



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



National Wildlife Refuges provide important habitat for migratory birds, such as waterfowl, along their journey to and from nesting grounds.

Welcome to Sherburne

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge contains over 30,700 acres of oak savanna and wetland habitats that offer excellent birding opportunities throughout spring, summer, and fall on the Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive, and the Mahnomen and Blue Hill hiking trails.

Along the Wildlife Drive you will find a variety of habitats and their associated birds. In wetlands, shorebirds frequent the pool edges and migrating waterfowl are plentiful in the spring and fall. Nesting wetland birds remain through the summer season. Migrating and resident birds associated with woodland edges can be observed in scattered patches of trees and on the Woodland Trail. Fields of native prairie grasses and wildflowers provide habitat and viewing opportunities for grassland birds.

The habitats along the Mahnomen and Blue Hill hiking trails are mostly upland with scattered wetlands. Grassland birds, such as the Eastern Meadowlark, Grasshopper and Savanna Sparrows may be seen as well as species associated with woodland and savanna such as Scarlet Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Blue Hill rises nearly 200 feet above its flat surroundings and offers excellent viewing for spring migrants.

You are invited to share the refuge with the birds. Please respect their needs and their habitat. Take only memories. Leave only footprints.

Legend

This bird list contains 233 species recorded on the refuge, followed by 22 species listed as "Casual Birds" which are not expected to be present. Symbols used are as follows:

Season

Sp Spring..... March-May
S Summer..... June-July
F Fall August-November
W Winter December-February



Note: Shorebird fall migration starts in the summer period as defined here.

Status

c **Common:** almost certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat.
u **Uncommon:** present, but may not be seen.
o **Occasional:** seen only a few times during a season.
r **Rare:** seen at irregular intervals.
***** **Nest** on the refuge.

All species names and taxonomic Orders follow the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds*, 7th edition and supplements. Last update: September 2010.

	<u>Sp</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
WATERFOWL				
Greater White-fronted Goose	r		r	
Snow Goose	o		u	
Canada Goose*	c	c	c	r
Trumpeter Swan*	c	c	c	r
Tundra Swan	o		o	
Wood Duck*	c	c	c	r
Gadwall	u	r	c	
American Wigeon	c	r	c	
American Black Duck	r		r	
Mallard*	c	c	c	r
Blue-winged Teal*	c	c	c	
Northern Shoveler	u	o	u	
Northern Pintail	u	r	u	
Green-winged Teal*	c	o	c	
Canvasback	r	r	r	
Redhead	o	r	o	
Ring-necked Duck*	c	u	c	
Greater Scaup	o		o	
Lesser Scaup	u	r	u	
Bufflehead	c		u	
Common Goldeneye	u		u	
Hooded Merganser*	c	u	c	
Common Merganser	c		o	
Red-breasted Merganser	u			
Ruddy Duck	o	r	o	

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

Ring-necked Pheasant*	u	u	u	u
Ruffed Grouse*	u	u	u	u
Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c

LOONS

Common Loon*	c	c	o	
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GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe*	c	u	c	
Horned Grebe	r		u	
Red-necked Grebe	o		r	
Eared Grebe	r			

PELICANS and Allies

Double-crested Cormorant	o	u	u	
American White Pelican	c	c	c	

WADING BIRDS

American Bittern*	u	u	u	
Least Bittern*	o	o	o	
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	
Great Egret	r	u	u	
Green Heron*	c	c	c	

	<u>Sp</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	r	r		

DIURNAL RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture	c	c	u	
Osprey*	o	o	o	
Bald Eagle*	c	c	c	u
Northern Harrier*	c	c	c	o
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	
Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	
Northern Goshawk			r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk*	o	o	o	
Broad-winged Hawk*	o	o	o	
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	u
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	u
Golden Eagle			r	r
American Kestrel*	c	c	c	r
Merlin	o		o	
Peregrine Falcon	o	o	o	

CRANES and Allies

Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	
Sora*	c	u	u	
Common Moorhen*	o	r	r	
American Coot*	c	u	c	
Sandhill Crane*	c	c	c	

SHOREBIRDS and GULLS

Black-bellied Plover		r	r	
American Golden-Plover		r	r	
Semipalmated Plover	o	o	o	
Killdeer*	c	c	c	
Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Greater Yellowlegs	c	u	c	
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	c	
Upland Sandpiper*	r	r		
Sanderling	r	r	r	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	
White-rumped Sandpiper	o			
Baird's Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Dunlin	o		o	
Stilt Sandpiper	o		o	
Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o		
Long-billed Dowitcher	o		o	
Wilson's Snipe*	c	u	c	
American Woodcock*	u	u	u	
Wilson's Phalarope	r	r		
Bonaparte's Gull	r		r	
Franklin's Gull	o		o	

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Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	
Herring Gull	u		u	
Caspian Tern	o		o	
Black Tern*	c	c	c	
Forster's Tern	u	o	o	

DOVES

Rock Pigeon	o	o	o	o
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	o

CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	o	
Black-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	

OWLS

Eastern Screech-Owl*	o	o	o	r
Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	
Short-eared Owl	r	r	r	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	o		o	

GOATSUCKERS

Common Nighthawk*	u	u	u	
Whip-poor-will*	u	u	o	

SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS

Chimney Swift	o	o	o	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	r
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WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	o
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	u
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	u	o	u	
Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	u
Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c

PERCHING BIRDS (Passerines)

Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	o	r	
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	o	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
Alder Flycatcher*	u	u	o	
Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	o	
Least Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	

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Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
Western Kingbird	r	r		
Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	
Shrikes				
Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	
Northern Shrike	o		o	u
Vireos				
Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	u	
Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	
Warbling Vireo*	c	c	o	
Philadelphia Vireo	o		o	
Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Jays and Crows				
Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
American Crow*	c	c	c	c
Common Raven	r	r	r	r
Larks				
Horned Lark*	c	o	o	c
Swallows				
Purple Martin	o	o	o	
Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
Bank Swallow*	u	u	u	
Cliff Swallow*	c	c	c	
Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	
Chickadees				
Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	o	o	o	u
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	u	u	u	u
Wrens				
House Wren*	c	c	c	
Winter Wren	o		o	
Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	
Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	
Gnatcatchers				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	o	

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Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	o	u	o
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	
Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	
Veery*	c	c		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	
Wood Thrush*	o	o		
American Robin*	c	c	c	o
Mimics				
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	
Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	
Starlings				
European Starling*	c	c	c	u
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing*	c	c	c	u
Longspurs and Buntings				
Lapland Longspur	u	c	u	
Snow Bunting	o		o	u
Wood Warblers				
Blue-winged Warbler*	u	u	o	
Golden-winged Warbler*	c	u	u	
Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
Orange-crowned Warbler	o		o	
Nashville Warbler	c		c	
Northern Parula	o		o	
Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	c	c	
Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
Cape May Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		o	
Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
Pine Warbler	o	r	r	
Palm Warbler	c		c	
Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Cerulean Warbler	o	r	r	
Black-and-white Warbler*	c	u	c	
American Redstart*	c	c	u	
Ovenbird*	u	c	u	
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
Connecticut Warbler	o		o	

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Mourning Warbler	u		u	
Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
Hooded Warbler	r	r		
Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
Canada Warbler	u		u	

Tanagers

Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c	
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Sparrows

Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	
American Tree Sparrow	c		c	c
Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Clay-colored Sparrow*	u	u	u	
Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Vesper Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Lark Sparrow*	c	c	u	
Savannah Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Grasshopper Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Henslow's Sparrow	r	r	r	
LeConte's Sparrow	o	o	o	
Fox Sparrow	u		u	
Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	c	
White-throated Sparrow	c	r	c	
Harris's Sparrow	u		u	
White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Lapland Longspur	u		u	
Snow Bunting	o		o	u

Grosbeaks

Northern Cardinal*	u	u	u	u
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c	
Indigo Bunting*	c	c	u	
Dickcissel	o	o		

Blackbirds

Bobolink	o	o	o	
Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	r
Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	
Western Meadowlark*	o	o	o	
Yellow-headed Blackbird*	u	u	u	
Rusty Blackbird	u		u	
Brewer's Blackbird*	u	u	u	
Common Grackle*	c	c	c	r
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	u	r
Orchard Oriole*	o	o	o	
Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	c	

