Shorebirds Recorded in the United States of America and Canada

This list includes shorebirds that have been recorded in the American Birding Association (ABA) Checklist area, which includes the 49 continental United States, Canada, the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon and adjacent waters to a distance of 200 miles from land or half the distance to a neighboring country, whichever is less. Although Hawaii is not included, no additional shorebird species have been recorded in the Hawaiian Islands that are not listed below.

The ABA Checklist includes ABA-area breeding species, regular visitors, and casual and accidental species from other regions that are believed to have strayed here without direct human aid, and well-established introduced species that are now part of our avifauna. The list is current as of July 2016. Occurrence codes used in the ABA checklist are also given and defined below (see http://listing.aba.org/aba-checklist/).

Occurrence definitions

Regular – Regularly occurring North American avifauna, usually widespread and fairly numerous.

Local – Occur in low densities or have restricted ranges.

Rare – Occur in very low numbers, but annually and includes visitors and rare breeding residents.

Casual – Not recorded annually but with six or more total records, including three or more in the past 30 years.

Accidental – Recorded five or fewer times or fewer than three records in the past 30 years.

Likely Extinct or Extirpated – Probably or actually extinct or extirpated from the ABA Checklist Area.

Family				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Occurrence		
Thick-knees (Burhinidae)				
Double-striped Thick-knee	Burhinus bistriatus	Accidental		
Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)				
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	Accidental		
Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	Regular		
American Avocet	Recurvirostra americana	Regular		

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Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	·	
Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	Accidental
American Oystercatcher	Haematopus palliatus	Regular
Black Oystercatcher	Haematopus bachmani	Regular
Lapwings and Plovers (Charadriida	ne)	
Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	Casual
Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	Regular
European Golden-Plover	Pluvialis apricaria	Casual
American Golden-Plover	Pluvialis dominica	Regular
Pacific Golden-Plover	Pluvialis fulva	Local
Lesser Sand-Plover	Charadrius mongolus	Rare
Greater Sand-Plover	Charadrius leschenaultii	Accidental
Collared Plover	Charadrius collaris	Accidental
Snowy Plover	Charadrius nivosus	Regular
Wilson's Plover	Charadrius wilsonia	Regular
Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula	Local
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus	Regular
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	Local
Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	Accidental
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	Regular
Mountain Plover	Charadrius montanus	Local
Eurasian Dotterel	Charadrius morinellus	Casual
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	•	
Northern Jacana	Jacana spinosa	Casual
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	(Scolopacidae)	
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	Regular
Little Curlew	Numenius minutus	Accidental
Eskimo Curlew	Numenius borealis	Likely Extinct
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	Regular
Bristle-thighed Curlew	Numenius tahitiensis	Local
Far Eastern Curlew	Numenius madagascariensis	Casual
Slender-billed Curlew	Numenius tenuirostris	Accidental

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Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata	Casual	
Long-billed Curlew	Numenius americanus	Regular	
Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa	Rare	
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Regular	
Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica	Local	
Marbled Godwit	Limosa fedoa	Regular	
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	Regular	
Black Turnstone	Arenaria melanocephala	Regular	
Great Knot	Calidris tenuirostris	Casual	
Red Knot	Calidris canutus	Regular	
Surfbird	Calidris virgata	Regular	
Ruff	Calidris pugnax	Rare	
Broad-billed Sandpiper	Calidris falcinellus	Casual	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata	Rare	
Stilt Sandpiper	Calidris himantopus	Regular	
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea	Rare	
Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii	Rare	
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta	Rare	
Spoon-billed Sandpiper	Calidris pygmeus	Casual	
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis	Rare	
Sanderling	Calidris alba	Regular	
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	Regular	
Rock Sandpiper	Calidris ptilocnemis	Local	
Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima	Regular	
Baird's Sandpiper	Calidris bairdii	Regular	
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	Casual	
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	Regular	
White-rumped Sandpiper	Calidris fuscicollis	Regular	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Calidris subruficollis	Regular	
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos	Regular	

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Semipalmated Sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	Regular		
Western Sandpiper	Calidris mauri	Regular		
Short-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus griseus	Regular		
Long-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus scolopaceus	Regular		
Jack Snipe	Lymnocryptes minimus	Casual		
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	Regular		
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Rare		
Pin-tailed Snipe	Gallinago stenura	Accidental		
Solitary Snipe	Gallinago solitaria	Accidental		
Eurasian Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	Accidental		
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	Regular		
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus	Rare		
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	Rare		
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	Regular		
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	Casual		
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	Regular		
Gray-tailed Tattler	Tringa brevipes	Rare		
Wandering Tattler	Tringa incana	Regular		
Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus	Casual		
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	Regular		
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	Rare		
Willet	Tringa semipalmata	Regular		
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Regular		
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	Accidental		
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	Local		
Common Redshank	Tringa totanus	Accidental		
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	Regular		
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	Regular		
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius	Regular		
ratincoles (Glareolidae)				
Oriental Pratincole	Glareola maldivarum	Accidental		