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Check-List of Species

Order Anseriformes

Family Anatidae: Geese, Swans, and Ducks

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocyna autumnalis*
- Taiga Bean-Goose, *Anser fabalis*
- [Pink-footed Goose, *Anser brachyrhynchus*]
- Pink-footed Goose, *Anser brachyrhynchus*
- Greater White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons*
- [Swan Goose, *Anser cygnoides*]
- [Emperor Goose, *Chen canagica*]
- Snow Goose, *Chen caerulescens*
- Ross's Goose, *Chen rossii*
- Brant, *Branta bernicla*
- [Barnacle Goose, *Branta leucopsis*]
- Cackling Goose, *Branta hutchinsii*
- Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis*
- Trumpeter Swan, *Cygnus buccinator*
- Tundra Swan, *Cygnus columbianus*
- [Mute Swan, *Cygnus olor*]
- [Ruddy Shelduck, *Tadorna ferriginea*]
- Wood Duck, *Aix sponsa*
- Gadwall, *Anas strepera*
- Eurasian Wigeon, *Anas penelope*
- American Wigeon, *Anas americana*
- American Black Duck, *Anas rubripes*
- Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Blue-winged Teal, *Anas discors*
- Cinnamon Teal, *Anas cyanoptera*
- Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata*
- Northern Pintail, *Anas acuta*
- Green-winged Teal, *Anas crecca*

- Canvasback, *Aythya valisineria*
- Redhead, *Aythya americana*
- Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris*
- Greater Scaup, *Aythya marila*
- Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis*
- Common Eider, *Somateria mollissima*
- Surf Scoter, *Melanitta perspicillata*
- White-winged Scoter, *Melanitta fusca*
- Black Scoter, *Melanitta americana*
- Long-tailed Duck, *Clangula hyemalis*
- Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola*
- Common Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula*
- Barrow's Goldeneye, *Bucephala islandica*
- Hooded Merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus*
- Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser*
- Red-breasted Merganser, *Mergus serrator*
- Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura jamaicensis*

Order Galliformes

Family Odontophoridae: New World Quail

- Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*

Family Phasianidae: Pheasants, Grouse and Turkeys

- [Coturnix Quail, *Coturnix coturnix*]
- [Chukar, *Alectoris chukar*]
- Gray Partridge, *Perdix perdix*
- Ring-necked Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*
- Sharp-tailed Grouse, *Tympanuchus phasianellus*
- Greater Prairie-Chicken, *Tympanuchus cupido*
- Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*

Order Gaviiformes

Family Gaviidae: Loons

- Red-throated Loon, *Gavia stellata*.
- Common Loon, *Gavia immer*

Order Podicipediformes

Family Podicipedidae: Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*
- Horned Grebe, *Podiceps auritus*
- Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis*
- Western Grebe, *Aechmophorus occidentalis*
- Clark's Grebe, *Aechmophorus clarkii*

Order Phaethontiformes

Family Phaethontidae: Tropicbirds

- [White-tailed Tropicbird, *Phaethon lepturus*]

Order Suliformes

Family Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

- Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*
- Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus*

Order Pelecaniformes

Family Pelecanidae: Pelicans

- American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*
- Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Family Ardeidae: Bitterns and Herons

- American Bittern, *Botaurus lentiginosus*
- Least Bittern, *Ixobrychus exilis*
- Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*
- Great Egret, *Ardea alba*
- Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*
- Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*
- Tricolored Heron, *Egretta tricolor*
- Reddish Egret, *Egretta rufescens*
- Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*
- Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*
- Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, *Nyctanassa violacea*

Family Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills

- White Ibis, *Eudomimus albus*
- White-faced Ibis, *Plegadis chihi*
- Glossy Ibis, *Plegadis falcinellis*
- Roseate Spoonbill, *Platalea ajaja*

Order Accipitriformes

Family Cathartidae: New World Vultures

- [Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*]
- Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*

Family Pandionidae: Ospreys

- Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*

Family Accipitridae: Kites, Hawks and Eagles

- Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*
- White-tailed Kite, *Elanus leucurus*
- Mississippi Kite, *Ictinia mississippiensis*
- Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus*
- Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii*
- Northern Goshawk, *Accipiter gentilis*
- Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus*
- Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus*
- Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni*
- Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis*
- Ferruginous Hawk, *Buteo regalis*
- Rough-legged Hawk, *Buteo lagopus*
- Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*

Order Falconiformes

Family Falconidae: Falcons

- American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*
- Merlin, *Falco columbarius*

- Gyrfalcon, *Falco rusticus*
- Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*
- Prairie Falcon, *Falco mexicanus*

Order Gruiformes

Family Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules and Coots

- Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis*
- Black Rail, *Laterallus jamaicensis*
- King Rail, *Rallus elegans*
- Virginia Rail, *Rallus limicola*
- Sora, *Porzana carolina*
- Common Moorhen, *Gallinula galeata*
- American Coot, *Fulica americana*

Family Gruidae: Cranes

- Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis*
- Common Crane, *Grus grus*
- Whooping Crane, *Grus americana*
- Hooded Crane, *Grus monacha*

Order Charadriiformes

Family Charadriidae: Plovers

- Black-bellied Plover, *Pluvialis squatarola*
- American Golden-Plover, *Pluvialis dominica*
- Snowy Plover, *Charadrius nivosus*
- Mountain Plover, *Charadrius montana*
- Semipalmated Plover, *Charadrius semipalmatus*
- Piping Plover, *Charadrius melodus*
- Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferus*

Family Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets

- Black-necked Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus*
- American Avocet, *Recurvirostra americana*

Family Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Phalaropes

- Spotted Sandpiper, *Tringa macularia*
- Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria*
- Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*
- Willet, *Tringa semipalmata*
- Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes*
- Upland Sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda*
- Eskimo Curlew, *Numenius borealis*
- Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*
- Long-billed Curlew, *Numenius americanus*
- Hudsonian Godwit, *Limosa haemastica*
- Marbled Godwit, *Limosa fedoa*
- Ruddy Turnstone, *Arenaria interpres*
- Red Knot, *Calidris canutus*
- Sanderling, *Calidris alba*
- Semipalmated Sandpiper, *Calidris pusilla*
- Western Sandpiper, *Calidris mauri*
- Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla*
- White-rumped Sandpiper, *Calidris fuscicollis*
- Baird's Sandpiper, *Calidris bairdii*
- Pectoral Sandpiper, *Calidris melanotos*
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, *Calidris acuminata*
- Dunlin, *Calidris alpina*
- Curlew Sandpiper, *Calidris ferruginea*
- Stilt Sandpiper, *Calidris himantopus*
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper, *Tryngites subruficollis*
- Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax*
- Short-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus griseus*
- Long-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus scolopaceus*
- Wilson's Snipe, *Gallinago delicata*
- American Woodcock, *Scolopax minor*
- Wilson's Phalarope, *Phalaropus tricolor*
- Red-necked Phalarope, *Phalaropus lobatus*
- Red Phalarope, *Phalaropus fulicaria*

Family Laridae: Gulls and Terns

- [Jaeger species, *Stercorarius* spp]
- Pomarine Jaeger, *Stercorarius pomarinus*
- Black-legged Kittiwake, *Rissa tridactyla*
- Sabine's Gull, *Xema sabini*
- Little Gull, *Hydrocoleus minutus*
- Ross's Gull, *Rhodostethia rosea*
- Laughing Gull, *Leucophaeus atricilla*
- Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan*
- Mew Gull, *Larus canus*
- Ring-billed Gull, *Larus delawarensis*
- California Gull, *Larus californicus*
- Herring Gull, *Larus argentatus*
- Thayer's Gull, *Larus thayeri*
- Lesser Black-backed Gull, *Larus fuscus*
- Glaucous Gull, *Larus hyperboreus*
- Great Black-backed Gull, *Larus marinus*
- Least Tern, *Sterna antillarum*
- Caspian Tern, *Sterna caspia*
- Black Tern, *Chlidonias niger*
- Common Tern, *Sterna hirundo*
- Forster's Tern, *Sterna forsteri*

Order Columbiformes

Family Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

- Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia*
- Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto*
- White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica*
- Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura*
- Inca Dove, *Columbina inca*
- Common Ground Dove, *Columbina passerina*

Order Psittaciformes

Family Psittacidae: Parrots

- [Monk Parakeet, *Myopsitta monachus*]
- [Budgerigar, *Melopsittacus undulatus*]

Order Cuculiformes

Family Cuculidae: Cuckoos

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*
- Black-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*
- Groove-billed Ani, *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Order Strigiformes

Family Tytonidae: Barn Owls

- Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*

Family Strigidae: Typical Owls

- Flammulated Owl, *Otus flammeolus*
- Eastern Screech-Owl, *Megascops asio*
- Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*
- Snowy Owl, *Bubo scandiaca*
- Burrowing Owl, *Athene cunicularia*
- Barred Owl, *Strix varia*
- Great Gray Owl, *Strix nebulosa*
- Long-eared Owl, *Asio otus*
- Short-eared Owl, *Asio flammeus*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl, *Aegolius acadicus*
- Boreal Owl, *Aegolius funereus*

Order Caprimulgiformes

Family Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*
- Common Poorwill, *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*
- Chuck-will's-widow, *Caprimulgus carolinensis*
- Whip-poor-will, *Caprimulgus vociferus*

Order Apodiformes

Family Apodidae: Swifts

- Chimney Swift, *Chaetura pelagica*

Family Trochilidae: Hummingbirds

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird, *Archilochus colubris*
- Costa's Hummingbird, *Calypte costae*
- Calliope Hummingbird, *Stellula calliope*
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird, *Selasphorus platycercus*
- Rufous Hummingbird, *Selasphorus rufus*

Order Coraciiformes

Family Alcedinidae: Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher, *Ceryle alcyon*

Order Piciformes

Family Picidae: Woodpeckers

- Lewis's Woodpecker, *Melanerpes lewis*
- Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
- Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Melanerpes carolinus*
- Williamson's Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus thyroideus*
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus varius*
- Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*
- Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus*
- Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus*

Order Passeriformes

Family Tyrannidae: American Flycatchers

- Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus cooperi*
- Western Wood-Pewee, *Contopus sordidulus*
- Eastern Wood-Pewee, *Contopus virens*
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, *Empidonax flaviventris*
- [Acadian Flycatcher], *Empidonax virescens*

- Alder Flycatcher, *Empidonax alnorum*
- Willow Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii*
- Least Flycatcher, *Empidonax minimus*
- Hammond's Flycatcher, *Empidonax hammondi*
- Eastern Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe*
- Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya*
- Vermillion Flycatcher, *Pyrocephalus rubinus*
- Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus*
- Cassin's Kingbird, *Tyrannis vociferans*
- Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*
- Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus*
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus forficatus*

Family Laniidae: Shrikes

- Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*
- Northern Shrike, *Lanius excubitor*

Family Vireonidae: Vireos

- Bell's Vireo, *Vireo bellii*
- Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons*
- Cassin's Vireo, *Vireo cassinii*
- Blue-headed Vireo, *Vireo solitarius*
- Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus*
- Philadelphia Vireo, *Vireo philadelphicus*
- Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus*
- White-eyed Vireo, *Vireo griseus*

Family Corvidae: Jays, Magpies, and Crows

- Pinyon Jay, *Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*
- Steller's Jay, *Cyanocitta stelleri*
- Blue Jay, *Cyanocitta cristata*
- Western Scrub-Jay, *Aphelocoma californica*
- Clark's Nutcracker, *Nucifraga columbiana*
- Black-billed Magpie, *Pica hudsonia*

- American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- Chihuahuan Raven, *Corvus cryptoleucus*
- Common Raven, *Corvus corax*

Family Alaudidae: Larks

- Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris*

Family Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins

- Purple Martin, *Progne subis*
- Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor*
- Violet-green Swallow, *Tachycineta thalassina*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
- Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*
- Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*
- Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*

Family Paridae: Titmice

- Black-capped Chickadee, *Poecile atricapillus*
- Mountain Chickadee, *Poecile gambeli*
- Tufted Titmouse, *Baeolophus bicolor*

Family Sittidae: Nuthatches

- Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis*
- White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis*
- Pygmy Nuthatch (*Sitta pygmaea*)

Family Certhiidae: Creepers

- Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana*

Family Troglodytidae: Wrens

- Rock Wren, *Salpinctes obsoletus*
- Carolina Wren, *Thryothorus ludovicianus*
- Bewick's Wren, *Thryomanes bewickii*

- House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*
- Winter Wren, *Troglodytes troglodytes*
- Sedge Wren, *Cistothorus platensis*
- Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris*

Family Polioptilidae: Gnatcatchers

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila caerulea*

Family Regulidae: Kinglets

- Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*

Family Turdidae: Thrushes and Allies

- Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis*
- Mountain Bluebird, *Sialia currucoides*
- Townsend's Solitaire, *Myadestes townsendi*
- Veery, *Catharus fuscescens*
- Gray-cheeked Thrush, *Catharus minimus*
- Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*
- Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina*
- American Robin, *Turdus migratorius*
- Varied Thrush, *Ixoeus naevius*

Family Mimidae: Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Catbirds

- Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis*
- Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*
- Sage Thrasher, *Oreoscoptes montanus*
- Brown Thrasher, *Toxostoma rufum*
- Curve-billed Thrasher, *Toxostoma curvirostra*
- Family Sturnidae: Starlings
- European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*

Family Motacillidae: Pipits

- American Pipit, *Anthus rubescens*
- Sprague's Pipit, *Anthus spragueii*

Family Bombycillidae: Waxwings

- Bohemian Waxwing, *Bombycilla garrulus*
- Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum*

Family Calcariidae: Longspurs and Snow Buntings

- Lapland Longspur, *Calcarius lapponicus*
- Chestnut-collared Longspur, *Calcarius ornatus*
- Smith's Longspur, *Calcarius pictus*
- McCown's Longspur, *Calcarius mcownii*
- Snow Bunting, *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Family Parulidae: Wood Warblers

- Ovenbird, *Seiurus aurocapillus*
- Worm-eating Warbler, *Helminthos vermivorum*
- Louisiana Waterthrush, *Parksia motacilla*
- Northern Waterthrush, *Parksia noveboracensis*
- Golden-winged Warbler, *Vermivora chrysoptera*
- Blue-winged Warbler, *Vermivora pinus*
- Black-and-White Warbler, *Mniotilta varia*
- Prothonotary Warbler, *Protonotaria citrea*
- Swainson's Warbler, *Lymnolthypis swainsonii*
- Tennessee Warbler, *Oreothlypis peregrina*
- Orange-crowned Warbler, *Oreothlypis celata*
- Nashville Warbler, *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*
- Virginia's Warbler, *Oreothlypis virginiae*
- Connecticut Warbler, *Oporornis agilis*
- MacGillivray's Warbler, *Oporornis tolmiei*
- Mourning Warbler, *Oporornis philadelphia*
- Kentucky Warbler, *Geothlypis formosa*
- Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas*

- American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla*
- Cape May Warbler, *Setophaga tigrina*
- Cerulean Warbler, *Setophaga cerulea*
- Northern Parula, *Parula americana*
- Magnolia Warbler, *Setophaga magnolia*
- Bay-breasted Warbler, *Setophaga castanea*
- Blackburnian Warbler, *Setophaga fusca*
- Yellow Warbler, *Setophaga petechia*
- Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Setophaga pensylvanica*
- Blackpoll Warbler, *Setophaga striata*
- Black-throated Blue Warbler, *Setophaga caerulescens*.
- Palm Warbler, *Setophaga palmarum*
- Pine Warbler, *Setophaga pinus*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Setophaga coronata*
- Yellow-throated Warbler, *Setophaga dominica*
- Prairie Warbler, *Setophaga discolor*
- [Black-throated Gray Warbler, *Setophaga nigrescens*]
- Townsend's Warbler, *Setophaga townsendi*
- Black-throated Green Warbler, *Setophaga virens*
- Canada Warbler, *Cardellina canadensis*
- Wilson's Warbler, *Cardellina pusilla*
- Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens*

Family Emberizidae: Towhees and Sparrows

- Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus*
- Eastern Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
- American Tree Sparrow, *Spizella arborea*
- Chipping Sparrow, *Spizella passerinea*
- Clay-colored Sparrow, *Spizella pallida*
- Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla*
- Vesper Sparrow, *Pooecetes gramineus*
- Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus*
- Lark Bunting, *Calamospiza melanocorys*
- Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis*

- Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*
- Baird's Sparrow, *Ammodramus bairdii*
- Henslow's Sparrow, *Ammodramus henslowii*
- Le Conte's Sparrow, *Ammodramus leconteii*
- Nelson's Sparrow, *Ammodramus nelsoni*
- Fox Sparrow, *Passerella iliaca*
- Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia*
- Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolnii*
- Swamp Sparrow, *Melospiza georgiana*
- White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis*
- Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*
- White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis*

Family Cardinalidae: Cardinals, Tanagers and Grosbeaks

- Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra*
- Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga olivacea*
- Northern Cardinal, *Cardinalis cardinalis*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus*
- Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus*
- Blue Grosbeak, *Passerina caerulea*
- Lazuli Bunting, *Passerina amoena*
- Indigo Bunting, *Passerina cyanea*
- Painted Bunting, *Passerina ciris*
- Dickcissel, *Spiza americana*

Family Icteridae: Blackbirds and Orioles

- Bobolink, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*
- Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
- Western Meadowlark, *Sturnella neglecta*
- Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*
- Rusty Blackbird, *Euphagus carolinus*
- Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus*

- Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*
- Great-tailed Grackle, *Quiscalus mexicanus*
- Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molothrus ater*
- Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius*
- Bullock's Oriole, *Icterus bullockii*
- Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus galbula*
- Scott's Oriole, *Icterus parisorum*

Family Fringillidae: Finches

- [Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, *Leucosticte tephrocotis*]
- Pine Grosbeak, *Pinicola enucleator*
- Purple Finch, *Carpodacus purpureus*
- Cassin's Finch, *Carpodacus cassinii*
- House Finch, *Carpodacus mexicanus*
- Red Crossbill, *Loxia curvirostra*
- White-winged Crossbill, *Loxia leucoptera*
- Common Redpoll, *Acanthus flammea*
- Pine Siskin, *Spinus pinus*
- Lesser Goldfinch, *Carduelis psaltria*
- American Goldfinch, *Carduelis tristis*
- Evening Grosbeak, *Coccothraustes vespertinus*

Family Fringillidae: Old World Sparrows

- House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*