



National Audubon Society - Waterbird Conservation
population numbers by species

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Note: additional species to be added, check back for updates

| Species | Scientific Name | Averaged global population size | Averaged North America population size |
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| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> | 1,550,000 | 550,000 |
| Snow Goose | <i>Chen caerulescens</i> | 3,944,900 | 3,944,600 |
| Canada Goose (excluding Cackling) | <i>Branta canadensis</i> | 5,295,000 | >5,295k |
| Cackling Goose | <i>Branta hutchinsii</i> | unknown | unknown |
| Brant | <i>Branta bernicla</i> | 544,400 | 319,400 |
| Trumpeter Swan | <i>Cygnus buccinator</i> | 23,647 | 23,647 |
| Tundra Swan | <i>Cygnus columbianus</i> | 296,800 | 181,300 |
| Wood Duck | <i>Aix sponsa</i> | 4,600,000 | 4,600,000 |
| Gadwall | <i>Anas strepera</i> | 5,102,500 | 3,900,000 |
| American Black Duck | <i>Anas rubripes</i> | 910,000 | 910,000 |
| Mallard | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | 22,986,000 | 13,056,000 |
| Mottled Duck | <i>Anas fulvigula</i> | 660,000 | 660,000 |
| Northern Pintail | <i>Anas acuta</i> | 6,660,000 | 3,600,000 |
| Canvasback | <i>Aythya valisineria</i> | 740,000 | 740,000 |
| Redhead | <i>Aythya americana</i> | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 |
| Ring-necked Duck | <i>Aythya collaris</i> | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Greater Scaup | <i>Aythya marila</i> | 1,560,000 | 800,000 |
| Lesser Scaup | <i>Aythya affinis</i> | 4,400,000 | 4,400,000 |
| Steller's Eider | <i>Polysticta stelleri</i> | 220,000 | 180,000 |
| Hooded Merganser | <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i> | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| Yellow-billed Loon | <i>Gavia adamsii</i> | 23,500 | 13,500 |
| Laysan Albatross | <i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i> | 874,000 | 874,000 |
| Short-tailed Albatross | <i>Phoebastria albatrus</i> | 1,840 | 1,300 |
| Bermuda Petrel | <i>Pterodroma cahow</i> | 180 | 150 |
| American White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i> | 180,000 | >180k |
| Brown Pelican | <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> | 300,000 | 288,950 |
| Brandt's Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax penicillatus</i> | 227,000 | 227,000 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i> | 1,650,000 | 1,621,800 |
| American Bittern | <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i> | 2,975,000 | 2,976,000 |
| Great Blue Heron | <i>Ardea herodias</i> | unknown | 124,500 |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | 1,225,000 | 270k (?) |
| Snowy Egret | <i>Egretta thula</i> | unknown | 1,365,000 |
| Little Blue Heron | <i>Egretta caerulea</i> | unknown | 375,000 |
| Tricolored Heron | <i>Egretta tricolor</i> | 500,000 | >293,000 |
| Reddish Egret | <i>Egretta rufescens</i> | 67,500 | 12,000 |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | 2,015,000 | unknown |

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| White Ibis | <i>Eudocimus albus</i> | unknown | 150,000 |
| Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | 2,200,000 | 21,000 |
| White-faced Ibis | <i>Plegadis chihi</i> | 1,200,000 | >150k |
| Roseate Spoonbill | <i>Platalea ajaja</i> | 175,000 | 30,750 |
| Wood Stork | <i>Mycteria americana</i> | unknown | 58,500 |
| Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | 460,000 | 211,600 |
| Snail Kite | <i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i> | 2,000,000 | unknown |
| Bald Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | 330,000 | 330,000 |
| Yellow Rail | <i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i> | 17,500 | >10k-25k |
| Black Rail | <i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i> | unknown | 110,000 |
| Virginia Rail | <i>Rallus limicola</i> | unknown | unknown |
| Sandhill Crane | <i>Grus canadensis</i> | 525,000 | unknown |
| American Golden-Plover | <i>Pluvialis dominica</i> | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Snowy Plover | <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> | 370,000 | 17,700 |
| Wilson's Plover | <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Piping Plover | <i>Charadrius melodus</i> | 5,945 | 5,945 |
| Mountain Plover | <i>Charadrius montanus</i> | 8,500 | 8,500 |
| American Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus palliatus</i> | 72,000 | 8,850 |
| Greater Yellowlegs | <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i> | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Eskimo Curlew | <i>Numenius borealis</i> | 0? | 50 |
| Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | 1,550,000 | 57,000 |
| Long-billed Curlew | <i>Numenius americanus</i> | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Hudsonian Godwit | <i>Limosa haemastica</i> | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Marbled Godwit | <i>Limosa fedoa</i> | 172,500 | 171,500 |
| Red Knot | <i>Calidris canutus</i> | 1,100,000 | 400,000 |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | <i>Calidris melanotos</i> | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Purple Sandpiper | <i>Calidris maritima</i> | 195,000 | 15,000 |
| Rock Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ptilocnemis</i> | 165,000 | 150,000 |
| Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | 5,300,000 | 1,525,000 |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i> | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | <i>Limnodromus griseus</i> | 320,000 | 320,000 |
| American Woodcock | <i>Scolopax minor</i> | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Wilson's Phalarope | <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i> | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Laughing Gull | <i>Larus atricilla</i> | 800,000 | 799,500 |
| Bonaparte's Gull | <i>Larus philadelphia</i> | 390,000 | 390,000 |
| Ring-billed Gull | <i>Larus delawarensis</i> | 2,550,000 | 2,550,000 |
| Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | 2,800,000 | 370,000 |
| Western Gull | <i>Larus occidentalis</i> | 117,000 | 117,000 |
| Gull-billed Tern | <i>Sterna nilotica</i> | 195,000 | ?+10k-25k |
| Caspian Tern | <i>Sterna caspia</i> | 250,000 | 99,273 |
| Roseate Tern | <i>Sterna dougallii</i> | 80,000 | 24,750 |
| Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | 2,800,000 | 406,500 |
| Least Tern | <i>Sterna antillarum</i> | 67,550 | 67,550 |
| Black Skimmer | <i>Rynchops niger</i> | 165,000 | 101,250 |

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| Common Murre | <i>Uria aalge</i> | 18,000,000 | 4,250,000 |
| Black Guillemot | <i>Cepphus grylle</i> | 550,000 | 225,000 |
| Marbled Murrelet | <i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i> | 617,500 | 617,500 |
| Kittlitz's Murrelet | <i>Brachyramphus brevirostris</i> | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| Xantus's Murrelet | <i>Synthliboramphus hypoleucus</i> | 9,750 | 9,750 |
| Ancient Murrelet | <i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i> | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Cassin's Auklet | <i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i> | 5,077,500 | 5,077,500 |
| Pigeon Guillemot | <i>Cepphus columba</i> | 470,000 | 103,500 |
| Atlantic Puffin | <i>Fratercula arctica</i> | 5,850,000 | 1,132,500 |
| Horned Puffin | <i>Fratercula corniculata</i> | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| Tufted Puffin | <i>Fratercula cirrhata</i> | 2,400,000 | 2,400,000 |
| White-crowned Pigeon | <i>Patagioenas leucocephala</i> | 550,000 | <27,500 |
| Belted Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle alcyon</i> | 2,200,000 | 2,200,000 |
| Alder Flycatcher | <i>Empidonax alnorum</i> | 49,000,000 | 49,000,000 |
| Black Phoebe | <i>Sayornis nigricans</i> | 970,000 | 320,100 |
| Eastern Phoebe | <i>Sayornis phoebe</i> | 16,000,000 | 16,000,000 |
| Tree Swallow | <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i> | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Bank Swallow | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | 46,000,000 | 13,800,000 |
| Prothonotary Warbler | <i>Protonotaria citrea</i> | 1,800,000 | 1,800,000 |
| Northern Waterthrush | <i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i> | 13,000,000 | 13,000,000 |
| Common Yellowthroat | <i>Geothlypis trichas</i> | 32,000,000 | 32,000,000 |
| Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow | <i>Ammodramus nelsoni</i> | 510,000 | 510,000 |
| Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow | <i>Ammodramus caudacutus</i> | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Seaside Sparrow | <i>Ammodramus maritimus</i> | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | <i>Melospiza lincolni</i> | 39,000,000 | 39,000,000 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> | 210,000,000 | 193,200,000 |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | <i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i> | 23,000,000 | 23,000,000 |
| Rusty Blackbird | <i>Euphagus carolinus</i> | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Boat-tailed Grackle | <i>Quiscalus major</i> | 3,700,000 | 3,700,000 |