



Birds of Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge

This leaflet lists 289 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	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	C	C	C	R
___Northern Shoveler	C	U	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
___Surf Scoter			X	

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, and Swans, continued				
___White-winged Scoter	Accidental			
___Long-tailed Duck				X
___Bufflehead	C		A	A
___Common Goldeneye	U		O	C
___Barrow's Goldeneye				X
___Hooded Merganser	O	X	O	O
___Common Merganser	O		O	O
___Red-breasted Merganser	O		O	O
___Ruddy Duck	C	O	A	C
New World Quail				
___Scaled Quail	Accidental			
Pheasants and Turkeys				
___*Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	O
___*Wild Turkey	C	U	U	C
Loons				
___Pacific Loon	Accidental			
___Common Loon	R		O	O
___Yellow-billed Loon	Accidental			
Grebes				
___*Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	R
___Horned Grebe	R		R	
___*Eared Grebe	C	C	U	O
___*Western Grebe	C	C	U	O
___Clark's Grebe	O	O	O	
Cormorants				
___Double-cr. Cormorant	C	C	O	
Pelicans				
___American White Pelican	C	U	C	
Bitterns and Herons				
___*American Bittern	R	R	O	
___Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	U
___Great Egret	R			
___Snowy Egret	O	O	O	
___Little Blue Heron	Accidental			
___Reddish Egret			X	
___Cattle Egret			O	
___Green Heron			R	
___*Black-cr. Night-Heron	O	O	O	
___Yellow-cr. Night-Heron			X	X
Ibis				
___White Ibis	X			
___White-faced Ibis	U	U	U	
American Vultures				
___Turkey Vulture	C	U	U	
Hawks, Kites, and Eagles				
___Osprey	O	R	O	
___Mississippi Kite			X	
___Bald Eagle	O	U	C	C
___*Northern Harrier	C	O	C	C
___Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	O
___Cooper's Hawk	O		O	
___Northern Goshawk	Accidental			
___*Swainson's Hawk	C	C	C	
___*Red-tailed Hawk	C	U	C	C
___Ferruginous Hawk	O	O	O	O
___Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O
___Golden Eagle	O	O	O	O

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Falcons				
___*American Kestrel	C	C	C	C
___Merlin	O		O	O
___Peregrine Falcon	O		O	
___Prairie Falcon	O	O	O	O
Rails and Coots				
___*Virginia Rail	U	O	U	
___*Sora	U	O	U	
___*American Coot	C	C	A	A
Cranes				
___Sandhill Crane	O		A	C
Plovers				
___Black-bellied Plover	R			
___American Golden-Plover				X
___Snowy Plover	R			
___Semipalmated Plover	X	R	X	
___Piping Plover				X
___*Killdeer	C	C	C	
___Mountain Plover	Accidental			
Stilts and Avocets				
___Black-necked Stilt	O		R	R
___*American Avocet	C	C	U	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
___*Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U	
___Solitary Sandpiper	O	O	O	
___Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___Willet	O	O	O	
___Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___Whimbrel	X			
___*Long-billed Curlew	O	O	O	
___Marbled Godwit	O	O		
___Sanderling	O	O	O	
___Semipalmated Sandpiper	Accidental			
___Western Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___Least Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___White-rumped Sandpiper	R	R		
___Baird's Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___Pectoral Sandpiper	R	R	O	
___Stilt Sandpiper	O	O	O	
___Long-billed Dowitcher	U	U	U	
___*Wilson's Snipe	U	O	U	
___*Wilson's Phalarope	C	C	U	
___Red-necked Phalarope			R	
___Red Phalarope			X	
Gulls and Terns				
___Black-legged Kittiwake				X
___Sabine's Gull				R
___Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	
___Franklin's Gull	O	O	O	
___Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C	O
___California Gull			R	
___Herring Gull	O		O	
___Black Tern	O	U	U	
___Common Tern				R
___Arctic Tern				X
___Forester's Tern	O	O	O	
___Long-tailed Jaeger				X

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Pigeons and Doves					Crows and Jays, continued					Wood-Warblers, continued				
___Rock Pigeon	R				___American Crow	O	O	O	O	___Yellow-rumped Warbler	U		U	
___Band-tailed Pigeon	Accidental				___Chihuahuan Raven			O		___Audubon's	U		U	
___Eurasian Collared-Dove	C	C	C	O	___*Common Raven	C	C	C	C	___Myrtle	O		O	
___White-winged Dove	X				Larks					___Black-thr. Gray Warbler			O	
___*Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	___*Horned Lark	C	U	C	A	___Townsend's Warbler			O	
Cuckoos and Roadrunners					Swallows					___Wilson's Warbler	C		C	
___Yellow-billed Cuckoo			O		___Tree Swallow	U		U		Sparrows and Allies				
___Greater Roadrunner	X	X	X	X	___Violet-green Swallow	U	O	U		___Green-tailed Towhee	O			
Barn Owls					___*No. Rough-winged	U	U	U		___Spotted Towhee	O	O	O	
___*Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	___Bank Swallow	O	O	O		___Canyon Towhee	R			
Typical Owls					___Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		___*Cassin's Sparrow	O	O		
___Western Screech-Owl			O	O	___*Barn Swallow	C	C	C		___American Tree Sparrow			U	U
___*Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	Chickadees and Titmice					___Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
___Burrowing Owl	O	U	U		___Black-capped Chickadee	R	R			___Clay-colored Sparrow			R	
___*Long-eared Owl		R	R		___Mountain Chickadee		R	R		___Brewer's Sparrow	U	O	C	
___Short-eared Owl			R	R	Bushtits					___Field Sparrow	Accidental			
___Northern Saw-whet Owl				X	___Bushtit		R	R		___*Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C	
Goatsuckers					Nuthatches					___*Lark Sparrow	C	C	C	
___*Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		___Red-breasted Nuthatch		R	R		___Black-throated Sparrow	X			
Swifts					___White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O	O	___*Lark Bunting	U	U	U	
___White-throated Swift	U	U	U		Creepers					___Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U	
Hummingbirds					___Brown Creeper	R		O	O	___*Grasshopper Sparrow	O	U	U	
___*Black-ch. Hummingbird	C	C	U		Wrens					___Baird's Sparrow	Accidental			
___Calliope Hummingbird	Accidental				___Rock Wren	O	O	O		___Song Sparrow	C		C	
___Broad-t. Hummingbird	U	O	O		___House Wren	U		U		___Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
___Rufous Hummingbird		C	U		___Sedge Wren	Accidental				___Swamp Sparrow			R	
Kingfishers					___*Marsh Wren	O	O	O		___White-throated Sparrow			R	R
___*Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		Gnatcatchers					___Harris's Sparrow	X			
Woodpeckers					___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O				___White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
___Lewis's Woodpecker	R	R	R		Kinglets					___Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
___Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R	R		___Golden-crowned Kinglet	R				___Slate-colored	O		O	O
___Williamson's Sapsucker	Accidental				___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	R	___Oregon/Pink-sided	C		C	C
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Accidental				Thrushes					___Gray-headed	U		U	U
___Red-naped Sapsucker	O		O		___Western Bluebird	O		O		Tanagers				
___Ladder-bac. Woodpecker		X			___*Mountain Bluebird	C	O	U	R	___Hepatic Tanager	X			
___Downy Woodpecker			O	O	___Townsend's Solitaire	X				___Western Tanager	U	O	U	
___Hairy Woodpecker			O	O	___Swainson's Thrush	Accidental				Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
___Northern Flicker	C	O	C	C	___Hermit Thrush	R				___Rose-breasted Grosbeak			X	
___Red-shafted	C	O	C	C	___*American Robin	C	C	U		___Black-headed Grosbeak	U	U	U	
___Yellow-shafted				X	Mockingbirds and Thrashers					___*Blue Grosbeak	C	C	U	
Tyrant Flycatchers					___Gray Catbird	X	X			___*Lazuli Bunting	O	O		
___Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		O		___*Northern Mockingbird	C	U	U		___Indigo Bunting	O			
___*Western Wood-Pewee	A	C	U		___Sage Thrasher	X	X			___Dickcissel		U	U	
___Willow Flycatcher	O		O		___Brown Thrasher		R			Blackbirds				
___Least Flycatcher			X		___Curved-billed Thrasher	X				___*Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
___Hammond's Flycatcher	Accidental				Starlings					___Eastern Meadowlark	Accidental			
___Gray Flycatcher	O		O		___*European Starling	C	C	C	C	___*Western Meadowlark	A	A	A	A
___Dusky Flycatcher	U		U		Pipits					___*Yellow-hd Blackbird	U	U	U	R
___Eastern Phoebe	Accidental				___American Pipit	U		U		___Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U	
___*Say Phoebe	C	C	C	R	Waxwings					___Common Grackle	U	U	U	
___Ash-throated Flycatcher	U	X	X		___Cedar Waxwing	R				___Great-tailed Grackle	X			
___Gr. Crested Flycatcher	Accidental				Longspurs					___*Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	U	
___*Cassin's Kingbird	C	C	C		___Lapland Longspur				O	___Orchard Oriole	Accidental			
___*Western Kingbird	C	C	C		___Chestnut-col. Longspur	R		U	U	___*Bullock's Oriole	U	U	U	
___*Eastern Kingbird	C	C	U		___McCown's Longspur			O	O	Finches				
___Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		X			Wood-Warblers					___Purple Finch	Accidental			
Shrikes					___Northern Waterthrush	Accidental				___*House Finch	U	U	U	U
___*Loggerhead Shrike	C	U	U	O	___Black-and-white Warbler		X			___Pine Siskin	U		U	U
___Northern Shrike			R	R	___Tennessee Warbler	R				___*Lesser Goldfinch	U	U	U	
Vireos					___Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		___American Goldfinch	O	O	U	U
___Plumbeous Vireo	O		O		___Virginia's Warbler	U		U		___Evening Grosbeak	U	O		
___Cassin's Vireo			O		___MacGillivray's Warbler	U		U		Old World Sparrows				
___*Warbling Vireo	U	O			___Black-poll'd Warbler	X				___*House Sparrow	C	C	U	U
Crows and Jays					___*Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		Updated May 2012				
___Blue Jay	X				___American Redstart			X						
___Western Scrub-Jay			R		___Magnolia Warbler	X		X						
___*Black-billed Magpie	C	C	C	U	___*Yellow Warbler	O	U	U						