

Birds of the Morris Wetland Management District, Minnesota

Note: this should be considered a working list of bird species in the Morris Wetland Management District. It was last officially updated in August 1991, though the below list includes more recent changes recommended by district staff.

Abbreviations used in the checklist:

a = Abundant - Common species that is numerous

c = Common - Certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat

u = Uncommon - Present, but not certain to be seen

r = Rare - Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years

ac = Accidental

* = Species that nests in the District

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Common Loon *	c	c	c	ac
Pied-billed Grebe *	c	c	c	r
Horned Grebe	c		u	
Red-necked Grebe *	c	c	u	
Eared Grebe *	u	u	u	
Western Grebe *	c	u	c	
Clark's Grebe *	ac	r	ac	
American White Pelican*	a	c	c	
Double-crested Cormorant *	a	a	a	
American Bittern *	u	u	r	
Least Bittern *	r	u	r	
Great Blue Heron *	c	c	c	r
Great Egret *	c	c	c	
Snowy Egret	u	u	ac	
Little Blue Heron		ac		
Cattle Egret *	u	r	r	
Green Heron *	c	c	u	
Black-crowned Night Heron *	u	c	u	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron		ac		
White-faced Ibis	ac			
Turkey Vulture *	u	u	u	
Greater White-fronted Goose	u		r	
Snow Goose	c		u	r
Ross's Goose	ac		ac	
Canada Goose *	a	a	a	a
Mute Swan		ac		ac
Trumpeter Swan *	u	u	u	
Tundra Swan	a	ac	a	ac
Wood Duck *	c	c	c	ac
Gadwall *	c	u	c	ac

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American Wigeon *	c	u	c	
American Black Duck	ac	ac	u	
Mallard *	a	a	a	a
Blue-winged Teal *	a	a	a	
Cinnamon Teal	r		r	
Northern Shoveler *	c	c	c	
Northern Pintail *	u	u	u	
Green-winged Teal *	c	u	c	
Canvasback *	c	u	c	
Redhead *	c	c	c	
Ring-necked Duck *	a	c	c	
Greater Scaup	u		u	
Lesser Scaup *	a	u	c	
Surf Scoter	ac		ac	
White-winged Scoter	ac		ac	
Black Scoter	ac		ac	
Long-tail Duck			ac	ac
Bufflehead	c		c	u
Common Goldeneye	a		c	ac
Hooded Merganser *	c	u	c	
Common Merganser	c	ac	c	r
Red-breasted Merganser	u	ac	r	
Ruddy Duck *	c	c	c	
Osprey *	u	u	u	
Bald Eagle *	c	c	c	r
Northern Harrier *	c	c	c	ac
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	u	r
Cooper's Hawk *	c	c	u	r
Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk	ac	u	ac	
Broad-winged Hawk	u	u	u	
Swainson's Hawk *	u	u	u	
Red-tailed Hawk *	c	a	c	r
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	r
Ferruginous Hawk	ac	r	ac	
Golden Eagle	r		r	ac
American Kestrel *	c	a	c	r
Merlin	u		u	r
Gyrfalcon	r		r	ac
Peregrine Falcon	r		r	
Prairie Falcon	r		r	ac
Gray Partridge *	u	u	u	u
Ring-necked Pheasant *	c	c	c	u

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Ruffed Grouse *	u	u	u	u
Sharp-tailed Grouse *	u	u	u	u
Greater Prairie Chicken *	u	u	u	u
Wild Turkey *	c	c	c	c
Yellow Rail *	r		r	
Virginia Rail *	u	c	u	
Sora *	c	c	c	
Common Moorhen	ac	r		
American Coot *	a	a	a	ac
Sandhill Crane *	u	u	u	
Black-bellied Plover	u	r	u	
American Golden Plover	u	r	u	
Semipalmated Plover	u	u	u	
Killdeer *	c	a	c	
American Avocet	r		r	
Greater Yellowlegs	c	u	c	
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Willet	r	ac	r	
Spotted Sandpiper *	c	c	c	
Upland Sandpiper *	u	c	u	
Whimbrel	ac			
Hudsonian Godwit	u		u	
Marbled Godwit *	c	u	u	
Ruddy Turnstone	u		u	
Sanderling	u		u	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	c		c	
Western Sandpiper	ac			
Least Sandpiper	c		c	
White-rumped Sandpiper	u		u	
Baird's Sandpiper	u		u	
Pectoral Sandpiper	c		c	
Dunlin	c		u	
Stilt Sandpiper	u		u	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r			
Short-billed Dowitcher	c		c	
Long-billed Dowitcher	u		u	
Common Snipe *	c	c	c	ac
American Woodcock *	u	u	u	
Wilson's Phalarope *	c	u	c	
Red-necked Phalarope	u		u	
Franklin's Gull	a	r	a	
Bonaparte's Gull	c	r	c	

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Ring-billed Gull *	a	c	a	
Herring Gull	u	r	u	
Glaucous Gull	ac		ac	
Sabine's Gull	ac		ac	
California Gull	ac			
Caspian Tern	u	r	u	
Common Tern	r	ac	r	
Forster's Tern *	c	c	c	
Black Tern *	c	c	c	
Rock Dove *	a	a	a	a
Eurasian Collared-dove	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove *	c	a	a	r
Black-billed Cuckoo *	r	u	r	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	r	r	r	
Eastern Screech Owl *	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl *	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl	u		u	r
Barred Owl *	u	u	u	u
Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r
Short-eared Owl *	u	u	u	ac
Northern Saw-whet Owl	r		r	r
Common Nighthawk *	c	a	c	
Whip-poor-will	u	u	u	
Chimney Swift *	c	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird *	u	c	u	
Belted Kingfisher *	c	c	c	r
Red-Headed Woodpecker *	u	c	u	
Red-bellied Woodpecker *	u	u	u	u
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *	c	c	c	
Downy Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Northern Flicker *	c	c	c	r
Pileated Woodpecker *	u	u	u	u
Olive-sided Flycatcher	u		u	
Eastern Wood Pewee *	u	u	u	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r			
Alder Flycatcher *	u	u	u	
Willow Flycatcher *	u		u	
Least Flycatcher *	c	c	c	
Eastern Phoebe *	c	c	c	
Say's Phoebe *	ac			
Great Crested Flycatcher *	c	c	c	
Western Kingbird *	u	c	u	

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Eastern Kingbird *	c	c	c	
Loggerhead Shrike *	r	r	r	
Northern Shrike	u		u	u
Yellow-throated Vireo *	u	u	u	
Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	
Warbling Vireo *	c	c	c	
Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
Red-eyed Vireo *	c	c	c	
Gray Jay				ac
Blue Jay *	c	c	c	c
American Crow *	a	c	a	u
Common Raven	u		u	
Horned Lark *	a	a	a	r
Purple Martin *	c	c	c	
Tree Swallow *	a	a	a	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow *	c	c	c	
Bank Swallow *	c	c	c	
Cliff Swallow *	a	a	a	
Barn Swallow *	a	a	a	
Black-capped Chickadee *	c	c	c	c
Boreal Chickadee				ac
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	u
White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
Brown Creeper *	u	r	u	u
House Wren *	c	c	c	
Winter Wren	r		r	
Sedge Wren *	c	c	c	
Marsh Wren *	c	c	c	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	ac
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	u	u	u	
Eastern Bluebird *	c	c	c	
Townsend's Solitaire			ac	ac
Veery *	c	c	u	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
Swainson's Thrush	c		c	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	ac
Wood Thrush *	r			
American Robin *	a	a	a	u
Varied Thrush				ac
Gray Catbird *	c	c	c	
Northern Mockingbird	r	r		
Brown Thrasher *	c	c	c	ac

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European Starling *	a	a	a	u
American Pipit	u		u	
Sprague's Pipit	ac			
Bohemian Waxwing	u		u	u
Cedar Waxwing *	c	c	c	u
Blue-winged Warbler	r			
Golden-winged Warbler	r		r	
Tennessee Warbler	a		c	
Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	
Nashville Warbler	c		c	
Northern Parula	u		r	
Yellow Warbler *	c	c	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	c		c	
Magnolia Warbler	c		c	
Cape May Warbler	r		r	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		ac	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a	ac
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
Pine Warbler	r			
Palm Warbler	a		a	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r		r	
Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
Cerulean Warbler	u		u	
Black-and-white Warbler	c		c	
American Redstart *	c	c	c	
Prothonotary Warbler	u			
Ovenbird *	c	c	c	
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
Connecticut Warbler	u			
Mourning Warbler	u		r	
Common Yellowthroat *	a	a	c	
Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
Canada Warbler	u		u	
Scarlet Tanager *	u	u	u	
Spotted Towhee	r			
Eastern Towhee	r		r	ac
American Tree Sparrow	c		c	u
Chipping Sparrow *	c	c	c	
Clay-colored Sparrow *	c	c	c	
Field Sparrow *	u	u	u	
Vesper Sparrow *	c	c	c	
Lark Sparrow	r	r	r	

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Savannah Sparrow *	c	a	c	
Grasshopper Sparrow *	u	u	u	
Henslow's Sparrow *	r	u		
Le Conte's Sparrow *	u	u	u	
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r		r	
Fox Sparrow	c		u	
Song Sparrow *	c	c	c	ac
Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
Swamp Sparrow *	c	c	c	
White-throated Sparrow	a		a	r
Harris' Sparrow	c		c	u
White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	
Dark-eyed Junco	a		a	c
Lapland Longspur	c		c	r
Smith's Longspur	r		u	
Snow Bunting	c		c	c
Lark Bunting	ac	ac		
Northern Cardinal *	u	u	u	u
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *	c	c	c	
Blue Grosbeak	ac			
Indigo Bunting *	c	c	c	
Dickcissel *	u	c	r	
Bobolink *	c	c	c	
Red-winged Blackbird *	a	a	a	r
Eastern Meadowlark *	r	r		
Western Meadowlark *	c	c	c	ac
Yellow-headed Blackbird *	a	a	a	r
Rusty Blackbird	c		c	r
Brewer's Blackbird *	c	c	c	
Common Grackle *	a	a	a	r
Brown-headed Cowbird *	c	c	c	r
Orchard Oriole *	u	u	u	
Baltimore Oriole *	c	c	c	
Pine Grosbeak	r		r	r
Purple Finch *	u	r	u	u
House Finch *	c	c	c	c
Red Crossbill	u	u	u	u
White-winged Crossbill	u	u	u	u
Common Redpoll	c		c	c
Hoary Redpoll	r		r	r
Pine Siskin	u	r	u	u
American Goldfinch *	c	c	c	u
Evening Grosbeak	u		u	u

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House Sparrow *	a	a	a	a
