

Bird species recorded in Co Waterford

Based on occurrences up to 31 December 2004, 279 species have been formally documented and accepted as having occurred in a wild or naturalised state in Co Waterford. Records of a further 11 "pending" species, up to September 2007, are either awaiting formal acceptance and publication by the Irish Rare Birds Committee (in the Irish Bird Report, not yet published for 2005-2007) or have not yet been submitted to the IRBC. The provisional county total is thus 290 species, subject to acceptance of these additional species. *Corrected & updated 28 Sept 2007.*

Key to species status in Co Waterford:

A. Recorded in an apparently natural state at least once since 1st January 1950.

B. Recorded in an apparently wild state pre-1950 only (B* = globally extinct).

C1. Species, originally introduced by man, that now have self-sustaining feral breeding populations.

C2. Species occurring as vagrants from self-sustaining feral populations outside Waterford.

P. Pending - category A, subject to acceptance by the Irish Rare Birds Committee.

D1, D2, D3, D4. Other categories - see foot of page.

Species sequence and nomenclature follows "Checklist of the Birds of Ireland" (Irish Rare Birds Committee, 1998), with minor updates.

Species or subspecies currently, or until recently, considered by the Irish Rare Birds Committee (see IRBC website for full details of recent revisions):

*Full 'rarity' up to 2004.

** Rarity, but post-2004 records will generally be accepted without further substantiation.

***Extreme rarities or particularly "difficult" species requiring full documentation (description and/or photographs) before records are considered for publication in the Irish Bird Report.

	English name	Scientific name	Category
1	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	A
2	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica*</i>	A
3	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	A

4	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	A
5	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	A
6	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	A
7	Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	A
8	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis**</i>	A
9	Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	A
10	Fea's/Zino's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma feae/P. madeira**</i>	A
11	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea*</i>	A
12	Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	A
13	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	A
14	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	A
15	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	A
16	Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	A
17	Leach's Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	A
18	Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	A
19	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	A
20	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	A
21	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris**</i>	A
22	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus***</i>	B
23	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus**</i>	A
24	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax**</i>	A
25	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides**</i>	A
26	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	A
27	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba**</i>	P
28	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	A
29	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia**</i>	P
30	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus**</i>	B
31	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia**</i>	A
32	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	A,C1
33	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	A
34	Bewick's Swan	<i>Cygnus bewickii</i>	A
35	Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	A
36	White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	A
37	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	A,C1
38	Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens**</i>	A
39	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis(***)</i>	C1/D1
40	Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	A,C1
41	Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	A

42	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> **	B	80	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	A
43	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	A	81	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i> **	A
44	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	A	82	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	A
45	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	A	83	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i> **	A
46	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	A	84	Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i> ***	B
47	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>	A	85	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	A
48	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	A,C1	86	Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	A
49	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	A	87	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	A,C1
50	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	A	88	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	A
51	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i> **	A	89	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	C1
52	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	A	90	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	A
53	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i> **	A	91	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i> **	B
54	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	A	92	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i> ***	B
55	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i> **	A	93	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	A
56	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	A	94	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	A
57	Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	A	95	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	A
58	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i> ***	A	96	Crane	<i>Grus grus</i> **	B
59	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	A	97	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	A
60	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	A	98	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i> **	A
61	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	A	99	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> **	A
62	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i> **	A	100	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i> ***	B
63	Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	A	101	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i> **	P
64	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	A	102	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	A
65	Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	A	103	Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i> **	B
66	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	A	104	American Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i> **	P
67	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	A	105	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	A
68	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	C1,C2	106	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	A
69	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i> ***	A	107	Sociable Plover	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i> ***	B
70	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i> **	A,C2	108	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	A
71	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i> ***	B	109	Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	A
72	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	A	110	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	A
73	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	A	111	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i> **	A
74	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i> **	A	112	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	A
75	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i> ***	P	113	Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i> **	A
76	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	A	114	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	A
77	Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	A	115	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	A
78	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> ***	B	116	Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	A
79	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	A	117	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	A

118	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i> **	A	156	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	A
119	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	A	157	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	A
120	Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocryptes minimus</i>	A	158	Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i> ***	A
121	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	A	159	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	A
122	Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	A	160	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	A
123	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	A	161	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	A
124	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	A	162	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	A
125	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	A	163	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i> **	A
126	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	A	164	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	A
127	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	A	165	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i> **	A
128	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	A	166	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	A
129	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	A	167	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> **	B,P
130	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i> **	A	168	Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	A
131	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	A	169	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	A
132	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	A	170	Great Auk	<i>Pinguinus impennis</i>	B*
133	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	A	171	Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	A
134	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i> ***	A	172	Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i> **	A
135	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	A	173	Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	A
136	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> **	A	174	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	A
137	Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	A	175	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	A
138	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	A	176	Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	A
139	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	A	177	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	A
140	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i> **	A	178	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	A
141	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	A	179	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	A
142	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	A	180	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i> ***	A
143	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>	A	181	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	A
144	Sabine's Gull	<i>Larus sabini</i>	A	182	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i> ***	A
145	Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i> **	P	183	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	A
146	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	A	184	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	A
147	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	A	185	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	A
148	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	A	186	Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i> ***	P
149	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	A	187	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	A
150	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	A	188	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i> **	A
151	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus (cachinnans) michahellis</i>	A	189	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	A
152	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus (cachinnans) cachinnans</i>	P	190	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	A
153	American Herring Gull	<i>Larus smithsonianus</i> **	A	191	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i> **	A
154	Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	A	192	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i> **	B
155	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	A	193	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i> ***	B

194	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	A	232	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	A
195	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	A	233	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	A
196	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	A	234	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	A
197	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	A	235	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides**</i>	A
198	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi**</i>	A	236	Pallas's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus**</i>	A
199	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris**</i>	P	237	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	A
200	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	A	238	Radde's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi***</i>	A
201	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	A	239	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli***</i>	A
202	Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	A	240	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	A
203	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta**</i>	A	241	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	A
204	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	A	242	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	A
205	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	A	243	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	A
206	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	A	244	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	A
207	Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	A	245	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	A
208	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	A	246	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva**</i>	A
209	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	A	247	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	A
210	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	A	248	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	A
211	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	A	249	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	A
212	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	A	250	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	A
213	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	A	251	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	A
214	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	A	252	Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	A
215	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	A	253	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus**</i>	A
216	Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	A	254	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio**</i>	A
217	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica**</i>	P	255	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor***</i>	A
218	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	A	256	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor***</i>	B
219	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	A	257	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator**</i>	A
220	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	A	258	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	A
221	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	A	259	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	A
222	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	A	260	Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	A
223	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	A	261	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	A
224	Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	A	262	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	A
225	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	A	263	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	A
226	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	A	264	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	A
227	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina**</i>	A	265	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	A
228	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta**</i>	A	266	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	A
229	Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata***</i>	P	267	Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Sturnus roseus**</i>	P
230	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria**</i>	A	268	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	A
231	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	A	269	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	A

270	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i> **	A
271	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	A
272	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	A
273	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	A
274	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	A
275	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	A
276	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	A
277	Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	A
278	Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	A
279	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	A
280	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i> **	A
281	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	A
282	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i> **	A
283	Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i> ***	A
284	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i> ***	A
285	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i> ***	A
286	Lapland Bunting	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	A
287	Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	A
288	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	A
289	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	A
290	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i> **	A

Additional species not admitted to the main Co Waterford list:

Category D1: Species that would otherwise appear in Categories A or B except that there is a reasonable doubt that they have ever occurred in a natural state.

- Booted Eagle *Aquila pennatus* [P].

D2: Species that have arrived through ship or other human assistance.

- Indian House Crow *Corvus splendens*.

D3: Species that have only ever been found dead on the tideline.

- (no relevant species).

D4: Species that would otherwise appear in Category C1 except that their feral populations may or may not be self-supporting.

- (no relevant species, or possibly Red-legged Partridge, cf. category E).

E: Species that have been recorded as introductions, transportees or (presumed) escapes from captivity include:

- flamingo species *Phoenicopterus* sp.
- Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*.
- Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*.
- Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*.
- Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata* (or category C2).
- Spotted (African) Eagle Owl *Bubo africanus*.
- Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa* (or category D4).
- parakeet species.

Additional distinct subspecies accepted as having occurred in Co Waterford:

- Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla* ('Dark-bellied' Brent Goose).
- Brent Goose *Branta bernicla nigricans*** ('Black Brant').
- Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus intermedius*** ('Scandinavian' L.B-b. Gull).
- Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba alba* ('White Wagtail').
- Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita abietinus* ('Scandinavian' Chiffchaff).

Note that seven species (Balearic Shearwater, Green-winged Teal, Yellow-legged Gull, American Herring Gull, Caspian Gull [P], Water Pipit, Carrion Crow), formerly considered conspecific with other species on the Waterford list (Manx Shearwater, Teal, Herring Gull, Rock Pipit, Hooded Crow), are now admitted [or eligible for admittance] as full species to the Waterford list.

Additional subspecies reported, but not yet formally accepted, as having occurred in Co Waterford include:

- Herring Gull *Larus argentatus argentatus* ('Scandinavian' Herring Gull).
- Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus littoralis*** ('Scandinavian' Rock Pipit).
- Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus acredula* ('Northern' Willow Warbler).
- Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis*** ('Siberian' Chiffchaff).
- Redpoll *Carduelis flammea flammea* ('Mealy' Redpoll).