

Clarence Cannon

National Wildlife Refuge Bird Checklist

Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1964 to provide feeding and nesting habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds.

Centrally located within the Mississippi River valley, this 3,752-acre refuge has wetlands, grasslands, cultivated fields, forests, mudflats and impoundments. Water levels are manipulated within the impoundments (or moist soil units) to produce natural waterfowl foods, resulting in wide seasonal variations of habitat. Such diverse habitat not only provides for the needs of waterfowl, but also supports a wide variety of other migratory bird species.

During the spring and fall migrations, mallard, wood duck, pintail, wigeon, teal, shoveler, Canada geese and snow geese are but a few birds that visit the refuge by the thousands. Shorebird and warbler migrations usually peak around the first week of May.

This list contains 232 species which have been observed on the refuge. The information is obtained from refuge personnel and other interested birders, such as yourself. ***Visiting birders are encouraged to share their rare or unusual sightings with refuge staff!***

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LEGEND

S **Spring** **March-May**
s **Summer** **June-August**
F **Fall** **September-November**
W **Winter** **December-February**

a Abundant Common species that is very numerous.
c Common Certain 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 Seen at intervals of 2-5 years
* Nesting species
..... State threatened and endangered species.

Common Name	S	s	F	W
GREBES				
Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	u
Horned Grebe	o	r	o	o
PELICANS				
American White Pelican	o	-	o	-
CORMORANTS				
Double-crested Cormorant*	o	o	o	-
HERONS, EGRETS AND BITTERNS				
American Bittern*	c	c	c	-
Least Bittern*	c	c	c	-
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	u
Great Egret	c	c	c	-
Snowy Egret	u	u	-	-
Little Blue Heron	u	c	c	-
Cattle Egret	r	u	-	-
Green Heron*	c	c	c	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	u	u	-
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	c	u	u	-
IBIS				
Glossy Ibis	-	r	-	-
White-faced Ibis	r	-	r	-
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	-
DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS				
Greater White-fronted Goose	u	-	u	o
Snow Goose	c	-	c	c
Canada Goose	c	o	c	c
Trumpeter Swan	r	-	r	r
Tundra Swan	r	r	-	-
Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o
Gadwall	c	r	c	o
American Wigeon	c	-	c	u
American Black Duck*	u	-	u	u
Mallard*	a	c	a	c
Blue-winged Teal*	c	u	c	-
Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	u
Northern Pintail	c	o	a	c
Green-winged Teal*	c	u	c	-
Canvasback	u	-	u	u
Redhead	o	r	o	u
Ring-necked Duck	c	-	c	c
Greater Scaup	o	-	o	o
Lesser Scaup	c	o	c	c
Bufflehead	u	-	u	u
Common Goldeneye	u	-	u	u
Hooded Merganser*	u	u	u	u
Common Merganser	u	-	u	u

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Red-breasted Merganser	u	-	u	-
Ruddy Duck	c	r	o	r
OSPREY				
Osprey	o	-	o	-
HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES				
Mississippi Kite	o	o	-	-
Bald Eagle (Th)*	c	c	c	a
Northern Harrier	c	-	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	u	u
Cooper's Hawk	o	o	o	c
Northern Goshawk	-	-	o	r
Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	c	u
Broad-winged Hawk	o	o	o	-
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	-
Rough-legged Hawk	o	-	o	o
Golden Eagle	r	-	r	r
FALCONS				
American Kestrel	c	c	c	u
Peregrine Falcon#	o	r	-	-
TURKEYS				
Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c
NEW WORLD QUAIL				
Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	u
RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS				
Yellow Rail	r	-	-	-
King Rail*#	c	o	-	-
Virginia Rail*	c	o	-	-
Sora	c	u	o	-
Common Moorhen	o	o	o	-
American Coot	c	u	a	u
CRANES				
Sandhill Crane	r	-	r	r
PLOVERS				
Black-bellied Plover	c	-	o	-
American Golden-Plover	u	-	r	-
Semipalmated Plover	o	-	u	-
Killdeer*	c	c	c	o
AVOCETS AND STILTS				
American Avocet	r	-	r	r
SANDPIPERS				
Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c	-
Solitary Sandpiper	c	c	c	-

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Willet	r	-	r	-
Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	-
Upland Sandpiper	o	-	-	-
Sanderling	o	-	o	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
Western Sandpiper	r	r	r	-
Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	-
White-rumped Sandpiper	r	-	r	-
Baird's Sandpiper	r	-	-	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	c	c	o	-
Dunlin	u	-	u	-
Stilt Sandpiper	u	r	u	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	-	u	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	u	-	u	-
American Woodcock*	c	c	c	-
Wilson's Phalarope	r	-	r	-
Red-necked Phalarope	r	-	r	-
GULLS				
Franklin's Gull	o	-	o	-
Bonaparte's Gull	r	-	r	-
Ring-billed Gull	c	-	c	c
Herring Gull	u	-	u	c
TERNs				
Caspian Tern	u	o	u	-
Common Tern	o	-	o	-
Forster's Tern	u	-	u	-
Least Tern (En)	-	r	o	-
Black Tern	c	o	u	-
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
Mourning Dove	c	c	c	u
CUCKOOS				
Black-billed Cuckoo	r	-	r	-
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	c	u
OWLS				
Eastern Screech Owl*	c	c	c	c
Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	o
Short-eared Owl	-	-	o	o
NIGHTJARS				
Common Nighthawk*	u	u	o	-
Chuck-will's-widow	o	-	-	-
Whip-poor-will*	o	-	-	-
SWIFTS				

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Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	-
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	o	-
KINGFISHERS				
Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	o
WOODPECKERS				
Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	c	u	c	-
Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
FLYCATCHERS				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	-
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	u	-	u	-
Acadian Flycatcher	c	c	c	-
Alder Flycatcher	r	o	-	-
Willow Flycatcher	r	o	-	-
Eastern Phoebe*	u	u	u	-
Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	-
Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	-
SHRIKES				
Loggerhead Shrike*	o	u	u	o
VIREOS				
White-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	-
Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	-	-
Warbling Vireo*	c	c	-	-
Red-eyed Vireo	u	u	u	-
CROWS AND JAYS				
Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
American Crow*	c	c	c	c
Fish Crow	o	o	o	-
LARKS				
Horned Lark*	c	c	c	c
SWALLOWS				
Purple Martin*	c	c	c	-
Tree Swallow*	c	c	a	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	u	u
Bank Swallow*	c	c	c	-
Cliff Swallow*	c	c	c	-
Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	-
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				

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Tufted Titmouse* c c c c

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch o - o -

White-breasted Nuthatch* c c c c

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper u - u -

WRENS

Carolina Wren* c c c o

House Wren* o o - -

Winter Wren - - o o

Sedge Wren* u c u -

Marsh Wren* o o o -

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet u - u o

Ruby-crowned Kinglet u u - -

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* c c - -

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird* c c c c

Veery u - u -

Gray-cheeked Thrush u - u -

Swainson's Thrush u - u -

Wood Thrush* o u - -

American Robin c c c o

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Gray Catbird* u u u o

Northern Mockingbird u u r -

Brown Thrasher* c c c o

STARLINGS

European Starling* c c c c

PIPITS

American Pipit o - o -

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing* u u u u

WOOD WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler o - o -

Tennessee Warbler u - u -

Orange-crowned Warbler u - u -

Nashville Warbler u - - u

Northern Parula u - - u

Yellow Warbler* u u u -

Chestnut-sided Warbler u - - u

Common Name **S** **s** **F** **W**

Magnolia Warbler u - - u

Yellow-rumped Warbler c - c o

Yellow-throated Warbler o - - -

Pine Warbler o - - -

Palm Warbler u - u -

Blackpoll Warbler u - u -

Cerulean Warbler r r - -

Black-and-white Warbler u - u -

American Redstart c c c -

Prothonotary Warbler c c c -

Worm-eating Warbler - - u -

Ovenbird u - u -

Northern Waterthrush c - u -

Louisiana Waterthrush* u - u -

Kentucky Warbler* - u u u

Common Yellowthroat* - c c c

Wilson's Warbler - u u -

Canada Warbler - u u -

Yellow-breasted Chat* - u u u

TANAGERS

Summer Tanager* u u u -

Scarlet Tanager* u u - -

SPARROWS, TOWHEES, JUNCOS

Eastern Towhee* u u u -

American Tree Sparrow c - c c

Chipping Sparrow u - o -

Field Sparrow c c c o

Vesper Sparrow u u - -

Lark Sparrow o u - -

Savannah Sparrow u - u -

Fox Sparrow u - u o

Song Sparrow* c c c c

Lincoln's Sparrow o - o -

Swamp Sparrow c - c c

White-throated Sparrow c - c u

White-crowned Sparrow c - c o

Lapland Longspur r - r r

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Northern Cardinal* c c c c

Rose-breasted Grosbeak u u u -

Indigo Bunting* c c c -

Dickcissel* c c c -

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, GRACKLES

Bobolink u r - -

Red-winged Blackbird* a a a c

Eastern Meadowlark* c c c u

Yellow-headed Blackbird r r r -

Rusty Blackbird u - u r

Brewer's Blackbird - - - r

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Great-tailed Grackle r - r -

Common Grackle* a a a c

Brown-headed Cowbird* c c - -

Orchard Oriole* u u - -

Baltimore Oriole* c c - -

FINCHES, SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

Purple Finch u - u u

Pine Siskin - - - r

American Goldfinch* c c c c

Evening Grosbeak - - - r

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow* c c c c

Eurasian Tree Sparrow c c c c

ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

Brant

Barrow's Goldeneye

Black Scoter

Sandhill Crane

Yellow Rail

Glaucous Gull

Marbled Godwit

Ruddy Turnstone

Black-necked Stilt

Piping Plover#

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

Purple Gallinule

Cinnamon Teal

White-winged Scoter

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