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# Flint Hills

*National Wildlife  
Refuge*

*Bird List*



## Introduction



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

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge provides excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife species. Comprised of 18,500 acres, Refuge habitat includes uplands, grasslands, agricultural lands, hardwood river bottoms, marshes, and flooded sloughs.

The Refuge is managed primarily for migratory waterfowl and attracts thousands of ducks and geese during spring and fall migrations. It is also home to many species of resident wildlife. Visitors to the Refuge are invited to observe and enjoy wildlife and plants in their natural environment.

April and May are the best months for observing songbirds and perching birds at the Refuge. November is an excellent time to observe the peak migration of waterfowl.

## Checklist

The following tabulation lists 294 birds, including 103 species which nest on the Refuge (•).

Since most birds are migratory, their seasonal occurrence and relative abundance is coded as follows:

### Seasons:

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 a season  
r rare - seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years  
x accidental - straggler or out of normal range  
• species which nests on the refuge

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Loons</b>				
— Common Loon	u	r	u	
<b>Grebes</b>				
— • Pied-billed Grebe	c	o	c	o
— Horned Grebe	o		o	
— Eared Grebe	o		u	
— Western Grebe			r	
<b>Pelicans</b>				
— American White Pelican	c	o	c	
<b>Cormorants</b>				
— • Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	
<b>Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets</b>				
— American Bittern	u	o	u	
— • Least Bittern	o	o	r	
— • Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	u
— Great Egret	u	u	u	
— Snowy Egret	u	u	u	
— Little Blue Heron	u	u	c	
— Cattle Egret	o	u	o	
— • Green Heron	c	c	c	
— Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	o	u	
— Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	
<b>Ibises and Spoonbills</b>				
— White-faced Ibis	r		r	
<b>New World Vultures</b>				
— • Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	
<b>Swans, Geese, and Ducks</b>				
— Greater White-fronted Goose	c		c	u
— Snow Goose	a		a	u
— Ross' Goose	u		u	
— • Canada Goose	a	u	a	u
— Tundra Swan	r		r	r
— • Wood Duck	c	c	c	r
— Gadwall	c	r	c	r
— Eurasian Wigeon	r			
— American Wigeon	a	r	a	u
— American Black Duck	u		u	o
— • Mallard	a	u	a	a
— • Blue-winged Teal	a	o	a	
— Cinnamon Teal	x		x	
— Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	
— Northern Pintail	a	o	a	u

Swans, Geese, and Ducks, continued on next page

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Swans, Geese, and Ducks, <i>continued</i></b>				
Green-winged Teal	a	o	a	o
Canvasback	u	r	u	r
Redhead	c	r	c	r
Ring-necked Duck	c	r	c	r
Lesser Scaup	a	r	a	r
Long-tailed Duck ( <i>formerly Oldsquaw</i> )	x		x	
Bufflehead	u		u	o
Common Goldeneye	u		o	u
Hooded Merganser	o		u	
Common Merganser	a		c	a
Red-breasted Merganser	u		u	r
Ruddy Duck	u	r	u	r
<b>Osprey, Kites, Hawks, and Eagles</b>				
Osprey	o		o	
Mississippi Kite	r	r		
• Bald Eagle	u	u	u	c
• Northern Harrier	c	u	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	u	u
• Cooper's Hawk	u	o	u	o
Northern Goshawk				r
Red-shouldered Hawk	r	r	r	
Broad-winged Hawk	u	r	u	
Swainson's Hawk	u	o	u	
• Red-tailed Hawk	a	a	a	a
Ferruginous Hawk			r	r
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	c
Golden Eagle	o		o	o
<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>				
• American Kestrel	c	c	c	c
Merlin	o		o	r
Peregrine Falcon	o		o	r
Prairie Falcon	u		u	u
<b>Gallinaceous Birds</b>				
• Ring-necked Pheasant ( <i>Introduced</i> )	o	o	o	o
• Greater Prairie-Chicken	u	u	u	u
• Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c
• Northern Bobwhite	a	a	a	a
<b>Rails</b>				
King Rail	o	r	o	
Virginia Rail	u	o	c	
Sora	u	r	c	
Purple Gallinule	r			
Common Moorhen	r	r		
American Coot	a	o	a	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Starlings</b>				
• European Starling ( <i>Introduced</i> )	a	a	a	a
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>				
American Pipit	c		c	
Sprague's Pipit	o		o	
<b>Waxwings</b>				
Bohemian Waxwing				r
Cedar Waxwing	c		u	u
<b>Wood Warblers</b>				
Blue-winged Warbler	r		r	
Tennessee Warbler	c		u	
Orange-crowned Warbler	a		a	r
Nashville Warbler	c		c	
• Northern Parula	u	r	u	
• Yellow Warbler		u	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
Magnolia Warbler	u		o	
Cape May Warbler	r			
Black-throated Blue Warbler	r			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a	r
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		o	
Blackburnian Warbler	u		o	
Yellow-throated Warbler	x			
Palm Warbler	r			r
Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Cerulean Warbler	u			
Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	
American Redstart	c	r	o	
• Prothonotary Warbler	u	u	u	
Worm-eating Warbler	x			
Ovenbird	u		u	
Northern Waterthrush	u		o	
• Louisiana Waterthrush	o	r	u	
• Kentucky Warbler	u	u	o	
Mourning Warbler	u		o	
• Common Yellowthroat	a	c	c	
Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
Canada Warbler	u			
Yellow-breasted Chat	o	r	r	
<b>Tanagers</b>				
• Summer Tanager	o	o	o	
Scarlet Tanager	r		r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns, <i>continued</i></b>				
Black-legged Kittiwake			r	
Caspian Tern	o		o	
Forster's Tern	u		u	
Least Tern	r		r	
Black Tern	c	u	u	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
• Rock Dove ( <i>Introduced</i> )	u	u	u	u
• Mourning Dove	a	a	a	o
<b>Cuckoos and Anis</b>				
• Black-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
• Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	c	
<b>Barn Owls</b>				
• Barn Owl	o	o	u	o
<b>Typical Owls</b>				
• Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
• Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl				r
Burrowing Owl	o	o		
• Barred Owl	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl	o	o		u
Short-eared Owl	u		u	u
Northern Saw-whet Owl				o
<b>Nightjars</b>				
• Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	
Common Poorwill	r	r	r	r
• Chuck-will's-widow	u	u	u	
• Whip-poor-will	u	u	u	
<b>Swifts</b>				
• Chimney Swift	a	a	a	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
• Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	c	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
• Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	o

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<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
• Red-headed Woodpecker	c	c	c	u
• Red-bellied Woodpecker	a	a	a	a
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
• Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
• Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
• Pileated Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
• Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	r		
Acadian Flycatcher	u	u	u	
Alder Flycatcher	u		u	
Willow Flycatcher	u		u	
Least Flycatcher	u		u	
• Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	
Say's Phoebe		u		
• Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	c	
• Western Kingbird	u	u	u	
• Eastern Kingbird	a	a	a	
• Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	c	c	c	
<b>Shrikes</b>				
• Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	c
Northern Shrike				r
<b>Vireos</b>				
White-eyed Vireo	u	u	o	
• Bell's Vireo	c	c	c	
Yellow-throated Vireo	o		o	
Blue-headed Vireo ( <i>formerly Solitary</i> )	u		u	
• Warbling Vireo	c	c	c	
Philadelphia Vireo	u		o	
• Red-eyed Vireo	c	u	c	
<b>Crows, Jays, and Magpies</b>				
• Blue Jay	a	a	a	a
• American Crow	c	c	c	c
<b>Larks</b>				
• Horned Lark	a	c	a	a

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<b>Swallows</b>				
• Purple Martin	c	c	c	
• Tree Swallow	c	o	c	
• Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	u	c	
Bank Swallow	u		u	
• Cliff Swallow	u	u	u	
• Barn Swallow	a	a	a	
<b>Titmice and Chickadees</b>				
• Black-capped Chickadee	a	a	a	a
• Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch			o	u
• White-breasted Nuthatch	c	u	c	c
<b>Creepers</b>				
Brown Creeper	c		u	c
<b>Wrens</b>				
Rock Wren			r	
• Carolina Wren	u	u	u	u
• Bewick's Wren	u	u	u	
• House Wren	a	a	c	
Winter Wren				o
• Sedge Wren	o	o	u	
Marsh Wren	u	u	u	r
<b>Kinglets</b>				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	u
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		c	o
<b>Old World Warblers</b>				
• Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	
<b>Thrushes</b>				
• Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	u
Townsend's Solitaire	o			o
Veery	u			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u			
Swainson's Thrush	a		u	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	
• Wood Thrush	c	u	u	
• American Robin	a	a	a	u
<b>Mimic Thrushes</b>				
• Gray Catbird	u	u	u	
• Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	u
• Brown Thrasher	c	a	a	r

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<b>Cranes</b>				
Sandhill Crane	r	r		
<b>Plovers</b>				
Black-bellied Plover	o		o	
American Golden-Plover	u		o	
Snowy Plover	r			
Semipalmated Plover	o		o	
Piping Plover	r		r	
• Killdeer	a	a	a	u
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>				
American Avocet	u		u	
<b>Sandpipers and Phalaropes</b>				
Greater Yellowlegs	u	o	u	
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	o	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	u		u	
Willet	o		o	
• Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
• Upland Sandpiper	a	a	c	
Long-billed Curlew	r		r	
Hudsonian Godwit	o		r	
Marbled Godwit	u		o	
Ruddy Turnstone	x			
Sanderling	r		r	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	r	c	
Western Sandpiper	u	r	o	
Least Sandpiper	c	o	c	
White-rumped Sandpiper	u	r	u	
Baird's Sandpiper	c	r	c	
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	o	u	
Dunlin	o	r	o	
Stilt Sandpiper	u	r	u	
Short-billed Dowitcher	x		x	
Long-billed Dowitcher	a	u	a	
Common Snipe	u	u	u	r
• American Woodcock	u	u	u	
Wilson's Phalarope	c	o	c	
<b>Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns</b>				
Parasitic Jaeger				r
Franklin's Gull	a		a	
Little Gull	r		r	
Bonaparte's Gull	o	r	r	
Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	c
Herring Gull	u	r	u	u
Glaucous Gull				r
Great Black-backed Gull				r

Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns, continued on next page

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<b>Sparrows and Towhees</b>				
Spotted Towhee	u		u	u
• Eastern Towhee	u	u	u	u
American Tree Sparrow	a		a	a
Chipping Sparrow	c		c	
Clay-colored Sparrow	u		u	
• Field Sparrow	c	u	c	r
Vesper Sparrow	c		c	
• Lark Sparrow	c	c	u	
Lark Bunting	o			
Savannah Sparrow	c		c	
• Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c	c	
• Henslow's Sparrow	r	r	r	
Le Conte's Sparrow	u	u		x
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r			
Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
Song Sparrow	c		c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow	c		c	o
Swamp Sparrow	u		u	r
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	u
Harris' Sparrow	a		a	
White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	c
Dark-eyed Junco	a	c	a	
Lapland Longspur	c	c	a	
Smith's Longspur	o		r	r
Chestnut-collared Longspur	r		r	
Snow Bunting				r
<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</b>				
• Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
• Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o	o	o	
• Blue Grosbeak	u	u	o	
Lazuli Bunting	r			
• Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	
• Painted Bunting	o	o	r	
• Dickcissel	c	c	c	
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
Bobolink	o		r	
• Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	a
• Eastern Meadowlark	a	a	a	a
Western Meadowlark	u	o	o	u
Yellow-headed Blackbird	u		u	
Rusty Blackbird	u		u	u
Brewer's Blackbird	c		c	c
• Common Grackle	a	a	a	u
• Great-tailed Grackle	o	o	o	
• Brown-headed Cowbird	a	c	a	c
• Orchard Oriole	c	u	u	
• Baltimore Oriole	c	c	u	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Finches</b>				
Purple Finch	u		u	u
House Finch	u	u	u	u
Red Crossbill				r
Common Redpoll				r
Pine Siskin	o	r	o	u
• American Goldfinch	c	c	c	a
Evening Grosbeak				r
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
• House Sparrow ( <i>Introduced</i> )	a	a	a	a

### Notes

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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