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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 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 (<i>introduced</i>)	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 (<i>introduced</i>)	r	r	r	r
Eurasian Collared-Dove (<i>introduced</i>)	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	

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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
Gyr Falcon		accidental		
Peregrine Falcon	o	o	o	o
Prairie Falcon	r	r	o	o

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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

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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 (<i>introduced</i>)	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	

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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
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			

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
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	
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	

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Observers _____

Weather _____