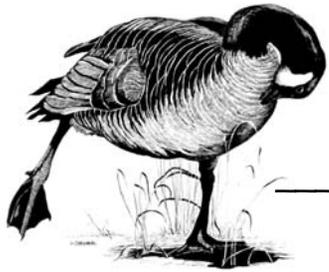


Look and listen for birds during your refuge visit. Check off the ones you see!

### Get wet!

(Birds seen on or near water)

\_\_\_ Red-winged blackbird



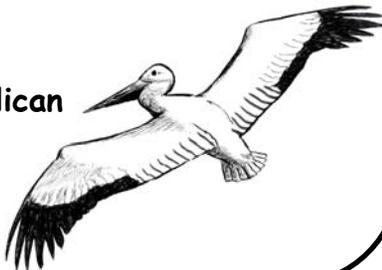
\_\_\_ Canada goose

\_\_\_ Bald eagle



\_\_\_ Western grebe

\_\_\_ American White Pelican



### Go for a hike!

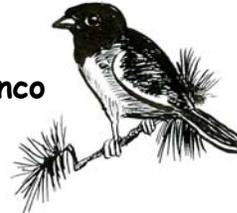
(Birds seen in uplands)

\_\_\_ Common flicker



\_\_\_ Black-capped chickadee

\_\_\_ Dark-eyed junco



\_\_\_ American robin

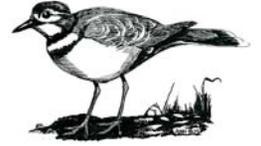
\_\_\_ Western meadowlark



\_\_\_ Black-billed magpie

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\_\_\_ Killdeer



\_\_\_ Ring-necked pheasant



\_\_\_ California quail



### Look up!

(Birds often seen in the air)



\_\_\_ Red-tailed hawk

\_\_\_ Barn swallow



\_\_\_ American kestrel

## Bird-watching Tips

- **Look for colors and patterns**

Many birds have distinctive colors or patterns, like the red breast of American robins, and the black-on-yellow necklace of western meadowlarks.

- **Listen for songs and calls**

*Songs* establish territories and maintain pair bonds. Try remembering them by turning the tune into words. For example, American robins sound like "cheer-up, cheerily, cheer-up, cheerily."

*Calls* are shorter and simpler than songs. Think, for example, of the distinctive "kill-deer, kill-deer" call of killdeer and the honking of Canada geese.

- **Watch for typical behaviors**

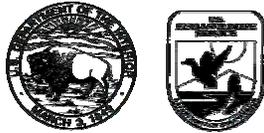
Some birds can be identified by distinctive behaviors. For example, American kestrels often hover over fields like small helicopters as they search for prey.

**Enjoy your birding!**

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**Belted kingfisher**



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