

Appendix B

Priority Bird Species

Appendix B contains a list of bird species that occur within the Fergus Falls WMD and have been designated as species of concern at three geographic scales.

(1) Region 3's Resource Conservation Priorities list includes rare/declining, federally-listed, recreationally important, and superabundant bird species that are of high concern in the Upper Midwest.

(2) The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Birds of Conservation Concern list identifies priority species at the Bird Conservation Region (BCR) level (BCRs are ecological regions designated as conservation planning units by the North American Bird Conservation Initiative); the Fergus Falls WMD lies within BCR(s) 11 and 28.

(3) Bird species within the WMD that are on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources list of endangered, threatened, and special concern species are noted because the Service and the DNR share management responsibility for them. The bird species on these collective lists are those that are of highest concern within the Fergus Falls WMD, and by focusing on these species, the WMD will address local, regional, and national priorities.