

Avian Acceptance Criteria

Species	General Breeding Dates	Breeding Habitat	Minimum Observation Type
Common Loon	06/01-08/15	Large lakes and Reservoirs	Observation of active nest or adults with flightless chicks
Pied-billed Grebe	05/10-08/01	Emergent marsh	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Leach's Storm Petrel	06/01-08/15	Coastal Islands	Observation of adult around breeding burrow
American Bittern	04/15/08/01	Emergent/Shrub marsh	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Least Bittern	05/25-08/01	Emergent marsh	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Bald Eagle	04/15-08/15	Rivers, Lakes and Reservoirs	Observation of an active nest
Northern Harrier	05/10-8/20	Large grasslands, large marshes and coastal scrub	Observation of adults returning to likely nest site during breeding window
Sharp-shinned Hawk	05/10-08/01	Woodland	Observation of active nest or agnostic behavior (nest defense) during breeding window
Peregrine Falcon	05/15-08/01	High cliffs and Man-made structures	Observation of active nest site.
King Rail	05/15-08/01	Emergent marsh	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Common Moorhen	5/25-8/25	Emergent marsh	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Piping Plover	05/15-08/15	Barrier Beaches	Observation of pair in breeding behavior
Upland Sandpiper	05/20-07/15	Large grasslands, especially airports	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Roseate Tern	06/01-08/05	Barrier Beaches, Coastal Islands, Vegetated Dunes	Observation of active nest or flightless chicks
Arctic Tern	06/01-08/05	Barrier Beaches, Coastal Islands, Vegetated Dunes	Observation of active nest or flightless chicks
Common Tern	06/01-08/05	Barrier Beaches, Coastal Islands, Vegetated Dunes, Salt Marshes and abandoned Piers	Observation of active nest or flightless chicks
Least Tern	06/01-08/15	Barrier Beaches, Coastal Islands,	Observation of active nest or flightless chicks

		Vegetated Dunes	
Barn Owl	04/01-08/01 Potentially rear-round	Expansive field complexes. Nests in buildings/nest boxes	Observation of adult entering building/nest box
Long-eared Owl	04/01-08/01	Woodland	Observation of active nest or agnostic behavior (nest defense) during breeding window. *Please report any breeding season observations.
Short-eared Owl	04/15-07/15	Large grasslands, large marshes and coastal scrub	Observation of adults returning to likely nest site during breeding window
Sedge Wren	06/01-08/01	Wet Meadows	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Golden-winged Warbler	05/20-08/01	Early Successional Habitat	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Northern Parula	06/01-08/10	Swamps with <i>Usnea</i> Lichen	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Blackpoll Warbler	06/05-08/10	High elevation Spruce-Fir Forest	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Mourning Warbler	06/05-08/10	Dense Mid-successional growth in higher elevations	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Vesper Sparrow	05/10-08/05	Grasslands, Dunes, Agricultural Fields, Heathland	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Grasshopper Sparrow	05/25-08/10	Large Grasslands, especially dry grasslands like airfields and capped landfills	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window
Henslow's Sparrow	05/20-08/01	Wet meadows and fields	Observation (sight or call) in appropriate habitat during breeding window