

Illinois River NWFR Bird Checklist

Legend:

A = Abundant - Common species that is very numerous

C = Common - Certain to be seen in suitable habitat

U = Uncommon - May be present but not certain to be seen

O = Occasional - Seen only a few times during season

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

X = Extremely Rare - (Same as Accidental)

***** = Nesting species

= State threatened or endangered species

Common Name	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose	O		O	O
Snow Goose	U		U	
Ross's Goose	R		R	
Canada Goose *	C	C	A	U
Cackling Goose	U		O	O
Mute Swan	R	R	R	
Tundra Swan	O		U	U
Trumpeter Swan	O		O	O
Wood Duck *	A	A	A	O
Gadwall	U	O	C	O
American Wigeon	C	R	C	R
American Black Duck	C	R	C	O
Mallard *	A	A	A	C
Blue-winged Teal *	C	U	A	R
Cinnamon Teal	R	R		
Northern Shoveler	C		C	
Northern Pintail	C	R	A	O
Green-winged Teal	C	O	A	R
Canvasback	C		C	O
Redhead	U		U	O
Ring-necked Duck	C		C	U
Greater Scaup	R		O	
Lesser Scaup	A		C	O
Surf Scoter			R	R
White-winged Scoter			R	R
Black Scoter	R		R	

Long-tailed Duck	R		R	
Bufflehead	U		U	O
Common Goldeneye	U		U	U
Hooded Merganser *	C	O	C	O
Common Merganser	C		O	C
Red-breasted Merganser	O		O	
Ruddy Duck	C	R	C	U
Upland Game Birds				
Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	O
Wild Turkey *	O	O	O	O
Northern Bobwhite *	U	U	U	U
Loons, Grebes, Pelicans, and Cormorants				
Red-throated Loon			R	
Common Loon	O		O	
Pied-billed Grebe *	C	O	U	
Horned Grebe	U		U	
Eared Grebe	R		R	
Western Grebe			R	
American White Pelican	A		A	O
Double-crested Cormorant	A	O	A	O
Bitterns, Herons, and Vultures				
American Bittern #	R	R	R	
Least Bittern * #	R	R	R	
Great Blue Heron *	A	A	A	A
Great Egret *	A	A	A	
Snowy Egret #	U	O	U	
Little Blue Heron #	U	O	U	
Cattle Egret	O	O	O	
Green Heron *	C	C	C	
Black-crowned Night Heron * #	U	O	U	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron #			R	
Turkey Vulture	C	U	C	
Hawks and Eagles				
Osprey #	R	R	O	
Bald Eagle * #	U	U	U	C
Northern Harrier #	U		U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	R	O	O
Cooper's Hawk	U	R	U	U
Red-shouldered Hawk	R	R	R	O
Broad-winged Hawk	O		U	

Red-tailed Hawk *	C	U	C	C
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U
Golden Eagle	R		R	R
Falcons				
American Kestrel *	C	U	U	U
Merlin	R		R	
Peregrine Falcon #	R		O	
Rails and Coots				
King Rail #	R		R	
Virginia Rail *	O	O	O	
Sora *	O	R	U	
Yellow Rail	R		R	
Common Moorhen #	R	U	R	
American Coot *	A	U	A	O
Cranes				
Sandhill Crane #	R		R	
Shorebirds				
Black-bellied Plover	O		O	
American Golden Plover	O		O	
Semipalmated Plover	U		U	
Piping Plover #	R		R	
Killdeer *	C	C	A	R
Black-necked Stilt *	O	O		
American Avocet	R		U	
Greater Yellowlegs	C	O	C	
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	U	A	
Solitary Sandpiper	U	O	U	
Willet	R		O	
Spotted Sandpiper *	C	C	C	
Upland Sandpiper #	R		R	
Hudsonian Godwit	R		R	
Marbled Godwit	R		R	
Ruddy Turnstone	R		O	
Red Knot			R	
Sanderling	R	R	R	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	O	C	
Western Sandpiper	R	R	O	
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U	
White-rumped Sandpiper	R		R	
Baird's Sandpiper	R	R	R	

Pectoral Sandpiper	C	U	A	
Dunlin	R		O	
Stilt Sandpiper	O	O	C	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	R		O	
Ruff	R		R	
Short-billed Dowitcher	O	O	U	
Long-billed Dowitcher	O		U	
Wilson's Snipe	U	R	U	
American Woodcock	O	R	O	
Wilson's Phalarope #	R	R	O	
Red-necked Phalarope	R		O	
Red Phalarope			R	
Gulls and Allies				
Pomarine Jaeger			R	
Parasitic Jaeger			R	
Laughing Gull	R	R	R	
Franklin's Gull	R	R	O	
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U	
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	A	C
Herring Gull	U	R	U	O
Thayer's Gull			R	R
Glaucous Gull			R	R
Sabine's Gull			R	
Black-legged Kittiwake			R	
Caspian Tern	O	O	U	
Common Tern #	R		R	
Forster's Tern #	O	R	U	
Least Tern			R	
Black Tern #	R	O		
Doves				
Mourning Dove *	C	A	A	C
Rock Dove	O	O	O	O
Cuckoos				
Black-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	U	U	O	
Owls				
Eastern Screech Owl *	U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl *	U	U	U	U
Barred Owl *	U	U	U	U
Long-eared Owl				R

Short-eared Owl				R
Nighthawks and Nightjars				
Common Nighthawk *	U	C	C	
Whip-poor-will *	O	O	O	
Swifts				
Chimney Swift *	U	U	U	
Hummingbirds				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird *	U	C	U	
Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher *	C	C	C	O
Woodpeckers				
Red-Headed Woodpecker *	C	C	C	O
Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		O	O
Downy Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U
Northern Flicker *	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U
Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	R		O	
Eastern Wood Pewee *	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O	
Acadian Flycatcher	O	R	O	
Alder Flycatcher	R		R	
Willow Flycatcher	O	R	R	
Least Flycatcher	C		U	
Eastern Phoebe *	U	U	U	
Great Crested Flycatcher *	C	C	C	
Eastern Kingbird *	C	C	C	
Shrikes				
Loggerhead Shrike #	R		R	
Vireos				
White-eyed Vireo	R		R	
Bell's Vireo *	O	O	O	
Yellow-throated Vireo	O	R	O	
Warbling Vireo *	C	C	U	
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U	
Red-eyed Vireo *	C	C	C	
Blue-headed Vireo	R		R	
Jays and Crows				

Blue Jay *	A	C	A	C
American Crow *	C	C	C	A
Larks				
Horned Lark *	C	C	C	C
Swallows				
Purple Martin *	C	C	U	
Tree Swallow *	C	A	C	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow *	C	C	U	
Bank Swallow	U	C	C	
Cliff Swallow *	U	U	U	
Barn Swallow *	C	C	C	
Chickadees and Titmice				
Black-capped Chickadee *	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse *	C	C	C	C
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	O
White-breasted Nuthatch *	C	C	C	C
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	O	R	C	C
Wrens				
Carolina Wren *	C	C	C	U
Bewick's Wren #	R	R		
House Wren *		C	C	C
Winter Wren	U		U	U
Marsh Wren	R	O	R	
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	O	
Bluebirds and Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird *	O	R	O	R
Veery	O		O	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	C		C	
Swainson's Thrush	C		C	
Hermit Thrush	C		C	R
Wood Thrush *	U	U	U	
American Robin *	A	A	A	U
Mimics				
Gray Catbird *	C	C	C	
Northern Mockingbird *	U	O	U	O

Brown Thrasher *	C	C	U	
Starlings				
European Starling *	A	C	A	A
Pipits				
American Pipit	R		U	
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing *	C	U	C	U
Wood Warblers				
Blue-winged Warbler	R		R	
Golden-winged Warbler	R		R	
Tennessee Warbler	C		O	
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
Nashville Warbler	C		C	
Northern Parula	C	O	C	
Yellow Warbler *	C	C	C	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C	
Magnolia Warbler	C		C	
Cape May Warbler	R		R	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		R	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R
Black-throated Green Warbler	C		C	
Blackburnian Warbler	C	O	C	
Pine Warbler	R		R	
Palm Warbler	U		U	R
Bay-breasted Warbler	O		O	
Blackpoll Warbler	C		U	
Yellow-throated Warbler	R		R	
Cerulean Warbler #	R		R	
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C	
American Redstart *	C	U	U	
Prothonotary Warbler *	C	C	U	
Ovenbird	U	U	U	
Northern Waterthrush	C		C	
Louisiana Waterthrush	U		R	
Kentucky Warbler	O	R	R	
Connecticut Warbler	R		R	
Mourning Warbler	R		R	
Common Yellowthroat *	C	C	U	R
Hooded Warbler	O		R	
Wilson's Warbler	C		C	

Canada Warbler	O		O	
Yellow-breasted Chat	U	R	U	
Tanagers				
Summer Tanager	U		U	
Scarlet Tanager *	U	R	U	
Sparrows and Allies				
Spotted Towhee	R		R	R
Eastern Towhee *	C	C	U	R
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	A
Chipping Sparrow *	C	C	C	
Clay-colored Sparrow	R		R	
Field Sparrow *	C	C	C	
Vesper Sparrow *	O	O	O	R
Savannah Sparrow	U		U	
Grasshopper Sparrow	O	R	R	
Le Conte's Sparrow	O		O	
Fox Sparrow	C		C	O
Song Sparrow *	C	C	C	O
Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	
Swamp Sparrow	U		U	O
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	O
Lark Sparrow	R		R	
Harris's Sparrow	R		R	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	A
Lapland Longspur	R		R	
Snow Bunting	R		R	R
Grosbeaks and Buntings				
Northern Cardinal *	A	A	A	A
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *	C	C	C	
Blue Grosbeak	R	R	R	
Indigo Bunting *	C	A	A	
Dickcissel *	C	C	C	
Blackbirds and Orioles				
Bobolink	O		O	
Red-winged Blackbird *	A	A	A	U
Eastern Meadowlark *	C	C	C	O
Western Meadowlark	R		R	
Rusty Blackbird	O	O	O	O
Common Grackle *	C	A	C	O

Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	O
Baltimore Oriole *	C	C	C	
Orchard Oriole	R		R	
Finches				
Purple Finch	U		C	U
House Finch *	U	U	U	U
Pine Siskin	U		U	O
American Goldfinch *	A	A	A	C
Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R
Old World Sparrows				
House Sparrow *	A	A	A	A
Eurasian Tree Sparrow *	A	A	A	A
Rare and Accidental Birds				
Black-bellied Whistling Duck				
Pacific Loon				
Yellow-billed Loon				
Red-necked Grebe				
Clark's Grebe				
Northern Goshawk				
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				
Long-tailed Jaeger				
Little Gull				
Iceland Gull				
Snowy Plover				
Whimbrel				
Snowy Owl				
Black-throated Gray Warbler				
Red Crossbill				
Hoary Redpoll				