

# New A.O.U. Check-list in Press

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The 6th edition of the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds* is now in press, but it will not appear until 1983. A supplement to the July 1982 *Auk* provides an updated list of birds recorded with appropriate documentation through December 1981 from Canada and the United States, including Hawaii. This 34th Supplement to the A.O.U. *Check-list* uses the sequence, scientific names, and English names of the 6th edition.

There are many changes in the sequence of species within genera and of genera within families. Several of the major changes involve dividing subfamilies into tribes. The most extensive revisions are in the passerines, where wood warblers, tanagers, cardinals, sparrows, and blackbirds and orioles are placed in different subfamilies of the family *Emberizidae*. The fringillids (including finches, crossbills, and the Evening Grosbeak) follow the orioles. The last family with a representative among the Carolina birds is the *Passeridae*—the House Sparrow.

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Listed below are the common and scientific names that differ from those used in *Birds of the Carolinas* (Potter, Parnell, and Teulings, 1980) and recent issues of *The Chat*. Scientific names that precede common names have been changed. Former common names are not given when only "America" or "Northern" has been added to the familiar form. Beginning with the next issue, *Chat* will adopt the nomenclature of the 34th Supplement. Contributors are requested to use the new names and species order if at all possible.

Herald Petrel (formerly South Trinidad Petrel).

*Calonectris diomedea*. Cory's Shearwater.

Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (formerly Harcourt's Storm-Petrel).

*Sula bassanus*. Northern Gannet.

American White Pelican.

*Egretta caerulea*. Little Blue Heron.

*Egretta tricolor*. Tricolored Heron (formerly Louisiana Heron).

*Egretta rufescens*. Reddish Egret.

Green-backed Heron (formerly Green Heron).

*Nycticorax violaceus*. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.

Greater Flamingo (formerly American Flamingo).

Tundra Swan (formerly Whistling Swan). [This is my own least appreciated change in the entire list.—EFP]

Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*).

American Black Duck.

Northern Pintail.

Garganey (formerly Garganey Teal).

Eurasian Wigeon (formerly European Wigeon).

American Swallow-tailed Kite.

*Elanus caeruleus*. Black-shouldered Kite (formerly White-tailed Kite).  
Northern Harrier (formerly Marsh Hawk).  
Northern Goshawk.  
*Polyborus plancus*. Crested Caracara (formerly Caracara, Audubon's Caracara).  
Wild Turkey (formerly Turkey).  
Northern Bobwhite.  
Common Moorhen (formerly Common Gallinule).  
Northern Lapwing.  
Lesser Golden Plover (formerly American Golden Plover).  
*Himantopus mexicanus*. Black-necked Stilt.  
*Phalaropus fulicaria*. Red Phalarope.  
Common Black-headed Gull (formerly Black-headed Gull).  
*Sterna antillarum*. Least Tern.  
Common Ground-Dove (formerly Ground Dove).  
Common Barn-Owl (formerly Barn Owl).  
Eastern Screech-Owl (formerly Screech Owl).  
Northern Saw-whet Owl.  
*Ceryle alcyon*. Belted Kingfisher.  
Northern Flicker (formerly Common Flicker, Yellow-shafted Flicker).  
*Contopus borealis*. Olive-sided Flycatcher.  
Eastern Wood-Pewee (note hyphen).  
*Tyrannus forficatus*. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.  
*Tyrannus savana*. Fork-tailed Flycatcher.  
*Tachycineta bicolor*. Tree Swallow.  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*. Northern Rough-winged Swallow.  
American Crow (formerly Common Crow).  
Sedge Wren (formerly Short-billed Marsh Wren).  
Marsh Wren (formerly Long-billed Marsh Wren).  
Northern Wheatear.  
Northern Mockingbird.  
European Starling (formerly Starling).  
Northern Cardinal.  
American Tree Sparrow (*Spizella arborea*).  
*Ammodramus leconteii*. Le Conte's Sparrow.  
*Ammodramus caudacutus*. Sharp-tailed Sparrow.  
*Ammodramus maritimus*. Seaside Sparrow.  
*Coccothraustes vespertinus*. Evening Grosbeak.