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WATERFOWL	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Wigeon	*	M,L	U	C	A	C	U	U	U	U	C	C	C	U
Barrow's Goldeneye		L,M	O	O	O	R	R	R			R	O	O	O
Blue-winged Teal	*	M,L				O	U	U	U	U	O			
Brant		L,M			R							R		
Bufflehead		L,M	C	C	A	A	C	O	O	O	U	A	A	C
Cackling Goose		L,A,M	C	C	A	A	R				O	C	A	C
Canada Goose	*	M,L,A,G	C	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	A	C
Canvasback	*	M,L	U	U	U	O	O	R	R	R	U	U	U	U
Cinnamon Teal	*	M,L			O	C	C	C	C	C	U	R		
Common Goldeneye		L,M,R	C	C	C	U	O	R	R	R	U	C	C	C
Common Merganser		L	U	U	C	C	U	O	O	O	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Wigeon		M,L		R	O	R					R	O	R	R
Gadwall	*	M,L	U	U	C	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	C
Greater Scaup		L	O	U	U	U	O				R	U	U	U
Greater White-fronted Goose		M,L,A	O	O	U	O	R			R	O	O	O	O
Green-winged Teal	*	M,L	U	U	C	C	C	U	U	C	A	A	C	U
Harlequin Duck		L										R		
Hooded Merganser		L,M	U	U	U	O	R	R	R	O	U	U	U	U
Lesser Scaup	*	M,L	U	C	C	C	C	U	U	U	C	A	A	C
Long-tailed Duck		L			R	R						R	R	R
Mallard	*	M,L,A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	A	A	A
Northern Pintail	*	M,L,A	U	U	A	A	U	U	U	U	C	C	U	U
Northern Shoveler	*	M,L	O	U	U	C	C	C	U	U	U	U	C	C
Red-breasted Merganser		L			R	R						R	R	
Redhead	*	M,L	U	U	C	C	C	C	U	U	C	C	C	U
Ring-necked Duck		M,L	U	C	C	C	C	U	U	U	C	C	C	C
Ross's Goose		M,L,A		R	R	R						R	R	
Ruddy Duck	*	M,L	U	U	U	C	C	C	C	U	U	U	U	U
Snow Goose		M,L,A	R	R	O	O					R	O	O	R
Surf Scoter		L										R	R	
Trumpeter Swan		M,L,A	R	O	O	R	R					R	O	R
Tufted Duck		L			R	R						R	R	
Tundra Swan		M,L	U	U	C	O						C	C	C
White-winged Scoter		L		R								R	R	
Wood Duck	*	R,M			R	O	U	U	U	U	U	O	R	R

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
California Quail	*	R,S,A	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C
Chukar	*	G,S,C	O	O	U	U	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Gray Partridge	*	A,G	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Greater Sage-Grouse		S	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Ring-necked Pheasant	*	A,S,R,M	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C

LOONS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Common Loon		L				O	U	O			U	U	O	
Pacific Loon		L				R	R				R	R		
Red-throated Loon		L										R		

GREBES	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Clark's Grebe	(*)	L				R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
Eared Grebe	*	M,L			O	O	O	R	R	R	O	O	R	
Horned Grebe		L	R	R	R	O	O			R	O	O	R	R
Pied-billed Grebe	*	M	U	U	C	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C
Red-necked Grebe		L,M			R	R	R			R	O	O	R	R
Western Grebe	(*)	L			R	O	O	R	R	R	O	O	R	R

PELICANS & CORMORANTS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American White Pelican		L,M		R	O	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	O	R
Double-crested Cormorant	*	L	R	O	U	C	C	C	C	C	C	U	O	O

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WADERS & VULTURES	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Bittern	*	M	R	R	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	O	R
Black-crowned Night-Heron	(*)	M,R	R	O	U	C	C	U	U	U	U	O	O	R
Cattle Egret		A,M											R	R
Great Blue Heron	*	M,R,L	U	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	U	U
Great Egret	(*)	M			R	C	C	C	C	C	C	U	R	R
Green Heron		M									R	R		
Snowy Egret		M					R							
Turkey Vulture		all			R	O	R	R		R	R	R		
White-faced Ibis		M					R	R						

HAWKS, EAGLES & FALCONS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Kestrel	*	C,A,R,G,S	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C
Bald Eagle		L,M,R	O	O	O	O	R			R	R	O	O	O
Cooper's Hawk		R	R	R	O	O				R	O	O	O	O
Ferruginous Hawk	*	C,G		R	O	O	O	O	O	R	R	R		
Golden Eagle		G,S,C	O	O	O	R	R				R	O	O	O
Gyr Falcon		M,S,C,A	R	R	R	R							R	R
Merlin		R,M,L	O	O	O	O	R			R	O	O	O	O
Northern Goshawk		R	R	R								R	R	R
Northern Harrier	*	M,G,S,R	C	C	C	C	C	U	U	U	C	C	C	C
Osprey	(*)	L,M,R				O	O	R	R	R	O	O	R	
Peregrine Falcon		M,L,C,A	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	U	U	O	O
Prairie Falcon	*	C,G,S	U	U	U	U	U	U	O	O	U	U	U	U
Red-tailed Hawk	*	C,R,S,G,A	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C
Rough-legged Hawk		G,A	U	U	O	R					R	O	U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk		R	O	O	O	O				R	U	U	O	O
Swainson's Hawk	*	R,G,A		R	O	U	U	U	U	U	O	R		

RAILS & CRANES	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Coot	*	M,L	U	U	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	U
Sandhill Crane		A,M	R	U	A	A	O	R			U	U	O	R
Sora	*	M		R	R	O	O	O	O	O	O	R	R	
Virginia Rail	*	M	O	O	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	U	U	O

SHOREBIRDS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Avocet	*	M,L			O	C	U	U	U	U	O	R		
(American Golden-Plover)		M,L							(R)	(R)	(R)			
Baird's Sandpiper		M,L				O	R		U	U	U	O		
Black-bellied Plover		M,L				R	R		R	R	O	R		
Black-necked Stilt	*	M,L			O	C	C	C	U	U	O	R		
Dunlin		M,L	R	R	O	U	U			R	O	U	O	R
Greater Yellowlegs		M,L		R	O	U	U	O	C	C	U	U	O	
(Hudsonian Godwit)		M,L								(R)				
Killdeer	*	M,L,A	O	U	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	U	O
Least Sandpiper		M,L		R	O	U	U	R	U	C	C	U	R	
Lesser Yellowlegs		M,L			R	U	U	O	C	C	U	O	R	
Long-billed Curlew	*	G,A			U	C	C	U	O	R	R			
Long-billed Dowitcher		M,L		R	O	U	U	R	U	C	U	U	R	
Marbled Godwit		M,L					R			R	R			
Pectoral Sandpiper		M,L				R	R			O	U	O		
(Red Phalarope)		M,L										(R)		
Red-necked Phalarope		M,L				O	O			U	O	R		
Ruddy Turnstone		M,L								R				
(Ruff)		M,L					(R)			(R)	(R)			
Sanderling		M,L								R	R			
Semipalmated Plover		M,L				O	O		R	O	O	R		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		M,L				R	R		O	U	O	R		
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		M,L									R	R		
Short-billed Dowitcher		M,L					R		R	R	R	R		
Solitary Sandpiper		M,L					O		O	U	O	R		
Spotted Sandpiper	*	M,L,A				O	C	C	C	C	U	O		
Stilt Sandpiper		M,L					R		R	O	O	R		
Western Sandpiper		M,L			O	U	O	R	U	C	U	O	R	
Whimbrel		M,L					R			R	R			
Willet		M,L					R							
Wilson's Phalarope	*	M,L				O	U	U	U	U	O	R		
Wilson's Snipe	*	M	O	O	U	C	C	C	U	U	U	U	O	O

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GULLS & TERNS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Herring Gull		L	U	U	U	O	R				O	U	U	U
(Arctic Tern)		L,M								(R)				
Black Tern	*	M					R	R	R	R				
Black-tailed Gull		A					R							
Bonaparte's Gull		L,M				R	R	R	O	U	U	O	R	
California Gull	(*)	L,A	O	O	U	C	C	C	C	C	U	U	O	O
Caspian Tern	(*)	L,M			O	C	C	C	C	C	U	O		
Common Tern		L,M				R	R			R	R	R		
Forster's Tern	*	L,M				O	U	U	U	U	U	R		
Franklin's Gull		L,M					R	R	R	O	O	R		
Glaucous Gull		L	R	R	R									R
Glaucous-winged Gull		L									R	R		
(Long-tailed Jaeger)		L						(R)						
(Mew Gull)		L				(R)					(R)	(R)		
Ring-billed Gull	(*)	L,A	U	U	C	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	U	U
Sabine's Gull		L								R	R			
Thayer's Gull		L									R	R		

PIGEONS AND DOVES	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Eurasian Collared-Dove	(*)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Mourning Dove	*	A,R,S,C	U	U	C	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	U
Rock Dove	*	C,A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

OWLS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Barn Owl	*	C,A,R	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Burrowing Owl	*	G,S,A	(R)	(R)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	(R)	(R)	(R)
Great Horned Owl	*	C,A,R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Long-eared Owl	*	R,A	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Northern Saw-whet Owl	*	R	R	R	R	R						R	R	R
Short-eared Owl	*	G,A	O	O	O	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	O
Snowy Owl		A,G	R	R	R	R								R

GOATSUCKERS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Common Nighthawk	*	S,G (all)					O	C	C	C	O			
Common Poorwill	*	S,C				R	U	U	U	U	U	R	R	

SWIFTS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Black Swift		all						R						
Vaux's Swift		all				R				R	R			
White-throated Swift	(*)	C (all)			R	O	R	R	R	R	R			

HUMMINGBIRDS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Black-chinned Hummingbird		R				R	O		R	O	R			
Calliope Hummingbird		R				R	O		O	O	R			
Rufous Hummingbird		R				O	O		O	O	R			

KINGFISHERS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Belted Kingfisher	*	R,L	O	O	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	O	O	O

WOODPECKERS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Downy Woodpecker	*	R	O	O	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	O	O
Hairy Woodpecker		R	R	R	R							R	R	R
Lewis's Woodpecker		R	R				O			R	R	R		
Northern Flicker	*	R,C	C	C	C	C	C	U	U	U	C	C	C	C
Red-naped Sapsucker		R				R	R			R	R			

FLYCATCHERS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ash-throated Flycatcher	*	R,S					R	R	R					
Dusky Flycatcher		R				O	U	R		U	O			
Eastern Kingbird	*	R,M,S					U	C	C	C	O			
Gray Flycatcher		R				R	U			U	O			
Hammond's Flycatcher		R				O	U	R		U	U			
Olive-sided Flycatcher		R					R			R	R			
Pacific-slope Flycatcher		R					O	R		O	O			
Say's Phoebe	*	C,S,A	R	O	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	U	O	O
Western Kingbird	*	R,A,S				U	C	C	C	C	O			
Western Wood-Pewee		R					U	U	O	U	U			
Willow Flycatcher		R				R	O	O		O	O			

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WARBLERS, TANAGERS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Redstart		R					R				R			
Chestnut-sided Warbler		R					R							
Common Yellowthroat	*	M,R				O	C	C	C	C	U	O		
MacGillivray's Warbler		R				O	U	O		U	U	O		
Nashville Warbler		R				O	U			O	O			
Orange-crowned Warbler		R	R	R	R	U	C	O	R	U	C	U	R	R
Townsend's Warbler		R				O	U	O		U	U	O		
Western Tanager		R					U	O		U	O			
Wilson's Warbler		R				O	C	O		C	C			
Yellow Warbler	*	R				O	U	O	O	U	O			
Yellow-breasted Chat	*	R					U	C	U	U	O			
Yellow-rumped Warbler		R	O	O	U	C	C	R		O	C	U	U	O

SPARROWS	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Tree Sparrow		M,S,R	U	U	O							O	U	U
Black-headed Grosbeak	*	R					U	U	U	U	O			
Black-throated Sparrow	?	S					R	R	R					
Brewer's Sparrow	*	S				U	O	O	O	O	U	R		
Chipping Sparrow		R,S				O	O	R		O	O	R		
Dark-eyed Junco		R,S	C	C	C	U	O			R	U	C	C	C
Fox Sparrow		R	R	R	O	O	R				O	O	R	R
Golden-crowned Sparrow		R			R	O	U				O	O	R	
Grasshopper Sparrow	*	G				O	U	U	O	O	O			
Harris's Sparrow		R	R	R	R	R					R	R	R	R
Indigo Bunting		R						R	R					
Lapland Longspur		A,G	R	R	R							R	R	R
Lark Sparrow	*	S				O	C	C	C	C	U			
Lazuli Bunting	*	R,S					C	C	C	U	O			
Lincoln's Sparrow		R,M	R	R	O	U	U			O	U	U	O	R
Sage Sparrow	*	S		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			
Savannah Sparrow	*	G,A,M,S	O	U	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	U	O
(Snow Bunting)		A,G	(R)	(R)									(R)	(R)
Song Sparrow	*	R,M	C	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C
Spotted Towhee		R,S	O	O	U	U	O			O	U	U	O	O
(Swamp Sparrow)		M	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)							(R)	(R)
Vesper Sparrow	*	G,S,M,A			U	U	O	O	O	O	U	O		
White-crowned Sparrow		S,R	C	C	A	A	C	R		O	A	A	A	C
White-throated Sparrow		R	R	R	R	R	R				R	R	R	R

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Brewer's Blackbird	*	S,A	O	O	U	C	C	C	C	C	U	U	O	O
Brown-headed Cowbird	*	R,S,A,G,M	O	O	U	C	C	C	C	C	C	U	U	O
Bullock's Oriole	*	R,S				R	A	A	A	C	O			
Red-winged Blackbird	*	M,A,G,S,R	U	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	U
(Rusty Blackbird)		A	(R)	(R)	(R)								(R)	(R)
Tricolored Blackbird	?	M,A	O	O	O	O	O	R	R	R	R	R	R	O
Western Meadowlark	*	S,G,A	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C
Yellow-headed Blackbird	*	M,A,G	O	O	U	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	U	U

FINCHES	Nesting?	Habitat(s)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
American Goldfinch	*	R,S	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Cassin's Finch		R	R	R	R	R	(O)				R	R	R	R
Common Redpoll		R,S,M	R	R	R								R	R
Evening Grosbeak		R	R	R	R	R						R	R	R
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch		G,C,S	R	R	R								R	R
House Finch	*	R,A	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
House Sparrow	*	A	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Pine Siskin	(?)	R	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R	R	R
(Purple Finch)		R				(R)								
Red Crossbill		R			R	R						R	R	

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Bird finding on CNWR is easiest with an understanding of seasonal occurrence and abundance, daily habits, and habitat preferences of each species or group of species. Migratory cranes and waterfowl typically feed in crops morning and evening while spending the night and mid-day periods in wetlands. Migrant songbirds and most nesting birds are most active foraging and displaying in the morning hours, but will often become silent and difficult to find as the day warms or the breeding season wanes. Some shorebirds begin their fall migration in late June. The seasonal abundance bars are intended to indicate a chance of finding a species in preferred habitat on the refuge, realizing that more than half of the refuge is closed from October through February. Preferred habitat for a bird appears first if more than one habitat is listed.

Abundance designations:

- A = Abundant. Large numbers should be seen without difficulty during the month.
- C = Common. Present and expected to be seen in preferred habitat.
- U = Uncommon. Present during the month but not certain to be seen on every visit.
- O = Occasional. Probably present in very small numbers or very few locations, often with only one or two sightings per month.
- R = Rare. Has occurred on or near the refuge, but not expected. Includes "accidentals."
- * = Breeding. Has nested locally.
- () = Off refuge.

Habitats where found:

- G = Grassland. Open areas dominated by grasses and sparse shrub cover.
- S = Shrubland. Sagebrush and other dry shrub-dominated areas.
- R = Riparian. Areas near water often dominated by trees and shrubs.
- M = Marsh. Wetlands containing water some of the year, often dominated by cattail or bulrush.
Includes seasonally-flooded impoundments and alkali basins.
- L = Lake. Large bodies of mostly deeper open water.
- C = Cliff. Rocky areas including small outcrops and taller escarpments.
- A = Agriculture. Cropland, mainly hay and grains, but includes associated structures.