

W--Wetlands
 G--Grasslands
 B--Brushlands
 T--Trees
 H--Buildings/etc.
 *--Neotropical Migrant

a--abundant (very numerous common species)
 c--common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
 u--uncommon (present, but not certain to be seen)
 r--rare (seen only a few times during a season annually)
 o--occasional (seen only a few times over a 2-5 year period)
 x--accidental (seen once or more since refuge establishment)

Numerals (1 through 12) indicate known months of occurrence.. Slashes (/) separate seasons. The years of occurrence (one or two) for accidental species are shown in parentheses.

	S s	F W
— Pacific Loon W 10 (1979, 1980)	x	
— Common Loon W 5-12	u r u x	
— Pied-billed Grebe W 4-11	u u u	
— Horned Grebe W 3-5/9-11	r r	
— Red-necked Grebe W 5 (1992)	x	
— Eared Grebe W 3-7/8-12	c u c x	
— Western Grebe W 3-12	c u c o	
— Clark's Grebe W 6 (1996)	x	
— American White Pelican W 4-5/8-12	u o u x	
● Double-crested Cormorant W 3-11	u c u	
— American Bittern W 6-7	r	
● Great Blue Heron W 1-12	u u u r	
— Great Egret W 5 (1979)	x	
— Cattle Egret W 9 (1995)	x	
— Green Heron W 9 (1994)	x	
● Black-crowned Night Heron W 4-9	r r o	
— Yellow-crowned Night Heron W 8 (1991)	x	
— White-faced Ibis W 4 (1989)	x	
— Tundra Swan W 11	o	
— Trumpeter Swan W 11 (1979)	x	
— Greater White-fronted Goose W 10	o	
— Snow Goose W 3-4/10-11	u r	
— Ross' Goose W 3/11	o o	
● Canada Goose W 1-12	c u a a	
● Wood Duck W 4-11	u u u	
— Green-winged Teal W 3-5/8-12	c c r	
● Mallard W 1-12	a u a a	
— Northern Pintail W 3-5/8-1	c r u o	
● Blue-winged Teal W 4-10	c r c	
— Cinnamon Teal W 5-6	o	
— Northern Shoveler W 3-7/8-12	c r u r	
— Gadwall W 3-6/8-1	c o u o	
— American Widgeon W 3-6/8-1	c r u o	
— Canvasback W 2-5/9-12	c u r	
— Redhead W 2-6/9-12	a o c r	
— Ring-necked Duck W 4-5/9-11	c u	
— Lesser Scaup W 3-6/9-11	a o u	

	S s	F W
— Oldsquaw W 12 (1995)	x	
— Surf Scoter W 10 (1979)	x	
— White-winged Scoter W (1981)	x	
— Common Goldeneye W 10-5	u c u	
— Barrow's Goldeneye W 10-4	o o o	
— Bufflehead W 3-5/10-1	u c o	
— Hooded Merganser W 9-12	r r o	
— Common Merganser W 3-5/8-1	a u a u	
— Red-breasted Merganser W 3-4/8-2	r r o	
— Ruddy Duck W 3-6/9-11	c o u	
— Turkey Vulture G 4-9	r r r	
— Osprey TW 4-6/9-11	o o	
● Bald Eagle TWG 1-12	u r u c	
— Northern Harrier GW 3-6/9-11	o o u r	
— Sharp-shinned Hawk TB 4-5/9-12	r o o	
— Cooper's Hawk TB 1	r	
— Northern Goshawk TB 4 (1995)	x	
— Red-shouldered hawk T 3	x	
— Broad-winged Hawk TG 5 *	o	
— Harris's Hawk T 1 (1995)	x	
— Swainson's Hawk TG 4-9 *	o r o	
● Red-tailed Hawk TG 1-12	u u u u	
— Ferruginous Hawk TG 10-2	o r	
— Rough-legged Hawk TG 11-3	r u u	
— Golden Eagle TG 9-12	r o	
● American Kestrel TG 1-12	c c c u	
— Merlin TB 9-12 *	o o	
— Peregrine Falcon GW 10 *	o	
— Prairie Falcon G 9-11	r	
— Ring-necked Pheasant GWBT 1-12	u u u u	
— Sharp-tailed Grouse G 1-12	o o o o	
— Wild Turkey TBG 1-12	u u u u	
— Northern Bobwhite BT 1-12	o o o o	
— Virginia Rail W 5/8	o o	
— Sora W 5-6	o o	
● American Coot W 3-1	c u c o	
— Sandhill Crane W 3-4/9-10	r r	
— Black-bellied Plover W 9-10	o o	
— Semipalmated Plover W 4-5/8-9	o o o	
— Killdeer WG 1-12	c u c r	
— Black-necked Stilt W 4/9 (1988,1995)	x x	
— American Avocet W 4-5/8-10	r r r	
— Greater Yellowlegs W 4-5/8-11	r r r	
— Lesser Yellowlegs W 4-5/8-10	u o u	
— Solitary sandpiper W 4-5/8-9	r o o	
— Willet 4-5/7	r o	
— Spotted Sandpiper W 5/7-10	u r u	
— Upland Sandpiper G 7 (1991) *	x	
— Long-billed Curlew GW 4-5 *	o	
— Marbled Godwit W 4/8-9	r o o	
— Ruddy Turnstone W 9 (1975)	x	
— Sanderling W5/ 8-10	o r u	
— Semipalmated Sandpiper W 5/8-9	r r r	
— Western Sandpiper W 4/	o o	

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— Least Sandpiper W 5/8-10	o u u	
— White-rumped Sandpiper W 5	r	
— Baird's Sandpiper W 4-5/8-11	o u c	
— Pectoral Sandpiper W 9-10	u	
— Dunlin W 1 (1981)	x	
— Stilt Sandpiper W 5/8-9	r r r	
— Buff-breasted Sandpiper W 9 (1994)	x	
— Long-billed Dowitcher W 4-5/9-10	u u	
— Common Snipe W 1-12	r o r u	
— Wilson's Phalarope W 5-6	u r	
— Rednecked Phalarope W 5/9-10	o o	
— Franklin's Gull W 4-6/7-10	u r c	
— Bonaparte's Gull W 4/10-12	u r r	
— Ring-billed Gull W 3-1	a u a u	
— California Gull W 4 (1994)	x	
— Herring Gull W 9-3	u u o	
— Glaucous Gull W 3	x	
— Black-legged Kittiwake W 11 (1981)	x	
— Sabine's Gull W 9 (1980)	x	
— Caspian Tern W 5 (1995)	x	
— Common Tern W 9	o o o	
— Forster's Tern W 5-6/8-10	u o r	
— Black Tern W 5-6/8-9	r o o	
— Rock Dove H 1-12	r r r r	
● Mourning Dove TBG 4-12	c a c o	
— Yellow-billed Cuckoo TB 6-8 *	r	
— Barn Owl TB 5 (1991)	x	
● Eastern Screech-Owl T 1-12	u u u u	
— Great Horned Owl T 1-12	u u u u	
— Common Nighthawk TG 5-8 *	r r	
— Common Poorwill G 7 (1994)	o	
— Belted Kingfisher WT 1-12	u u u u	
— Red-headed Woodpecker T 5-9	r u u	
— Red-naped Sapsucker T 10	o	
● Downy Woodpecker TB 1-12	u u u u	
— Hairy Woodpecker T 1-12	r o o r	
● Northern Flicker TB 1-12	c c c u	
— Olive-sided Flycatcher T 8	o	
— Western Wood-Pewee T 5-9 *	r u o	
— Willow Flycatcher TB 5	o	
— Least Flycatcher TB 5 *	r	
— Cordilleran Flycatcher TB 5 *	x	
— Say's Phoebe BG 4-5/7-9	r o o	
— Great Crested Flycatcher T 6 (1995)	x	
— Cassin's Kingbird T 9	o	
● Western Kingbird TBG 5-9 *	c c a	
— Eastern Kingbird TBG 5-9 *	c u c	
— Horned Lark G 1-12	c u c c	
● Tree Swallow T 4-10	u u o	



Birds of NORTH PLATTE National Wildlife Refuge

North Platte National Wildlife Refuge lies in the Panhandle of western Nebraska. Established in 1916, the refuge is superimposed over four Bureau of Reclamation irrigation projects: Lake Minatare, Winters Creek Lake, Lake Alice and Stateline Island.

Numerous species of waterfowl, shorebirds, and song birds find the refuge attractive during the spring and fall migration periods. Wintering populations vary widely depending on ice conditions.

Among the colorful songbirds that we enjoy each summer are "neotropical migrants." These are birds that make a trip during our winter season to the tropical habitats found from southern Mexico to Argentina. Such birds nest in the U.S. and Canada, but spend most of the year in the neotropics - the Caribbean Islands, Mexican lowlands and Central and South America.

The following list of 228 species of birds have been observed on the refuge since 1975. Those marked with a closed dot (●) nest on the refuge. Those marked with an open dot (○) are suspected to nest at least occasionally, but further confirmation is needed.

Habitat preference, seasonal occurrence and abundance have been coded as follows:

	S	s	F	W
— Violet-green Swallow T 5 *		o		
— ○ Northern Rough-winged Swallow TW 5-7 *		u	u	
— Bank Swallow GTW 5/8-9 *		o	o	o
— ● Cliff Swallow GW 5-8 *		c	a	
— ● Barn Swallow HTW 4-10 *		c	c	c
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— ● Blue Jay TB 1-12		u	u	u
— Pinyon Jay T 11 (1975)			x	
— ● Black-billed Magpie TBG 1-12		c	c	c
— ● American Crow TG 1-12		o	o	o
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— ● Black-capped Chickadee TB 1-12		c	c	c
— Mountain Chickadee TB 10-12 (1995)			x	x
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— Red-breasted Nuthatch T 9			o	
— ○ White-breasted Nuthatch T 3/7-9		c	c	u
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— Brown Creeper T 11			o	
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— Rock Wren G 9			o	
— ● House Wren TB 4-9 *		c	c	u
— Marsh Wren W 5/9			o	o
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— Golden-crown Kinglet TB 5 (1996)			x	
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet TB 5/10-11			o	u
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— Eastern Bluebird TG4			o	
— Mountain Bluebird TG 3/10-11			o	o
— Townsend's Solitaire TB 9-4			o	o
— Veery T 5 (1986)			x	
— Swainson's Thrush TB 5 *			r	
— Hermit Thrush TB 10			o	
— ● American Robin TB 1-12		a	c	a
— Varied Thrush TB 9 (1980)				x
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— Gray Catbird B 5 (1995)			x	
— Sage Thrasher B 8 (1995)			x	
— ● Brown Thrasher TB 5-9		u	u	r
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— American Pipit WG 5/9-11			u	u
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— Cedar Waxwing TB 1-4/7			o	o
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— Northern Shrike GTB 10-3		r	r	r
— ○ Loggerhead Shrike TB 5-8		r	r	
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— ○ European Starling TGH 1-12		c	c	c
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— ● Warbling Vireo T 5-6/9 *		u	u	u
— ○ Red-eyed Vireo T 5-6/9 *		o	r	o
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— Tennessee Warbler TB 5 (1995)			x	
— Orange-crowned Warbler TB 4-5/9-10 *			u	u
— ● Yellow Warbler TB 5-7 *			u	u
— Yellow-rumped Warbler TB 5/9-11			c	c
— Townsend's Warbler T 10 (1991)				x
— Blackpoll Warbler TB 5/9			o	o
— American Redstart TB 5 *			o	
— Ovenbird TB 9 (1981)				x
— ○ Common Yellowthroat *			u	u

	S	s	F	W
— Wilson's Warbler TB 5/8-9 *		o	o	r
— Yellow-breasted Chat B 5 *			o	
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— Western Tanager T 5/9 *			o	o
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— Black-headed Grosbeak TG 5 *			o	
— Blue Grosbeak TG 6				o
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— Spotted Towhee B 5/8-10			o	o
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— American Tree Sparrow TBG 10-3			c	c
— Chipping Sparrow BT 5/8-10 *			u	u
— Clay-colored Sparrow GBT 5/9-10 *			r	r
— Field Sparrow G5/9			o	o
— Vesper Sparrow G 4-5/8-10			r	r
— ● Lark Sparrow GB 5-9 *			u	c
— ○ Lark Bunting G 5-9			r	r
— Savannah Sparrow G 5/10			r	r
— Baird's Sparrow G 9 (1995)				x
— ● Grasshopper Sparrow G7 *			r	
— ● Song Sparrow B 9-4			o	o
— Lincoln's Sparrow GB 5/9*			o	r
— Swamp Sparrow B1 (1996)				x
— White-throated Sparrow B 5/10			o	o
— White-crowned Sparrow B 4-5/9-10			u	u
— Harris' Sparrow B 11				o
— Dark-eyed Junco B 10-4			u	u
— McCown's Longspur G 10				o
— Lapland Longspur G 11-12				o
— Chestnut-collared Longspur G 10				o
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— Bobolink G 9 *				o
— ● Red-winged Blackbird WG 3-11			u	u
— ● Western Meadowlark G 1-12			a	a
— ● Yellow-headed Blackbird WG 5-6/9 *			r	u
— Brewer's Blackbird G 9				o
— ● Common Grackle T 4-10			a	a
— ● Brown-headed Cowbird GBT 5-8			u	u
— ● Orchard Oriole T 5-8 *			u	u
— Baltimore Oriole T 5-8			r	r
— ● Bullock's Oriole T 5-8 *			u	u
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— Gray-crowned Rosy Finch G 1 (1997)				x
— House Finch TBH 9-2			o	o
— Red Crossbill T 10 (1979)				x
— Pine Siskin BT 10-4			o	o
— ○ American Goldfinch BTG 1-12			u	u
— ● House Sparrow HTB 1-12			u	u

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