



Birds of Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge

This leaflet lists 285 species of birds that have been seen on the refuge. Species are listed in accordance with the seventh edition of the A.O.U. Checklist (1998) and its supplements through 2011. Accepted new names are used.

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

- Sp Spring March - May
 Su Summer June - July
 F Fall August - November
 W Winter December - February
 A Abundant
 A common species that is very numerous.
 C Common
 Certain to be seen in suitable habitats.
 U Uncommon
 Present, not certain to be seen.
 O Occasional
 Seen few times during the season.
 R Rare
 Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.
 X Accidental
 Has been seen only once or twice.

Accidental. Further documentation is being sought for some reported sightings.

* Nesting Species

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, and Swans				
___Black-bel. Whistling-Duck	Accidental			
___Gr. White-fronted Goose	O	O	O	
___Snow Goose	O	O	O	U
___Ross's Goose	O	O	O	
___Cackling Goose	U	U	U	
___*Canada Goose	C	C	A	A
___Tundra Swan			R	R
___Wood Duck				R
___*Gadwall	C	C	C	C
___Eurasian Wigeon			X	
___American Wigeon	C	O	A	C
___*Mallard	C	C	A	C
___*Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C	
___*Cinnamon Teal	O	U	C	R
___Northern Shoveler	C	C	A	C
___Northern Pintail	C	O	U	C
___Green-winged Teal	C	C	C	O
___Canvasback	U	O	C	U
___Redhead	C	O	C	C
___Ring-necked Duck	U	O	O	U
___Greater Scaup	R	R	R	
___Lesser Scaup	C	R	C	U

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Ducks, Geese, and Swans, continued					Falcons				
___Surf Scoter				X	___*American Kestrel	C	C	C	C
___White-winged Scoter	Accidental				___Merlin	O		O	O
___Long-tailed Duck				X	___Peregrine Falcon	O		O	
___Bufflehead	C		A	A	___Prairie Falcon	O	O	O	O
___Common Goldeneye	U		O	C	Rails and Coots				
___Barrow's Goldeneye				X	___*Virginia Rail	U	O	U	
___Hooded Merganser	O	X	O	O	___*Sora	U	O	U	
___Common Merganser	O		O	O	___*American Coot	C	C	A	A
___Red-breasted Merganser	O		O	O	Cranes				
___Ruddy Duck	A	O	A	C	___Sandhill Crane	O		A	C
New World Quail					Plovers				
___Scaled Quail	Accidental				___Black-bellied Plover	R		X	
Pheasants and Turkeys					___American Golden-Plover			X	
___*Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	O	___Snowy Plover	R	R		
___*Wild Turkey	C	U	U	C	___Semipalmated Plover	R	R	R	
Loons					___Piping Plover			X	
___Pacific Loon	Accidental				___*Killdeer	C	C	C	
___Common Loon	R		O	O	___Mountain Plover	Accidental			
___Yellow-billed Loon	Accidental				Stilts and Avocets				
Grebes					___Black-necked Stilt	O		R	R
___*Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	R	___*American Avocet	C	C	U	
___Horned Grebe	R		R		Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
___*Eared Grebe	C	C	U	O	___*Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U	
___*Western Grebe	U	U	U	O	___Upland Sandpiper			X	
___Clark's Grebe	O	O	O		___Solitary Sandpiper	O	O	O	
Cormorants					___Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___Double-cr. Cormorant	C	C	O		___Willet	O	O	O	
Pelicans					___Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___American White Pelican	C	U	C		___Whimbrel	X			
Bitterns and Herons					___*Long-billed Curlew	O	O	O	
___*American Bittern	R	R	O		___Marbled Godwit	O	O		
___Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	U	___Sanderling	O	O	O	
___Great Egret	R				___Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	R	R	
___Snowy Egret	O	O	O		___Western Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___Little Blue Heron	Accidental				___Least Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___Reddish Egret			X		___White-rumped Sandpiper	O	R		
___Cattle Egret			O		___Baird's Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___Green Heron			R		___Pectoral Sandpiper	R	R	O	
___*Black-cr. Night-Heron	O	O	O		___Stilt Sandpiper	O	O	O	
___Yellow-cr. Night-Heron		X	X		___Long-billed Dowitcher	U	U	U	
Ibis					___*Wilson's Snipe	U	O	U	
___White Ibis	X				___*Wilson's Phalarope	C	C	U	
___White-faced Ibis	U	U	U		___Red-necked Phalarope		R		
American Vultures					___Red Phalarope		X		
___Turkey Vulture	C	U	U		Gulls and Terns				
Hawks, Kites, and Eagles					___Black-legged Kittiwake				X
___Osprey	O	R	O		___Sabine's Gull			R	
___Mississippi Kite			X		___Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	
___Bald Eagle	O	O	C	C	___Franklin's Gull	O	O	O	
___*Northern Harrier	C	O	C	C	___Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C	O
___Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	O	___California Gull		R		
___Cooper's Hawk	O		O		___Herring Gull	O		O	
___Northern Goshawk	Accidental				___Black Tern	O	U	U	
___*Swainson's Hawk	C	C	C		___Common Tern			R	
___*Red-tailed Hawk	C	U	C	C	___Arctic Tern			X	
___Ferruginous Hawk	O	O	O	O	___Forester's Tern	O	O	O	
___Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O	___Long-tailed Jaeger		X		
___Golden Eagle	O	O	O	C					

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Pigeons and Doves

___Rock Pigeon R
___Band-tailed Pigeon Accidental
___Eurasian Collared-Dove C C C O
___White-winged Dove X
___*Mourning Dove C C C O

Cuckoos and Roadrunners

___Yellow-billed Cuckoo O
___Greater Roadrunner X X X X

Barn Owls

___*Barn Owl U U U U

Typical Owls

___Western Screech-Owl O O
___*Great Horned Owl C C C C
___*Burrowing Owl O U U
___*Long-eared Owl R R
___Short-eared Owl R R
___Northern Saw-whet Owl X

Goatsuckers

___*Common Nighthawk U U U

Swifts

___White-throated Swift U U U

Hummingbirds

___*Black-ch. Hummingbird C C U
___Calliope Hummingbird X X
___Broad-tail. Hummingbird U O O
___Rufous Hummingbird C U

Kingfishers

___*Belted Kingfisher U U U

Woodpeckers

___Lewis's Woodpecker R R R
___Red-headed Woodpecker R R R
___Williamson's Sapsucker Accidental
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Accidental
___Red-naped Sapsucker O O
___Ladder-bac. Woodpecker X
___Downy Woodpecker O O
___Hairy Woodpecker R O O
___Northern Flicker C O C C
___Red-shafted C O C C
___Yellow-shafted X

Tyrant Flycatchers

___Olive-sided Flycatcher O O
___*Western Wood-Pewee A C U
___Willow Flycatcher O O
___Least Flycatcher X
___Hammond's Flycatcher Accidental
___Gray Flycatcher O O
___Dusky Flycatcher U U
___Eastern Phoebe Accidental
___Vermilion Flycatcher X
___*Say Phoebe C C C R
___Ash-throated Flycatcher U X X
___Gr. Crested Flycatcher Accidental
___*Cassin's Kingbird C C C
___*Western Kingbird C C C
___*Eastern Kingbird C C C
___Scissor-tailed Flycatcher X

Shrikes

___*Loggerhead Shrike U U U O
___Northern Shrike R R

Vireos

___Plumbeous Vireo O O
___Cassin's Vireo O
___*Warbling Vireo U O

Crows and Jays

___Blue Jay X
___Western Scrub-Jay R

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Crows and Jays, continued

___*Black-billed Magpie C C C U
___American Crow O O O O
___Chihuahuan Raven O
___*Common Raven C C C C

Larks

___*Horned Lark C U C A

Swallows

___Tree Swallow U U
___Violet-green Swallow U O U
___*No. Rough-winged U U U
___Bank Swallow O O O
___Cliff Swallow C C C
___*Barn Swallow C C C

Chickadees and Titmice

___Black-capped Chickadee R R
___Mountain Chickadee R R

Bushtits

___Bushtit R R

Nuthatches

___Red-breasted Nuthatch R R
___White-breasted Nuthatch O O O O

Creepers

___Brown Creeper R O O

Wrens

___Rock Wren O O O
___House Wren U U
___Sedge Wren Accidental
___*Marsh Wren O O O

Gnatcatchers

___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher O

Kinglets

___Golden-crowned Kinglet R
___Ruby-crowned Kinglet U U R

Thrushes

___Western Bluebird O O
___*Mountain Bluebird C O U R
___Townsend's Solitaire X
___Swainson's Thrush Accidental
___Hermit Thrush R
___*American Robin C C U

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

___Gray Catbird X X
___*Northern Mockingbird C U U
___Sage Thrasher X X
___Brown Thrasher R
___Curved-billed Thrasher X

Starlings

___*European Starling C C C C

Pipits

___American Pipit U U

Waxwings

___Cedar Waxwing R

Longspurs

___Lapland Longspur O
___Chestnut-col. Longspur R U U
___McCown's Longspur O O

Wood-Warblers

___Northern Waterthrush Accidental
___Black-and-white Warbler X
___Tennessee Warbler R
___Orange-crowned Warbler U U
___Virginia's Warbler U U
___MacGillivray's Warbler U U
___Black-poll'd Warbler X
___*Common Yellowthroat C C C
___American Redstart X

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Wood-Warblers, continued

___Magnolia Warbler X X
___*Yellow Warbler O O U
___Yellow-rumped Warbler U U
___Audubon's U U
___Myrtle O O
___Black-thr. Gray Warbler O
___Townsend's Warbler O
___Wilson's Warbler C C

Sparrows and Allies

___Green-tailed Towhee O
___Spotted Towhee O O O
___Canyon Towhee R
___*Cassin's Sparrow O O
___American Tree Sparrow O U U
___Chipping Sparrow C C C
___Clay-colored Sparrow R
___Brewer's Sparrow U O C
___Field Sparrow Accidental
___*Vesper Sparrow C C C
___*Lark Sparrow C C C
___Black-throated Sparrow X
___*Lark Bunting U U U
___Savannah Sparrow U U U
___*Grasshopper Sparrow O U U
___Baird's Sparrow Accidental
___Song Sparrow C C
___Lincoln's Sparrow U U
___Swamp Sparrow R
___White-throated Sparrow R R
___Harris's Sparrow X
___White-crowned Sparrow C C C
___Dark-eyed Junco C C C
___Slate-colored O O O
___Oregon/Pink-sided C C C
___Gray-headed U U U

Tanagers

___Hepatic Tanager X
___Western Tanager U O U

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies

___Rose-breasted Grosbeak X
___Black-headed Grosbeak U U U
___*Blue Grosbeak C C U
___*Lazuli Bunting O O
___Indigo Bunting O
___Dickcissel U U

Blackbirds

___*Red-winged Blackbird C C C C
___Eastern Meadowlark Accidental
___*Western Meadowlark A A A A
___*Yellow-hd Blackbird U U U R
___Brewer's Blackbird U U U
___Common Grackle U U U
___Great-tailed Grackle X
___*Brown-headed Cowbird U U U
___Orchard Oriole Accidental
___*Bullock's Oriole U U U

Finches

___Purple Finch Accidental
___*House Finch C U C U
___Pine Siskin U U U
___*Lesser Goldfinch U U U
___American Goldfinch O O U U
___Evening Grosbeak U O

Old World Sparrows

___*House Sparrow C C U U