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## *Wetland Management District*

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### *Bird List*



## Welcome



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

Established in 1969, Madison Wetland Management District (WMD) is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, which is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose of the District is to preserve wetlands and manage habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. The District consists of a nine-county area in eastern South Dakota (Brookings, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, and Moody counties.)

The District manages hundreds of Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs), which consist of thousands of wetland and grassland acres within the Prairie Pothole region of the Northern Great Plains. This landscape consists of fresh water marshes, lakes, alkali ponds, grasslands, croplands, and scattered woodlands. District lands are acquired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with monies from the sale of Duck Stamps.

Madison WMD provides breeding, nesting, foraging, and resting habitat for a wide variety of bird species, and provides critical habitat for grassland and wetland birds of the tall-grass prairie eco-region. The District offers a great opportunity to view wetland-associated species, especially during the waterfowl migration in the spring and fall when amazing numbers of ducks and geese can be observed.

The 329 bird species found on this bird list have all been observed within the nine counties of Madison WMD, according to the latest edition of the South Dakota Ornithologist's Union, "Birds of South Dakota." Those species listed as "accidental" have been observed only a few times within the District. Please report any additional sightings of accidental species to the District staff.

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## About this List

All species names are listed in accordance with the A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds, 7th edition (1998), 42nd, 43rd, and 44th supplement (2003).

## How to Use this Checklist

Seasonal occurrence, abundance, and nesting have been coded as follows:

### *Seasonal Occurrence*

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

### *Seasonal Abundance*

a abundant - occurring in large numbers  
c common - certain to be seen in suitable habitat  
u uncommon - present, but not certain to be seen  
o occasional - seen only a few times during the season  
r rare - seen at intervals of 2 - 5 years

### *Other Codes*

- species nests on the Refuge
- x accidental species



*Nesting Canada Geese*  
Tom Kelly, USFWS

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Swans, Geese, and Ducks</b>				
Greater White-fronted Goose	c	o	c	r
Snow Goose	a	r	a	r
Ross' Goose	c	r	c	r
• Canada Goose	a	a	a	u
x Trumpeter Swan				
Tundra Swan	c		c	r
• Wood Duck	c	c	c	
• Gadwall	c	c	c	
• American Wigeon	c	u	c	
American Black Duck	r		r	r
• Mallard	a	a	a	o
• Blue-winged Teal	a	a	a	
Cinnamon Teal	r	r	r	
• Northern Shoveler	c	c	c	r
• Northern Pintail	c	c	c	r
• Green-winged Teal	c	u	c	r
• Canvasback	c	u	c	r
• Redhead	c	c	c	r
• Ring-necked Duck	c	u	c	r
Greater Scaup	u		u	
Lesser Scaup	c	u	c	
x Harlequin Duck				
Surf Scoter	r		r	
White-winged Scoter	r		r	
Black Scoter	r		r	
Long-tailed Duck ( <i>formerly Oldsquaw</i> )	r		r	
Bufflehead	c	o	c	u
Common Goldeneye	c		c	
Barrow's Goldeneye	r		r	
Hooded Merganser	u	r	u	
Common Merganser	c	r	c	
Red-breasted Merganser	u	r	u	
• Ruddy Duck	c	u	c	r
<b>Gallinaceous Birds</b>				
• Gray Partridge ( <i>Introduced</i> )	u	u	u	u
• Ring-necked Pheasant ( <i>Introduced</i> )	a	a	a	a
• Sharp-tailed Grouse	r	r	r	r
• Wild Turkey	r	r	r	r
<b>Loons</b>				
x Red-throated Loon				
Pacific Loon	o		o	
Common Loon	u	r	u	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Grebes</b>				
• Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	
• Horned Grebe	u		u	
• Red-necked Grebe	r	r	r	
• Eared Grebe	c	c	c	
• Western Grebe	c	c	c	
• Clark's Grebe	r	r	r	
<b>Pelicans</b>				
• American White Pelican	c	u	c	
<b>Cormorants</b>				
• Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	
<b>Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets</b>				
• American Bittern	u	u	u	
• Least Bittern	u	u	u	
• Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	r
• Great Egret	c	c	c	
• Snowy Egret	u	u	u	
• Little Blue Heron	r	r	r	
• Tricolored Heron	r	r	r	
• Cattle Egret	u	u	u	
• Green Heron	u	u	u	
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	
• Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	
<b>Ibises and Spoonbills</b>				
• White-faced Ibis	u	u	u	



*Great Blue Heron*  
Tom Kelly, USFWS

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>New World Vultures</b>				
• Turkey Vulture	u	o	u	
<b>Osprey, Kites, Hawks, and Eagles</b>				
• Osprey	u	o	u	
• x Mississippi Kite				
• Bald Eagle	u	u	u	u
• Northern Harrier	c	c	c	u
• Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	u	u
• Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	r
• Northern Goshawk	r	r	r	r
• Red-shouldered Hawk	o		o	
• Broad-winged Hawk	u	r	u	
• Swainson's Hawk	c	u	c	
• Red-tailed Hawk	c	u	c	u
• Ferruginous Hawk	u	u	u	r
• Rough-legged Hawk	c	u	c	u
• Golden Eagle	r		r	r
<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>				
• American Kestrel	c	u	c	u
• Merlin	u		u	u
• Gyrfalcon				r
• Peregrine Falcon	u		r	r
• Prairie Falcon	r		r	r
<b>Rails</b>				
• x King Rail				
• Virginia Rail	c	c	c	
• Sora	c	c	c	
• Common Moorhen	o	r	o	
• American Coot	c	c	c	r
<b>Cranes</b>				
• Sandhill Crane	u	o	u	r
• Whooping Crane	r	r	r	
<b>Plovers</b>				
• Black-bellied Plover	u		u	
• American Golden-Plover	c		u	
• Semipalmated Plover	u		u	
• Piping Plover	r		r	
• Killdeer	c	c	c	r
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>				
• Black-necked Stilt	r	o	r	
• American Avocet	r	o	r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Sandpipers and Phalaropes</b>				
Greater Yellowlegs	c		c	
Lesser Yellowlegs	c		c	r
Solitary Sandpiper	u		u	
Willet	u		u	
• Spotted Sandpiper	c	u	c	
• Upland Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Whimbrel	o		r	
Long-billed Curlew	r		r	
Hudsonian Godwit	c		o	
Marbled Godwit	u	u	u	
Ruddy Turnstone	r		r	
Red Knot	o		r	
Sanderling	u		u	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	c		c	
Western Sandpiper	o		o	
Least Sandpiper	c		c	
White-rumped Sandpiper	c		r	
Baird's Sandpiper	c		c	
Pectoral Sandpiper	c		c	
Dunlin	c		r	
Stilt Sandpiper	c		c	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r		r	
<sup>x</sup> Ruff				
Short-billed Dowitcher	u		u	
Long-billed Dowitcher	c		c	
• Wilson's Snipe	c	u	c	u
• American Woodcock	u	u	u	
• Wilson's Phalarope	c	c	c	
Red-necked Phalarope	u		u	
<sup>x</sup> Red Phalarope				



Great Horned Owl  
Bob Savannah, USFWS



Franklin's Gull  
Bob Hines, USFWS

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns</b>				
• Franklin's Gull	c	c	c	
• Bonaparte's Gull	c	r	c	
• Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	
• California Gull	r	r	r	
• Herring Gull	c		c	r
• Glaucous Gull	o	r	o	
• Sabine's Gull	r		o	
<sup>x</sup> Black-legged Kittiwake				
• Caspian Tern	r		r	
• Common Tern	u		u	
• Forster's Tern	c	c	c	
• Least Tern	r		r	
• Black Tern	c	c	c	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
• Rock Pigeon ( <i>Introduced</i> )	c	c	c	c
• European Collared-Dove ( <i>Introduced</i> )	r	r	r	r
• Mourning Dove	c	c	c	r
<sup>x</sup> Inca Dove				
<b>Cuckoos and Anis</b>				
• Black-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
• Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
<b>Barn Owls</b>				
• Barn Owl	r		r	
<b>Typical Owls</b>				
• Eastern Screech-Owl	c	c	c	c
• Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
• Snowy Owl				r
<sup>x</sup> Northern Hawk-Owl				
• Burrowing Owl	o	o	o	
<sup>x</sup> Great Gray Owl				
• Long-eared Owl	u	r	u	u
• Short-eared Owl	o	r	o	o
<sup>x</sup> Boreal Owl				
• Northern Saw-whet Owl	o		o	o

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<b>Nightjars</b>				
• Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	
Whip-poor-will	o		o	
<b>Swifts</b>				
• Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	r	u	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
• Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	r
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
• Red-headed Woodpecker	c	c	c	r
• Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	u	u	r
• Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
• Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	u
Pileated Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		r	
• Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
Alder Flycatcher	u		r	
• Willow Flycatcher	u	u	u	
Least Flycatcher	c	u	c	
• Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	
Say's Phoebe	r		r	
• Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u	
• Western Kingbird	c	c	c	
• Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
x Scissor-tailed Flycatcher				
<b>Shrikes</b>				
• Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	
Northern Shrike	u		u	u
<b>Vireos</b>				
White-eyed Vireo	c		o	
Bell's Vireo	o	o	o	
Yellow-throated Vireo	u		u	
Blue-headed Vireo	u	o	u	
• Warbling Vireo	c	c	c	
Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
• Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Crows, Jays, and Magpies</b>				
• Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
• American Crow	c	c	c	c
<b>Larks</b>				
• Horned Lark	c	c	c	c
<b>Swallows</b>				
• Purple Martin	c	u	c	
• Tree Swallow	c	c	c	
• Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	c	
• Bank Swallow	c	c	c	
• Cliff Swallow	c	c	c	
• Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
<b>Titmice and Chickadees</b>				
• Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c
x Boreal Chickadee				
x Tufted Titmouse				
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	r	u	u
• White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
<b>Creepers</b>				
Brown Creeper	u	r	u	u
<b>Wrens</b>				
x Rock Wren				
Carolina Wren	o	o	o	
• House Wren	c	c	c	c
Winter Wren	u		u	o
• Sedge Wren	c	c	c	
• Marsh Wren	c	c	c	
<b>Kinglets</b>				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	u
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	r
<b>Old World Warblers</b>				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	r	r	r	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Thrushes</b>				
• Eastern Bluebird	u	u	u	o
Mountain Bluebird	r		r	
Townsend's Solitaire	r		r	r
Veery	r		r	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		o	
Swainson's Thrush	c		u	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	r
Wood Thrush	r	r	r	
• American Robin	c	c	c	r
Varied Thrush	c		c	c
<b>Mimic Thrushes</b>				
• Gray Catbird	c	c	c	r
Northern Mockingbird	r	r	r	
Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c
<b>Starlings</b>				
• European Starling	c	c	c	c
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>				
American Pipit ( <i>Water</i> )	r		u	
• Sprague's Pipit				
<b>Waxwings</b>				
Bohemian Waxwing	u		u	r
• Cedar Waxwing	c	c	c	c
<b>Wood Warblers</b>				
Blue-winged Warbler	r		r	
Golden-winged Warbler	r		r	
Tennessee Warbler	c		u	
Orange-crowned Warbler	c	r	c	
Nashville Warbler	u	r	c	
Northern Parula	r		r	
Yellow Warbler	c	c	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
Cape May Warbler	r		r	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	
x Black-throated Gray Warbler				
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-throated Warbler	x			
Pine Warbler	r		r	
x Prairie Warbler				
Palm Warbler	u		u	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r		r	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Cerulean Warbler	r			

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Black-and-white Warbler	c	u	c	
American Redstart	c		c	
Prothonotary Warbler	r		r	
Worm-eating Warbler	o		r	
Ovenbird	c	u	c	
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
Louisiana Waterthrush	o		r	
Kentucky Warbler	o	o	r	
Connecticut Warbler	r		r	
Mourning Warbler	u		u	
x MacGillivray's Warbler				
• Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	r
Hooded Warbler	r		r	
Wilson's Warbler	u		c	
Canada Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-breasted Chat	r	r	r	
<b>Tanagers</b>				
Summer Tanager	r		r	
Scarlet Tanager	u	r	u	
Western Tanager	r		r	
<b>Sparrows and Towhees</b>				
Spotted Towhee	u		u	
Eastern Towhee	u		u	
American Tree Sparrow	c		c	c
• Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	r
Clay-colored Sparrow	c	o	c	
Field Sparrow	c	u	c	r
Lark Sparrow	c	r	c	
Lark Bunting	o	r	o	
• Savannah Sparrow	c	u	c	
• Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c	c	
Baird's Sparrow	r		r	
Henslow's Sparrow	o		o	
Le Conte's Sparrow	u	r	u	
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r	r	r	
Fox Sparrow	u		u	
• Song Sparrow	c	c	c	r
Lincoln's Sparrow	c		c	
• Swamp Sparrow	u	u	u	
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	r
Harris' Sparrow	c		c	r
White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	r
x Golden-crowned Sparrow				
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Lapland Longspur	c		c	c
Smith's Longspur	r		r	
• Chestnut-collared Longspur	c	c	c	
Snow Bunting	c		c	c

