

BBL Codes for Utah Birds

(443 species - 2008)

*Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) Codes for Common Bird Names
following the AOU Checklist, 47th AOU Supplement (2006)*

Abert's Towhee.....	ABTO	Black-necked Stilt.....	BNST	Canvasback.....	CANV
Acorn Woodpecker.....	ACWO	Black Phoebe.....	BLPH	Canyon Towhee.....	CANT
American Avocet.....	AMAV	Black Rosy-Finch.....	BLRF	Canyon Wren.....	CANW
American Bittern.....	AMBI	Black Scoter.....	BLSC	Cape May Warbler.....	CMWA
American Black Duck.....	ABDU	Black Swift.....	BLSW	Caspian Tern.....	CATE
American Coot.....	AMCO	Black-tailed Gnatcatcher.....	BTGN	Cassin's Finch.....	CAFI
American Crow.....	AMCR	Black Tern.....	BLTE	Cassin's Kingbird.....	CAKI
American Dipper.....	AMDI	Black-throated Blue Warbler.....	BTBW	Cassin's Sparrow.....	CASP
American Golden-Plover.....	AMGP	Black-throated Gray Warbler.....	BTYW*	Cassin's Vireo.....	CAVI
American Goldfinch.....	AMGO	Black-throated Sparrow.....	BTSP	Cattle Egret.....	CAEG
American Kestrel.....	AMKE	Blackpoll Warbler.....	BLPW*	Cedar Waxwing.....	CEDW
American Pipit.....	AMPI	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	BGGN	Chestnut-collared Longspur.....	CCLO
American Redstart.....	AMRE	Blue Grosbeak.....	BLGR	Chestnut-sided Warbler.....	CSWA
American Robin.....	AMRO	Blue-headed Vireo.....	BHVI	Chimney Swift.....	CHSW
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker..	ATTW	Blue Jay.....	BLJA	Chipping Sparrow.....	CHSP
American Tree Sparrow.....	ATSP	Blue-winged Teal.....	BWTE	Chukar.....	CHUK
American White Pelican.....	AWPE	Blue-winged Warbler.....	BWWA	Cinnamon Teal.....	CITE
American Wigeon.....	AMWI	Bobolink.....	BOBO	Clark's Grebe.....	CLGR
Ancient Murrelet.....	ANMU	Bohemian Waxwing.....	BOWA	Clark's Nutcracker.....	CLNU
Anna's Hummingbird.....	ANHU	Bonaparte's Gull.....	BOGU	Clay-colored Sparrow.....	CCSP
Ash-throated Flycatcher.....	ATFL	Boreal Owl.....	BOOW	Cliff Swallow.....	CLSW
Baird's Sandpiper.....	BASA	Brambling.....	BRAM	Common Black-Hawk.....	COBH
Baird's Sparrow.....	BAIS	Brant.....	BRAN	Common Goldeneye.....	COGO
Bald Eagle.....	BAEA	Brewer's Blackbird.....	BRBL	Common Grackle.....	COGR
Baltimore Oriole.....	BAOR	Brewer's Sparrow.....	BRSP	Common Ground-Dove.....	COGD
Band-tailed Pigeon.....	BTPI	Broad-billed Hummingbird.....	BBIH	Common Loon.....	COLO
Bank Swallow.....	BANS	Broad-tailed Hummingbird.....	BTAH	Common Merganser.....	COME
Bar-tailed Godwit.....	BTGO	Broad-winged Hawk.....	BWHA	Common Moorhen.....	COMO
Barn Owl.....	BANO*	Bronzed Cowbird.....	BROC	Common Nighthawk.....	CONI
Barn Swallow.....	BARS	Brown Creeper.....	BRCR	Common Poorwill.....	COPO
Barrow's Goldeneye.....	BAGO	Brown-crested Flycatcher.....	BCFL	Common Raven.....	CORA
Bay-breasted Warbler.....	BBWA	Brown-headed Cowbird.....	BHCO	Common Redpoll.....	CORE
Bell's Vireo.....	BEVI	Brown Pelican.....	BRPE	Common Tern.....	COTE
Belted Kingfisher.....	BEKI	Brown Thrasher.....	BRTH	Common Yellowthroat.....	COYE
Bendire's Thrasher.....	BETH	Buff-breasted Sandpiper.....	BBSA	Connecticut Warbler.....	CONW
Bewick's Wren.....	BEWR	Bufflehead.....	BUFF	Cooper's Hawk.....	COHA
Black-and-white Warbler.....	BAWW	Bullock's Oriole.....	BUOR	Cordilleran Flycatcher.....	COFL
Black-bellied Plover.....	BBPL	Burrowing Owl.....	BUOW	Costa's Hummingbird.....	COHU
Black-billed Cuckoo.....	BBCU	Bushtit.....	BUSH	Crissal Thrasher.....	CRTH
Black-billed Magpie.....	BBMA	Cackling Goose.....	CACG	Curlew Sandpiper.....	CUSA
Black-capped Chickadee.....	BCCH	Cactus Wren.....	CACW	Curve-billed Thrasher.....	CBTH
Black-chinned Hummingbird..	BCHU	California Gull.....	CAGU	Dark-eyed Junco.....	DEJU
Black-chinned Sparrow.....	BCSP	California Quail.....	CAQU	Dickcissel.....	DICK
Black-crowned Night-Heron..	BCNH	Calliope Hummingbird.....	CAHU	Double-crested Cormorant...	DCCO
Black-headed Grosbeak.....	BHGR	Canada Goose.....	CANG	Downy Woodpecker.....	DOWO
Black-legged Kittiwake.....	BLKI	Canada Warbler.....	CAWA	Dunlin.....	DUNL

Dusky Flycatcher.....	DUFL	Hairy Woodpecker.	HAWO	Magnificent Frigatebird.	MAFR
Dusky Grouse.	DUGR	Hammond's Flycatcher.....	HAFL	Magnificent Hummingbird.....	MAHU
Eared Grebe.	EAGR	Harlequin Duck.	HADU	Magnolia Warbler.	MAWA
Eastern Bluebird.	EABL	Harris's Sparrow.	HASP	Mallard.....	MALL
Eastern Kingbird.	EAKI	Heermann's Gull.	HEEG	Marbled Godwit.	MAGO
Eastern Phoebe.....	EAPH	Hermit Thrush.	HETH	Marsh Wren.....	MAWR
Elf Owl.	ELOW	Hermit Warbler.	HEWA	McCown's Longspur.....	MCLO
Eurasian Collared-Dove.....	EUCD	Herring Gull.	HERG	Merlin.....	MERL
Eurasian Wigeon.....	EUWI	Hoary Redpoll.	HORE	Mew Gull.	MEGU
European Starling.	EUST	Hooded Merganser.....	HOME	Mountain Bluebird.....	MOBL
Evening Grosbeak.....	EVGR	Hooded Oriole.....	HOOR	Mountain Chickadee.....	MOCH
Ferruginous Hawk.....	FEHA	Hooded Warbler.	HOWA	Mountain Plover.	MOPL
Field Sparrow.	FISP	Horned Grebe.	HOGR	Mourning Dove.	MODO
Flammulated Owl.....	FLOW	Horned Lark.....	HOLA	Nashville Warbler.	NAWA
Forster's Tern.	FOTE	House Finch.	HOFI	Neotropic Cormorant.....	NECO
Fox Sparrow.	FOSP	House Sparrow.	HOSP	Northern Cardinal.	NOCA
Franklin's Gull.	FRGU	House Wren.....	HOWR	Northern Flicker.....	NOFL
Fulvous Whistling-Duck.	FUWD	Hudsonian Godwit.....	HUGO	Northern Goshawk.	NOGO
Gadwall.	GADW	Inca Dove.....	INDO	Northern Harrier.	NOHA
Gambel's Quail.	GAQU	Indigo Bunting.	INBU	Northern Mockingbird.....	NOMO
Garganey.....	GARG	Juniper Titmouse.....	JUTI	Northern Parula.....	NOPA
Glaucous Gull.	GLGU	Kentucky Warbler.	KEWA	Northern Pintail.	NOPI
Glaucous-winged Gull.....	GWGU	Killdeer.....	KILL	Northern Pygmy-Owl.....	NOPO
Glossy Ibis.....	GLIB	Ladder-backed Woodpecker. .	LBWO	No. Rough-winged Swallow. .	NRWS
Golden-crowned Kinglet.	GCKI	Lapland Longspur.....	LALO	Northern Saw-whet Owl.	NSWO
Golden-crowned Sparrow.....	GCSP	Lark Bunting.	LARB	Northern Shoveler.....	NSHO*
Golden Eagle.....	GOEA	Lark Sparrow.....	LASP	Northern Shrike.....	NSHR*
Golden-winged Warbler.	GWWA	Lawrence's Goldfinch.	LAGO	Northern Waterthrush.....	NOWA
Grace's Warbler.	GRWA	Lazuli Bunting.	LAZB	Olive-sided Flycatcher.	OSFL
Grasshopper Sparrow.....	GRSP	Le Conte's Sparrow.....	LCSP	Orange-crowned Warbler.....	OCWA
Gray Catbird.	GRCA	Le Conte's Thrasher.	LCTH	Orchard Oriole.....	OROR
Gray Hawk.....	GRHA	Least Bittern.....	LEBI	Osprey.....	OSPR
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. . .	GCRF	Least Flycatcher.	LEFL	Ovenbird.	OVEN
Gray Flycatcher.....	GRFL	Least Sandpiper.	LESA	Pacific Golden-Plover.....	PAGP
Gray Jay.	GRAJ	Least Tern.	LETE	Pacific Loon.....	PALO
Gray Partridge.....	GRAP	Lesser Black-backed Gull.....	LBBG	Painted Bunting.....	PABU
Gray Vireo.	GRVI	Lesser Goldfinch.....	LEGO	Painted Redstart.	PARE
Great Blue Heron.	GBHE	Lesser Nighthawk.	LENI	Palm Warbler.....	PAWA
Great Crested Flycatcher.	GCFL	Lesser Scaup.	LESC	Parasitic Jaeger.....	PAJA
Great Egret.	GREG	Lesser Yellowlegs.....	LEYE	Pectoral Sandpiper.....	PESA
Great Gray Owl.	GGOW	Lewis's Woodpecker.....	LEWO	Peregrine Falcon.....	PEFA
Great Horned Owl.	GHOW	Lincoln's Sparrow.	LISP	Phainopepla.....	PHAI
Great-tailed Grackle.	GTGR	Little Blue Heron.	LBHE	Philadelphia Vireo.	PHVI
Greater Roadrunner.	GRRO	Little Gull.	LIGU	Pied-billed Grebe.....	PBGR
Greater Sage-Grouse.....	GRSG	Loggerhead Shrike.	LOSH	Pine Grosbeak.....	PIGR
Greater Scaup.....	GRSC	Long-billed Curlew.	LBCU	Pine Siskin.	PISI
Greater White-fronted Goose..	GWFG	Long-billed Dowitcher.	LBDO	Pine Warbler.	PIWA
Greater Yellowlegs.	GRYE	Long-eared Owl.....	LEOW	Pinyon Jay.....	PIJA
Green Heron.	GRHE	Long-tailed Duck.....	LTDU	Plumbeous Vireo.....	PLVI
Green-tailed Towhee.	GTTO	Long-tailed Jaeger.	LTJA	Pomarine Jaeger.....	POJA
Green-winged Teal.	GWTE	Louisiana Waterthrush.	LOWA	Prairie Falcon.	PRFA
Gunnison Sage-Grouse.	GUSG	Lucy's Warbler.....	LUWA	Prairie Warbler.	PRAW
Gyr Falcon.....	GYRF	MacGillivray's Warbler.	MGWA	Prothonotary Warbler.....	PROW

Purple Finch.	PUFI	Semipalmated Sandpiper.	SESA	Western Scrub-Jay.	WESJ
Purple Gallinule.	PUGA	Sharp-shinned Hawk.	SSHA	Western Tanager.	WETA
Purple Martin.	PUMA	Sharp-tailed Grouse.	STGR	Western Wood-Pewee.	WEWP
Pygmy Nuthatch.	PYNU	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.	SPTS*	Whimbrel.	WHIM
Red-breasted Merganser.	RBME	Short-billed Dowitcher.	SBDO	Whip-poor-will.	WPWI
Red-breasted Nuthatch.	RBNU	Short-eared Owl.	SEOW	White-breasted Nuthatch.	WBNU
Red-breasted Sapsucker.	RBSA	Snow Bunting.	SNBU	White-crowned Sparrow.	WCSP
Red Crossbill.	RECR	Snow Goose.	SNGO	White-eyed Vireo.	WEVI
Red-eyed Vireo.	REVI	Snowy Egret.	SNEG	White Ibis.	WHIB
Reddish Egret.	REEG	Snowy Owl.	SNOW	White-rumped Sandpiper.	WRSA
Red-headed Woodpecker.	RHWO	Snowy Plover.	SNPL	White-tailed Kite.	WTKI
Red Knot.	REKN	Solitary Sandpiper.	SOSA	White-tailed Ptarmigan.	WTPT
Red-naped Sapsucker.	RNSA	Song Sparrow.	SOSP	White-throated Sparrow.	WTSP
Red-necked Grebe.	RNGR	Sora.	SORA	White-throated Swift.	WTSW
Red-necked Phalarope.	RNPH	Spotted Owl.	SPOW	White-winged Crossbill.	WWCR
Red Phalarope.	REPH	Spotted Sandpiper.	SPSA	White-winged Dove.	WWDO
Red-shouldered Hawk.	RSHA	Spotted Towhee.	SPTO	White-winged Scoter.	WWSC
Red-tailed Hawk.	RTHA	Steller's Jay.	STJA	Wild Turkey.	WITU
Red-throated Loon.	RTLO	Stilt Sandpiper.	STSA	Willet.	WILL
Red-winged Blackbird.	RWBL	Summer Tanager.	SUTA	Williamson's Sapsucker.	WISA
Redhead.	REDH	Surf Scoter.	SUSC	Willow Flycatcher.	WIFL
Ring-billed Gull.	RBGU	Swainson's Hawk.	SWHA	Wilson's Phalarope.	WIPH
Ring-necked Duck.	RNDU	Swainson's Thrush.	SWTH	Wilson's Snipe.	WISN
Ring-necked Pheasant.	RNEP	Swamp Sparrow.	SWSP	Wilson's Warbler.	WIWA
Rock Pigeon.	ROPI	Tennessee Warbler.	TEWA	Winter Wren.	WIWR
Rock Wren.	ROWR	Thayer's Gull.	THGU	Wood Duck.	WODU
Rose-breasted Grosbeak.	RBGR	Townsend's Solitaire.	TOSO	Wood Stork.	WOST
Roseate Spoonbill.	ROSP	Townsend's Warbler.	TOWA	Wood Thrush.	WOTH
Ross's Goose.	ROGO	Tree Swallow.	TRES	Worm-eating Warbler.	WEWA
Rough-legged Hawk.	RLHA	Tricolored Heron.	TRHE	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.	YBSA
Ruby-crowned Kinglet.	RCKI	Trumpeter Swan.	TRUS	Yellow-billed Cuckoo.	YBCU
Ruby-throated Hummingbird.	RTHU	Tufted Duck.	TUDU	Yellow-billed Loon.	YBLO
Ruddy Duck.	RUDU	Tundra Swan.	TUSW	Yellow-breasted Chat.	YBCH
Ruddy Ground-Dove.	RUGD	Turkey Vulture.	TUVU	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.	YCNH
Ruddy Turnstone.	RUTU	Upland Sandpiper.	UPSA	Yellow-footed Gull.	YFGU
Ruff.	RUFF	Varied Thrush.	VATH	Yellow-headed Blackbird.	YHBL
Ruffed Grouse.	RUGR	Vaux's Swift.	VASW	Yellow-rumped Warbler.	YRWA
Rufous-backed Robin.	RBRO	Veery.	VEER	Yellow-throated Vireo.	YTVI
Rufous-crowned Sparrow.	RCSP	Verdin.	VERD	Yellow-throated Warbler.	YTWA
Rufous Hummingbird.	RUHU	Vermilion Flycatcher.	VEFL	Yellow Warbler.	YWAR*
Rusty Blackbird.	RUBL	Vesper Sparrow.	VESP	Zone-tailed Hawk.	ZTHA
Sabine's Gull.	SAGU	Violet-green Swallow.	VGSW		
Sage Sparrow.	SAGS	Virginia Rail.	VIRA		
Sage Thrasher.	SATH	Virginia's Warbler.	VIWA		
Sanderling.	SAND	Wandering Tattler.	WATA		
Sandhill Crane.	SACR	Warbling Vireo.	WAVI		
Savannah Sparrow.	SAVS	Western Bluebird.	WEBL		
Say's Phoebe.	SAPH	Western Gull.	WEGU		
Scaled Quail.	SCQU	Western Grebe.	WEGR		
Scarlet Tanager.	SCTA	Western Kingbird.	WEKI		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.	STFL	Western Meadowlark.	WEME		
Scott's Oriole.	SCOR	Western Sandpiper.	WESA		
Semipalmated Plover.	SEPL	Western Screech-Owl.	WESO		

* 2nd order codes (they don't follow the main rules to form codes)

Basic Rules for forming codes:

1. If the name consists of only one word, the code is taken from the initial letters, up to four:
DUNL Dunlin
DOVE Dovekie
OU Ou
GADW Gadwall
2. If there are two words in the name, the code is made from the first two letters of each word:
AMWI American Wigeon
EAME Eastern Meadowlark
3. For three-word names where only the last two words are hyphenated, the code uses two letters from the first word and one each from the last two:
EASO Eastern Screech-Owl
WEWP Western Wood-Pewee
4. For other names with three words, the code takes one letter each from the first two words and two from the last word:
RTHA Red-tailed Hawk
WWCR White-winged Crossbill
WPWI Whip-poor-will
5. For four-word names, the code takes one letter from each word:

BCNH Black-crowned Night-Heron
ASTK American Swallow-tailed Kite
NSWO Northern Saw-whet Owl

A collision is a situation where two or more names would abbreviate to the same code using these rules.

The Bird Banding Lab decides what code to use in these cases. If one name is far more common than the other name or names involved, typically the common species gets to use the name. In most cases (e.g., Lark Bunting and Lazuli Bunting) when both birds are common, the collision code is not used, and unambiguous substitutes are provided for both forms.