




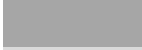



Checklist for Birds in the Lower Rio Grande Valley

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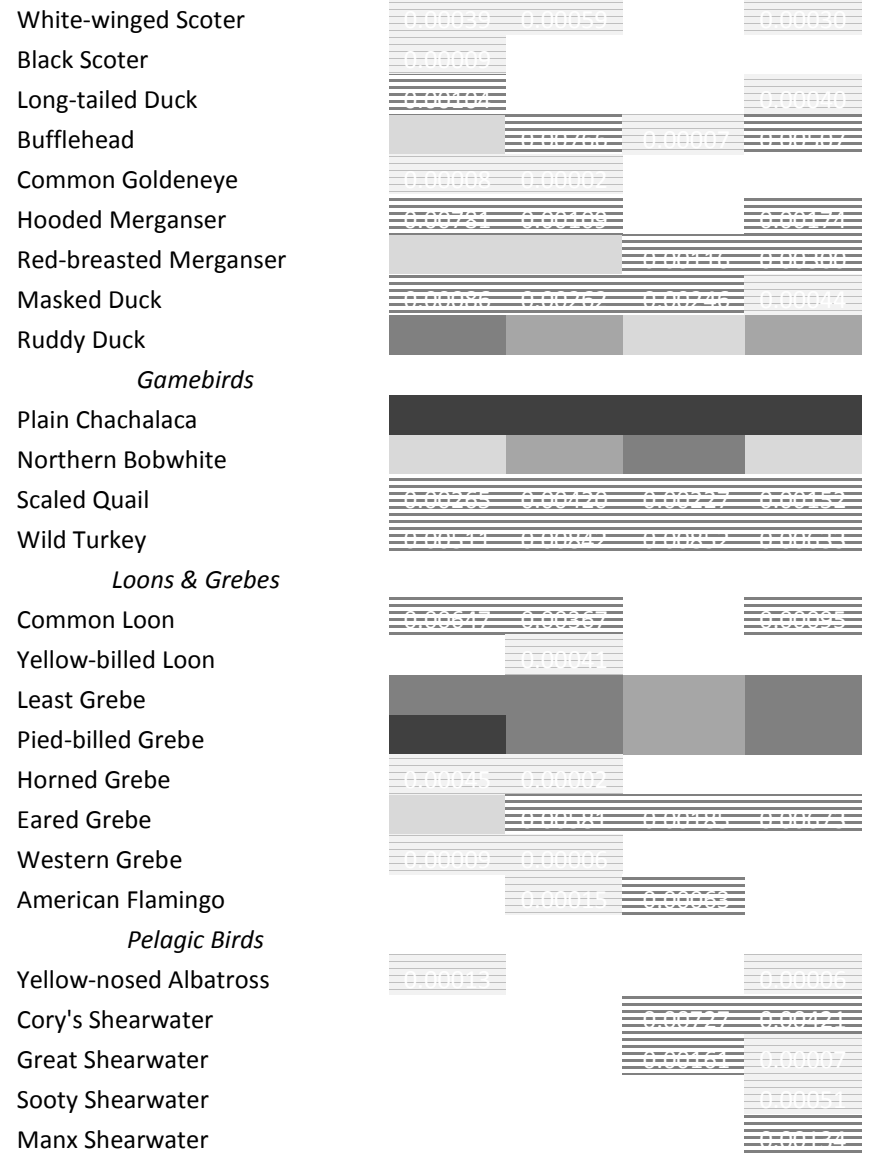
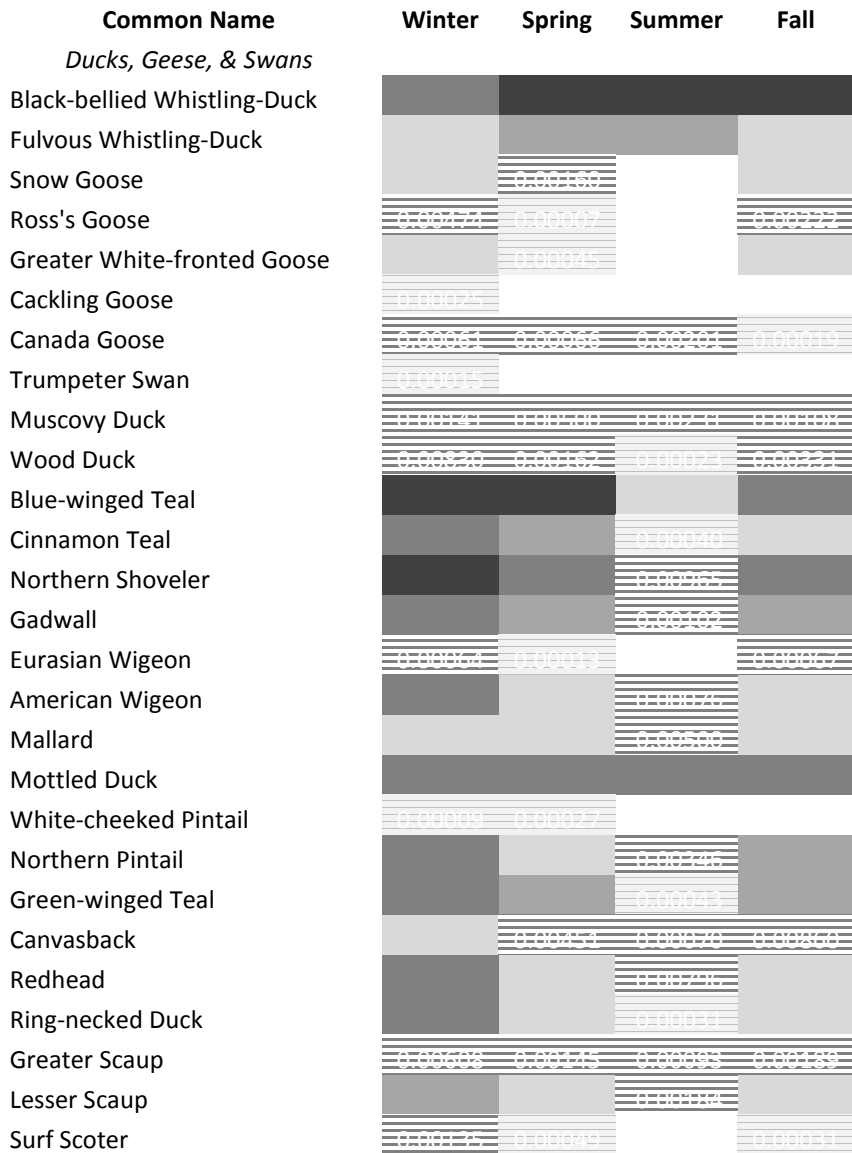
Thanks to thousands of people sharing their sightings, the bird community of the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) is at a whopping 512 species – a species richness larger than all but 6 states! The amazing diversity of birds found in the four-county region (Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy) is made even better by the presence of South Texas Specialty Birds – birds that are found almost nowhere else in the United States.

This checklist was created using data from eBird, run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. There is an important consideration for eBird: the data depends on people – *who* was birdwatching, *where* they were, and *what* they were looking for. Generally, there is a bias for more checklists to be submitted from urban regions; the more people, the more likely there are to be eBird reports. Another thing to consider is that birdwatcher skill varies; some people have more experience than others. Lastly, and most important for this checklist, is that birdwatchers like to see rare or unusual birds – they even “chase” them across states! Birders specifically traveling and searching for one bird can create a skew in eBird frequency data. For example, if you look at the winter frequency of Blue Bunting and Indigo Bunting in this checklist, they appear to have similar frequencies. However, there are only 52 records of Blue Bunting in the United States, whereas Indigo Bunting is a much more abundant species. Remember, this checklist is about how often birds are reported by eBird observers.

LEGEND

Symbol	Status	eBird Checklist Frequency
	Abundant	>40%
	Common	40 - 21%
	Fairly Common	20 - 11%
	Uncommon	10 - 6%
	Rare	5 - 2%
	Very Rare	1 - 0.1%
	Casual and/or Accidental	0.0005 - >0%
	Not recorded	

(sample size = 126,379 eBird checklists)



Audubon's Shearwater



Leach's Storm-Petrel



Band-rumped Storm-Petrel



Red-billed Tropicbird



Storks

Jabiru



Wood Stork



Frigatebirds, Boobies, Gannet

Magnificent Frigatebird



Masked Booby



Brown Booby



Northern Gannet



Cormorants & Anhinga

Neotropic Cormorant



Double-crested Cormorant



Anhinga



Pelicans

American White Pelican

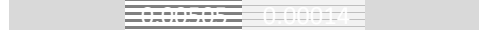


Brown Pelican



Bitterns, Herons, & Egrets

American Bittern



Least Bittern



Bare-throated Tiger-Heron



Great Blue Heron



Great Egret



Snowy Egret



Little Blue Heron



Tricolored Heron



Reddish Egret



Cattle Egret



Green Heron



Black-crowned Night-Heron



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron



Ibises

White Ibis



Glossy Ibis



White-faced Ibis



Roseate Spoonbill



Vultures, Kites, Hawks, & Eagles

Black Vulture



Turkey Vulture



Osprey



White-tailed Kite



Hook-billed Kite



Swallow-tailed Kite



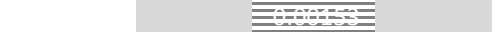
Golden Eagle



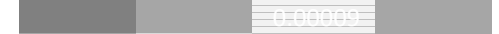
Snail Kite



Mississippi Kite



Northern Harrier



Sharp-shinned Hawk



Cooper's Hawk



Bald Eagle



Crane Hawk



Common Black Hawk



Great Black Hawk



Roadside Hawk



Harris's Hawk



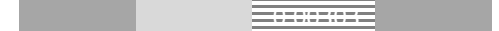
White-tailed Hawk



Gray Hawk



Red-shouldered Hawk



Broad-winged Hawk



Short-tailed Hawk



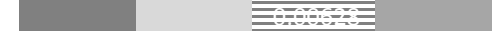
Swainson's Hawk



Zone-tailed Hawk



Red-tailed Hawk



Ferruginous Hawk



Rails & Cranes

Yellow Rail



Black Rail



King Rail

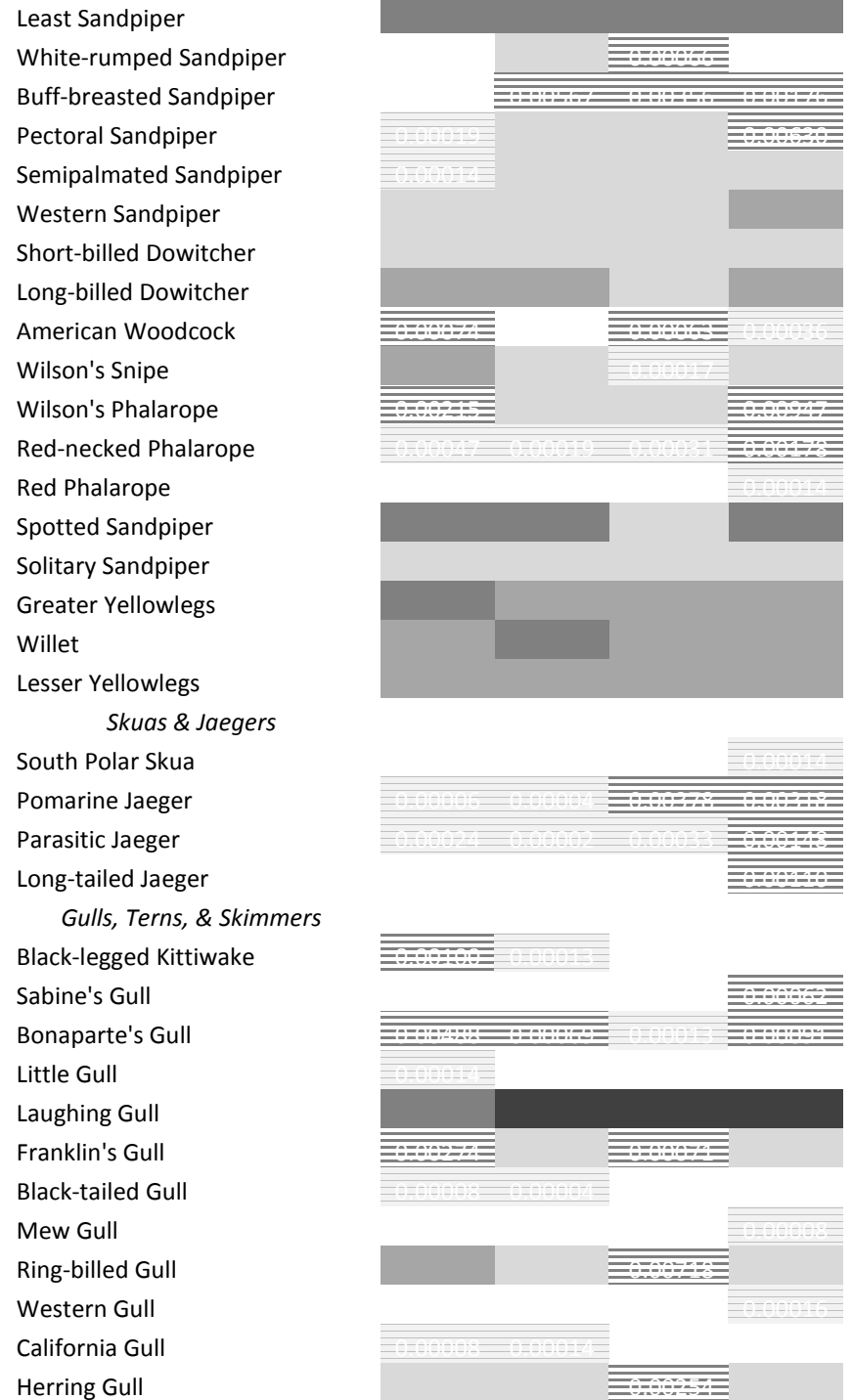
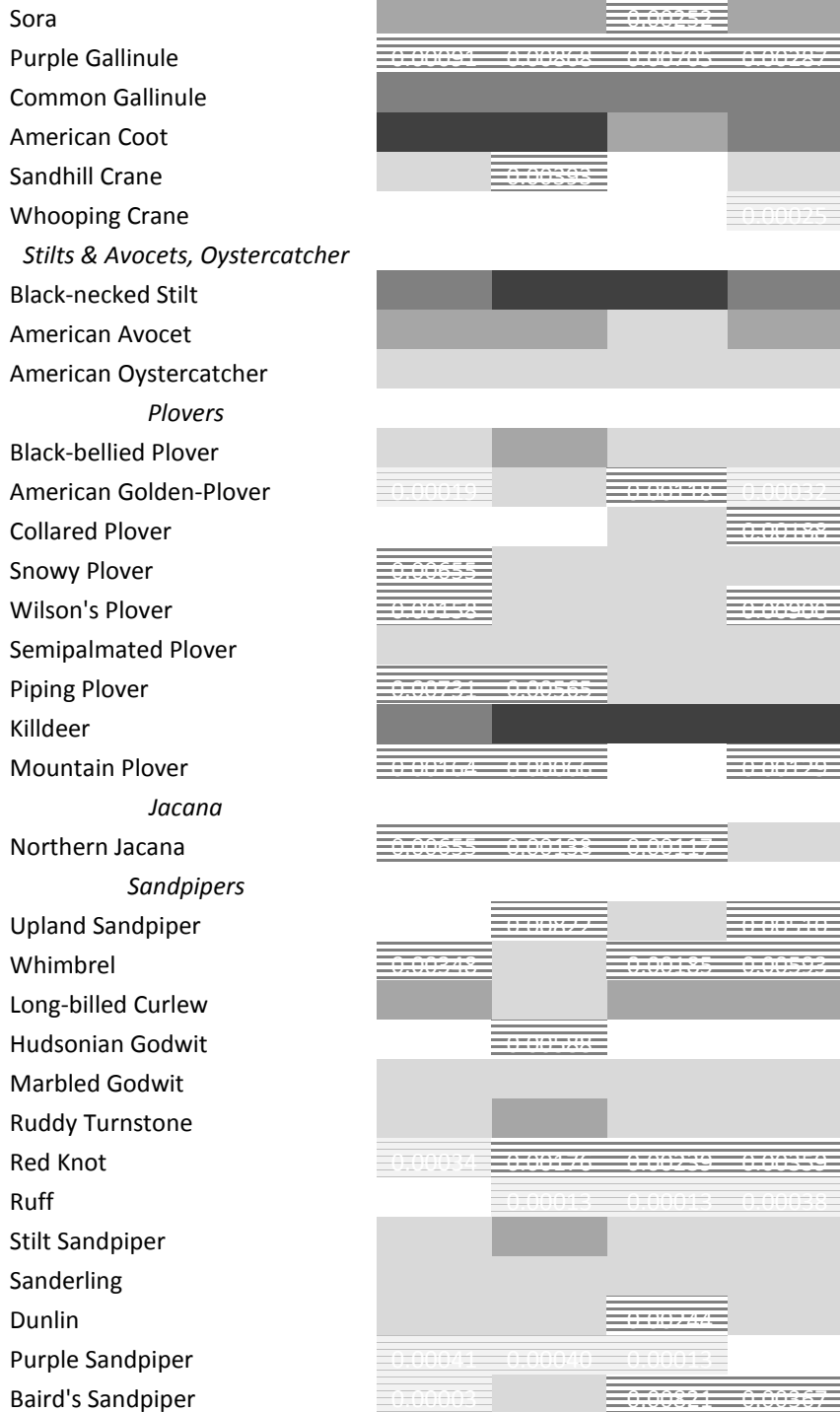


Clapper Rail

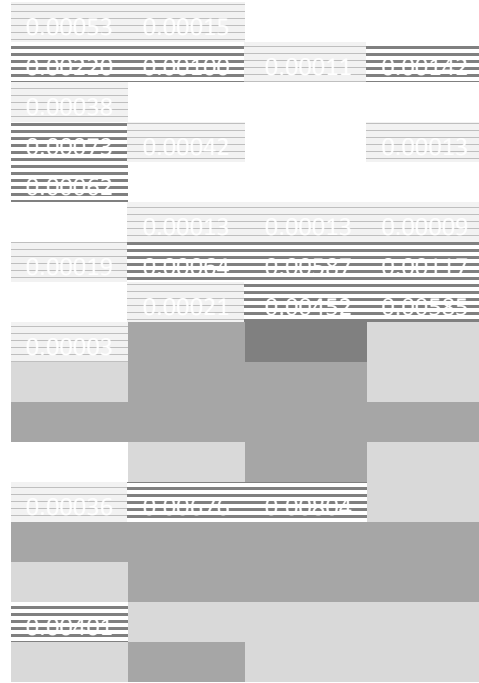


Virginia Rail





Iceland Gull
 Lesser Black-backed Gull
 Slaty-backed Gull
 Glaucous Gull
 Great Black-backed Gull
 Brown Noddy
 Sooty Tern
 Bridled Tern
 Least Tern
 Gull-billed Tern
 Caspian Tern
 Black Tern
 Common Tern
 Forster's Tern
 Royal Tern
 Sandwich Tern
 Black Skimmer



Pigeons & Doves

Rock Pigeon
 Red-billed Pigeon
 Eurasian Collared-Dove
 Inca Dove
 Common Ground-Dove
 Ruddy Ground-Dove
 Ruddy Quail-Dove
 White-tipped Dove
 White-winged Dove
 Mourning Dove



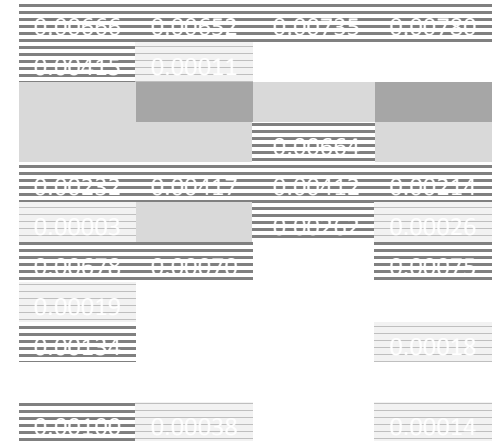
Cuckoos

Groove-billed Ani
 Greater Roadrunner
 Dark-billed Cuckoo
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Mangrove Cuckoo
 Black-billed Cuckoo



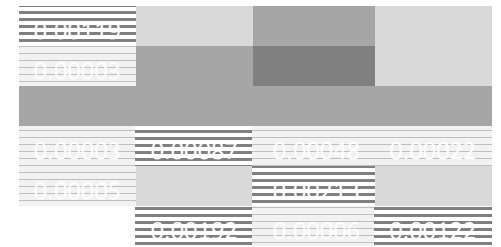
Owls

Barn Owl
 Flammulated Owl
 Eastern Screech-Owl
 Great Horned Owl
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
 Elf Owl
 Burrowing Owl
 Mottled Owl
 Long-eared Owl
 Stygian Owl
 Short-eared Owl



Nightjars

Lesser Nighthawk
 Common Nighthawk
 Common Pauraque
 Common Poorwill
 Chuck-will's-widow
 Eastern Whip-poor-will



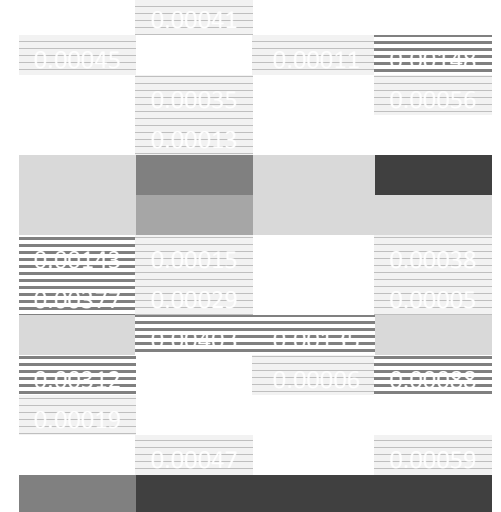
Swifts

Chimney Swift
 White-throated Swift



Hummingbirds

Mexican Violetear
 Green-breasted Mango
 Blue-throated Hummingbird
 Lucifer Hummingbird
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
 Black-chinned Hummingbird
 Anna's Hummingbird
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird
 Rufous Hummingbird
 Allen's Hummingbird
 Calliope Hummingbird
 Broad-billed Hummingbird
 Buff-bellied Hummingbird



Trogons

Elegant Trogon



Kingfishers

Ringed Kingfisher



Belted Kingfisher



Amazon Kingfisher



Green Kingfisher



Woodpeckers

Red-headed Woodpecker



Golden-fronted Woodpecker



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker



Red-naped Sapsucker



Ladder-backed Woodpecker



Downy Woodpecker



Northern Flicker



Falcons

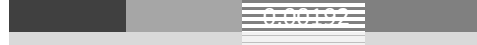
Collared Forest-Falcon



Crested Caracara



American Kestrel



Merlin



Aplomado Falcon



Peregrine Falcon



Prairie Falcon



Parrots & Parakeets

Monk Parakeet



White-winged Parakeet



Red-crowned Parrot



Lilac-crowned Parrot



Red-lored Parrot



Yellow-headed Parrot



White-fronted Parrot



Green Parakeet



Tyrant Flycatchers

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet



White-crested Elaenia



Olive-sided Flycatcher



Greater Pewee



Western Wood-Pewee



Eastern Wood-Pewee



Yellow-bellied Flycatcher



Acadian Flycatcher



Alder Flycatcher



Willow Flycatcher



Least Flycatcher



Hammond's Flycatcher



Gray Flycatcher



Pacific-slope Flycatcher



Cordilleran Flycatcher



Black Phoebe



Eastern Phoebe



Say's Phoebe



Vermilion Flycatcher



Dusky-capped Flycatcher



Ash-throated Flycatcher



Great Crested Flycatcher



Brown-crested Flycatcher



Great Kiskadee



Social Flycatcher



Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher



Piratic Flycatcher



Variegated Flycatcher



Tropical Kingbird



Couch's Kingbird



Cassin's Kingbird



Western Kingbird



Eastern Kingbird



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Fork-tailed Flycatcher



Tityras & Becards

Masked Tityra



Rose-throated Becard

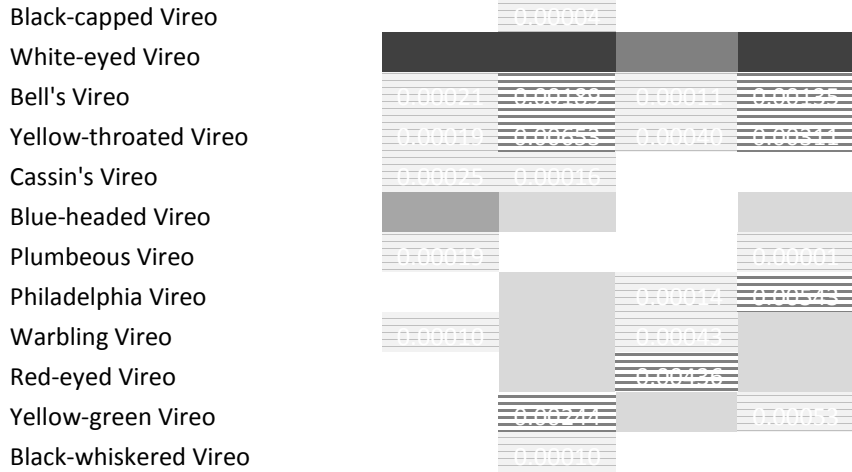


Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike



Vireos



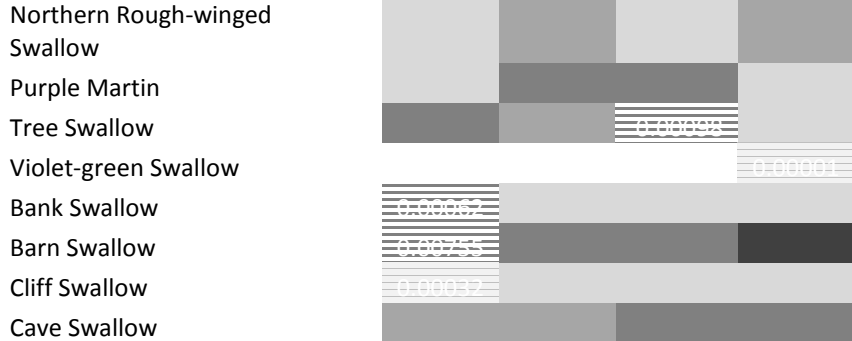
Jays & Crows



Larks



Swallows



Titmice & Chickadees



Penduline Tits



Nuthatches & Creepers

Red-breasted Nuthatch



Wrens



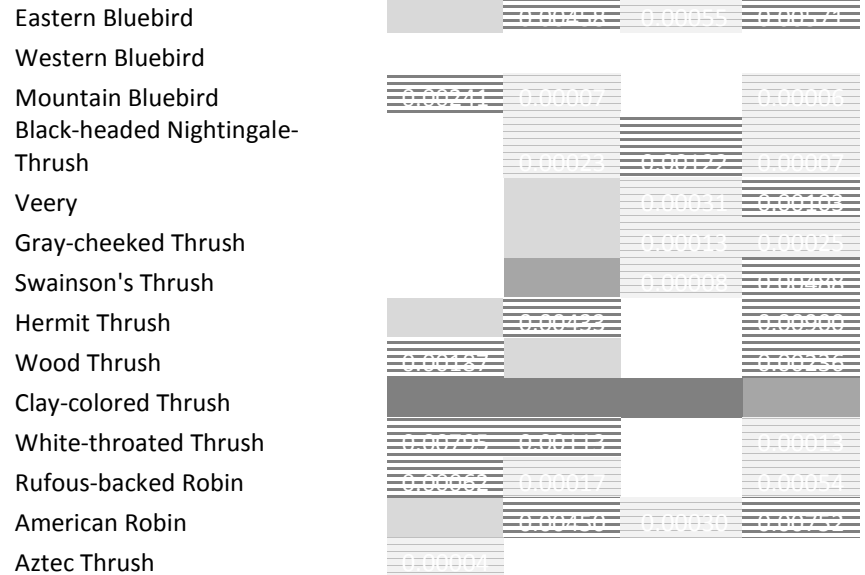
Gnatcatchers & Kinglets



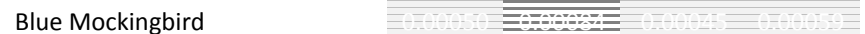
Old World Flycatchers

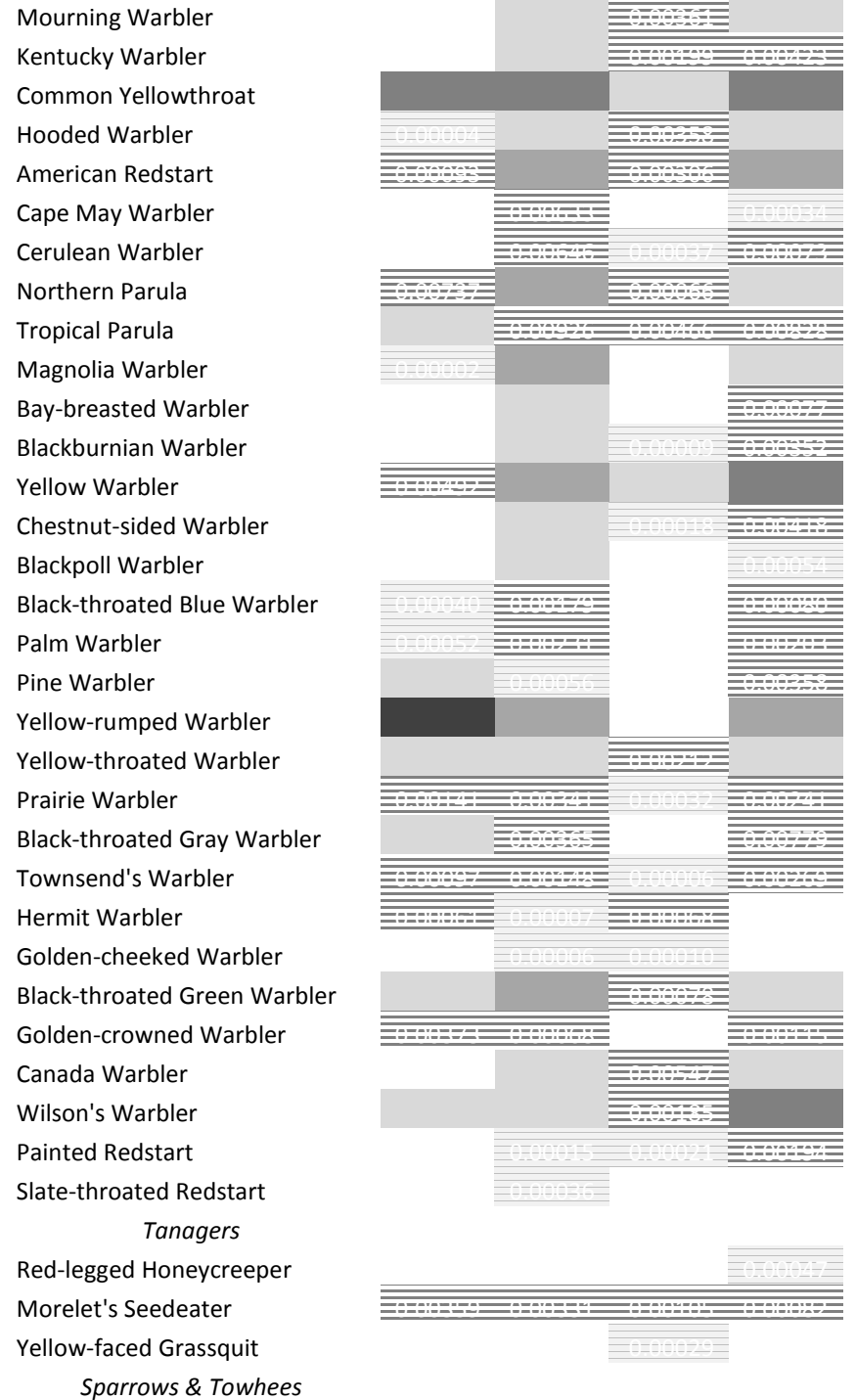


Thrushes



Mockingbirds & Thrashers







Cassin's Finch
Common Redpoll
Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
Old World Sparrows
House Sparrow

