

Tewaukon

National Wildlife Refuge

Bird List



Welcome



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

Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is located in southeastern North Dakota and is situated on the western edge of the northern tallgrass prairie. This sea of grass is dotted with splashes of color from a variety of wildflowers. Shallow, shimmering wetlands are scattered throughout the sea of grass, and the Wild Rice River meanders through the Refuge. This combination of prairie, wetland, and river habitats make Tewaukon NWR a popular breeding and resting area for a whole host of migratory birds.

During migration in the spring and fall, thousands of ducks and geese spiral down onto the large Refuge wetlands to rest and refuel on their long journey. Western meadowlarks, bobolinks, sedge wrens, and upland sandpipers sing from the highest grass or fencepost welcoming springtime. Elusive bitterns and rails move quietly through rushes and cattails in search of a salamander or frog. A hen blue-winged teal peeps softly to guide her brood of ducklings to water. Raptors, including Swainson's hawks, northern harriers, kestrels, and rough-legged hawks, search the grass and rushes for their next meal. Over 240 species of birds can be seen on this prairie wetland Refuge.

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About this list

All species names are listed in accordance with the A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds, 7th Edition (1998), 42nd, 43rd, and 44th supplements (2003).

How to Use this Checklist

Seasonal occurrence, abundance, and nesting have been coded as follows:

Season

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

Seasonal Abundance

a abundant; occurring in large numbers
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 at intervals of 2 - 5 years

Nesting

- species that nest on the Refuge



Meadowlark
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Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose	c		c	
Snow Goose	a		a	r
Ross' Goose	r		r	
• Canada Goose	a	c	a	o
Tundra Swan	c		c	r
• Wood Duck	c	c	c	
• Gadwall	a	a	a	
• American Wigeon	c	u	c	
American Black Duck	o		o	
• Mallard	a	a	a	o
• Blue-winged Teal	a	a	a	
• Northern Shoveler	c	c	c	
• Northern Pintail	c	c	c	
• Green-winged Teal	c	u	c	
• Canvasback	u	u	u	
• Redhead	c	c	c	
• Ring-necked Duck	c	o	c	
• Lesser Scaup	c	u	c	r
Bufflehead	c		c	r
Common Goldeneye	c		c	r
Hooded Merganser	u		u	r
Common Merganser	c	r	c	r
Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	
• Ruddy Duck	c	c	c	
Gallinaceous Birds				
• Gray Partridge	u	u	u	u
• Ring-necked Pheasant	c	c	c	c
Sharp-tailed Grouse	r	r	r	r
Greater Prairie-Chicken	r	r	r	r
Wild Turkey	o	o	o	o
Loons				
Common Loon	o		o	
Grebes				
• Pied-billed Grebe	a	a	a	
Horned Grebe	r	r	r	
Red-necked Grebe	o	o	o	
• Eared Grebe	c	a	c	
• Western Grebe	c	c	c	
Pelicans				
American White Pelican	c	c	c	
Cormorants				
• Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets				
• American Bittern	c	c	c	
• Least Bittern	u	u	u	
• Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	
• Great Egret	o	o	u	
Snowy Egret	o		o	
Cattle Egret	o	o	o	
Green Heron	u	u	u	
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	c	c	
Ibises				
White-faced Ibis	u	r	u	
New World Vultures				
Turkey Vulture	o	r	o	
Osprey, Hawks, and Eagles				
Osprey	o		o	
Bald Eagle	c	o	c	o
• Northern Harrier	c	c	c	r
• Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	u	r
• Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	r
Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
• Swainson's Hawk	c	c	c	
• Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	o
Ferruginous Hawk	r		r	
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	o
Golden Eagle	o		o	o
Falcons and Caracaras				
• American Kestrel	c	u	c	
Merlin	r		r	r
Gyrfalcon			r	r
Peregrine Falcon	o		o	
Prairie Falcon	o		o	
Rails				
• Yellow Rail	o	o	o	
• Virginia Rail	u	u	u	
• Sora	c	c	c	
• American Coot	a	a	a	
Cranes				
Sandhill Crane	o		u	
Plovers				
Black-bellied Plover	o		r	
American Golden-Plover	u		r	
Semipalmated Plover	o	o	o	
• Killdeer	c	c	c	

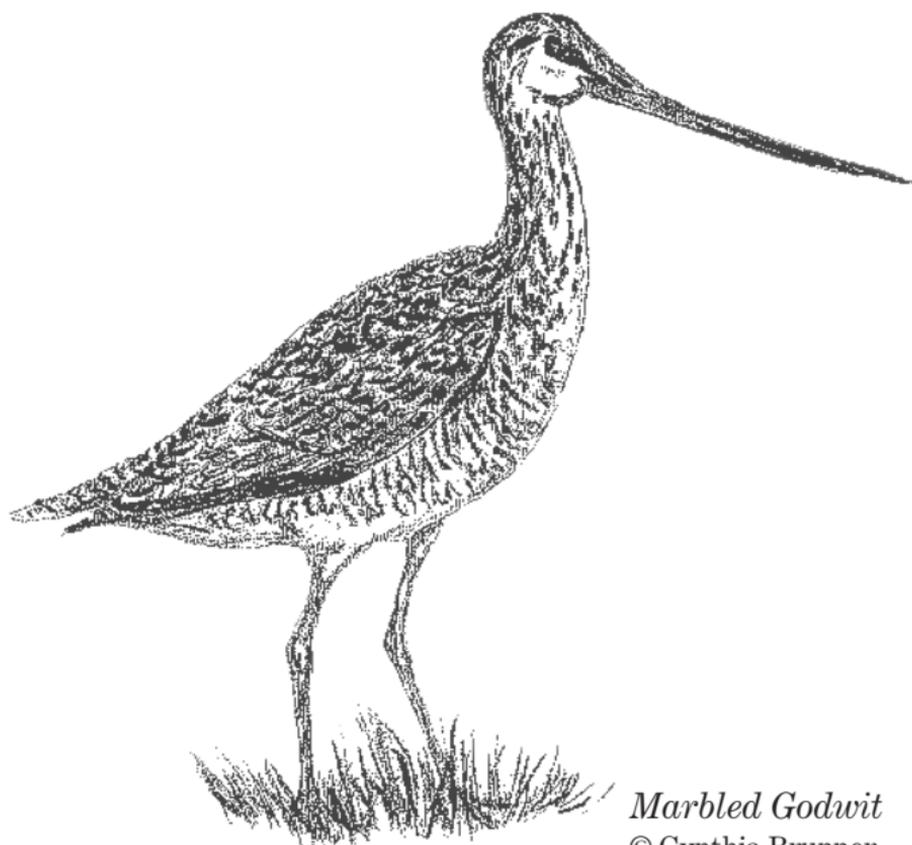
Common Bird Name		S		W
Stilts and Avocets				
• American Avocet	u	u	u	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	u	
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	r	
Willet	c	c	o	
Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	
• Upland Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Hudsonian Godwit	r	r	r	
• Marbled Godwit	u	o	o	
Ruddy Turnstone	o		o	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	c	c	
• Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	
White-rumped Sandpiper	c	u	o	
Baird's Sandpiper	c	u	c	
Pectoral Sandpiper	c	u	u	
Dunlin	o		o	
Stilt Sandpiper	c	u	o	
Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o		
Long-billed Dowitcher	c	u	c	
• Common Snipe	c	u	c	
American Woodcock			r	
• Wilson's Phalarope	c	c	u	
Red-necked Phalarope	u		o	
Gulls and Terns				
• Franklin's Gull	c	c	a	
Bonaparte's Gull	o	o	o	
Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	
California Gull	o	o	o	
Herring Gull	o		o	
Caspian Tern	r	r		
Common Tern	c	c	o	
• Forster's Tern	c	c	c	
• Black Tern	c	c	c	
Pigeons and Doves				
Rock Pigeon	u	u	u	u
• Mourning Dove	a	a	a	r
Cuckoos and Anis				
Black-billed Cuckoo	u	u	o	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	o	o	r	
Typical Owls				
Eastern Screech-Owl	o	o	o	o
• Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl	r		o	o

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• Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	
• Short-eared Owl	u	o	u	u
Northern Saw-whet Owl	r			r
Nightjars				
• Common Nighthawk	u	u	o	
Whip-poor-will	o	r		
Swifts				
Chimney Swift	o	o	o	
Hummingbirds				
• Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	r	
Kingfishers				
• Belted Kingfisher	c	c	u	
Woodpeckers				
• Red-headed Woodpecker	o	o	o	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r		r	
• Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
• Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	r
Tyrant Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		r	
• Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	o	o	
• Willow Flycatcher	u	u	u	
• Least Flycatcher	u	o	u	
Eastern Phoebe	o	o		
Great Crested Flycatcher	o	o		
• Western Kingbird	c	c	c	
• Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
Shrikes				
Loggerhead Shrike	o	o	o	o
Northern Shrike	o		o	o
Vireos				
Yellow-throated Vireo	o		r	
Warbling Vireo	u	u	o	
Philadelphia Vireo	o	r		
• Red-eyed Vireo	u	o	u	
Crows, Jays, and Magpies				
• Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
• American Crow	u	u	o	r
Larks				
• Horned Lark	c	c	c	c

Common Bird Name		S		W
Swallows				
• Purple Martin	u	u		
• Tree Swallow	a	a	a	
• Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	u	
• Bank Swallow	c	c	u	
• Cliff Swallow	c	c	u	
• Barn Swallow	a	a	c	
Chickadees				
• Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
• Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	o	o	c
• White-breasted Nuthatch	u	o	o	o
Creepers				
• Brown Creeper	o		o	o
Wrens				
• House Wren	c	c	o	
• Sedge Wren	c	c	o	
• Marsh Wren	a	a	o	
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	o		o	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	o		o	
Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird	o		o	
• Veery	u	o	o	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
Hermit Thrush	o		o	
• American Robin	c	a	c	r
Mimic Thrushes				
• Gray Catbird	c	c	u	
• Brown Thrasher	u	c	u	
Starlings				
• European Starling	u	u	u	o
Wagtails and Pipits				
American (Water) Pipit	r		r	
Sprague's Pipit	r		r	
Waxwings				
Bohemian Waxwing	o			o
• Cedar Waxwing	u	o	u	r

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Wood Warblers				
Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	
Nashville Warbler	o		r	
• Yellow Warbler	a	a	u	
Magnolia Warbler	o		o	
Cape May Warbler	r			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	
Palm Warbler	u		o	
Bay-breasted Warbler	o		r	
Blackpoll Warbler	r		r	
Black-and-white Warbler	u		o	
• American Redstart	u	o	o	
Ovenbird	r	r	r	
Northern Waterthrush	r		r	
Connecticut Warbler	r			
• Common Yellowthroat	a	a	c	
Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
Canada Warbler	r	r		
• Yellow-breasted Chat	o			
Tanagers				
Scarlet Tanager	r	r		
Sparrows and Towhees				
Eastern Towhee	r		r	
• American Tree Sparrow	c	u	c	
Chipping Sparrow	o	o	o	
• Clay-colored Sparrow	c	u	c	
• Field Sparrow	o	o	o	
• Vesper Sparrow	c	u	c	
• Lark Sparrow	u	u		
• Savannah Sparrow	c	c	c	
• Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c	u	
Baird's Sparrow		r		
Le Conte's Sparrow	u	r	r	
Fox Sparrow	o		o	
• Song Sparrow	c	c	c	
Lincoln's Sparrow	c		c	
Swamp Sparrow	u	o	u	
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	
• Harris' Sparrow	c		c	
• White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	
Dark-eyed Junco	u		u	o
• Lapland Longspur	c		c	c
Smith's Longspur	r			
• Chestnut-collared Longspur	u	u	u	u
Snow Bunting	o		u	c
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
Dickcissel	o	o	r	

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Blackbirds and Orioles				
• Bobolink	c	c	c	
• Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	r
• Western Meadowlark	c	c	c	r
• Yellow-headed Blackbird	a	a	a	r
Rusty Blackbird	o		o	r
• Brewer's Blackbird	u	u	u	o
• Common Grackle	a	a	a	r
• Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	
• Orchard Oriole	u	u	o	
• Baltimore Oriole	u	u	o	
Finches				
Purple Finch	o		o	r
House Finch	u	u	u	u
Red Crossbill				r
Common Redpoll	o		u	c
Hoary Redpoll	u			u
Pine Siskin	o		u	o
• American Goldfinch	c	c	c	o
Evening Grosbeak	r		r	
Old World Sparrows				
• House Sparrow	a	a	a	a



Marbled Godwit
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