

The following is a complete checklist of the birds occurring on the island of Aruba. Pelagic, seasonal migrant and resident land species are included.

As the westernmost of the South Caribbean leeward islands, Aruba's avifauna shows both South American and West Indian elements. Although no single species is restricted to Aruba, two unique sub-species are found. The burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularis arubensis*) and the West Indian Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax arubensis*) are much paler in color than continental populations.

The total number of species recorded is 174. The count is sure to fluctuate as the geographical position of Aruba provides a strategic landfall for transcontinental migrants. Two distinct areas on the island appear to be of critical importance to Aruba's bird life. The hills of the Yamanota region are the primary habitat of many terrestrial species. The freshwater drainage ponds at Bubali have created significant feeding and nesting opportunities for many shorebirds. Since 1973, species have been recorded for the first time.

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A list of the birds occurring on the island of Aruba, including pelagic and seasonal migrant species. Species that nest on the island are noted with \*. The list is arranged by family.

Family - PODICIPEDIDAE

Pied-billed Grebe \* *Podilymbus podiceps*

Least Grebe \* *Tachybaptus dominicus*

Family - PROCELLARIIDAE

Black-capped Petrel *Pterodroma hasitata*

Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii*

Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis*

Audobon's Shearwater *Puffinus Iherminieri*

Family - HYDROBATIDAE

Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

Leach's Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*

Family - PHAETHONTIDAE

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus*

White-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon lepturus*

Family - SULIDAE

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*

Blue-faced Booby *Sula dactylatra*

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

Family - PHALACROCORACIDAE

Neotropical Cormorant *Phalacrocorax olivaceus*

Family - PELECANIDAE

Brown Pelican \* *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Family - FREGATIDAE

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Family - ARDEIDAE

Pinnated Bittern *Botaurus pinnatus*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Yellow-crowned Night Heron \* *Nyctanassa violcea*

Green Heron \* *Butorides striata*

Cattle Egret \* *Bubulcus ibis*

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*  
Tricolored Heron \* *Egretta tricolor*  
Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens*  
Snowy Egret \* *Egretta thula*  
Great White Egret *Egretta alba*  
Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

Family - CICONIDAE

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

Family - THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*  
White-faced Glossy Ibis *Plegadis chihi*  
White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*  
Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber*  
Roseatte Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*

Family - PHOENICOPTERIDAE

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

Family - ANATIDAE

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*  
White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*  
Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*  
White-fronted Goose *Anas albifrons*  
American Wigeon *Anas americana*

Family - ANATIDAE (continued)

Bahama Pintail \* *Anas bahamensis*  
Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*  
Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*  
Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*

Family - ACCIPITRIDAE

White-tailed Hawk \* *Buteo albicaudatus*  
White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

Family - PANDIONIDAE

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Family - FALCONIDAE

Crested Caracara \* *Polyborus plancus*

Kestrel \* *Falco sparverius*  
Merlin *Falco columbarius*  
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Family - PHASIANIDAE

Crested Bobwhite \* *Colinus cristatus*

Family - RALLIDAE

Sora Rail *Porzana carolina*  
Common Gallinule \* *Gallinula chloropus*  
Purple Gallinule *Porphyrylla martinica*  
Coot \* *Fulica americana*

Family - ARAMIDAE

Limpkin *Aramus quarauna*

Family - HAEMATOPODIDAE

American Oystercatcher \* *Haematopus palliatus*

Family - RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Black-winged stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Family - CHARADRIIDAE

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*  
Wilson's Plover \* *Charadrius wilsonia*  
Killdeer \* *Charadrius vociferous*  
Snowy Plover \* *Charadrius alexandrinus*  
Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*  
Lesser Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*  
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*  
Southern Lapwing *Belonopterus chilensis*

Family - SCOLOPACIDAE

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*  
Sanderling *Calidris alba*  
Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*  
Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*  
Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*  
White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*  
Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*  
Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*  
Stilt Sandpiper *Micropalama himantopus*

Common Snipe Gall *inago gallinago*  
Short-tailed Dowitcher *Limnodromas griseus*  
Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromas scolopaceus*  
Hudsonian Godwit *Limnosa haemastica*  
Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*  
Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*  
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*  
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flaviceps*  
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*

Family - SCOLOPACIDAE (continued)

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*  
Willet *Caloprophorus semipalmatus*  
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*  
Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*  
Northern Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Family - STERCORARIIDAE

Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus*  
Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*  
Great Skua *Stercorarius skua*

Family - LARIDAE

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla*  
Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan*  
Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*  
Lesser Black-backed gull *Larus fuscus*  
Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*  
Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*

Family - STERNIDAE

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*  
Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*  
Royal Tern \* *Sterna maxima*  
Bridled Tern \* *Sterna anaethetus*  
Sandwich Tern \* *Sterna sandvicensis*  
Roseate Tern \* *Sterna dougallii*  
Common Tern \* *Sterna hirundo*  
Sooty Tern \* *Sterna fuscata*  
Least Tern \* *Sterna albifrons*  
Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

Black Noddy *Anous tenuirostris*

Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus*

Family - RYNCHOPIDAE

Black Skimmer *Rynchops nigra*

Family - COLUMBIDAE

Red-necked Pigeon \* *Columba squamosa*

Bare-eyed Pigeon \* *Columba corensis*

Eared Dove \* *Zenaida auriculata*

Common Ground Dove \* *Columbigallina passerina*

White-fronted Dove \* *Leptotila verreauxi*

Family - PSITTACIDAE

Brown-eared Conure \* *Aratinga pertinax*

Family - CUCULIDAE

Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus*

Mangrove Cuckoo *Coccyzus minor*

Groove-billed Ani \* *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Family - STRIGIDAE

Burrowing Owl \* *Athene cunicularia*

Family - STEATORNITHIDAE

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis*

Family - CAPRIMULGIDAE

Chuck-will's-widow *Caprimulgus carolinensis*

White-tailed Nightjar \* *Caprimulgus cayennensis*

Family - APODIDAE

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica*

Family - TROCHILIDAE

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird \* *Chrysolampis mosquitus*

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*

Common Emerald \* *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*

Family - ALCEDINIDAE

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*

Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon*

Family - PICIDAE

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*

Family - TYRANNIDAE

Caribbean Elaenia \* *Elaenia martinica*

Small-billed Elaenia *Elaenia parvirostris*

Scrub Flycatcher \* *Sublegatus modestus*

Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens*

Rusty-tailed Flycatcher \* *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Muscivora tyrannus*

Vermillion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Tropical Kingbird \* *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Grey Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis*

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*

Family - HIRUNDINIDAE

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Purple Martin *Progne subis*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Cliff Swallow *Hirundo pyrrhonota*

Family - BOMBYCILLIDAE

Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*



Family - MIMIDAE

Tropical Mockingbird \* *Mimus gilvici*s

Family - STURNIDAE

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

Family - PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow \* *Passer domesticus*

Family - VIREONIDAE

Black-whiskered Vireo \* *Vireo altiloquus*

Family - PARULIDAE

Black and White Warbler *Miniotila varia*

Yellow Warbler \*

*Dendroica petechia* Chestnut-sided Warbler

*Dendroica pensylvanica* Black-throated Blue Warbler

*Dendroica caerulescens* Black-throated Green Warbler

*Dendroica virens* Blackburnian Warbler

*Dendroica fusca* Prairie Warbler

*Dendroica discolor* Cape May Warbler

*Dendroica tigrina* Palm Warbler

*Dendroica palmarum* Blackpoll Warbler

*Dendroica striata* American Restart

*Setophaga ruticilla* Ovenbird

*Seiurus aurocapillus* Northern Waterthrush

*Seiurus noveboracensis* Louisiana Waterthrush

*Seiurus moticilla* Prothonotary Warbler

*Protonotaria citrea*

Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*

Kentucky Warbler *Oporornis formosus*

Hooded Warbler *Wilsonia citrina*

Connecticut Warbler *Oporornis agilis*

Family - COEREVIDAE

Bananaquit \* *Coereba flaveola*

Family - THRAUPIDAE

Scarlet tanager *Piranga olivacea*

Family - EMBERIZIDAE

Black-faced Grassquit \* *Tiaris bicolor*

Saffron Finch \* *Sicalis flaveola*

White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*  
Rufous-collared Sparrow \* *Zonotrichia capensis*  
Dickcissel *Spiza americana*  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

Family - ICTERIDAE

Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*  
Caribbean Grackle  
*Quiscalus lugubris* Northern Oriole  
*Icterus galbula* Troupial \*  
*Icterus icterus* Yellow Oriole \*  
*Icterus nigrogularis*