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# Illinois River

## *National Wildlife & Fish Refuge Complex Bird Checklist*







*This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling in the 1930s, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.*

## Welcome to Illinois River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge Complex

The Illinois River National Wildlife & Fish Refuges Complex is comprised of Chautauqua, Emiquon and Meredosia National Wildlife Refuges. With a combined area of nearly 13,000 acres of wetland, moist soil, bottomland forest, upland forest and prairie habitats adjacent to the Illinois River, these units provide vital stop-over and breeding areas for migratory birds.

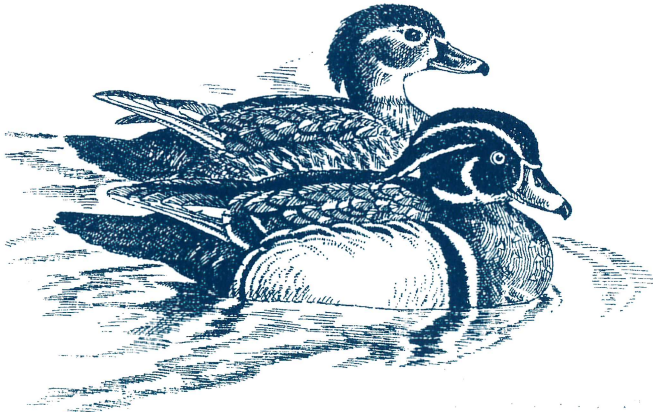
### Legend

The following list contains 264 species that have been observed on the refuge. Those species marked with an asterisk (\*) have nested on refuge lands

**S**.....(spring) March-May  
**s**..... (summer) June-August  
**F**.....(fall) September-November  
**W**....(winter) December-February

**a** ..... abundant, very numerous  
**c** ..... common, certain to be seen in suitable habitat  
**u** ..... uncommon, present but not certain to be seen  
**o** ..... occasional, seen only a few times during the season  
**r** ..... rare, seen only at intervals of 2 to 4 years

**(En)** - Endangered  
**(Th)** - Threatened



**S** **s** **F** **W**

## Ducks, Geese, Swans

|                                       |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Greater White-fronted Goose ..... | o | - | u | o |
| ___ Snow Goose .....                  | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Ross's Goose.....                 | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Cackling Goose .....              | u | - | o | o |
| ___ Canada Goose*.....                | c | c | a | u |
| ___ Mute Swan.....                    | r | r | r | - |
| ___ Trumpeter Swan.....               | o | - | o | o |
| ___ Tundra Swan .....                 | o | - | u | u |
| ___ Wood Duck* .....                  | a | a | a | o |
| ___ Gadwall .....                     | u | o | c | o |
| ___ American Wigeon .....             | c | r | c | r |
| ___ American Black Duck .....         | c | r | c | o |
| ___ Mallard*.....                     | a | u | a | c |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal*.....            | c | a | a | r |
| ___ Cinnamon Teal .....               | r | r | - | - |
| ___ Northern Shoveler .....           | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Northern Pintail.....             | c | r | a | o |
| ___ Green-winged Teal .....           | c | o | a | r |
| ___ Canvasback .....                  | c | - | c | o |
| ___ Redhead.....                      | u | - | u | o |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck.....             | c | - | c | u |
| ___ Greater Scaup.....                | r | - | o | - |
| ___ Lesser Scaup.....                 | a | - | c | o |
| ___ Surf Scoter .....                 | - | - | r | r |
| ___ White-winged Scoter.....          | - | - | r | r |
| ___ Black Scoter .....                | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Long-tailed Duck.....             | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Bufflehead .....                  | u | - | u | o |
| ___ Common Goldeneye .....            | u | - | u | u |
| ___ Hooded Merganser* .....           | c | o | c | o |
| ___ Common Merganser .....            | c | - | o | c |
| ___ Red-breasted Merganser .....      | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Ruddy Duck .....                  | c | r | c | u |

## Quail

|                             |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Northern Bobwhite*..... | u | u | u | u |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|

## Grouse, Pheasants, Turkey

|                               |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Ring-necked Pheasant..... | o | o | o | o |
| ___ Wild Turkey*.....         | o | o | o | o |

## Loons

|                            |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Red-throated Loon..... | - | - | r | - |
| ___ Common Loon.....       | o | - | o | - |

## Grebes

|                             |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe*..... | c | u | u | - |
| ___ Horned Grebe .....      | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Eared Grebe.....        | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Western Grebe.....      | - | - | r | - |





**Coromorants**

\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant..... a    o    a    o

**Pelicans**

\_\_ American White Pelican..... a    -    a    o

**Hérons, Egrets, Bitterns**

\_\_ American Bittern# .....r    r    r    -  
 \_\_ Least Bittern\*# .....r    r    r    -  
 \_\_ Great Blue Heron\* .....a    a    a    a  
 \_\_ Great Egret\* .....a    a    a    -  
 \_\_ Snowy Egret# .....u    o    u    -  
 \_\_ Little Blue Heron# .....u    o    u    -  
 \_\_ Cattle Egret.....o    o    o    -  
 \_\_ Green Heron\* .....c    c    c    -  
 \_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron\*# .....u    o    u    -  
 \_\_ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron# .....-    -    r

**New World Vultures**

\_\_ Turkey Vulture .....c    u    c    -

**Osprey**

\_\_ Osprey# .....r    o    o    -

**Hawks, Kites, Eagles**

\_\_ Bald Eagle\*# .....u    u    c    c  
 \_\_ Northern Harrier# .....u    -    u    u  
 \_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk .....o    r    o    o  
 \_\_ Cooper's Hawk .....u    r    u    u  
 \_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk .....r    r    r    o  
 \_\_ Broad-winged Hawk .....o    -    u    -  
 \_\_ Red-tailed Hawk\* .....c    u    c    c  
 \_\_ Rough-legged Hawk .....u    -    u    u  
 \_\_ Golden Eagle .....r    -    r    r

**Rails, Coots, Gallinules**

\_\_ King Rail# .....r    -    r    -  
 \_\_ Virginia Rail\* .....o    o    o    -  
 \_\_ Sora\* .....o    r    c    -  
 \_\_ Yellow Rail .....r    -    r    -  
 \_\_ Common Moorhen# .....r    u    r    -  
 \_\_ American Coot\* .....a    u    a    o

**Cranes**

\_\_ Sandhill Crane# .....r    -    r    -

**Stilts, Avocets**

Black-necked Stilt\* .....o    u    u    -  
 American Avocet.....r    -    u    -



**SPECIES** S s F W

**Plovers**

|                                  |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black-bellied Plover .....   | o | - | o | - |
| ___ American Golden-Plover ..... | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Semipalmated Plover .....    | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Piping Plover# .....         | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Killdeer* .....              | c | c | a | r |

**Sandpipers**

|                                   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Spotted Sandpiper* .....      | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Solitary Sandpiper .....      | u | o | u | - |
| ___ Greater Yellowlegs .....      | c | o | c | - |
| ___ Willet .....                  | r | - | o | - |
| ___ Lesser Yellowlegs .....       | c | u | a | - |
| ___ Upland Sandpiper# .....       | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Marbled Godwit .....          | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Ruddy Turnstone .....         | r | - | o | - |
| ___ Red Knot .....                | - | - | r | - |
| ___ Ruff .....                    | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Sanderling .....              | r | r | r | - |
| ___ Dunlin .....                  | r | - | o | - |
| ___ Baird's Sandpiper .....       | r | r | r | - |
| ___ Least Sandpiper .....         | u | u | c | - |
| ___ White-rumped Sandpiper .....  | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper ..... | r | - | o | - |
| ___ Pectoral Sandpiper .....      | c | u | a | - |
| ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper .....  | u | o | c | - |
| ___ Western Sandpiper* .....      | r | r | o | - |
| ___ Short-billed Dowitcher .....  | o | o | u | - |
| ___ Long-billed Dowitcher .....   | o | - | u | - |
| ___ Wilson's Snipe .....          | u | r | u | - |
| ___ American Woodcock .....       | o | r | o | - |
| ___ Wilson's Phalarope# .....     | r | r | o | - |
| ___ Red-necked Phalarope .....    | r | - | o | - |
| ___ Red Phalarope .....           | - | - | r | - |

**Jaegers, Skuas**

|                            |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Pomarine Jaeger .....  | - | - | r | - |
| ___ Parasitic Jaeger ..... | - | - | r | - |

**Gulls, Terns**

|                                  |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black-legged Kittiwake ..... | - | - | r | - |
| ___ Sabine's Gull .....          | - | - | r | - |
| ___ Laughing Gull .....          | r | r | r | - |
| ___ Franklin's Gull .....        | r | r | o | - |
| ___ Ring-billed Gull .....       | c | u | a | c |
| ___ Herring Gull .....           | u | r | u | o |
| ___ Thayer's Gull .....          | - | - | r | r |
| ___ Glaucous Gull .....          | - | - | r | r |
| ___ Least Tern .....             | - | r | r | - |
| ___ Caspian Tern .....           | o | o | u | - |
| ___ Black Tern# .....            | r | o | - | - |

**SPECIES** S s F W

|                           |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Common Tern# .....    | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Forster's Tern# ..... | o | r | u | - |

**Doves, Pigeons**

|                          |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Rock Pigeon .....    | o | o | o | o |
| ___ Mourning Dove* ..... | c | a | a | c |

**Cuckoos**

|                                 |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo* ..... | u | u | o | - |
| ___ Black-billed Cuckoo .....   | o | o | o | - |

**Owls**

|                                |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Eastern Screech-Owl* ..... | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Great Horned Owl* .....    | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Barred Owl* .....          | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Long-eared Owl .....       | - | - | - | r |
| ___ Short-eared Owl .....      | - | - | - | r |

**Nightjars**

|                                   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Common Nighthawk* .....       | u | c | c | - |
| ___ Eastern Whip-poor-will* ..... | o | o | o | - |

**Swifts**

|                          |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Chimney Swift* ..... | u | u | u | - |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Hummingbirds**

|                                      |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird* ..... | u | c | u | - |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Kingfishers**

|                              |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Belted Kingfisher* ..... | c | c | c | o |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Woodpeckers**

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

**Falcons**

|                             |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ American Kestrel* ..... | c | u | u | u |
| ___ Merlin .....            | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Peregrine Falcon# ..... | r | - | o | - |

**SPECIES**      **S**   **s**   **F**   **W**

**Flycatchers**

|                                     |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher .....    | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee* .....       | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher ..... | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Acadian Flycatcher .....        | o | r | o | - |
| ___ Alder Flycatcher .....          | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Willow Flycatcher .....         | o | r | r | - |
| ___ Least Flycatcher .....          | c | - | u | - |
| ___ Eastern Phoebe* .....           | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Great Crested Flycatcher* ..... | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Eastern Kingbird* .....         | c | c | c | - |

**Shrikes**

|                              |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Loggerhead Shrike# ..... | r | - | r | - |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Vireonidae (Vireos)**

|                                 |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ White-eyed Vireo .....      | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Bell's Vireo* .....         | o | o | o | - |
| ___ Yellow-throated Vireo ..... | o | r | o | - |
| ___ Warbling Vireo* .....       | c | c | u | - |
| ___ Philadelphia Vireo .....    | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Red-eyed Vireo* .....       | c | c | c | - |

**Jays, Crows, Magpies**

|                          |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Blue Jay* .....      | a | c | a | c |
| ___ American Crow* ..... | c | c | c | a |

**Larks**

|                        |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Horned Lark* ..... | c | c | c | c |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Swallows, Martins**

|  |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Purple Martin* .....                 | c | c | u | - |
| ___ Tree Swallow* .....                  | c | a | c | - |
| ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow* ..... | c | c | u | - |
| ___ Bank Swallow .....                   | u | c | c | - |
| ___ Cliff Swallow* .....                 | u | u | u | - |
| ___ Barn Swallow* .....                  | c | c | c | - |

**Chickadees, Titmice**

|                                   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black-capped Chickadee* ..... | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Tufted Titmouse* .....        | c | c | c | c |

**Nuthatches**

|                                    |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch .....    | r | - | r | o |
| ___ White-breasted Nuthatch* ..... | c | c | c | c |

**Creepers**

|                         |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Brown Creeper ..... | o | r | c | c |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**SPECIES**      **S**   **s**   **F**   **W**

**Wrens**

|                       |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ House Wren* ..... | - | c | c | c |
| ___ Winter Wren ..... | u | - | u | u |
| ___ Marsh Wren .....  | r | o | r | - |

**Gnatcatchers**

|                                 |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... | u | u | o | - |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Kinglet**

|                                  |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet ..... | u | - | u | u |
| ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet .....   | c | - | c | o |

**Thrushes**

|                               |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Eastern Bluebird* .....   | o | o | o | r |
| ___ Veery .....               | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush ..... | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Swainson's Thrush .....   | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Hermit Thrush .....       | c | - | c | r |
| ___ Wood Thrush* .....        | c | u | u | - |
| ___ American Robin* .....     | a | a | a | u |

**Mimic Thrushes**

|                                 |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Gray Catbird* .....         | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Brown Thrasher* .....       | c | c | u | - |
| ___ Northern Mockingbird* ..... | u | o | u | o |

**Starlings**

|                              |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ European Starling* ..... | a | c | a | a |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Pipits**

|                          |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ American Pipit ..... | r | - | u | - |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Waxwings**

|                          |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Cedar Waxwing* ..... | c | u | c | u |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|

**Longspurs**

|                            |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Lapland Longspur ..... | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Snow Bunting .....     | r | - | r | r |

**Warblers**

|                                   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Ovenbird .....                | u | u | u | - |
| ___ Louisiana Waterthrush .....   | u | - | r | - |
| ___ Northern Waterthrush .....    | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Golden-winged Warbler .....   | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Blue-winged Warbler .....     | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Black-and-white Warbler ..... | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Prothonotary Warbler* .....   | c | u | u | - |
| ___ Tennessee Warbler .....       | c | - | o | - |
| ___ Orange-crowned Warbler .....  | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Nashville Warbler .....       | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Connecticut Warbler .....     | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Mourning Warbler .....        | r | - | r | - |



**SPECIES**      **S**   **s**   **F**   **W**

|                                       |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Kentucky Warbler .....            | o | r | r | - |
| ___ Common Yellowthroat*              | c | e | u | r |
| ___ Hooded Warbler .....              | o | - | r | - |
| ___ American Redstart*                | c | u | u | - |
| ___ Cape May Warbler .....            | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Cerulean Warbler# .....           | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Northern Parula .....             | c | o | c | - |
| ___ Magnolia Warbler .....            | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Bay-breasted Warbler .....        | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Blackburnian Warbler .....        | c | o | c | - |
| ___ Yellow Warbler* .....             | c | e | c | - |
| ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler .....      | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Blackpoll Warbler .....           | c | - | u | - |
| ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler.....  | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Palm Warbler .....                | u | - | u | r |
| ___ Pine Warbler .....                | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....        | c | - | c | r |
| ___ Yellow-throated Warbler.....      | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Black-throated Green Warbler..... | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Canada Warbler .....              | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Wilson's Warbler.....             | c | - | c | - |
| ___ Yellow-breasted Chat.....         | u | r | u | - |

**Sparrows**

|                                  |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Spotted Towhee .....         | r | - | r | r |
| ___ Eastern Towhee* .....        | c | e | u | r |
| ___ American Tree Sparrow .....  | c | - | c | a |
| ___ Chipping Sparrow* .....      | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Clay-colored Sparrow .....   | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Field Sparrow* .....         | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Vesper Sparrow* .....        | o | o | o | r |
| ___ Lark Sparrow .....           | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Snow Bunting.....            | r | - | r | r |
| ___ Savannah Sparrow .....       | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Grasshopper Sparrow.....     | o | r | r | - |
| ___ Le Conte's Sparrow .....     | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Fox Sparrow .....            | c | - | c | o |
| ___ Song Sparrow* .....          | c | e | c | o |
| ___ Lincoln's Sparrow .....      | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Swamp Sparrow .....          | u | - | u | o |
| ___ White-throated Sparrow ..... | c | - | c | o |
| ___ Harris's Sparrow .....       | r | - | r | - |
| ___ White-crowned Sparrow.....   | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Dark-eyed Junco .....        | c | - | c | a |

**SPECIES**      **S**   **s**   **F**   **W**

**Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings**

|                                   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Summer Tanager .....          | u | - | u | - |
| ___ Scarlet Tanager* .....        | u | r | u | - |
| ___ Northern Cardinal* .....      | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak* ..... | c | c | c | - |
| ___ Blue Grosbeak.....            | r | r | r | - |
| ___ Indigo Bunting* .....         | c | a | a | - |
| ___ Dickcissel* .....             | c | a | c | - |

**Blackbirds**

|                                 |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Bobolink.....               | o | - | o | - |
| ___ Red-winged Blackbird* ..... | a | a | a | u |
| ___ Eastern Meadowlark* .....   | c | c | c | o |
| ___ Western Meadowlark.....     | r | - | r | - |
| ___ Rusty Blackbird.....        | o | o | o | o |
| ___ Brown-headed Cowbird* ..... | c | c | c | o |
| ___ Orchard Oriole .....        | r | r | r | - |
| ___ Baltimore Oriole* .....     | c | c | c | - |

**Finches**

|                               |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ House Finch* .....        | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Purple Finch .....        | u | - | c | u |
| ___ Pine Siskin.....          | u | - | u | o |
| ___ American Goldfinch* ..... | a | a | a | c |
| ___ Evening Grosbeak.....     | r | - | r | r |

**Weaver Finches**

|                                  |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ House Sparrow* .....         | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow* ..... | a | a | a | a |

**Rare & Accidental Birds**

- Black-bellied Whistling Duck
- Pacific Loon
- Yellow-billed Loon
- Red-necked Grebe
- Clark's Grebe
- Northern Goshawk
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- Long-tailed Jaeger
- Little Gull
- Iceland Gull
- Snowy Plover
- Whimbrel
- Snowy Owl
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Red Crossbill
- Hoary Redpoll