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Melanitta perspicillata is a member of the ducks, geese, and swans family (*Anatidae*), and one of the 454 species on the official Ohio bird list.

Scientific name	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>
Family	Ducks, Geese, and Swans — <i>Anatidae</i>
Ohio difficulty code	3
Ohio status	not listed

Finding it. Difficulty code 3 means it is a spring-only or fall-only migrant, or very local as a breeder or winterer.

Related pages

- [Ohio Bird Checklist](#) — the full state list this page is drawn from, with every difficulty code and status
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Sources

- **Ohio Ornithological Society**, "Official OOS Ohio Bird Checklist", November 2025 — the species, its scientific name, and its place in the state list.
- **Ohio Ornithological Society**, "Ohio Birding Checklist with Difficulty Codes", June 2024 revision — the difficulty code.
- **ODNR Division of Wildlife**, "Ohio's Listed Species", Publication 5356, updated June 2026 — the Ohio status.

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