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Bird List

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About the Refuge

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

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.

Seasonal Highlights

Fall Flights and Winter Visitors

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.

Spring Staging

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.

Spring and Summer Residents

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 352 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				
__ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	r	r		
__ Fulvous Whistling Duck	accidental			
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	c	r	c	c
__ Snow Goose	c	r	c	c
__ Brant	accidental			
__ 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
__ Eurasian Wigeon	accidental			
__ • 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	u	c	u
__ Ring-necked Duck	c	o	c	u
__ Greater Scaup	o		o	o
__ • Lesser Scaup	c	o	c	u
__ Surf Scoter	accidental			
__ White-winged Scoter	accidental			
__ Black Scoter	accidental			
__ Long-tailed Duck	r		r	r
__ Bufflehead	u		c	c
__ Common Goldeneye	c		c	c
__ Barrow's Goldeneye	accidental			
__ • 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	c	c	c	u
__ Ring-necked Pheasant *(introduced)*	c	c	c	c
__ • Greater Prairie-Chicken	r	r	r	r
__ • Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
Flamingoes				
__ American Flamingo	accidental			

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Grebes				
__ • Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	o
__ Horned Grebe	u		u	o
__ Red-necked Grebe	accidental			
__ • Eared Grebe	c	o	c	r
__ Western Grebe	o	r	o	r
__ Clark's Grebe	accidental			
Pigeons and Doves				
__ • Rock Pigeon *(introduced)*	r	r	r	r
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove *(introduced)*	o	o	o	o
__ White-winged Dove	accidental			
__ • Mourning Dove	c	c	c	o
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis				
__ • Yellow-billed Cuckoo	o	u	r	
__ Black-billed Cuckoo	r	r		
__ Greater Roadrunner	r	r	r	r
Nightjars				
__ • Common Nighthawk	u	c	u	
__ Common Poorwill	r	r		
__ • Chuck-will's-widow	o	o		
__ Whip-poor-will	accidental			
Swifts				
__ • Chimney Swift	u	u	u	
Hummingbirds				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	o	
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
__ Yellow Rail	accidental			
__ • Black Rail	u	u	r	
__ • King Rail	u	u	r	r
__ • Virginia Rail	c	c	u	o
__ • Sora	c	u	c	
__ • Common Gallinule	o	o	o	
__ • American Coot	c	c	c	u
Cranes				
__ Sandhill Crane	c		c	o
__ Common Crane	accidental			
__ Whooping Crane	o		o	r
Stilts and Avocets				
__ • Black-necked Stilt	c	c	u	
__ • American Avocet	c	c	c	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Plovers				
__ Black-bellied Plover	u	u	u	r
__ American Golden-Plover	u	o	u	
__ • Snowy Plover	c	c	c	
__ Wilson's Plover	accidental			
__ Semipalmated Plover	c	u	c	
__ Piping Plover	u	o	r	
__ • Killdeer	c	c	c	o
__ Mountain Plover	r		r	
Curlews				
__ • Upland Sandpiper	c	o	r	
__ Whimbrel	o	o	r	
__ Long-billed Curlew	o	o	o	
Godwits				
__ Hudsonian Godwit	u	r	u	
__ Marbled Godwit	u	u	u	
Turnstones and Calidrine Sandpipers				
__ Ruddy Turnstone	o	o	o	
__ Red Knot	r	r	r	
__ Ruff	r	r		
__ Stilt Sandpiper	c	c	c	
__ Curlew Sandpiper	accidental			
__ Red-necked Stint	accidental			
__ Sanderling	u	o	o	
__ Dunlin	u	o	u	r
__ Baird's Sandpiper	c	c	c	r
__ Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	
__ White-rumped Sandpiper	c	c	u	
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	o	r	u	
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	c	c	
__ Western Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Dowitchers, Snipe, and Woodcock				
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	o	
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	c	c	c	
__ Wilson's Snipe	u	r	u	o
__ American Woodcock	r		r	
Tringines				
__ 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
__ Wilson's Phalarope	c	c	c	
__ Red-necked Phalarope	o	r	o	
__ Red Phalarope	r		r	

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Gulls, Terns, Skimmers, and Skuas				
__ Parasitic Jaeger	accidental			
__ Black-legged Kittiwake	accidental			
__ Sabine's Gull	r	r	r	
__ Bonaparte's Gull	o	r	o	o
__ Black-headed Gull	accidental			
__ Little Gull	accidental			
__ Laughing Gull	r	o	r	
__ Franklin's Gull	c	u	c	
__ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	u
__ California Gull	r	r		
__ Herring Gull	o		o	u
__ Thayer's Gull	accidental			
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull	accidental			
__ Least Tern	u	u		
__ Gull-billed Tern	accidental			
__ Caspian Tern	r	r	r	
__ Black Tern	c	c	u	
__ Common Tern	o	o	o	
__ Arctic Tern	accidental			
__ Forster's Tern	c	c	o	
Loons				
__ Common Loon	r	r	r	r
__ Red-throated Loon	accidental			
Storks				
__ Wood Stork	accidental			
Cormorants				
__ Neotropic Cormorant	r	r	r	
• Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	o
Pelicans				
__ American White Pelican	c	c	c	o
__ Brown Pelican	r	r		
Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets				
__ • American Bittern	u	u	u	
__ • Least Bittern	o	o	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		
__ Reddish Egret	accidental			
__ • Cattle Egret	u	u	u	
__ • Green Heron	u	u	o	
__ • Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	c	c	r
__ • Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	r	
Ibises and Spoonbills				
__ White Ibis	r	r		
__ Glossy Ibis	r	r	r	
__ White-faced Ibis	c	c	c	r
• Roseate Spoonbill	accidental			

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New World Vultures				
__ Turkey Vulture	u	u	u	
Hawks, Kites, and Eagles				
__ Osprey	o	r	o	
__ • Mississippi Kite	o	o	o	
__ • Bald Eagle	u	u	c	c
__ • Northern Harrier	c	o	c	c
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	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	o	o	
__ • Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
__ Rough-legged Hawk	u		r	u
__ Ferruginous Hawk	o		r	o
__ Golden Eagle	r		r	r
Owls				
__ • Barn Owl	o	o	o	o
__ • Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
__ • Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
__ 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
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	accidental			
Kingfishers				
__ Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	o
Woodpeckers				
__ • Red-headed Woodpecker	c	c	c	
__ • Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r		o	o
__ • Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
__ • Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
__ • Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
__ Pileated Woodpecker	accidental			
Falcons				
__ • American Kestrel	c	u	c	u
__ Merlin	o		u	u
__ Gyrfalcon	accidental			
__ Peregrine Falcon	o	o	o	o
__ Prairie Falcon	r	r	o	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Tyrant Flycatchers				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
__ • Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	o	
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	accidental			
__ Willow Flycatcher	o		o	
__ Least Flycatcher	u	r	u	
__ • Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	o
__ Say's Phoebe	o		o	
__ • Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	o	
__ Cassin's Kingbird	accidental			
__ • Western Kingbird	c	c	o	
__ • Eastern Kingbird	c	c	o	
__ • Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	o	o	o	
Shrikes				
__ • Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	u
__ Northern Shrike	r		o	o
Vireos				
__ White-eyed Vireo	accidental			
__ • Bell's Vireo	u	u	o	
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	accidental			
__ Blue-headed Vireo	r	r	r	
__ Philadelphia Vireo	accidental			
__ • Warbling Vireo	u	u	u	
__ • Red-eyed Vireo	o	o	r	
Crows, Jays, and Magpies				
__ • Blue Jay	c	c	u	o
__ Woodhouse's Scrub Jay	accidental			
__ • Black-billed Magpie	r	r	r	r
__ American Crow	o	o	o	o
Larks				
__ • Horned Lark	o	o	o	o
Swallows				
__ • Purple Martin	o	o		
__ • Tree Swallow	c	c	u	
__ Violet-green Swallow	accidental			
__ • Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	o		
__ • Bank Swallow	c	c	u	
__ • Cliff Swallow	c	c	c	
__ • Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
Titmice and Chickadees				
__ Carolina Chickadee	accidental			
__ • Black-capped Chickadee	o	o	o	o
__ Tufted Titmouse	r	r	r	r

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	r	r	r
___ • White-breasted Nuthatch	u	o	u	o
Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper	r		o	o
Wrens				
___ Rock Wren	o		o	
___ • House Wren	c	c	u	
___ Winter Wren	r		o	o
___ Sedge Wren	o	o	o	
___ Marsh Wren	u	r	u	u
___ Carolina Wren	o	o	o	o
___ • Bewick's Wren	r	r		
Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers				
___ • Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	u	o	
Kinglets				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o
Thrushes				
___ • Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	u
___ Mountain Bluebird	r		o	o
___ Townsend's Solitaire	r		r	r
___ Veery	accidental			
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	accidental			
___ Swainson's Thrush	u		o	
___ Hermit Thrush	r			r
___ Wood Thrush	r			
___ • American Robin	c	c	c	u
Mimic Thrushes				
___ • Gray Catbird	c	c	o	
___ • Brown Thrasher	c	c	o	r
___ • Northern Mockingbird	o	u	o	o
Starlings				
___ • European Starling	c	c	c	c
Waxwings				
___ Bohemian Waxwing	accidental			
___ Cedar Waxwing	o	r	o	o
Old World Sparrows				
___ • House Sparrow *(introduced)*	o	o	o	o
Wagtails and Pipits				
___ American Pipit	u		u	
___ Sprague's Pipit	r		r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Fringilline and Cardueline Finches				
___ • House Finch	o	o	o	o
___ Purple Finch	r		r	r
___ Common Redpoll	accidental			
___ Pine Siskin	o	r	o	o
___ • American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak	accidental			
Longspurs				
___ Lapland Longspur	r		o	u
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	r			r
___ Smith's Longspur	accidental			
___ McCown's Longspur	accidental			
___ Snow Bunting			r	r
Wood Warblers				
___ Ovenbird	r	r	r	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	accidental			
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	accidental			
___ Northern Waterthrush	o		r	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	accidental			
___ Black-and-white Warbler	r		r	
___ Prothonotary Warbler	accidental			
___ Tennessee Warbler	o			
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	r
___ Nashville Warbler	o		o	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	accidental			
___ Mourning Warbler	accidental			
___ • Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	
___ American Redstart	o		o	
___ Cape May Warbler	accidental			
___ Cerulean Warbler	accidental			
___ Northern Parula	accidental			
___ Magnolia Warbler	r			
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	accidental			
___ Blackburnian Warbler	accidental			
___ • Yellow Warbler	u	u	o	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	accidental			
___ Blackpoll Warbler	r			
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	accidental			
___ Palm Warbler	r			
___ Pine Warbler	accidental			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	u
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	r		r	
___ Canada Warbler	accidental			
___ Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
___ Painted Redstart	accidental			
___ • Yellow-breasted Chat	r	r	r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Sparrows and Towhees				
___ Spotted Towhee	c		c	r
___ Eastern Towhee			r	r
___ Cassin's Sparrow	r	r		
___ American Tree Sparrow	u		c	c
___ Chipping Sparrow	c	o	c	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	c		c	
___ • Field Sparrow	c	u	c	u
___ Vesper Sparrow	c		c	
___ • Lark Sparrow	c	c	o	
___ Lark Bunting	o	r	o	
___ Savannah Sparrow	c		c	o
___ • Grasshopper Sparrow	u	u	u	
___ Henslow's Sparrow	accidental			
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	o		o	r
___ Nelson's Sparrow	o		o	
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Song Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	r
___ Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
___ White-throated Sparrow	o		o	o
___ Harris's Sparrow	c		c	c
___ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	o
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	accidental			
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Tanagers				
___ Summer Tanager	r	r		
___ Scarlet Tanager	accidental			
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
___ • Northern Cardinal	u	u	u	u
___ Pyrrhuloxia	accidental			
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o	r		
___ • Black-headed Grosbeak	o	r		
___ • Blue Grosbeak	u	u	r	
___ Lazuli Bunting	o	r	r	
___ • Indigo Bunting	u	o	o	
___ Painted Bunting	o	o		
___ • Dickcissel	c	c	o	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Blackbirds and Orioles				
___ • Bobolink	o	o		
___ • Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c
___ • Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	c
___ • Western Meadowlark	u	o	u	c
___ • Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	c	u	
___ Rusty Blackbird	accidental			
___ Brewer's Blackbird	o		o	o
___ • Common Grackle	c	o	c	o
___ • Great-tailed Grackle	o	o	o	
___ • Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	o
___ • Orchard Oriole	c	c	o	
___ Bullock's Oriole	accidental			
___ • Baltimore Oriole	c	c	o	

Other species

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Date _____ Time _____

Observers _____

Weather _____

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