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Bird List



Welcome

Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established in 1935 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The Refuge lies in the shallow Lake Creek Valley on the northern edge of the Nebraska Sandhills and includes approximately 16,500 acres of sandhills, sub-irrigated meadows, impounded fresh water marshes, and mixed-grass prairie uplands.

Lacreek NWR is one of over 565 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

Federally endangered or threatened bird species that may be observed on the Refuge include piping plovers and whooping cranes. Peregrine falcons and osprey, listed as endangered or threatened by the State of South Dakota, are also occasionally sighted on the Refuge.

The Lacreek NWR flock of trumpeter swans, also called the High Plains Flock, originated from cygnets obtained from Red Rock Lakes NWR in Montana in the early 1960s. Trumpeter swans now nest extensively throughout Nebraska and South Dakota, with approximately 250 swans returning to the Refuge to winter each year. Excellent opportunities to view swans are available during the fall and early winter.

About the List

This list of 288 birds follows the formation of the American Ornithological Society Seventh Edition Check-list, including changes through the 59th Supplement.

Since many birds are migratory, their seasonal occurrence and relative abundance are noted as follows:

Sp Spring (March – May)
S Summer (June – August)
F Fall (September – November)
W Winter (December – February)

Seasonal Abundance

c common – certain to be seen in suitable habitat
u uncommon – present, but not certain to be seen
r rare – seen at intervals of 2 - 5 years
x accidental, vagrant, or out of normal range

Other Code

- breeds and nests on the Refuge

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Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, Swans				
— Snow Goose	u	r	u	u
— Ross's Goose	u		u	r
— Greater White-fronted Goose	c		c	r
— Brant	x			
• Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
• Trumpeter Swan	c	u	c	c
— Tundra Swan	u		u	u
• Wood Duck	c	u	c	r
• Blue-winged Teal	c	c	c	
— Cinnamon Teal	u	r	r	
• Northern Shoveler	c	u	c	r
• Gadwall	c	u	c	r
— Eurasian Wigeon			x	
• American Wigeon	c	u	c	r
• Mallard	c	c	c	c
— American Black Duck	r		r	r
• Northern Pintail	c	c	c	r
• Green-winged Teal	c	u	c	u
• Canvasback	c	u	c	u
• Redhead	c	u	c	r
— Ring-necked Duck	c		c	u
— Greater Scaup			x	
— Lesser Scaup	c	u	c	u
— White-winged Scoter			r	
— Long-tailed Duck			x	
— Bufflehead	c	u	c	u
— Common Goldeneye	c		c	u
— Barrow's Goldeneye			x	
— Hooded Merganser	u	u	u	r
— Common Merganser	u		u	c
— Red-breasted Merganser	r			
— Ruddy Duck	c	u	c	r
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys				
— Northern Bobwhite	r	r	r	r
— Gray Partridge (<i>Introduced</i>)	r	r	r	r
• Ring-necked Pheasant (<i>Introduced</i>)	c	c	c	c
• Sharp-tailed Grouse	c	c	c	c
• Wild Turkey	c	c	c	u
Grebes				
• Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	r
— Horned Grebe	u	r	u	
• Eared Grebe	c	u	c	
• Western Grebe	c	u	c	
— Clark's Grebe	x			
Pigeons and Doves				
— Rock Pigeon (<i>Introduced</i>)	r	u	r	r
— Eurasian Collared-Dove (<i>Introduced</i>)	u	u	u	u

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
• Mourning Dove	c	c	c	
Cuckoos				
• Yellow-billed Cuckoo		u		
— Black-billed Cuckoo		u		
Nighthawks				
• Common Nighthawk	u	c	u	
Hummingbirds				
— Ruby-throated Hummingbird		r	r	
— Rufous Hummingbird		x		
Rails, Gallinules, Coots				
— Yellow Rail	r	r		
• Virginia Rail	c	c	c	
• Sora	c	c	c	
• American Coot	c	c	c	r
Cranes				
• Sandhill Crane	u	r	u	
— Whooping Crane	r		r	
Stilts and Avocets				
— Black-necked Stilt	r			
• American Avocet	c	c	c	
Plovers				
— Black-bellied Plover	u	u	u	
— American Golden-Plover	r			
— Semipalmated Plover	r	u	r	
— Piping Plover	r	r		
• Killdeer	c	c	c	u
— Mountain Plover			x	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
• Upland Sandpiper	c	c		
— Whimbrel	r	r		
• Long-billed Curlew	u	u	u	
— Hudsonian Godwit	u	u		
• Marbled Godwit	c	c	u	
— Ruddy Turnstone	r	r	r	
— Ruff	x			
— Stilt Sandpiper	u	c	u	
— Sanderling	r	r		
— Baird's Sandpiper	u	u	u	
— Least Sandpiper	u	c	u	
— White-rumped Sandpiper	u	u		
— Buff-breasted Sandpiper			x	
— Pectoral Sandpiper		u	u	
— Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Western Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u		
Long-billed Dowitcher	c	c	c	r
• Wilson's Snipe	c	c	c	r
• Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	c	c	c	
• Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c	
• Willet	c	c	c	
Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	
• Wilson's Phalarope	c	c	u	
Red-necked Phalarope	u	u		

Jaegers

Long-tailed Jaeger			x	
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Gulls and Terns

Sabine's Gull			x	
Bonaparte's Gull	r		r	r
Franklin's Gull	c	u	u	
• Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	
California Gull	u		u	
Herring Gull	u		u	r
Glaucous-winged Gull	x			
Caspian Tern		x	x	
• Black Tern	c	c	u	
Common Tern	u	u		
• Forster's Tern	c	c	c	

Loons

Common Loon	x			
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Cormorants

• Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	
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Pelicans

• American White Pelican	c	c	c	
Brown Pelican	x			

Bitterns, Herons, Egrets

• American Bittern	c	c	c	
Least Bittern	r	r	r	
• Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	r
Great Egret	u	u	r	
Snowy Egret	r	u	r	
Little Blue Heron	r	r		
• Cattle Egret	c	c	r	
Green Heron	u	u	r	
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	c	c	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	r	r		

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Ibises				
White Ibis		x		
• White-faced Ibis	c	c	u	
New World Vultures				
Turkey Vulture	u	u	u	

Hawks and Eagles

Osprey	u		u	r
Golden Eagle	u	u	u	u
• Northern Harrier	c	c	c	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
Cooper's Hawk	u	x	u	
Northern Goshawk	u		u	u
• Bald Eagle	c	u	c	c
Red-shouldered Hawk	r			x
Broad-winged Hawk	r	r	r	
• Swainson's Hawk	c	u	c	
• Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	u
Rough-legged Hawk	c	r	c	c
Ferruginous Hawk	u	r	u	c

Barn Owls

Barn Owl	u	u	u	u
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Typical Owls

• Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	
• Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl	u		r	u
• Burrowing Owl	c	c	c	
Long-eared Owl	u	u	u	u
• Short-eared Owl	c	u	c	u
Northern Saw-whet Owl				x

Kingfishers

• Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	
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Woodpeckers

• Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			r	
• Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	u

Caracaras and Falcons

Crested Caracara				x
• American Kestrel	c	c	c	u
Merlin	u	r	u	u
Gyr Falcon		x		r
Peregrine Falcon	u	u	u	u
Prairie Falcon	u	u	u	u

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Tyrant Flycatchers				
• Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u	
— Cassin's Kingbird	x			
• Western Kingbird	c	c		
• Eastern Kingbird	c	c		
— Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		x		
— Western Wood-Pewee	u	u		
— Eastern Wood-Pewee		x		
• Willow Flycatcher	c	c	u	
• Least Flycatcher	u	u		
— Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	
• Say's Phoebe	u	u		
Shrikes				
• Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	r
— Northern Shrike	u		u	c
Vireos				
• Bell's Vireo	u	c	u	
— Yellow-throated Vireo	x			
— Blue-headed Vireo		x		
— Plumbeous Vireo	x			
— Philadelphia Vireo		x		
— Warbling Vireo	c	u		
— Red-eyed Vireo	c	u	u	
Jays, Magpies, Crows				
— Pinyon Jay				x
• Blue Jay	u	u	u	
• Black-billed Magpie		r		r
— American Crow	c	u	c	u
— Common Raven	x		x	
Larks				
• Horned Lark	c	c	c	c
Swallows				
— Purple Martin	r	r		
• Tree Swallow	u	u		
— Violet-green Swallow	r			
— Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	u		
— Bank Swallow	c	u	r	
• Cliff Swallow	c	c	u	
• Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
Chickadees				
— Black-capped Chickadee	c	u	c	c
Nuthatches				
— Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	r	u	u
— White-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	

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Creepers				
— Brown Creeper	u	r	u	r
Wrens				
— Rock Wren	r			
• House Wren	c	c	c	
• Sedge Wren	u	c		
• Marsh Wren	c	c	c	
Kinglets				
— Golden-crowned Kinglet			u	
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u			
Thrushes				
— Eastern Bluebird	u	u		
— Mountain Bluebird	u		u	
— Townsend's Solitaire	u		u	r
— Veery	u	u		
— Gray-cheeked Thrush	u			
— Swainson's Thrush	u	r	u	
— Hermit Thrush	r		r	
• American Robin	c	c	c	u
Mimic Thrushes				
• Gray Catbird	u	r	u	
— Curve-billed Thrasher	x			
• Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	
— Northern Mockingbird	r			
Starlings				
• European Starling	c	c	c	u
Waxwings				
— Bohemian Waxwing	r			
— Cedar Waxwing	u	u	u	
Old World Sparrows				
• House Sparrow (<i>Introduced</i>)	c	c	c	u
Pipits				
— American Pipit	r		r	
— Sprague's Pipit	x		x	
Finches				
— Evening Grosbeak	r			
— Black Rosy-Finch			r	
— House Finch	u	u	u	u
— Purple Finch			u	u
— Common Redpoll				u
— Pine Siskin	u	u	u	u
• American Goldfinch	c	c	c	u

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Longspurs and Buntings				
Lapland Longspur	u		u	u
Chestnut-collared Longspur		r	u	
McCown's Longspur	r			
Snow Bunting			u	u
Sparrows and Towhees				
Spotted Towhee	u	u	u	
American Tree Sparrow	c	u	c	c
Chipping Sparrow	c	u	c	
Clay-colored Sparrow	c		c	
Field Sparrow	u	r	u	
• Vesper Sparrow	c	u	c	
• Lark Sparrow	u	c		
• Lark Bunting	u	c	u	
Savannah Sparrow	u	u	c	
• Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c	c	
Henslow's Sparrow	x	x		
LeConte's Sparrow	r		r	
Nelson's Sparrow			x	
Fox Sparrow			r	
• Song Sparrow	c	u	c	
Lincoln's Sparrow	c		c	
• Swamp Sparrow	c	c	c	
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	
Harris's Sparrow	c		c	u
White-crowned Sparrow	u		c	
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Blackbirds and Orioles				
• Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	c	c	
• Bobolink	u	c	u	
• Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	
• Western Meadowlark	c	c	c	u
• Orchard Oriole	u	c		
Bullock's Oriole	u	u		
Baltimore Oriole	u	u		
• Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	r
• Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	
Rusty Blackbird				r
• Brewer's Blackbird	u		u	
• Common Grackle	c	c	c	u
Great-tailed Grackle		x	r	
Wood Warblers				
Ovenbird	r		r	
Northern Waterthrush	u			
Black-and-white Warbler	u	u	u	
Tennessee Warbler	r			
Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	
Virginia's Warbler	x			

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MacGillivray's Warbler	x			
• Common Yellowthroat	u	c	u	
Hooded Warbler	x			
American Redstart	u	r	u	
Northern Parula	r			
Magnolia Warbler	u			x
• Yellow Warbler	c	c	u	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	r			
Blackpoll Warbler	u	r		
Palm Warbler	r			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	
Townsend's Warbler			x	
Black-throated Green Warbler	x			
Wilson's Warbler	u		c	
• Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u		
Tanagers				
Scarlet Tanager	r		r	
Western Tanager	x			
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Allies				
Northern Cardinal	r			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	u		
Black-headed Grosbeak	u	u		
Blue Grosbeak	u	u		
Lazuli Bunting	u			
Indigo Bunting	u		r	
• Dickcissel	u	c	u	