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# Iroquois

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

### *Birds*





This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, in Genesee and Orleans counties, New York, was established in 1958 to provide nesting, resting and feeding grounds for ducks, geese and other water-loving birds. This refuge contains 10,818 acres of marsh, swamp, woodland, shrub and thicket, wet meadow, pasture and old fields. Primary refuge objectives include offering food, rest, and protection for birds, especially during spring and fall migration, and providing nature-oriented recreation for people.

Public use includes nature study, especially bird watching and observation of concentrations of migrating waterfowl from convenient overlooks, walking nature trails, photography, hunting, fishing, and leisurely driving through the refuge.

Birding is best from March through November. Peak migrations of waterfowl are in early April and early October. May is the best time to observe warblers, with the most species likely to be seen between the tenth and the twenty-first of the month. Visitors can readily view summering waterfowl and their broods. One can always expect to see some interesting birds on a tour of the refuge, regardless of the season.

Enjoy yourself. Whether you're a seasoned birder or a beginner, we wish you a rewarding and memorable experience from this visit to your refuge.



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*Ruby-throated hummingbirds*

This brochure lists 268 birds that have been identified on the refuge, and is in accordance with the seventh American Ornithologists Union Checklist. Most birds are migratory, therefore, their seasonal occurrence is coded as follows:

#### **Season**

Sp	Spring	March 21 – June 20
S	Summer	June 21 – September 20
F	Fall	September 21 – December 20
W	Winter	December 21 – March 20

- Birds known to nest on or near the refuge

#### **Relative Abundance**

Relative abundance indicates how frequently you might see a bird in its favored habitat.

a	abundant	a species which is very numerous
c	common	likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
u	uncommon	present, but not certain to be seen
o	occasional	seen only a few times during a season
r	rare	may be present but not every year



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*Great Blue Heron*

### Swans, Geese and Ducks

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Greater White-fronted Goose ___	r		r	r
___ Snow Goose _____	o		o	
___ • Canada Goose _____	a	a	a	u
___ Cackling Goose _____	o		o	o
___ Brant _____	r		r	
___ Mute Swan _____	r	r	r	
___ Tundra Swan _____	c		u	r
___ • Wood Duck _____	c	c	c	r
___ • Gadwall _____	u	o	u	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ • American Wigeon _____	c	o	c	
___ • American Black Duck _____	c	u	c	o
___ • Mallard _____	c	c	c	o
___ • Blue-winged Teal _____	c	c	u	
___ • Northern Shoveler _____	u	o	u	
___ • Northern Pintail _____	c	o	u	r
___ • Green-winged Teal _____	c	o	c	r
___ Canvasback _____	o		o	
___ • Redhead _____	o	o	o	
___ Ring-necked Duck _____	c		c	
___ Greater Scaup _____	o		o	
___ Lesser Scaup _____	u		u	
___ Surf Scoter _____				r
___ White-winged Scoter _____	r		r	
___ Black Scoter _____				r
___ Long-tailed Duck _____	o		o	
___ Bufflehead _____	u		u	
___ Common Goldeneye _____	o		o	
___ • Hooded Merganser _____	c	u	u	r
___ Common Merganser _____	u		u	
___ Red-breasted Merganser _____	o		o	
___ Ruddy Duck _____	u	o	o	

### Gallinaceous Birds

___ • Ring-necked Pheasant _____	u	u	u	u
___ • Ruffed Grouse _____	u	u	u	u
___ • Wild Turkey _____	c	u	u	u

### Loons

___ Common Loon _____	o			
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### Grebes

___ • Pied-billed Grebe _____	c	c	c	
___ Horned Grebe _____	o			
___ Red-necked Grebe _____	r			

### Comorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant _____	o	r	o	
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### Bitterns, Herons and Egrets

___ • American Bittern _____	u	u	u	
___ • Least Bittern _____	u	u	u	
___ • Great Blue Heron _____	c	a	c	o
___ Great Egret _____	o	o	o	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cattle Egret _____	r	r		
___ • Green Heron _____	u	u	u	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron _____	o	o	o	
<b>New World Vulture</b>				
___ • Turkey Vulture _____	c	c	c	
<b>Osprey, Hawks and Eagles</b>				
___ • Osprey _____	u	u	u	
___ • Bald Eagle _____	u	u	u	r
___ • Northern Harrier _____	u	u	u	o
___ • Sharp-shinned Hawk _____	o	o	o	o
___ • Cooper's Hawk _____	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Goshawk _____				r
___ • Red-shouldered Hawk _____	r	r	r	r
___ Broad-winged Hawk _____	o			
___ • Red-tailed Hawk _____	c	c	c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk _____	o		o	o
___ Golden Eagle _____	r			
<b>Falcon</b>				
___ • American Kestrel _____	c	c	c	u
___ Peregrine Falcon _____	r		r	
<b>Rails</b>				
___ Yellow Rail _____			r	
___ • King Rail _____	r	r	r	
___ • Virginia Rail _____	u	u	u	
___ • Sora _____	u	u	u	
___ • Common Moorhen _____	c	c	c	
___ • American Coot _____	c	c	c	r
<b>Cranes</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane _____	r	r	r	
<b>Plovers</b>				
___ Black-bellied Plover _____	r	r	r	
___ American Golden-Plover _____	r	r	r	
___ Semipalmated Plover _____	o	r	o	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ • Killdeer _____	c	c	c	
<b>Sandpipers and Phalaropes</b>				
___ Greater Yellowlegs _____	c	o	c	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs _____	c	o	c	
___ Solitary Sandpiper _____	u	o	u	
___ • Spotted Sandpiper _____	c	c	u	
___ • Upland Sandpiper _____	r	r	r	
___ Hudsonian Godwit _____	r		r	
___ Ruddy Turnstone _____	r			
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper _____	u	o	c	
___ Least Sandpiper _____	u	o	u	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper _____	r	r	r	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper _____	o	o	o	
___ Dunlin _____	u	o	c	
___ Stilt Sandpiper _____		r		
___ Short-billed Dowitcher _____	o	o	o	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher _____			r	
___ • Wilson's Snipe _____	c	u	c	
___ • American Woodcock _____	c	u	u	
___ Wilson's Phalarope _____	r	r		
___ Red-necked Phalarope _____		r	r	
<b>Gulls and Terns</b>				
___ Bonaparte's Gull _____	o	r		
___ Ring-billed Gull _____	c	u	u	o
___ Herring Gull _____	o	r	o	o
___ Great Black-backed Gull _____	r	r	r	r
___ Caspian Tern _____	o	o	o	
___ Common Tern _____	o	o		
___ • Black Tern _____	c	c	o	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
___ • Rock Pigeon _____	u	u	u	u
___ • Mourning Dove _____	c	c	c	u
<b>Cuckoos</b>				
___ • Black-billed Cuckoo _____	u	u	u	
___ • Yellow-billed Cuckoo _____	o	o	o	

### Barn Owls



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*Eastern Screech-Owl*

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Barn Owl _____	r	r	r	r
<b>Typical Owls</b>				
___ • Eastern Screech-Owl _____	u	u	u	u
___ • Great Horned Owl _____	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Owl _____			r	r
___ • Barred Owl _____	u	u	u	u
___ Long-eared Owl _____	r		r	r
___ Short-eared Owl _____	o		o	o
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl _____	r		r	r
<b>Night Jars</b>				
___ Common Nighthawk _____	o	o	o	
___ Whip-poor-will _____	r	r		
<b>Swifts</b>				
___ Chimney Swift _____	o	o	o	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
___ • Ruby-throated Hummingbird _____	u	u		

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Kingfisher</b>				
___ • Belted Kingfisher _____	u	u	u	o
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
___ • Red-headed Woodpecker _____	o	o	o	o
___ • Red-bellied Woodpecker _____	u	u	u	u
___ • Yellow-bellied Sapsucker _____	o		o	
___ • Downy Woodpecker _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Hairy Woodpecker _____	u	u	u	u
___ • Northern Flicker _____	c	c	c	o
___ • Pileated Woodpecker _____	u	u	u	u
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>				
___ • Eastern Wood-Pewee _____	c	c	u	
___ • Acadian Flycatcher _____	o	o	o	
___ • Alder Flycatcher _____	o	o	o	
___ • Willow Flycatcher _____	c	c	c	
___ • Least Flycatcher _____	u	u	r	
___ • Eastern Phoebe _____	c	c	c	
___ • Great Crested Flycatcher _____	c	c	c	
___ • Eastern Kingbird _____	c	c	c	
<b>Shrikes</b>				
___ Northern Shrike _____	o		o	o
<b>Vireo</b>				
___ • Yellow-throated Vireo _____	u	u	u	
___ Blue-headed Vireo _____	u	r	u	
___ • Warbling Vireo _____	c	c	c	
___ Philadelphia Vireo _____	r		r	
___ • Red-eyed Vireo _____	c	c	c	
<b>Crows and Jays</b>				
___ • Blue Jay _____	c	c	c	c
___ • American Crow _____	c	c	c	c
<b>Larks</b>				
___ • Horned Lark _____	u	u	u	u
<b>Swallows</b>				
___ • Purple Martin _____	u	u	o	
___ • Tree Swallow _____	c	c	c	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow _____	u	u	u	
___ Bank Swallow _____	u	u	u	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cliff Swallow _____	o	o	o	
___ • Barn Swallow _____	c	c	c	
<b>Titmice and Chickadees</b>				
___ • Black-capped Chickadee _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Tufted Titmouse _____	u	u	u	u
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch _____	r		r	o
___ • White-breasted Nuthatch _____	c	c	c	c
<b>Creepers</b>				
___ • Brown Creeper _____	c	u	u	u
<b>Wren</b>				
___ Carolina Wren _____	r	r	r	r
___ • House Wren _____	c	c	c	
___ Winter Wren _____	o		o	r
___ • Sedge Wren _____	u	u	o	
___ • Marsh Wren _____	c	c	o	
<b>Kinglets</b>				
___ • Golden-crowned Kinglet _____	c	r	c	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet _____	c		c	r
<b>Old World Warblers</b>				
___ • Blue-gray Gnatcatcher _____	c	u	o	
<b>Thrushes</b>				
___ • Eastern Bluebird _____	c	u	u	r
___ • Veery _____	c	c	o	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush _____	r		r	
___ Swainson's Thrush _____	u		u	
___ Hermit Thrush _____	u	r	u	r
___ • Wood Thrush _____	c	c	u	
___ • American Robin _____	c	c	c	o
<b>Mimic Thrasher</b>				
___ • Gray Catbird _____	c	c	c	
___ Northern Mockingbird _____	o	o	o	o
___ • Brown Thrasher _____	u	o	o	r

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Starlings</b>				
___ • European Starling _____	c	c	c	c
<b>Pipits</b>				
___ American Pipit _____	o		o	
<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Bohemian Waxwing _____				r
___ • Cedar Waxwing _____	c	c	c	u
<b>Wood Warblers</b>				
___ • Blue-winged Warbler _____	c	c	c	
___ • Golden-winged Warbler _____	r	r	r	
___ Tennessee Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler _____	r	r	r	
___ Nashville Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Northern Parula _____	u	u	u	
___ • Yellow Warbler _____	a	a	c	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Magnolia Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Cape May Warbler _____	r	r	r	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler _____	c	r	c	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Blackburnian Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Pine Warbler _____	r		r	
___ Palm Warbler _____	u	o	u	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Blackpoll Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ • Cerulean Warbler _____	u	u	r	
___ Black-and-white Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ • American Redstart _____	c	c	u	
___ • Prothonotary Warbler _____	r	r		
___ • Ovenbird _____	u	u	u	
___ • Northern Waterthrush _____	u	u	u	
___ • Mourning Warbler _____	o	r	o	
___ • Common Yellowthroat _____	c	c	c	
___ • Hooded Warbler _____	u	u	o	
___ Wilson's Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ Canada Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ • Yellow-breasted Chat _____	r	r		

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Tanagers</b>				
___ • Scarlet Tanager _____	u	u	u	
<b>Sparrows and Towhees</b>				
___ • Eastern Towhee _____	u	o	u	r
___ American Tree Sparrow _____	c		c	c
___ • Chipping Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
___ • Field Sparrow _____	u	u	u	
___ • Vesper Sparrow _____	r	r	r	
___ • Savannah Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
___ • Grasshopper Sparrow _____	r	r	r	
___ • Henslow's Sparrow _____	r	r	r	
___ Fox Sparrow _____	o		o	
___ • Song Sparrow _____	a	a	a	u
___ • Swamp Sparrow _____	c	c	c	o
___ White-throated Sparrow _____	c		c	u
___ White-crowned Sparrow _____	u		u	r
___ Dark-eyed Junco _____	c		c	u
___ Lapland Longspur _____				r
___ Snow Bunting _____	o		o	o
<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies</b>				
___ • Northern Cardinal _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Rose-breasted Grosbeak _____	c	c	c	
___ • Indigo Bunting _____	c	c	c	
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
___ • Bobolink _____	c	c	u	
___ • Red-winged Blackbird _____	a	a	a	u
___ • Eastern Meadowlark _____	u	u	u	r
___ Rusty Blackbird _____	u		u	
___ • Common Grackle _____	c	c	c	r
___ • Brown-headed Cowbird _____	c	c	c	o
___ • Baltimore Oriole _____	c	c	c	
<b>Finches</b>				
___ Pine Grosbeak _____	r		r	r
___ • Purple Finch _____	u	o	u	o
___ • House Finch _____	u	u	u	u
___ Common Redpoll _____	o		o	o
___ Pine Siskin _____	o		o	o
___ • American Goldfinch _____	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak _____	o		o	o

\_\_\_ • House Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_ u u u u

**Accidentals**

The following 34 species have been seen on the refuge one or two times:

- Red-throated Loon
- Eared Grebe
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Glossy Ibis
- Ross' Goose
- Barnacle Goose
- Fulvous Whistling-Duck
- Eurasion Wigeon
- Merlin
- Gyrfalcon
- American Avocet
- Willet
- Whimbrel
- Marbled Godwit
- Red Knot
- Sanderling
- American White Pelican
- Western Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Ruff
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Black-legged Kittiwake
- Forster's Tern
- Three-toed Woodpecker
- Loggerhead Shrike
- White-eyed Vireo
- Summer Tanager
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill

**Old World Sparrows**

