

Birds

of Mount Independence
Orwell, Vermont



- **Red-eyed Vireo (N)**
- CROWS, JAYS, & MAGPIES**
- Gray Jay
- **Blue Jay (PN)**
- **American Crow (N)**
- **Common Raven (N)**

LARKS

- Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

- **Purple Martin**
- **Tree Swallow**
- **N. Rough-winged Swallow**
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- **Barn Swallow**

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

- **Black-capped Chickadee (N)**
- Boreal Chickadee
- **Tufted Titmouse**

NUTHATCHES

- **Red-breasted Nuthatch**
- **White-breasted Nuthatch (N)**

CREEPERS

- **Brown Creeper**

WRENS

- Carolina Wren
- House Wren
- **Winter Wren (PN)**
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren

KINGLETS

- **Golden-crowned Kinglet**
- **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

OLD WORLD

WARBLERS & GNATCATCHERS

- **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (PN)**

THRUSHES

- **Eastern Bluebird**
- **Veery**
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Swainson's Thrush
- **Hermit Thrush (N)**
- **Wood Thrush**
- **American Robin (N)**

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

- **Gray Catbird (PN)**
- **Northern Mockingbird**
- Brown Thrasher

STARLINGS

- **European Starling**

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

- Water Pipit

WAXWINGS

- **Bohemian Waxwing**
- **Cedar Waxwing (PN)**

NEW WORLD OR WOOD WARBLERS

- Blue-winged Warbler
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- **Nashville Warbler**
- **Yellow Warbler**
- **Chestnut-sided Warbler**
- **Magnolia Warbler**
- Cape May Warbler
- **Black-throated Blue Warbler**
- **Yellow-rumped Warbler (N)**
- **Black-throated Green Warbler**
- **Blackburnian Warbler**
- **Pine Warbler**
- Prairie Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- **Bay-breasted Warbler**
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Cerulean Warbler
- **Black-and-white Warbler**
- Mourning Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- **American Redstart**
- **Northern Parula**
- **Ovenbird (PN)**
- Northern Waterthrush
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- **Common Yellowthroat (PN)**
- Yellow-breasted Chat

TOWHEES & NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- Eastern Towhee
- **American Tree Sparrow**
- **Chipping Sparrow (PN)**
- **Field Sparrow**

- Vesper Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- **Song Sparrow (N)**
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- **Swamp Sparrow**
- **White-throated Sparrow (PN)**
- White-crowned Sparrow
- **Dark-eyed Junco**
- Lapland Longspur
- Snow Bunting

CARDINALS & ALLIES

- **Scarlet Tanager (PN)**
- **Northern Cardinal (PN)**
- **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**
- **Indigo Bunting**

BLACKBIRDS & NEW WORLD ORIOLES

- Bobolink
- **Red-winged Blackbird**
- **Eastern Meadowlark**
- **Rusty Blackbird**
- **Common Grackle**
- **Brown-headed Cowbird (PN)**
- Orchard Oriole
- **Baltimore Oriole (PN)**

FINCHES

- **Pine Grosbeak**
- **Evening Grosbeak**
- **Purple Finch**
- **House Finch**
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill
- Common Redpoll
- Hoary Redpoll
- Pine Siskin
- **American Goldfinch (PN)**

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- **House Sparrow (PN)**

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BIRDS OF MOUNT INDEPENDENCE: A CHECKLIST

Mount Independence has numerous habitats and food sources for birds and wild animals. The area is a major migratory flyway, with many opportunities to see a number of birds.

*This checklist is of bird species in Vermont. Birds in **BOLD** have been seen on or from the Mount over many years and in all seasons.*

Please stay on the trails. Respect our history. Take only photographs.

(N) – Confirmed Nesting

(PN) – Probable Nester

DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS

- **Snow Goose**
- Brant
- **Canada Goose**
- **Wood Duck**
- **Green-winged Teal**
- **American Black Duck**
- **Mallard**
- **Northern Pintail**
- **Blue-winged Teal**
- Northern Shoveler
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- **Ring-necked Duck**
- Greater Scaup
- **Lesser Scaup**
- Long-tailed Duck
- Black Scoter
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Common Goldeneye
- Bufflehead
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

NEW WORLD QUAIL

- Northern Bobwhite

PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS

- Gray Partridge
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Spruce Grouse
- **Ruffed Grouse (N)**
- **Wild Turkey (PN)**

LOONS

- Red-throated Loon
- **Common Loon**

GREBES

- **Pied-billed Grebe**
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe

CORMORANTS

- **Double-crested Cormorant**
- Great Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS, & BITTERNs

- **American Bittern**
- **Least Bittern**
- **Great Blue Heron**
- **Great Egret**
- **Snowy Egret**
- Cattle Egret
- Green-backed Heron
- Black-crested Night Heron

NEW WORLD VULTURE

- **Turkey Vulture (PN)**
- Black Vulture

HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES, & ALLIES

- **Osprey**
- **Bald Eagle**
- **Northern Harrier**
- **Sharp-shinned Hawk**
- **Cooper's Hawk**
- **Northern Goshawk**
- **Red-shouldered Hawk**
- **Broad-winged Hawk**
- **Red-tailed Hawk**
- Rough-legged Hawk
- **Golden Eagle**

CARACARAS & FALCONS

- **American Kestrel**
- **Merlin**
- **Peregrine Falcon**
- Gyrfalcon

RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS

- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Moorhen
- American Coot

LAPWINGS & PLOVERS

- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- **Killdeer**
- Ruddy Turnstone

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, & ALLIES

- Red Knot
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- **Spotted Sandpiper**
- Upland Sandpiper
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Dunlin
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- American Woodcock
- Common Snipe
- Red-necked Phalarope

GULLS, TERNS, & SKIMMERS

- Bonaparte's Gull
- **Ring-billed Gull**
- Herring Gull
- Iceland Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- **Great Black-backed Gull**
- Common Tern
- Black Tern

PIGEONS & DOVES

- **Rock Dove**
- **Mourning Dove (PN)**

CUCKOOS

- **Black-billed Cuckoo**
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo

OWLS

- Common Barn Owl
- **Eastern Screech Owl**
- **Great Horned Owl**
- **Snowy Owl**
- **Barred Owl**
- **Long-eared Owl (N)**
- Short-eared Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl

GOATSUCKERS

- Common Nighthawk
- **Whip-poor-will**

SWIFTS

- **Chimney Swift**

HUMMINGBIRDS

- **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

KINGFISHERS

- **Belted Kingfisher (N)**

WOODPECKERS & ALLIES

- Red-headed Woodpecker
- **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**
- **Downy Woodpecker (PN)**
- **Hairy Woodpecker (PN)**
- Three-toed Woodpecker
- Black-backed Woodpecker
- **Northern Flicker (PN)**
- **Pileated Woodpecker (PN)**
- **Red-bellied Woodpecker**

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- **Eastern Wood-pewee (PN)**
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Alder Flycatcher
- Willow Flycatcher
- **Least Flycatcher**
- **Eastern Phoebe (N)**
- **Great Crested Flycatcher (PN)**
- **Eastern Kingbird**

SHRIKES

- Northern Shrike
- Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS

- **Solitary Vireo**
- **Yellow-throated Vireo**
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo