**4-Letter Code General Rules**

One word: **MALL**ard Two: **HO**use  **SP**arrow

Three: **G**reat **B**lue **HE**ron **C**huck**–W**ill’s**–WI**dow

**B**lack**–B**illed **MA**gpie **WE**estern **S**crub**–J**ay

Four words (ignore hyphens): **B**rown**–C**apped **R**osy**–F**inch

**eBird/IBP Code Exceptions: COLORADO**

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| **AU***dubon’s* **WA***rbler* **\*\*** | **CAR**olina **W**ren |
| **MY***rtle* **WA***rbler* **\*\*** | **CED**ar **W**axwing |
| **W***estern* **P***alm* **WA***rbler* **\*\*** | **GRA**y **J**ay |
| **R***ed-***S***hafted* **FL***icker* **\*\*** | **HER**ring **G**ull |
| **BAN**k **S**wallow | **LAR**k **B**unting |
| **BAR**n **S**wallow | **LAZ**uli **B**unting |
| **BA**r**N** **O**wl | **M**ac**G**illivray’s **WA**rbler |
| **BA**rre**D** **O**wl | **N**orthern **SHO**veler |
| **BL**ack**B**urnian **W**arbler | **N**orthern **SHR**ike |
| **BL**ack**P**oll **W**arbler | **PRA**rie **W**arbler |
| **B**lack-**T**hroated Gra**Y W**arbler | **PRO**thonotary **W**arbler |
| **B**road-**TA**iled **H**ummingbird | **R**ing-**NE**cked **P**heasant |
| **CAC**kling **G**oose | **SAV**annah **S**parrow |
| **CAN**ada **G**oose | **SAG**ebrush **S**parrow |
| **CAN**yon **T**owhee | **TRE**e **S**wallow |
| **CAN**yon **W**ren | **TRU**mpeter **S**wan |
| Includes some common *subspecies* (\*\*)and *species* (++) groups. | |

** Rarities are NOT included in these lists of exceptions!**

**Breeding Codes: N**est+**E**ggs, **N**est+**Y**oung, **O**n **N**est, **FL**edgling, **F**eeding **Y**oung, **C**arry **F**ood, **C**arry fecal **S**ac, **D**istraction **D**isplay, **N**est **B**uilding, **C**arry **N**esting material, male on **T**erritory 7d+, **C**ourting/copulation, visit probable **N**est, **A**gitated behavior, **P**hysiological **E**vidence brood patch, **P**air in suitable habitat and season, **S**ing male in suitable habitat and season, adult in suitable **H**abitat and season, **F**lyover

**Bird Banding Lab (BBL) Code Exceptions: COLORADO**

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| **BAN**k **S**wallow | Green-winged Teal (**AGWT**) † |
| **BAR**n **S**wallow | **HER**ring **G**ull |
| **B**ar**N** **Ow**l † | **LAR**k **B**unting |
| **BL**ack**B**urnian **W**arbler | **LAZ**uli **B**unting |
| **BL**ack**P**oll **W**arbler | **M**ac**G**illivray’s **WA**rbler |
| **B**lack-**T**hroated Gra**Y W**arbler | Northern Flicker (**FLIN**) † |
| **B**road-**T**ai**L**ed **H**ummingbird † | **N**orthern **SHO**veler |
| **CAC**kling **G**oose| CAGO=Canada † | **N**orthern **SHR**ike |
| **CAR**olina **W**ren | **PRA**rie **W**arbler |
| **CAN**yon **T**owhee | **PRO**thonotary **W**arbler |
| **CAN**yon **W**ren | Ring-necked Pheasant \*\* † |
| **CAR**olina **W**ren | **SAV**annah **S**parrow |
| **CED**ar **W**axwing | **S**age**B**rush **S**parrow † |
| Dark-eyed Junco (**UDEJ**) † | **TRE**e **S**wallow |
| **E**urasian **C**ollared-**DO**ve † | **TRU**mpeter **S**wan |
| **GRA**y **J**ay | Yellow-rumped Warb. (**UYRW**†) |
| \*\* No BBL codes for Gallinaceous birds; † Differs from IBP code. | |

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