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Alpha codes, abbreviations of common or scientific bird names, have long been used by ornithologists. The U.S. Bird Banding Laboratory's employment of alpha codes has become an integral part of large ornithological programs across the United States and Canada. Rather than using the full English or scientific name of a bird species, alpha codes allow quicker data entry and can also help to cross-reference other data.

The following is a list of alpha codes, current through the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (1998), its following supplements: (AOU: 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010), and the most recent published "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska: 2009" (NOU Records Committee 2009).

COMMON NAME	4-LETTER CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	6-LETTER CODE
Acadian Flycatcher	ACFL	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	EMPVIR
Acorn Woodpecker	ACWO	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	MELFOR
Alder Flycatcher	ALFL	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	EMPALN
American Avocet	AMAV	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	RECA ME
American Bittern	AMBI	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	BOTLEN
American Black Duck	ABDU	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	ANARUB
American Coot	AMCO	<i>Fulica americana</i>	FULAME
American Crow	AMCR	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	CORBRA
American Dipper	AMDI	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	CINMEX
American Golden-Plover	AMGP	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	PLUDOM
American Goldfinch	AMGO	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	SPITRI
American Kestrel	AMKE	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	FALSPA
American Pipit	AMPI	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	ANTRUB
American Redstart	AMRE	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	SETRUT
American Robin	AMRO	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	TURMIG
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	ATTW	<i>Picoides dorsalis</i>	PICDOR
American Tree Sparrow	ATSP	<i>Spizella arborea</i>	SPIARB
American White Pelican	AWPE	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	PELERY
American Wigeon	AMWI	<i>Anas americana</i>	ANAAME
American Woodcock	AMWO	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	SCOMIN
Ancient Murrelet	ANMU	<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>	SYNANT
Anhinga	ANHI	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	ANHANH

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Ash-throated Flycatcher	ATFL	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	MYICIN
Baird's Sandpiper	BASA	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	CALBAI
Baird's Sparrow	BAIS *	<i>Ammodramus bairdii</i>	AMMBAI
Bald Eagle	BAEA	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	HALLEU
Baltimore Oriole	BAOR	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	ICTGAL
Band-tailed Pigeon	BTPI	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	PATFAS
Bank Swallow	BANS *	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	RIPRIP
Barn Owl	BANO *	<i>Tyto alba</i>	TYTALB
Barn Swallow	BARS *	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	HIRRUS
Barred Owl	BADO *	<i>Strix varia</i>	STRVAR
Barrow's Goldeneye	BAGO	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	BUCISL
Bay-breasted Warbler	BBWA	<i>Dendroica castanea</i>	DENCAS
Bell's Vireo	BEVI	<i>Vireo bellii</i>	VIRBEL
Belted Kingfisher	BEKI	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	MEGALC
Bewick's Wren	BEWR	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	THRBEW
Black Rail	BLRA	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	LATJAM
Black Rosy-Finch	BLRF	<i>Leucosticte atrata</i>	LEUATT *
Black Scoter	BLSC	<i>Melanitta americana</i>	MELAME
Black Tern	BLTE	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	CHLNIG
Black Vulture	BLVU	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	CORATR
Black-and-white Warbler	BAWW	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	MNIVAR
Black-bellied Plover	BBPL	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	PLUSQU
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	BBWD	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	DENAUT
Black-billed Cuckoo	BBCU	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	COCERY
Black-billed Magpie	BBMA	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>	PICHUD
Blackburnian Warbler	BLBW *	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	DENFUS
Black-capped Chickadee	BCCH	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	POEATR
Black-capped Vireo	BCVI	<i>Vireo atricapilla</i>	VIRATR
Black-crowned Night-Heron	BCNH	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	NYCNYC
Black-headed Grosbeak	BHGR	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	PHMEL
Black-headed Gull	BHGU	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	CHRRID
Black-legged Kittiwake	BLKI	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	RISTRI
Black-necked Stilt	BNST	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	HIMMEX
Blackpoll Warbler	BLPW *	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	DENSTR
Black-throated Blue Warbler	BTBW	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	DENCAE
Black-throated Gray Warbler	BTYW *	<i>Dendroica nigrescens</i>	DENNIG
Black-throated Green Warbler	BTNW *	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	DENVIR
Black-throated Sparrow	BTSP	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	AMPBIL
Blue Grosbeak	BLGR	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	PASCAE
Blue Jay	BLJA	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	CYACRI
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	BGGN	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	POLCAE
Blue-headed Vireo	BHVI	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	VIRSOL

COMMON NAME	4-LETTER CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	
Blue-winged Teal	BWTE	Anas discors	ANADIS
Blue-winged Warbler	BWWA	Vermivora cyanoptera	VERCYA
Bobolink	BOBO	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	DOLORY
Bohemian Waxwing	BOWA	Bombycilla garrulus	BOMGAR
Bonaparte's Gull	BOGU	Chroicocephalus philadelphia	CHRPHI
Boreal Owl	BOOW	Aegolius funereus	AEGFUN
Brambling	BRAM	Fringilla montifringilla	FRIMON
Brant	BRAN	Branta bernicla	BRABER
Brewer's Blackbird	BRBL	Euphagus cyanocephalus	EUPCYC *
Brewer's Sparrow	BRSP	Spizella breweri	SPIBRE
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	BTAH *	Selasphorus platycercus	SELPLA
Broad-winged Hawk	BWHA	Buteo platypterus	BUTPLA
Brown Creeper	BRCR	Certhia americana	CERAME
Brown Pelican	BRPE	Pelecanus occidentalis	PELOCC
Brown Thrasher	BRTH	Toxostoma rufum	TOXRUF
Brown-headed Cowbird	BHCO	Molothrus ater	MOLATE
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	BBSA	Tryngites subruficollis	TRYSUB
Bufflehead	BUFF	Bucephala albeola	BUCALB
Bullock's Oriole	BUOR	Icterus bullockii	ICTBUL
Burrowing Owl	BUOW	Athene cunicularia	ATHCUN
Cackling Goose	CACG *	Branta hutchinsii	BRAHUT
California Gull	CAGU	Larus californicus	LARCAL
Calliope Hummingbird	CAHU	Stellula calliope	STECAL
Canada Goose	CANG *	Branta canadensis	BRACAN
Canada Warbler	CAWA	Wilsonia canadensis	WILCAN
Canvasback	CANV	Aythya valisineria	AYTVAL
Canyon Wren	CANW *	Catherpes mexicanus	CAPMEX *
Cape May Warbler	CMWA	Dendroica tigrina	DENTIG
Carolina Parakeet	CAPA	Conuropsis carolinensis	CONCAL *
Carolina Wren	CARW *	Thryothorus ludovicianus	THRLUD
Caspian Tern	CATE	Hydroprogne caspia	HYDCAS
Cassin's Finch	CAFI	Carpodacus cassinii	CARCAS
Cassin's Kingbird	CAKI	Tyrannus vociferans	TYRVOC
Cassin's Sparrow	CASP	Peucaea cassinii	PEUCAS
Cassin's Vireo	CAVI	Vireo cassinii	VIRCAS
Cattle Egret	CAEG	Bubulcus ibis	BUBIBI
Cave Swallow	CASW	Petrochelidon fulva	PETFUL
Cedar Waxwing	CEDW *	Bombycilla cedrorum	BOMCED
Cerulean Warbler	CERW *	Dendroica cerulea	DENCER
Chestnut-collared Longspur	CCLO	Calcarius ornatus	CALORN
Chestnut-sided Warbler	CSWA	Dendroica pensylvanica	DENPEN
Chihuahuan Raven	CHRA	Corvus cryptoleucus	CORCRY

COMMON NAME	4-LETTER CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	
Chimney Swift	CHSW	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	CHAPEL
Chipping Sparrow	CHSP	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	SPIPAS
Chuck-will's-widow	CWWI	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	CAPCAR
Cinnamon Teal	CITE	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	ANACYA
Clapper Rail	CLRA	<i>Rallus longirostris</i>	RALLON
Clark's Grebe	CLGR	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>	AECCLA
Clark's Nutcracker	CLNU	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	NUCCOL
Clay-colored Sparrow	CCSP	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	SIPAL
Cliff Swallow	CLSW	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	PETPYR
Common Crane	COMC *	<i>Grus grus</i>	GRUGRU
Common Eider	COEI	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	SOMMOL
Common Goldeneye	COGO	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	BUCCLA
Common Grackle	COGR	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	QUIQUI
Common Ground-Dove	COGD	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	COLPAS
Common Loon	COLO	<i>Gavia immer</i>	GAVIMM
Common Merganser	COME	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	MERMER
Common Moorhen	COMO	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	GALCHL
Common Nighthawk	CONI	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	CHOMIN
Common Poorwill	COPO	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>	PHANUT
Common Raven	CORA	<i>Corvus corax</i>	CORCOR
Common Redpoll	CORE	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	ACAFLA
Common Tern	COTE	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	STEHIR
Common Yellowthroat	COYE	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	GEOTRI
Connecticut Warbler	CONW *	<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	OPOAGI
Cooper's Hawk	COHA	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	ACCCOO
Cordilleran Flycatcher	COFL	<i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>	EMPOCC
Costa's Hummingbird	COHU	<i>Calypte costae</i>	CALCOS
Curlew Sandpiper	CUSA	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	CALFER
Curve-billed Thrasher	CBTH	<i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>	TOXCUR
Dark-eyed Junco	DEJU	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	JUNHYE
Dickcissel	DICK	<i>Spiza americana</i>	SPIAME
Double-crested Cormorant	DCCO	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	PHAAUT *
Downy Woodpecker	DOWO	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	PICPUB
Dunlin	DUNL	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	CALALP
Dusky Flycatcher	DUFL	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>	EMPOBE
Eared Grebe	EAGR	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	PODNIG
Eastern Bluebird	EABL	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	SIASIA
Eastern Kingbird	EAKI	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	TYRTYR
Eastern Meadowlark	EAME	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	STUMAG
Eastern Phoebe	EAPH	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	SAYPHO
Eastern Screech-Owl	EASO	<i>Megascops asio</i>	MEGASI
Eastern Towhee	EATO	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	PIPERP *

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Eastern Whip-poor-will	EWPW	Caprimulgus vociferus	CAPVOC
Eastern Wood-Pewee	EAWP	Contopus virens	CONVIR
Emperor Goose	EMGO	Chen canagica	CHECAN
Eskimo Curlew	ESCU	Numenius borealis	NUMBOR
Eurasian Collared-Dove	EUCD	Streptopelia decaocto	STRDEC
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	ETSP	Passer montanus	PASMON
Eurasian Wigeon	EUWI	Anas penelope	ANAPEN
European Starling	EUST	Sturnus vulgaris	STUVUL
Evening Grosbeak	EVGR	Coccothraustes vespertinus	COCVES
Ferruginous Hawk	FEHA	Buteo regalis	BUTREG
Field Sparrow	FISP	Spizella pusilla	SPIPUS
Fish Crow	FICR	Corvus ossifragus	COROSS
Forster's Tern	FOTE	Sterna forsteri	STEFOR
Fox Sparrow	FOSP	Passerella iliaca	PASILI
Franklin's Gull	FRGU	Leucophaeus pipixcan	LEUPIP
Gadwall	GADW	Anas strepera	ANASTR
Garganey	GARG	Anas querquedula	ANAQUE
Glaucous Gull	GLGU	Larus hyperboreus	LARHYP
Glaucous-winged Gull	GWGU	Larus glaucescens	LARGLS *
Glossy Ibis	GLIB	Plegadis falcinellus	PLEFAL
Golden Eagle	GOEA	Aquila chrysaetos	AQUCHR
Golden-crowned Kinglet	GCKI	Regulus satrapa	REGSAT
Golden-crowned Sparrow	GCSP	Zonotrichia atricapilla	ZONATR
Golden-winged Warbler	GWWA	Vermivora chrysoptera	VERCHR
Grace's Warbler	GRWA	Dendroica graciae	DENGRA
Grasshopper Sparrow	GRSP	Ammodramus savannarum	AMMSAV
Gray Catbird	GRCA	Dumetella carolinensis	DUMCAR
Gray Flycatcher	GRFL	Empidonax wrightii	EMPWRI
Gray Jay	GRAJ *	Perisoreus canadensis	PERCAN
Gray Partridge	GRAP *	Perdix perdix	PERPER
Gray-cheeked Thrush	GCTH	Catharus minimus	CATMIN
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	GCRF	Leucosticte tephrocotis	LEUTEP
Great Black-backed Gull	GBBG	Larus marinus	LARMAR
Great Blue Heron	GBHE	Ardea herodias	ARDHER
Great Crested Flycatcher	GCFL	Myiarchus crinitus	MYICRI
Great Egret	GREG	Ardea alba	ARDALB
Great Gray Owl	GGOW	Strix nebulosa	STRNEB
Great Horned Owl	GHOW	Bubo virginianus	BUBVIR
Great-tailed Grackle	GTGR	Quiscalus mexicanus	QUIMEX
Greater Prairie-Chicken	GRPC	Tympanuchus cupido	TYMCUP
Greater Sage-Grouse	GRSG	Centrocercus urophasianus	CENURO
Greater Scaup	GRSC	Aythya marila	AYTMAR

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Greater White-fronted Goose	GWFG	Anser albifrons	ANSALB
Greater Yellowlegs	GRYE	Tringa melanoleuca	TRIMEL
Green Heron	GRHE	Butorides virescens	BUTVIR
Green-tailed Towhee	GTTO	Pipilo chlorurus	PIPCHL
Green-winged Teal	GWTE	Anas crecca	ANACRE
Groove-billed Ani	GBAN	Crotophaga sulcirostris	CROSUL
Gyr Falcon	GYRF	Falco rusticolus	FALRUS
Hairy Woodpecker	HAWO	Picoides villosus	PICVIL
Hammond's Flycatcher	HAFL	Empidonax hammondii	EMPHAM
Harlequin Duck	HADU	Histrionicus histrionicus	HISHIS
Harris's Hawk	HASH *	Parabuteo unicinctus	PARUNI
Harris's Sparrow	HASP	Zonotrichia querula	ZONQUE
Henslow's Sparrow	HESP	Ammodramus henslowii	AMMHEN
Hepatic Tanager	HETA	Piranga flava	PIRFLA
Hermit Thrush	HETH	Catharus guttatus	CATGUT
Hermit Warbler	HEWA	Dendroica occidentalis	DENOCC
Herring Gull	HERG *	Larus argentatus	LARARG
Hoary Redpoll	HORE	Acanthis hornemanni	ACAHOR
Hooded Merganser	HOME	Lophodytes cucullatus	LOPCUC
Hooded Warbler	HOWA	Wilsonia citrina	WILCIT
Horned Grebe	HOGR	Podiceps auritus	PODAUR
Horned Lark	HOLA	Eremophila alpestris	EREALP
House Finch	HOFI	Carpodacus mexicanus	CARMEX
House Sparrow	HOSP	Passer domesticus	PASDOM
House Wren	HOWR	Troglodytes aedon	TROAED
Hudsonian Godwit	HUGO	Limosa haemastica	LIMHAE
Iceland Gull	ICGU	Larus glaucoides	LARGLD *
Inca Dove	INDO	Columbina inca	COLINC
Indigo Bunting	INBU	Passerina cyanea	PASCYA
Kentucky Warbler	KEWA	Oporornis formosus	OPOFOR
Killdeer	KILL	Charadrius vociferus	CHAVOC
King Eider	KIEI	Somateria spectabilis	SOMSPE
King Rail	KIRA	Rallus elegans	RALELE
Lapland Longspur	LALO	Calcarius lapponicus	CALLAP
Lark Bunting	LARB *	Calamospiza melanocorys	CALMEC *
Lark Sparrow	LASP	Chondestes grammacus	CHOGRA
Laughing Gull	LAGU	Leucophaeus atricilla	LEUATC *
Lazuli Bunting	LAZB *	Passerina amoena	PASAMO
Le Conte's Sparrow	LCSP	Ammodramus leconteii	AMMLEC
Least Bittern	LEBI	Ixobrychus exilis	IXOEXI
Least Flycatcher	LEFL	Empidonax minimus	EMPMIN
Least Sandpiper	LESA	Calidris minutilla	CALMIL *

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Least Tern	LETE	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	STEANT
Lesser Black-backed Gull	LBBG	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	LARFUS
Lesser Goldfinch	LEGO	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>	SPIPSA
Lesser Prairie-Chicken	LEPC	<i>Tympanuchus pallidicinctus</i>	TYMPAL
Lesser Scaup	LESC	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	AYTAFF
Lesser Yellowlegs	LEYE	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	TRIFLA
Lewis's Woodpecker	LEWO	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	MELLEW
Lincoln's Sparrow	LISP	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	MELLIN
Little Blue Heron	LBHE	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	EGRCAE
Little Gull	LIGU	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	HYDMIN
Loggerhead Shrike	LOSH	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	LANLUD
Long-billed Curlew	LBCU	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	NUMAME
Long-billed Dowitcher	LBDO	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	LIMSCO
Long-eared Owl	LEOW	<i>Asio otus</i>	ASiotu
Long-tailed Duck	LTDU	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	CLAHYE
Long-tailed Jaeger	LTJA	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	STELON
Louisiana Waterthrush	LOWA	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	PARMOT
MacGillivray's Warbler	MGWA	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>	OPOTOL
Magnificent Frigatebird	MAFR	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	FREMAG
Magnolia Warbler	MAWA	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	DENMAG
Mallard	MALL	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	ANAPLA
Marbled Godwit	MAGO	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	LIMFED
Marsh Wren	MAWR	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	CISPAL
McCown's Longspur	MCLO	<i>Calcarius mccownii</i>	CALMCC
Merlin	MERL	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	FALCOL
Mew Gull	MEGU	<i>Larus canus</i>	LARCAN
Mississippi Kite	MIKI	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	ICTMIS
Mottled Duck	MODU	<i>Anas fulvigula</i>	ANAFUL
Mountain Bluebird	MOBL	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	SIACUR
Mountain Chickadee	MOCH	<i>Poecile gambeli</i>	POEGAM
Mountain Plover	MOPL	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>	CHAMOT
Mourning Dove	MODO	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	ZENMAC
Mourning Warbler	MOWA	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	OPOPHI
Nashville Warbler	NAWA	<i>Oreothlypis ruficapilla</i>	ORERUF
Nelson's Sparrow	NESP	<i>Ammodramus nelsoni</i>	AMMNEL
Neotropic Cormorant	NECO	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	PHABRA
Northern Bobwhite	NOBO	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	COLVIR
Northern Cardinal	NOCA	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	CARCAI *
Northern Flicker	NOFL	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	COLAUT *
Northern Goshawk	NOGO	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	ACCGEN
Northern Harrier	NOHA	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	CIRCYA
Northern Hawk Owl	NHOW	<i>Surnia ulula</i>	SURULU

COMMON NAME	4-LETTER CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	
Northern Mockingbird	NOMO	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	MIMPOL
Northern Parula	NOPA	<i>Parula americana</i>	PARAME
Northern Pintail	NOPI	<i>Anas acuta</i>	ANAACU
N. Rough-winged Swallow	NRWS	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	STESER
Northern Saw-whet Owl	NSWO	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	AEGACA
Northern Shoveler	NSHO *	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	ANACLY
Northern Shrike	NSHR *	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	LANEXC
Northern Waterthrush	NOWA	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	PARNOV
Olive-sided Flycatcher	OSFL	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	CONCOO
Orange-crowned Warbler	OCWA	<i>Oreothlypis celata</i>	ORECEL
Orchard Oriole	OROR	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	ICTSPU
Osprey	OSPR	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	PANHAL
Ovenbird	OVEN	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	SEIAUR
Pacific Loon	PALO	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>	GAVPAC
Painted Bunting	PABU	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	PASCIR
Palm Warbler	PAWA	<i>Dendroica palmarum</i>	DENPAL
Parasitic Jaeger	PAJA	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	STEPAS *
Passenger Pigeon	PAPI	<i>Ectopistes migratorius</i>	ECTMIG
Pectoral Sandpiper	PESA	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	CALMET *
Peregrine Falcon	PEFA	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	FALPER
Phainopepla	PHAI	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>	PHANIT
Philadelphia Vireo	PHVI	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	VIRPHI
Pied-billed Grebe	PBGR	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	PODPOD
Pileated Woodpecker	PIWO	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	DRYPIL
Pine Grosbeak	PIGR	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	PINENU
Pine Siskin	PISI	<i>Spinus pinus</i>	SPIPIN
Pine Warbler	PIWA	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>	DENPIN
Pinyon Jay	PIJA	<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>	GYMCYA
Piping Plover	PIPL	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	CHAMEL
Plumbeous Vireo	PLVI	<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>	VIRPLU
Pomarine Jaeger	POJA	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	STEPOM
Prairie Falcon	PRFA	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	FALMEX
Prairie Warbler	PRAW *	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	DENDIS
Prothonotary Warbler	PROW *	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	PROCIT
Purple Finch	PUFI	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	CARPUR
Purple Gallinule	PUGA	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	PORMAR
Purple Martin	PUMA	<i>Progne subis</i>	PROSUB
Pygmy Nuthatch	PYNU	<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>	SITPYG
Red Crossbill	RECR	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	LOXCUR
Red Knot	REKN	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	CALCAN
Red Phalarope	REPH	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	PHAFUC *
Red-bellied Woodpecker	RBWO	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	MELCAR

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Red-breasted Merganser	RBME	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	MERSER
Red-breasted Nuthatch	RBNU	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	SITCAN
Red-eyed Vireo	REVI	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	VIROLI
Red-headed Woodpecker	RHWO	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	MELERY
Red-naped Sapsucker	RNSA	<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>	SPHNUC
Red-necked Grebe	RNGR	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	PODGRI
Red-necked Phalarope	RNPH	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	PHALOB
Red-shouldered Hawk	RSHA	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	BUTLIN
Red-tailed Hawk	RTHA	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	BUTJAM
Red-throated Loon	RTLO	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	GAVSTE
Red-winged Blackbird	RWBL	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	AGEPHO
Reddish Egret	REEG	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	EGRRUF
Redhead	REDH	<i>Aythya americana</i>	AYTAME
Ring-billed Gull	RBGU	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	LARDEL
Ring-necked Duck	RNDU	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	AYTCOL
Ring-necked Pheasant	RNEP *	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	PHACOL
Rock Pigeon	ROPI	<i>Columba livia</i>	COLLIV
Rock Wren	ROWR	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	SALOBS
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RBGR	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	PHELUD
Roseate Spoonbill	ROSP	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	PLAAJA
Ross's Goose	ROGO	<i>Chen rossii</i>	CHEROS
Ross's Gull	ROGU	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	RHSROS *
Rough-legged Hawk	RLHA	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	BUTLAG
Royal Tern	ROYT *	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	THAMAX
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	REGCAL
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	RTHU	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	ARCCOL
Ruddy Duck	RUDU	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	OXYJAM
Ruddy Turnstone	RUTU	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	AREINT
Ruff	RUFF	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	PHIPUG
Ruffed Grouse	RUGR	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	BONUMB
Rufous Hummingbird	RUHU	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	SELRUF
Rusty Blackbird	RUBL	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	EUPCAR
Sabine's Gull	SAGU	<i>Xema sabini</i>	XEMSAB
Sage Sparrow	SAGS *	<i>Amphispiza belli</i>	AMPBEL
Sage Thrasher	SATH	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	OREMON
Sanderling	SAND	<i>Calidris alba</i>	CALALB
Sandhill Crane	SACR	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	GRUCAN
Savannah Sparrow	SAVS *	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	PASSAN
Say's Phoebe	SAPH	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	SAYSAY
Scarlet Tanager	SCTA	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	PIROLI
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	STFL	<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	TYRFOR
Scott's Oriole	SCOR	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>	ICTPAR

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Sedge Wren	SEWR	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	CISPLA
Semipalmated Plover	SEPL	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	CHASEM
Semipalmated Sandpiper	SESA	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	CALPUS
Sharp-shinned Hawk	SSHA	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	ACCSTR
Sharp-tailed Grouse	STGR	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>	TYMPHA
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	SPTS *	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	CALACU
Short-billed Dowitcher	SBDO	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	LIMGRI
Short-eared Owl	SEOW	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	ASIFLA
Smith's Longspur	SMLO	<i>Calcarius pictus</i>	CALPIC
Snow Bunting	SNBU	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	PLENIV
Snow Goose	SNGO	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	CHECAE
Snowy Egret	SNEG	<i>Egretta thula</i>	EGRTHU
Snowy Owl	SNOW	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	BUBSCA
Snowy Plover	SNPL	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	CHAALE
Solitary Sandpiper	SOSA	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	TRISOL
Song Sparrow	SOSP	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	MELMEL
Sora	SORA	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	PORCAR
Spotted Sandpiper	SPSA	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	ACTMAC
Spotted Towhee	SPTO	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	PIPMAC
Sprague's Pipit	SPPI	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	ANTSPR
Steller's Jay	STJA	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	CYASTE
Stilt Sandpiper	STSA	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	CALHIM
Summer Tanager	SUTA	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	PIRRUB
Surf Scoter	SUSC	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	MELPER
Swainson's Hawk	SWHA	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	BUTSWA
Swainson's Thrush	SWTH	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	CATUST
Swainson's Warbler	SWWA	<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	LIMSWA
Swallow-tailed Kite	STKI	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	ELAFOR
Swamp Sparrow	SWSP	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	MELGEO
Taiga Bean-Goose	TABG	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	ANSFAB
Tennessee Warbler	TEWA	<i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>	OREPER
Thayer's Gull	THGU	<i>Larus thayeri</i>	LARTHA
Townsend's Solitaire	TOSO	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	MYATOW
Townsend's Warbler	TOWA	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>	DENTOW
Tree Swallow	TRES *	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	TACBIC
Tricolored Heron	TRHE	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	EGRTRI
Trumpeter Swan	TRUS *	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	CYGBUC
Tufted Duck	TUDU	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	AYTFUL
Tufted Titmouse	TUTI	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	BAEBIC
Tundra Swan	TUSW	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	CYGCOL
Turkey Vulture	TUVU	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	CATAUA *
Upland Sandpiper	UPSA	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	BARLON

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Varied Thrush	VATH	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	IXONAE
Veery	VEER	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	CATFUN *
Vermilion Flycatcher	VEFL	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	PYRRUB
Vesper Sparrow	VESP	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	POOGRA
Violet-green Swallow	VGSW	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	TACTHA
Virginia Rail	VIRA	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	RALLIM
Virginia's Warbler	VIWA	<i>Oreothlypis virginiae</i>	OREVIR
Warbling Vireo	WAVI	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	VIRGIL
Western Grebe	WEGR	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	AEOCCO
Western Kingbird	WEKI	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	TYRVER
Western Meadowlark	WEME	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	STUNEG
Western Sandpiper	WESA	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	CALMAU
Western Tanager	WETA	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	PIRLUD
Western Wood-Pewee	WEWP	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	CONSOR
Whimbrel	WHIM	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	NUMPHA
White Ibis	WHIB	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	EUDALB
White-breasted Nuthatch	WBNU	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	SITCAR
White-crowned Sparrow	WCSP	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	ZONLEU
White-eyed Vireo	WEVI	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	VIRGRI
White-faced Ibis	WFIB	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	PLECHI
White-rumped Sandpiper	WRSA	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	CALFUS
White-tailed Kite	WTKI	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	ELALEU
White-throated Sparrow	WTSP	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	ZONALB
White-throated Swift	WTSW	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	AERSAX
White-winged Crossbill	WWCR	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	LOXLEU
White-winged Dove	WWDO	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	ZENASI
White-winged Scoter	WWSC	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	MELFUS
Whooping Crane	WHCR	<i>Grus americana</i>	GRUAME
Wild Turkey	WITU	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	MELGAL
Willet	WILL	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	TRISEM
Williamson's Sapsucker	WISA	<i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus</i>	SPHTHY
Willow Flycatcher	WIFL	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	EMPTRA
Wilson's Phalarope	WIPH	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	PHATRI
Wilson's Snipe	WISN	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	GALDEL
Wilson's Warbler	WIWA	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	WILPUS
Winter Wren	WIWR	<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	TROHIE
Wood Duck	WODU	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	AIXSPO
Wood Stork	WOST	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	MYCAME
Wood Thrush	WOTH	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	HYLMUS
Worm-eating Warbler	WEWA	<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	HELVER
Yellow Rail	YERA	<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>	COTNOV
Yellow Warbler	YWAR *	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	DENPET

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Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	YBFL	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	EMPFLN *
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	YBSA	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	SPHVAR
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	YBCU	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	COCAME
Yellow-billed Loon	YBLO	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>	GAVADA
Yellow-breasted Chat	YBCH	<i>Icteria virens</i>	ICTVIR
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	YCNH	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	NYCVIO
Yellow-headed Blackbird	YHBL	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	XANXAN
Yellow-rumped Warbler	YRWA	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	DENCOR
Yellow-throated Vireo	YTVI	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	VIRFLF *
Yellow-throated Warbler	YTWA	<i>Dendroica dominica</i>	DENDOM
Zone-tailed Hawk	ZTHA	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	BUTALN *

General Rules in Forming Codes:

- If the English name consists of only one word, the code is formed from the first four initial letters:
 BUFF Bufflehead
 MALL Mallard
- If the English name consists of two words, the code is formed from the first two letters of each word:
 AMRO American Robin
 WEME Western Meadowlark
- For three-word names, in which the last two words are hyphenated, the code is formed from the first two letters from the first word and one each from the last two:
 AMGP American Golden-Plover
 EASO Eastern Screech-Owl
- For other names with three words, the code is formed by taking one letter each from the first two words and two from the last word:
 ATSP American Tree Sparrow
 RTHA Red-tailed Hawk
 WPWI Whip-poor-will
- For four-word names, the code is formed with one letter from each word:
 BCNH Black-crowned Night-Heron
 BTBW Black-throated Blue Warbler
 GWFG Greater White-fronted Goose
- For Scientific names, the code is formed from the first three letters of each word:
 STUNEG *Sturnella neglecta* Western Meadowlark
 HALLEU *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* Bald Eagle

7. * Non-"first-order" codes:

Codes marked by an asterisk are codes which due to conflicts do not follow the above basic rules. A conflict is a situation in which two or more names would abbreviate to the same code using the above rules. See Pyle and DeSante, *North American Bird Bander* 28:64-79 (2003) for more information.

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