Owl	3 f,w records
Red-headed Woodpecker	2 f records
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4 f-w records
Three-toed Woodpecker	1 w record
Eastern Phoebe	a few sp records
Say's Phoebe	1 w record
Great Crested Flycatcher	1 sp record
Western Kingbird	1 f record
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	1 f record
Purple Martin	1 f record (imm)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1 f record
Northern Wheatear	1 f record
Townsend's Solitaire	1 w record, Glenh.
Wood Thrush	1 sp record
Brown Thrasher	3 sp, 1 w
Philadelphia Vireo	1 su
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 w record
Pine Warbler	2 f records
Yellow-breasted Chat	1 f record
Summer Tanager	1 sp record
Scarlet Tanager	sp, f records
Northern Cardinal	f, w records
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 sp record
Blue Grosbeak	1 Mar record, '02
Dickcissel	2 f records
Eastern Towhee	2 sp records
Clay-colored Sparrow	1 w record
Field Sparrow	2 w records
Vesper Sparrow	a few sp records
Grasshopper Sparrow	2 f, w records
Seaside Sparrow	4 f, w records
Eastern Meadowlark	2-3 sp recs, 1 w
Brewer's Blackbird	1 w record
House Finch	1 w record
Hoary Redpoll	w '99-00