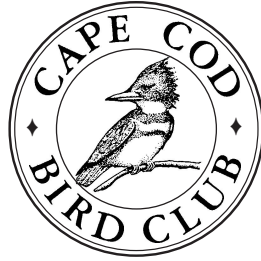


# CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS






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This checklist contains 322 species that have been recorded on Cape Cod at least 10 times over the last 20 years. The taxonomic sequence follows the 7th edition of the *American Ornithologist's Union Checklist of the Birds of North America* (1998) and subsequent supplements. Each species' status through the seasons is shown by means of a bar graph.

## KEY:

-  = Abundant and widespread; easily found and often in very large numbers.
-  = Common; easily found in the proper habitat.
-  = Uncommon and/or local; generally seen only in small numbers or within very restricted habitats.
-  = Rare but regular; recorded every year but usually hard to find.
-  = Very rare and irregular; not seen every year.

## CODES:

- \* = Nesting confirmed during the last decade.
- † = Nesting suspected but not confirmed during the last decade.
- E = Erratic; numbers highly variable from year to year.
- P = Pelagic; checklist indicates status near shore, including Stellwagen Bank, rather than offshore.
- ↑ = Species has increased locally in recent years.
- ↓ = Species has decreased locally in recent years.

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