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Bird List



About the Refuge



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

Seasonal Highlights

Fall Flights and Winter Visitors

Spring Staging

Spring and Summer Residents

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is located in south-central Kansas within the transition zone of the Great Plains. In this zone, the relatively lush vegetation of the eastern prairie blends with the more arid grasslands of the western prairie. The blend of varied plant communities and the presence of the Big and Little Salt Marshes, major water features on the Refuge, attract birds common to both eastern and western North America. Over 300 species of birds have been observed in the marshes, grasslands, farmlands, and low sandhills of Quivira NWR.

From September to December, up to 800,000 Canada geese and ducks pass through Quivira NWR on their way to wintering grounds along the Gulf Coast and in Mexico. Other migratory birds, such as sandhill cranes and shorebirds, can also be seen. Endangered whooping cranes may make a brief visit as they move along the Central Flyway. Both bald and golden eagles winter on Quivira NWR from November until March.

During March and April, Quivira NWR becomes a staging area for over 200,000 ducks and geese. Shorebirds, American white pelicans, gulls, and other migrants can also be seen. The majority of these birds stop here on their way to traditional nesting grounds in the prairie pothole region of the north-central United States and Canada.

Snowy plovers, American avocets, black-necked stilts, and white-faced ibis are some of the more common nesting species found on the Refuge. A colony of endangered interior least terns use the salt flats on the north end of the Quivira NWR as nesting habitat. Swainson's hawks and Mississippi kites are common during the summer months, while northern harriers, American kestrels, and red-tailed hawks are commonly seen throughout

the year. Look for ring-necked pheasants and bobwhite quail in the grasslands and grain fields. Wild turkey can be seen along the edge of the tree groves and shelter belts where they often look for food and shelter.

Watching Wildlife

Spring and fall are the best seasons to visit Quivira NWR since wildlife, especially waterfowl, is abundant and more easily viewed during these times. Try to schedule your visit early or late in the day when wildlife is most active and more frequently seen. Take a drive through the Refuge and along its boundaries; the best viewing is along the scenic tour route and the Wildlife Drive. See the Refuge general information leaflet for a map and more information.

About the Checklist

This list of 344 birds follows the format of the American Ornithological Union's Seventh Edition Check-list, including changes through the 51st Supplement. Since most birds are migratory, their seasonal occurrence and relative abundance are coded as follows:

Seasons

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

Seasonal Abundance

c common – a species certain to be seen in suitable habitat
u uncommon – a species which is present, but not certain to be seen
o occasional – a species seen only a few times during the season
r rare – a species seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years
• birds that nest on the Refuge

Other Codes

Bird names in italics indicate endangered species in the United States. A list of accidental birds, species which are out of normal range and not to be expected on the Refuge, is provided at the end of the bird list.

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Swans, and Geese				
Greater White-fronted Goose	c	r	c	c
Snow Goose	c	r	c	c
Ross's Goose	u		u	u
Cackling Goose	c	r	c	c
• Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
Trumpeter Swan	o		o	o
Tundra Swan	o		o	o
• Wood Duck	c	c	c	o
• Gadwall	c	u	c	o
• American Wigeon	c	u	c	o
American Black Duck	r	r	r	r
• Mallard	c	c	c	c
Mottled Duck	r	r	r	
• Blue-winged Teal	c	c	c	
• Cinnamon Teal	u	r	o	r
• Northern Shoveler	c	u	c	u
• Northern Pintail	c	u	c	c
• Green-winged Teal	c	o	c	u
• Canvasback	c	o	c	u
• Redhead	c	o	c	u
Ring-necked Duck	c	o	c	u
Greater Scaup	o		o	o
• Lesser Scaup	c	o	c	u
Long-tailed Duck	r		r	r
Bufflehead	u		c	c
Common Goldeneye	c		c	c
• Hooded Merganser	u	r	u	u
Common Merganser	u		r	c
Red-breasted Merganser	r		o	r
• Ruddy Duck	c	u	c	u
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys				
• Northern Bobwhite	u	u	u	u
Ring-necked Pheasant (<i>introduced</i>)	c	c	c	
• Greater Prairie-Chicken	r	r	r	r
• Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c
Loons				
Common Loon	o	r	o	r
Grebes				
• Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	o
Horned Grebe	u		u	o
• Eared Grebe	c	o	c	r
Western Grebe	o	r	o	r
Cormorants				
Neotropic Cormorant	o	o	r	
• Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Pelicans				
American White Pelican	c	c	c	o
Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets				
• American Bittern	u	u	u	o
• Least Bittern	o	u	o	
• Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	u
• Great Egret	c	c	c	
• Snowy Egret	c	c	c	
• Little Blue Heron	u	u	o	
Tricolored Heron	r	r		
• Cattle Egret	c	c	c	
• Green Heron	u	u	o	
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	c	c	r
• Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	o	
Ibises and Spoonbills				
White Ibis	r	r		
Glossy Ibis	r	r	r	
• White-faced Ibis	c	c	c	r
New World Vultures				
Turkey Vulture	u	u	u	
Hawks, Kites, and Eagles				
Osprey	o	r	o	
• Mississippi Kite	u	u	o	
• Bald Eagle	u	u	u	c
• Northern Harrier	c	o	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		o	u
• Cooper's Hawk	u	o	u	u
Northern Goshawk			r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk			r	
Broad-winged Hawk			r	
• Swainson's Hawk	c	c	o	
• Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
Ferruginous Hawk	o		r	o
Rough-legged Hawk	u		r	u
Golden Eagle	o		o	o
Caracaras and Falcons				
• American Kestrel	c	u	c	u
Merlin	o	r	u	u
Peregrine Falcon	o	o	o	o
Prairie Falcon	r	r	o	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
• Black Rail	u	u	r	
• King Rail	u	u	r	r
• Virginia Rail	c	c	u	o
• Sora	c	u	c	
• Common Moorhen	u	u	o	
• American Coot	c	c	c	u
Cranes				
Sandhill Crane	c		c	o
Whooping Crane	o		o	r
Lapwings and Plovers				
Black-bellied Plover	u	u	u	r
American Golden-Plover	u	o	u	
• Snowy Plover	c	c	c	
Semipalmated Plover	c	u	c	
Piping Plover	u	o	o	
• Killdeer	c	c	c	o
Mountain Plover	r		r	
Stilts and Avocets				
• Black-necked Stilt	c	c	u	
• American Avocet	c	c	c	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
Spotted Sandpiper	c	u	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	o	
Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	o
Willet	u	u	u	
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c	r
• Upland Sandpiper	c	o	o	
Whimbrel	o	o	o	
Long-billed Curlew	o	o	o	
Hudsonian Godwit	u	r	u	
Marbled Godwit	u	u	u	
Ruddy Turnstone	o	o	o	
Red Knot	r	r	r	
Sanderling	o	o	o	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Western Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	
White-rumped Sandpiper	c	c	u	
Baird's Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Dunlin	u	o	u	r
Stilt Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	o	r	u	
Ruff	r	r		
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	o	

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Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
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— Long-billed Dowitcher	e	e	e	
— Wilson's Snipe	u	r	u	o
— American Woodcock	r		r	
• Wilson's Phalarope	e	e	e	
— Red-necked Phalarope	o	r	o	
— Red Phalarope	r		r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers, and Skuas				
— Sabine's Gull	r	r	r	
— Bonaparte's Gull	o	r	o	o
— Laughing Gull	r	o	r	
— Franklin's Gull	e	u	e	r
— Ring-billed Gull	e	u	e	u
— Herring Gull	o		o	o
• Least Tern	u	u	o	
— Caspian Tern	r	r	r	
• Black Tern	e	e	u	
— Common Tern	o	o	o	
• Forster's Tern	e	e	o	
— Parasitic Jaeger		r	r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Pigeons and Doves				
• Rock Pigeon <i>(introduced)</i>	u	u	u	u
— Eurasian Collared-Dove <i>(introduced)</i>	o	o	o	o
• Mourning Dove	e	e	e	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis				
• Yellow-billed Cuckoo	o	u	r	
— Black-billed Cuckoo	r	r		
— Greater Roadrunner	r	r	r	r

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Barn Owls				
• Barn Owl	o	o	o	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Typical Owls				
• Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
— Great Horned Owl	e	e	e	e
— Snowy Owl			r	r
• Burrowing Owl	r	r	r	
— Barred Owl	o	o	o	o
• Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r
— Short-eared Owl	r		r	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Nighthawks and Nightjars				
• Common Nighthawk	u	e	u	
— Common Poorwill	r	r		
• Chuck-will's-widow	o	o		

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Swifts				
• Chimney Swift	u	u	u	
Hummingbirds				
— Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	o	
Kingfishers				
— Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Woodpeckers				
• Red-headed Woodpecker	e	e	e	
• Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r		r	r
• Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Northern Flicker	e	e	e	e

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Tyrant Flycatchers				
— Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
• Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	o	
— Willow Flycatcher	o		o	
— Least Flycatcher	u	u	u	
• Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	o
— Say's Phoebe	o		o	
• Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	o	
• Western Kingbird	e	e	u	
• Eastern Kingbird	e	e	u	
• Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	o	o	o	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Shrikes				
• Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	u
— Northern Shrike	r		o	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Vireos				
• Bell's Vireo	u	u	o	
• Warbling Vireo	u	u	u	
— Red-eyed Vireo	o	o	r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Crows, Jays, and Magpies				
• Blue Jay	e	u	e	o
• Black-billed Magpie	r	r	r	r
— American Crow	e	o	e	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Larks				
• Horned Lark	o	o	o	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Swallows				
• Purple Martin	o	o		
• Tree Swallow	e	e	u	
• Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	o	o	
• Bank Swallow	e	e	u	
• Cliff Swallow	e	e	e	
• Barn Swallow	e	e	e	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Titmice and Chickadees				
• Black-capped Chickadee	o	o	o	o
— Tufted Titmouse	r		o	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Nuthatches				
— Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	r	r	r
• White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Creepers				
— Brown Creeper	r		o	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Wrens				
— Rock Wren	o		o	
— Carolina Wren	o	o	o	o
• Bewick's Wren	r	r		
• House Wren	e	e	u	
— Winter Wren	r		o	o
— Sedge Wren	o	o	o	
— Marsh Wren	u		u	u

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers				
• Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	u	o	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Kinglets				
— Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Thrushes				
• Eastern Bluebird	e	e	e	u
— Mountain Bluebird	r		r	r
— Townsend's Solitaire	r		r	r
— Swainson's Thrush	o		o	
— Wood Thrush	r			
• American Robin	e	e	e	u

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Mimic Thrushes				
• Gray Catbird	e	e	o	
• Northern Mockingbird	o	o	o	o
• Brown Thrasher	e	e	o	r

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Starlings				
• European Starling	e	e	e	e

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Wagtails and Pipits				
American Pipit	u		u	
Sprague's Pipit	r		r	
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing	o	o	o	o
Longspurs				
Lapland Longspur	r		o	u
Chestnut-collared Longspur	r			r
Wood Warblers				
Northern Waterthrush	o			
Black-and-white Warbler	r		r	
Tennessee Warbler	o			
Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	
Nashville Warbler	o		o	
• Common Yellowthroat	e	e	u	o
American Redstart	o		o	
Yellow Warbler	u	u	o	
Blackpoll Warbler	r			
Palm Warbler	o			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	e		e	u
Black-throated Green Warbler	r		r	
Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
• Yellow-breasted Chat	o	r	r	
Sparrows and Towhees				
Spotted Towhee	e		e	r
Cassin's Sparrow	r	r		
American Tree Sparrow	u		e	e
Chipping Sparrow	e	r	e	
Clay-colored Sparrow	e		e	
• Field Sparrow	e	u	e	u
Vesper Sparrow	e	r	e	
• Lark Sparrow	e	u	o	
Lark Bunting	o	r	o	
Savannah Sparrow	e		e	o
• Grasshopper Sparrow	u	u	u	
Le Conte's Sparrow	o		o	r
Nelson's Sparrow	o		o	
Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
Song Sparrow	e		e	e
Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	r
Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
White-throated Sparrow	u		u	o
Harris's Sparrow	e	r	e	e
White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	o
Dark-eyed Junco	e		e	e

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
Summer Tanager			r	
• Northern Cardinal	u	u	u	u
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o			
• Black-headed Grosbeak	o	r		
• Blue Grosbeak	u	u	r	
Lazuli Bunting	r			
• Indigo Bunting	u	o	r	
• Dickcissel	e	e	r	
Blackbirds and Orioles				
• Bobolink	u	u		
• Red-winged Blackbird	e	e	e	e
• Eastern Meadowlark	e	e	e	e
• Western Meadowlark	u	o	u	e
• Yellow-headed Blackbird	e	e	u	r
Brewer's Blackbird	o	o	o	o
• Common Grackle	e	o	e	o
• Great-tailed Grackle	u	u	u	r
• Brown-headed Cowbird	e	e	u	u
• Orchard Oriole	e	e	o	
• Baltimore Oriole	e	e	o	
Finches				
Purple Finch	o		r	o
• House Finch	o	o	o	o
Pine Siskin	o		o	o
• American Goldfinch	e	e	e	e
Old World Sparrows				
• House Sparrow (<i>introduced</i>)	o	o	o	o

Common Bird Name**Accidentals**

Black-bellied Whistling Duck
Fulvous Whistling-duck
Brant
Eurasian Widgeon
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Barrow's Goldeneye
Red-throated Loon
Red-necked Grebe
Clark's Grebe
Greater Flamingo
Wood Stork
Brown Pelican
Reddish Egret
Roseate Spoonbill
Yellow Rail
Common Crane
Wilson's Plover
Curlew Sandpiper
Black-legged Kittiwake
Black-headed Gull
California Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Gull-billed Tern
Arctic Tern
White-winged Dove
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Cassin's Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Western Scrub Jay
Violet-green Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Bohemian Waxwing
McCown's Longspur
Smith's Longspur
Snow Bunting
Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
Golden-winged Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler

Common Bird Name

Mourning Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Canada Warbler
Painted Redstart
Eastern Towhee
Henslow's Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Scarlet Tanager
Pyrrhuloxia
Painted Bunting
Rusty Blackbird
Bullock's Oriole
Common Redpoll
Evening Grosbeak

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Date _____ Time _____

Observers _____

Weather _____