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Blue Jay
Dave Menke
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Most birds are migratory and their seasonal occurrence and relative abundance are coded as follows:

**Season**
- **Sp** spring March – May
- **S** summer June – August
- **F** fall September – November
- **W** winter December – February

- Birds known to nest on or near the refuge

**Relative Abundance**
Relative abundance indicates how frequently you might see a bird in its favored habitat.

- **a** abundant very numerous and readily seen
- **c** common likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
- **u** uncommon present, but not certain to be seen
- **o** occasional seen only a few times during a season
- **r** rare may be present but not every year

### Geese – Swans – Ducks

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- Northern Bobwhite
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Ruffed Grouse
- Wild Turkey

Loons – Grebes
- Common Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe

Cormorants
- Double-crested Cormorant

Bitterns – Herons – Egrets
- American Bittern
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- Ring-billed Gull

Northern Goshawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Golden Eagle
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon

Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Gallinule
- American Coot
- Sandhill Crane

Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer
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- Solitary Sandpiper
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- Least Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
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- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo

Owls – Nightjars
- Barn Owl
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Snowy Owl
- Barred Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Short-eared Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl
- Common Nighthawk
- Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts – Hummingbirds – Kingfishers
- Chimney Swift
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker

Flycatchers
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Alder Flycatcher
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird

Shrikes – Vireos
- Northern Shrike
- White-eyed Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo

Jays – Crows – Larks – Swallows
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Common Raven
- Horned Lark
- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow

Great Horned Owl
**Chickadees – Titmice – Nuthatches – Creepers – Wrens**

- Black-capped Chickadee  
- Tufted Titmouse  
- Red-breasted Nuthatch  
- White-breasted Nuthatch  
- Brown Creeper  
- Carolina Wren  
- House Wren  
- Winter Wren  
- Sedge Wren  
- Marsh Wren

**Kinglets – Gnatcatchers – Thrushes – Mimic-Thrushes – Starlings – Pipits – Waxwings**

- Golden-crowned Kinglet  
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
- Eastern Bluebird  
- Veery  
- Gray-cheeked Thrush  
- Swainson’s Thrush  
- Hermit Thrush  
- American Robin  
- Gray Catbird  
- Northern Mockingbird  
- Brown Thrasher  
- European Starling  
- American Pipit  
- Cedar Waxwing

**Snow Bunting**

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**Wood Warblers**

- Blue-winged Warbler  
- Golden-winged Warbler  
- Tennessee Warbler  
- Orange-crowned Warbler  
- Nashville Warbler  
- Northern Parula  
- Yellow Warbler  
- Chestnut-sided Warbler  
- Magnolia Warbler  
- Cape May Warbler  
- Black-throated Blue Warbler  
- Yellow-rumped Warbler  
- Black-throated Green Warbler  
- Blackburnian Warbler  
- Pine Warbler  
- Prairie Warbler  
- Palm Warbler  
- Bay-breasted Warbler  
- Blackpoll Warbler  
- Cerulean Warbler  
- Black-and-white Warbler  
- American Redstart  
- Prothonotary Warbler  
- Ovenbird  
- Northern Waterthrush  
- Louisiana Waterthrush  
- Kentucky Warbler  
- Connecticut Warbler  
- Mourning Warbler  
- Common Yellowthroat
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**NOTES**

Location ________________________________________________  
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