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Wetland Management District Bird Checklist



Birds of the Fergus Falls Wetland Management District

The five county Fergus Falls Wetland District located in western Minnesota is in an area where freshwater prairie wetlands and the associated northern tallgrass prairie join to form a zone of transition with the northern hardwood forest. This blend of habitats provides for an impressive diversity of bird species.

This list contains 290 bird species that have been observed within the District. It includes all common, as well as rare and accidental species that are not normally expected to occur here.

Visiting birders are encouraged to stop in at our office in Fergus Falls to share their sightings with District staff, and to learn more about specific birding locations. Enjoy your visit!

Legend

Sp Spring, March-May
 S Summer, June-July
 F Fall, August-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
 r Rare – Seen at intervals of 2-5 years
 ac Accidental

* Denotes species nesting on the District

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue Grosbeak	ac			
___ Indigo Bunting*	c	c		
___ Dickcissel*	u	u	r	

Blackbirds and Orioles

___ Bobolink*	c	c	c	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	r
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	r	r		
___ Western Meadowlark*	c	c	c	r
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird*	a	a	a	r
___ Rusty Blackbird	c	c	c	r
___ Brewer's Blackbird*	c	c	c	
___ Common Grackle*	a	a	a	r
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	
___ Orchard Oriole*	u	u	u	
___ Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	c	

Finches

___ Pine Grosbeak	r		u	u
___ Purple Finch*	u	r	u	u
___ House Finch*	c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill	u	u	u	u
___ White-winged Crossbill	u	u	u	u
___ Common Redpoll	c		c	c
___ Hoary Redpoll	r		r	r
___ Pine Siskin	c	r	c	c
___ American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	u
___ Evening Grosbeak	u		r	u

Old World Sparrows

___ House Sparrow*	a	a	a	a
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**Birdwatching is encouraged.
 Please obey posted signs.**



	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Pintail*	c	u	u	ac
___ Green-winged Teal*	c	u	c	ac
___ Canvasback*	c	u	c	r
___ Redhead*	c	c	c	r
___ Ring-necked Duck*	a	c	c	r
___ Greater Scaup	u	u		
___ Lesser Scaup*	a	c	r	
___ Harlequin Duck				ac
___ Surf Scoter	ac	ac		
___ White-winged Scoter	u	u		
___ Black Scoter	ac	ac		
___ Oldsquaw		ac		
___ Bufflehead	c	c	u	
___ Common Goldeneye*	a	c	c	
___ Hooded Merganser*	c	u	c	r
___ Common Merganser	c	c	r	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	u	r		
___ Ruddy Duck*	c	c	c	r

Hawks and Eagles

___ Osprey*	u	u	u	
___ Bald Eagle*	c	c	c	u
___ Northern Harrier*	c	u	c	r
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk*	u	c	c	r
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	c	u	u
___ Northern Goshawk	r	r	r	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	u	u	ac
___ Broad-winged Hawk*	u	u	u	
___ Swainson's Hawk	u	r	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	u
___ Rough-legged Hawk	u	u	r	
___ Golden Eagle	r	r	r	

Falcons

___ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	r
___ Merlin	u	u	r	
___ Gyrfalcon	r	r	r	
___ Peregrine Falcon	r	r		
___ Prairie Falcon	r	u	r	

Upland Game Birds

___ Gray Partridge*	u	u	u	u
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	c	c	c	u
___ Ruffed Grouse*	u	u	u	u
___ Greater Prairie chicken*	c	u	c	c
___ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u

Creepers

___ Brown Creeper*	u	r	u	u
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Wrens

___ House Wren*	c	c	c	
___ Winter Wren	r	r	ac	
___ Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	
___ Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	
___ Carolina Wren				ac

Kinglets, Bluebirds, and Thrushes

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	c	r	
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	c		
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	u	u	u	
___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	
___ Townsend's Solitaire	r	r	r	
___ Veery*	c	c	u	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	u		
___ Swainson's Thrush	c	c		
___ Hermit Thrush	u	u	r	
___ Wood Thrush*	r			
___ American Robin*	a	a	a	u
___ Varied Thrush	ac			ac

Mimics

___ Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	
___ Northern Mockingbird	r			
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	ac

Starlings

___ European Starling*	a	a	a	c
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Pipits

___ American Pipit	u	u		
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Waxwings

___ Bohemian Waxwing	u	u	u	
___ Cedar Waxwing*	c	c	c	u

Warblers

___ Blue-winged Warbler	r	r		
___ Golden-winged Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Tennessee Warbler	a	c		
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	c	c		
___ Nashville Warbler*	c	c		
___ Northern Parula	u	r		
___ Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Magnolia Warbler	c	c		
___ Cape May Warbler	u	u		
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler				ac

	Sp	S	F	W
Rails and Coots				
___ Yellow Rail*	r	r		
___ Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	
___ Sora*	c	c	c	
___ Common Moorhen	r	r		
___ American Coot*	a	a	a	u

Cranes				
___ Sandhill Crane*	c	r	u	

Shorebirds				
___ Black-bellied Plover	u	u		
___ American Golden-Plover	u	u		
___ Semipalmated Plover	u	u		
___ Killdeer*	c	c	c	
___ American Avocet	r	r		
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	c		
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c		
___ Solitary Sandpiper	u	u		
___ Willet	r	r		
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	
___ Upland Sandpiper*	u	u	r	
___ Whimbrel	ac			
___ Hudsonian Godwit	u	u		
___ Marbled Godwit*	c	u	u	
___ Ruddy Turnstone	u	u		
___ Sanderling	u	u		
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	c		
___ Western Sandpiper	ac			
___ Least Sandpiper	c	c		
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	u	u		
___ Baird's Sandpiper	u	u		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	c	c		
___ Dunlin	c	u		
___ Stilt Sandpiper	u	u		
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r			
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	c	c		
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	u		
___ Common Snipe*	c	c	c	ac
___ American Woodcock*	u	u	u	
___ Wilson's Phalarope*	c	u	c	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	u	u		
___ Long-billed Curlew	ac			

Gulls and Terns				
___ Laughing Gull			ac	
___ Franklin's Gull	a	u	a	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	c	r	c	
___ Ring-billed Gull	a	c	a	
___ Herring Gull	u	r	u	
___ Glaucous Gull	ac	ac		

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-legged Kittiwake				ac
___ Caspian Tern	u	r	u	
___ Common Tern	r		r	
___ Forster's Tern*	c	c	c	
___ Black Tern*	c	c	c	

Doves				
___ Rock Dove*	a	a	a	a
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	a	r

Cuckoos and Roadrunners				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	r	r	r	

Owls				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	r	r	r	r
___ Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Owl	u		u	u
___ Northern Hawk Owl				ac
___ Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Gray Owl	ac			
___ Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r
___ Short-eared Owl*	u	u	u	r
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl*	r		r	r

Nighthawks and Nightjars				
___ Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	
___ Whip-poor-will	r		r	

Swifts				
___ Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	

Hummingbirds				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	c	

Kingfishers				
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	r

Woodpeckers				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	c	c	c	
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	r
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
Flycatchers				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	u		u	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	r			
___ Alder Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
___ Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
___ Least Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
___ Western Kingbird*	u	u	u	
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	ac	ac	ac	
Shrikes				
___ Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	
___ Northern Shrike*	u		u	u
Vireos				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	
___ Warbling Vireo*	c	c	c	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Jays, Magpies and Crows				
___ Gray Jay.....				ac
___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ Black-billed Magpie.....	r		r	r
___ American Crow*	a	c	a	c
___ Common Raven	u		u	
Larks				
___ Horned Lark*	a	a	a	r
Swallows				
___ Purple Martin*	c	c	c	
___ Tree Swallow*	a	a	a	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	c	c	c	
___ Bank Swallow*	c	c	c	
___ Cliff Swallow*	a	a	a	
___ Barn Swallow*	a	a	a	
Chickadees and Titmice				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___ Boreal Chickadee				ac
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c



	Sp	S	F	W
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a	ac
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
___ Blackburnian Warbler*	u		u	
___ Pine Warbler		r		
___ Palm Warbler	a		a	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	r		r	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
___ Cerulean Warbler*	r	r		
___ Black-and-white Warbler*	c		c	
___ American Redstart*	c	c	c	
___ Prothonotary Warbler		ac		
___ Ovenbird*	c		c	
___ Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
___ Kentucky Warbler	u		u	
___ Connecticut Warbler	u		u	
___ Mourning Warbler*	u		r	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	a	a	c	
___ Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler	u		u	

Tanagers

___ Summer Tanager		ac		
___ Scarlet Tanager*	u	u	u	

Sparrows, Buntings and Grosbeaks

___ Spotted Towhee	r			
___ Eastern Towhee*	r	r	ac	
___ American Tree Sparrow	c		c	u
___ Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow*	c	c	c	
___ Field Sparrow*	u	u	u	
___ Vesper Sparrow*	c	c	c	
___ Lark Sparrow*	r	r	r	
___ Savannah Sparrow*	c	a	c	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	u	u	u	
___ Henslow's Sparrow*	r	r		
___ Le Conte's Sparrow*	c	c	c	
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	r	r		
___ Fox Sparrow	c		u	
___ Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	u
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
___ Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	c	
___ White-throated Sparrow	a	a	u	
___ Harris's Sparrow	c		c	u
___ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	
___ Dark-eyed Junco	a	a	c	
___ Lapland Longspur	c		c	r
___ Smith's Longspur	r		u	
___ Snow Bunting	c		c	c
___ Northern Cardinal*	r	r	r	r
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c	

Loons

___ Common Loon*	c	c	c	r
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Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	r
___ Horned Grebe	c		u	
___ Red-necked Grebe*	c	c	u	
___ Eared Grebe*	u	u	u	ac
___ Western Grebe*	c	u	c	

Pelicans

___ American White Pelican	a	c	c	
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Cormorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant*	a	a	a	
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Hérons and Bitterns

___ American Bittern*	u	u	u	
___ Least Bittern*	r	r	r	
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	r
___ Great Egret*	c	c	c	
___ Snowy Egret	u	u	u	
___ Little Blue Heron		ac		
___ Cattle Egret*	u	r	r	
___ Green Heron*	c	c	u	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	u	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		ac		

Ibises

___ White-faced Ibis		ac		
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Vultures

___ Turkey Vulture*	u	u	u	
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Swans, Geese and Ducks

___ Greater White-fronted Goose	u		r	
___ Snow Goose	c		u	u
___ Ross's Goose		ac		
___ Canada Goose*	a	a	a	a
___ Brant			ac	
___ Mute Swan		ac		
___ Trumpeter Swan*	u	r	c	c
___ Tundra Swan	a	u	a	ac
___ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	u
___ Gadwall*	c	u	c	u
___ American Wigeon*	c	r	c	
___ American Black Duck	r		r	r
___ Mallard*	a	a	a	a
___ Blue-winged Teal*	a	c	c	
___ Cinnamon Teal	r			
___ Northern Shoveler*	c	c	c	