

birds

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at laudholm

— Wells, York County, Maine —

These 295 species have been reported from the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve since record-keeping began in the 1980s. Reports have been compiled from numerous sources. While most species are well documented, a few () remain tentative. Names and sequence follow the American Ornithological Society Check-list of North American Birds (online), 7th edition, 62nd supplement.*

The Wells Reserve encompasses 2,250 acres of diverse habitats, including field, woodland, salt marsh, and beach. The reserve also incorporates most of Wells Harbor. Portions of the reserve are included in the Wells Important Bird Area. While not formally part of the Wells Reserve, nearshore waters off Laudholm Beach are included for this list.

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Snow Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose
Brant
Barnacle Goose
Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
American Black Duck
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
King Eider
Common Eider
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Wild Turkey
Ruffed Grouse
Ring-necked Pheasant
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo
Common Nighthawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird

King Rail
Virginia Rail
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
American Avocet
American Oystercatcher
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Killdeer
Semipalmated Plover
Piping Plover
Wilson's Plover
Upland Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Ruff
Stilt Sandpiper
Sanderling
Dunlin
Purple Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
American Woodcock
Wilson's Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Dovekie
Thick-billed Murre
Razorbill
Black Guillemot
Black-legged Kittiwake
Sabine's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Black-headed Gull
Little Gull
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Least Tern
Caspian Tern
Black Tern
White-winged Tern
Roseate Tern
Common Tern
Arctic Tern
Forster's Tern
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern
Black Skimmer
Red-throated Loon
Common Loon
Wilson's Storm-Petrel
Sooty Shearwater
Great Shearwater
Northern Gannet
Great Cormorant
Double-crested Cormorant
American White Pelican
American Bittern
Least Bittern*
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Little Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Glossy Ibis
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Golden Eagle*
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk*
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Eastern Screech-Owl*
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Barred Owl
Short-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
American Three-toed Woodpecker*
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
American Kestrel
Merlin
Gyr Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Great Crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Northern Shrike
Canada Jay*
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Horned Lark
Bank Swallow
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Cedar Waxwing
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
House Wren
Winter Wren
Marsh Wren
Carolina Wren
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush

American Robin
House Sparrow
American Pipit
Evening Grosbeak
Pine Grosbeak
House Finch
Purple Finch
Common Redpoll
White-winged Crossbill
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting
Grasshopper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Seaside Sparrow
Nelson's Sparrow
Saltmarsh Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
Northern Waterthrush
Golden-winged Warbler*
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Dickcissel