



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
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

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

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