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Birds



Great blue heron
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Wood duck (male)

Introduction



This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge contains over 7,735 acres of hardwood swamp, upland timber, marsh and open water, brush and grassland. This diverse habitat attracts a wide variety of birds.

This brochure lists 223 species of birds that one may possibly encounter at the Great Swamp and was revised in 2009 by William Boyle and Steve Byland. This list is in accordance with the Seventh American Ornithologist's Union Checklist, as amended.

Most birds are migratory, therefore their seasonal occurrence is coded as follows:

Season

Sp Spring	March – May
S Summer	June – August
F Fall	September – November
W Winter	December – February

Relative Abundance

a abundant	a species which is very numerous
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 the season
r rare	may be present, but not every year

Habitat Types (H)

f Forest, woodlands, thickets
w Wetlands (includes all bodies of water and marshes)
m Meadows, fields

- Birds known to nest on or near the refuge.

(I) - Introduced species

Italics indicate state threatened / endangered species. As of printing, no federally listed T&E species inhabit the refuge.

	Sp	S	F	W	H
Swans, Geese and Ducks					
___ • Canada Goose _____	a	a	a	a	w/m
___ • Mute Swan (I) _____	o	o	o	r	w/m
___ • Wood Duck _____	a	a	a	u	w/f
___ Gadwall _____	u	r	u	o	w
___ American Wigeon _____	u	r	c	o	w/m
___ • American Black Duck _____	c	u	c	c	w
___ • Mallard _____	a	a	a	a	w/m
___ • Blue-winged Teal _____	u	u	u		w/m
___ Northern Shoveler _____	o	r	o	r	w
___ Northern Pintail _____	u	r	c	u	w

	Sp	S	F	W	H
___ • Green-winged Teal _____	c	r	c	u	w/m
___ Canvasback _____	r		r	r	w
___ Ring-necked Duck _____	c		u	o	w
___ Bufflehead _____	r		r	r	w
___ Common Goldeneye _____			r	r	w
___ • Hooded Merganser _____	u	u	u	o	w
___ Common Merganser _____	r			r	w
___ Red-breasted Merganser _____				r	w
___ Ruddy Duck _____			r	r	w

Gallinaceous Birds

___ • Wild Turkey _____	c	c	c	c	m/f
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Loons

___ Common Loon _____	u		r		w
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Grebes

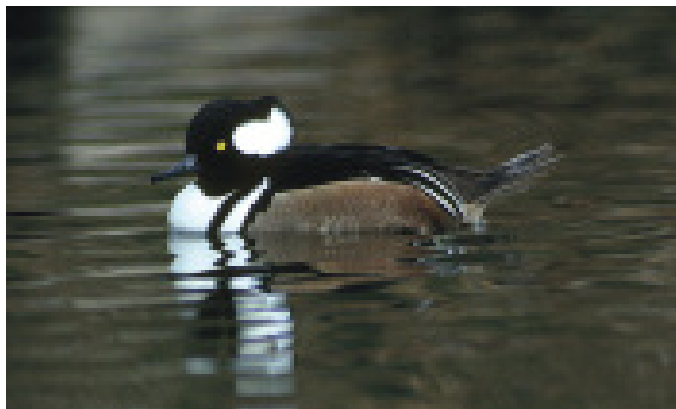
___ Pied-billed Grebe _____	u	r	o	r	w
___ Horned Grebe _____			r		w

Cormorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant _____	o		o		w
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Bitterns, Herons and Egrets

___ • American Bittern _____	u	u	u	r	w
___ • Least Bittern _____	u	u	u		w
___ • Great Blue Heron _____	c	c	c	u	w
___ Great Egret _____	o	o	o	r	w/m
___ Snowy Egret _____	r	r	r		w/m



Hooded merganser (male)

Tim McCabe/USFWS

	Sp	S	F	W	H
___ Little Blue Heron _____	o	o	o		w
___ Cattle Egret _____	r	r	r		w/m
___ • Green Heron _____	c	c	c		w
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron _____	o	r	o		w
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron _____	r	r			w

Ibises

___ Glossy Ibis _____	r	r	r		w/m
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New World Vultures

___ Black Vulture _____	c	c	c	c	f/m/w
___ Turkey Vulture _____	c	c	c	c	f/m/w

Osprey, Kites, Hawks and Eagles

___ Osprey _____	u		u		w/f
___ Bald Eagle _____	o	o	o	o	w/f/m
___ Northern Harrier _____	c	r	c	c	w/m
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk _____	u		c	u	f/m
___ • Cooper's Hawk _____	u	u	c	u	f/m
___ Northern Goshawk _____			r	r	f/m
___ • Red-shouldered Hawk _____	u	u	u	o	f/m
___ • Broad-winged Hawk _____	u	o	u		f/m
___ • Red-tailed Hawk _____	c	u	c	c	f/m/w
___ Rough-legged Hawk _____	r		r	o	m/w/f
___ Golden Eagle _____			r	r	m/w/f

Falcons and Caracaras

___ • American Kestrel _____	u	u	u	r	m/f
___ Merlin _____	o		o	r	m/f
___ Peregrine Falcon _____			r	r	w/m/f

Rails

___ • King Rail _____	o	o	o		w
___ • Virginia Rail _____	c	c	c	r	w
___ • Sora _____	u	u	u	r	w
___ • Common Moorhen _____	u	u	u		w
___ American Coot _____	u		u	r	w

Plovers

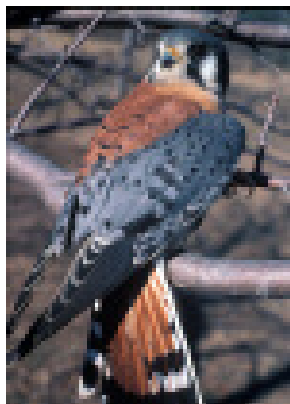
___ Semipalmated Plover _____	o				w
___ • Killdeer _____	c	c	c	o	m/w

	Sp	S	F	W	H
Sandpipers and Phalaropes					
___ Greater Yellowlegs _____	u	u	u		w/m
___ Lesser Yellowlegs _____	u	o	u		w/m
___ Solitary Sandpiper _____	c	u	u		w/m
• Spotted Sandpiper _____	c	u	u		w
___ <i>Upland Sandpiper</i> _____	r				m
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper _____	o	o	o		w/m
___ Least Sandpiper _____	u	u	o		w/m
___ Pectoral Sandpiper _____	u	u	u		w/m
___ Dunlin _____	r				w
___ Short-billed Dowitcher _____	r	r			w
• Wilson's Snipe _____	a	r	c	o	w/m
• American Woodcock _____	a	c	a	o	f/m/w
Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls and Terns					
___ Bonaparte's Gull _____				r	w
___ Ring-billed Gull _____	u		u	c	w/m
___ Herring Gull _____	o	o	o	u	w/m
___ Great Black-backed Gull _____	o			u	w/m
Pigeons and Doves					
• Rock Dove (I) _____	u	u	u	u	m
• Mourning Dove _____	a	a	a	a	m/f
Cuckoos and Anis					
• Black-billed Cuckoo _____	u	u	o		f
• Yellow-billed Cuckoo _____	u	u	o		f
Barn Owls					
___ Barn Owl _____	o	o	o	o	m/f
Typical Owls					
• Eastern Screech-Owl _____	c	c	c	c	f
• Great Horned Owl _____	c	c	c	c	f
• <i>Barred Owl</i> _____	u	u	u	u	f
___ <i>Long-eared Owl</i> _____	o		o	o	f
___ <i>Short-eared Owl</i> _____	r			r	m/w
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl _____	r		r	r	f
Nightjars					
___ Common Nighthawk _____	u	u	c		f/m

	Sp	S	F	W	H
Swifts					
___ • Chimney Swift _____	c	c	c		m
Hummingbirds					
___ • Ruby-throated Hummingbird _____	u	u	u		m/f
Kingfishers					
___ • Belted Kingfisher _____	c	c	c	u	w
Woodpeckers					
___ • <i>Red-headed Woodpecker</i> _____	o	o	o	u	f
___ • Red-bellied Woodpecker _____	c	c	c	c	f
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker _____	u		u	r	f
___ • Downy Woodpecker _____	c	c	c	c	f
___ • Hairy Woodpecker _____	u	u	u	u	f
___ • Northern Flicker _____	c	c	c	u	f
___ • Pileated Woodpecker _____	o	o	o	o	f



Red-headed woodpecker



Dave Menke/USFWS

American kestrel (male)

	Sp	S	F	W	H
Tyrant Flycatchers					
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher _____	o	r	o		f
___ • Eastern Wood-Pewee _____	c	c	c		f
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher _____	o	r	o		f/w
___ • Acadian Flycatcher _____	o	o			f
___ • Alder Flycatcher _____	o	o	o		f
___ • Willow Flycatcher _____	c	c	c		m/f
___ • Least Flycatcher _____	u	u	o		f
___ • Eastern Phoebe _____	c	c	c	r	m/f
___ • Great Crested Flycatcher _____	c	c	c		f
___ • Eastern Kingbird _____	c	c	c		m/f
Shrikes					
___ Northern Shrike _____	r		r	r	m/f
___ Loggerhead Shrike _____	r				m/f
Vireos					
___ • White-eyed Vireo _____	u	u	u		f
___ • Yellow-throated Vireo _____	u	u	u		f
___ Blue-headed Vireo _____	c		u		f
___ • Warbling Vireo _____	c	u	r		f
___ Philadelphia Vireo _____			o		f
___ • Red-eyed Vireo _____	c	c	c		f
Crows, Jays and Magpies					
___ • Blue Jay _____	a	a	a	a	f
___ • American Crow _____	a	a	a	a	f
___ • Fish Crow _____	u	o	u	o	f/m
___ Common Raven _____	r	r	r	r	f

	Sp	S	F	W	H
Larks					
___ Horned Lark _____		r	r	r	m
Swallows					
___ • Purple Martin _____	u	u			m/w
___ • Tree Swallow _____	a	a	a	r	m/w
___ • Northern Rough-winged Swallow _____	u	c	u		m/w
___ Bank Swallow _____	u	u	u		m/w
___ Cliff Swallow _____	u				m/w
___ • Barn Swallow _____	c	c	c		m/w
Titmice and Chickadees					
___ • Black-capped Chickadee _____	a	a	a	a	f
___ • Tufted Titmouse _____	a	a	a	a	f



Black-capped chickadee

Donna Dewhurst/USFWS

	Sp	S	F	W	H
Nuthatches					
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch ___	o	o	u	o	f
___ • White-breasted Nuthatch ___	c	c	c	c	f
Creepers					
___ • Brown Creeper _____	u	u	u	u	f
Wrens					
___ • Carolina Wren _____	c	c	c	c	f
___ • House Wren _____	c	a	c		f
___ Winter Wren _____	u		u	u	f
___ • Marsh Wren _____	c	c	c	r	w
Kinglets					
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet ___	c		c	u	f
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet _____	c		c	o	f
Old World Warblers					
___ • Blue-gray Gnatcatcher _____	c	c	u		f



Eastern bluebird (male)

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	Sp	S	F	W	H
Thrushes					
___ • Eastern Bluebird _____	c	c	c	c	f/m
___ • Veery _____	c	c	c		f
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush _____	u		o		f
___ Bicknell's Thrush _____	u		o		f
___ Swainson's Thrush _____	u		u		f
___ Hermit Thrush _____	c		c	o	f
___ • Wood Thrush _____	c	c	c		f
___ • American Robin _____	a	a	a	u	f/m
Mimic Thrushes					
___ • Gray Catbird _____	a	a	a	r	f
___ • Northern Mockingbird _____	c	c	c	c	f/m
___ • Brown Thrasher _____	c	c	c	r	f
Starlings					
___ • European Starling (I) _____	a	a	a	a	f/m/w
Wagtails and Pipits					
___ American Pipit _____	u		u		m/w
Waxwings					
___ • Cedar Waxwing _____	c	u	c	u	f
Wood Warblers					
___ • Blue-winged Warbler _____	c	c	c		f
___ Golden-winged Warbler _____	o				f
___ Tennessee Warbler _____	u	o	u		f
___ Nashville Warbler _____	u		u		f
___ Northern Parula _____	c	o	c		f
___ • Yellow Warbler _____	a	a	u		f/w
___ • Chestnut-sided Warbler _____	c	o	c		f
___ Magnolia Warbler _____	c	o	c		f
___ Cape May Warbler _____	u	o	u		f
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler _____	c	o	c		f
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler _____	a		a	u	f
___ Black-throated Green Warbler _____	c	o	c		f
___ Blackburnian Warbler _____	u	o	u		f
___ Yellow-throated Warbler _____	r				f
___ Pine Warbler _____	u		o		f
___ Prairie Warbler _____	o				f
___ Palm Warbler _____	c		u		f
___ Bay-breasted Warbler _____	u	o	u		f
___ Blackpoll Warbler _____	c	o	c		f

	Sp	S	F	W	H
___ Cerulean Warbler _____	o	r			f
• Black-and-white Warbler _____	c	c	c		f
• American Redstart _____	c	c	c		f
• Prothonotary Warbler _____	o	o	r		f/w
___ Worm-eating Warbler _____	u	o			f
• Ovenbird _____	c	c	c		f
• Northern Waterthrush _____	c	u	u		f/w
• Louisiana Waterthrush _____	u	o	o		f/w
___ Kentucky Warbler _____	o	r			f
___ Connecticut Warbler _____			o		f/w
___ Mourning Warbler _____	u	o	o		f/w
• Common Yellowthroat _____	a	a	a	r	f/w
___ Hooded Warbler _____	o		o		f
___ Wilson's Warbler _____	u		u		f
___ Canada Warbler _____	c	r	c		f
• Yellow-breasted Chat _____	o	o	o		f/m

Tanagers

___ • Scarlet Tanager _____	c	c	c		f
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Sparrows and Towhees

___ • Eastern Towhee _____	a	a	a	r	f
___ American Tree Sparrow _____	c		c	c	f/m
___ • Chipping Sparrow _____	c	c	c	r	f/m
___ • Field Sparrow _____	c	c	c	u	m/f
___ <i>Vesper Sparrow</i> _____	o	r	o	r	m/f
___ <i>Savannah Sparrow</i> _____	u		u	r	m/f
___ <i>Grasshopper Sparrow</i> _____	r		r		m
___ Fox Sparrow _____	u		u	o	f
___ • Song Sparrow _____	a	a	a	c	f/m
___ Lincoln's Sparrow _____	o		u		m/w
___ • Swamp Sparrow _____	a	a	a	u	w/m
___ White-throated Sparrow _____	c		c	c	f
___ White-crowned Sparrow _____	o		o		f
___ Dark-eyed Junco _____	c		c	c	f
___ Snow Bunting _____			r	r	m

Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies

___ • Northern Cardinal _____	c	c	c	c	f
___ • Rose-breasted Grosbeak _____	c	c	c		f
___ • Indigo Bunting _____	u	u	u		f/m



Red-winged blackbird (male)

George Gentry/USFWS

	Sp	S	F	W	H
Blackbirds and Orioles					
___ • <i>Bobolink</i> _____	u	u	u		m
___ • Red-winged Blackbird _____	a	a	a	u	f/m/w
___ • Eastern Meadowlark _____	u	u	u	o	m
___ Rusty Blackbird _____	c		c	u	f/w
___ • Common Grackle _____	a	c	a	u	f/m
___ • Brown-headed Cowbird _____	c	c	c	o	f/m
___ • Orchard Oriole _____	u	u			m/f
___ • Baltimore Oriole _____	c	c	c		f

Finches

___ Purple Finch _____	u		u	u	f
___ • House Finch _____	c	c	c	c	f
___ Red Crossbill _____			r	r	f
___ White-winged Crossbill _____			r	r	f
___ Common Redpoll _____	r		r	r	f
___ Pine Siskin _____	o		o	o	f
___ • American Goldfinch _____	a	a	c	c	f
___ Evening Grosbeak _____	r		r	r	f

Old World Sparrows

___ • House Sparrow (I) _____	c	c	c	c	f
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