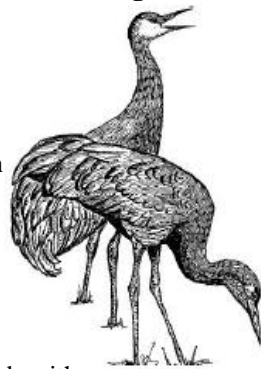


Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

serves as an important stop for many species of migrating birds.

The Refuge protects a large watershed that includes Rice, Skunk and Mud Lakes, along with several tributaries; it harbors one of the largest nesting populations of Greater Sandhill Cranes in Minnesota. Habitats include native tall grass prairie, sedge meadow, oak savanna, and wetlands with stands of wild rice. With a total authorized acquisition boundary of 13,540 acres encompassing this important wetland complex and adjacent uplands, Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge presently exists as scattered parcels totaling about 2,000 acres.



This leaflet lists those species of birds that have been identified on Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge by Refuge personnel and visiting birdwatchers.

Sp – **Spring** (March – May)

S -- **Summer** (June – July)

F -- **Fall** (August – November)

W – **Winter** (December – February)

c – **common**: likely seen or heard in suitable habitat

u – **uncommon**: present, but not certain to be seen

o – **occasional**: seen only few times during season

r – **rare**: seen at intervals of 2-5 years

* - nesting

Loons • Grebes • Pelicans • Cormorants
Bitterns • Herons • Swans • Geese • Ducks

Sp S F W

□ Greater White-fronted Goose	o	-	-	-
□ Snow Goose	o	-	o	-
□ Cackling Goose	o	-	o	-
□ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	u
□ Trumpeter Swan*	o	o	o	o
□ Tundra Swan	u	-	u	-
□ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o

Sp S F W

□ Gadwall	u	-	-	-
□ American Wigeon	c	u	c	-
□ American Black Duck	u	o	u	-
□ Mallard*	c	c	c	o
□ Blue-winged Teal*	c	c	c	-
□ Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	-
□ Northern Pintail	c	o	c	-
□ Green-winged Teal*	c	o	c	o
□ Canvasback	u	o	u	-
□ Redhead	o	u	o	-
□ Ring-necked Duck*	c	u	c	-
□ Lesser Scaup	c	o	c	-
□ Bufflehead	c	-	u	-
□ Common Goldeneye	c	-	u	-
□ Hooded Merganser*	c	c	c	-
□ Common Merganser	c	-	o	-
□ Red-breasted Merganser	u	-	-	-
□ Ruddy Duck	o	o	o	-
□ Ring-necked Pheasant*	c	c	c	c
□ Ruffed Grouse*	c	c	c	c
□ Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c
□ Common Loon*	c	c	o	-
□ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	-
□ Horned Grebe	r	-	u	-
□ Red-necked Grebe	o	-	r	-
□ Eared Grebe	r	-	-	-
□ Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	-
□ American White Pelican	o	o	o	-
□ American Bittern*	o	o	o	-
□ Least Bittern*	o	o	-	-
□ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	-

Diurnal Raptors • Gallinaceous Birds
Gruiformes • Shorebirds • Gulls • Terns

□ Great Egret	c	c	c	-
□ Green Heron*	c	c	c	-
□ Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	-	-
□ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	-
□ Osprey	u	u	u	-
□ Bald Eagle*	c	c	c	o
□ Northern Harrier	c	c	o	o
□ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	u	-
□ Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	-
□ Northern Goshawk	-	-	o	o
□ Red-shouldered Hawk*	o	o	o	o
□ Broad-winged Hawk*	o	o	o	-
□ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	u
□ Rough-legged Hawk	u	-	u	u

Sp S F W

□ Yellow Rail	r	r	r	-
□ Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	-
□ Sora*	u	u	u	-
□ American Coot*	c	c	c	-
□ Sandhill Crane*	c	c	c	-
□ Black-bellied Plover	-	o	o	-
□ American Golden-Plover	-	o	o	-
□ Semipalmated Plover	o	o	o	-
□ Killdeer*	c	c	c	-
□ Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	-
□ Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
□ Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	c	-
□ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	c	-
□ Upland Sandpiper*	r	r	-	-
□ Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
□ Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
□ White-rumped Sandpiper	o	-	-	-
□ Dunlin	o	o	o	-
□ Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o	-	-
□ Long-billed Dowitcher	o	-	o	-
□ Wilson's Snipe*	c	u	c	-
□ American Woodcock*	c	c	c	-
□ Wilson's Phalarope	o	-	-	-
□ Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	o	-
□ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	-
□ Herring Gull	u	-	u	-
□ Black Tern*	c	c	c	-
□ Forster's Tern	c	u	u	-
□ Rock Pigeon*	c	c	c	c
□ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
□ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	o	-
□ Black-billed Cuckoo	c	c	c	-
□ Eastern Screech Owl*	o	o	o	o
□ Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
□ Snowy Owl	-	-	-	r

Owls • Goat Suckers • Swifts • Hummingbirds
Kingfishers • Woodpeckers • Flycatchers
Shrikes • Vireos • Jays/Crows • Larks
Swallows • Chickadees • Nuthatches • Wrens

□ Northern Hawk Owl	-	-	-	u
□ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
□ Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	-
□ Short-eared Owl	r	r	r	-
□ Northern Saw-whet Owl	o	o	o	o
□ Common Nighthawk*	o	c	c	-
□ Eastern Whip-poor-will*	o	o	-	-
□ Chimney Swift	c	c	c	-

Sp S F W

□ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	o	c	o	-
□ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	r
□ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
□ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	c	u	c	-
□ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	u
□ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	o
□ Merlin	o	-	o	-
□ Peregrine Falcon	o	o	o	-
□ Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	o	u	-
□ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	-	-
□ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	c	u	c	-
□ Alder Flycatcher*	u	o	u	-
□ Willow Flycatcher*	-	u	-	-
□ Least Flycatcher*	c	c	u	-
□ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	-
□ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	-
□ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	-
□ Loggerheaded Shrike	r	r	r	-
□ Northern Shrike	o	-	o	o
□ Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	-	-
□ Blue-headed Vireo	u	-	u	-
□ Warbling Vireo*	c	c	-	-
□ Philadelphia Vireo	o	-	o	-
□ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	-
□ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
□ American Crow*	c	c	c	c
□ Horned Lark*	c	o	o	c
□ Purple Martin*	u	c	u	-
□ Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	-
□ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	-
□ Bank Swallow*	u	o	u	-
□ Cliff Swallow*	c	c	c	-
□ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	-
□ Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
□ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	u	-	u	o
□ White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
□ Brown Creeper	u	u	u	u
□ House Wren*	c	c	c	-
□ Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	-
□ Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	-

