

# Horicon

## *National Wildlife Refuge Bird Checklist*

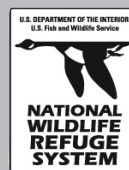


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## Welcome to Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1941 for the conservation of migratory birds, especially red-head ducks. There are more redheads nesting here than anywhere else east of the Mississippi River.

Although famous as a fall stopover for hundreds of thousands of interior Canada geese, the vitality of the marsh is much better represented by the diversity of birds that use the refuge as indicated in this bird list. In fact, an equal number of species use the marsh in spring as in fall. Look for waterfowl and perching birds in their colorful breeding plumage in spring. They are easy to find before cattails and other vegetation emerge. Plus, most birds are actively establishing and defending their nesting territories and attracting mates, so they can be plainly visible us. Remember to use binoculars and spotting scopes to get a closer look at nesting and migrating birds and other wildlife as the refuge is their home and sanctuary.

This bird list contains 227 species which have been recorded on the refuge. Another 43 birds, listed under “Accidental” birds, have been reported but are not normally expected to be present.

The English, or common names of birds are in accordance with the American Ornithologists Union’s “Checklist of North American Birds” revised in 1989.

### Season

Sp... Spring, March-May  
 S..... Summer, June-July  
 F..... Fall, August-November  
 W.... Winter, December-February

### Status

a..... Abundant – Common species that is very numerous  
 c..... Common – Certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat, not in large numbers  
 u ..... Uncommon – Present but not certain to be seen  
 r..... Rare – Seen at irregular intervals of 2-5 years

\* Denotes species nesting on the refuge



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Grebes</b>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	
___ Red-necked Grebe.....	r		r	
___ Horned Grebe .....	r		r	
<b>Pelicans</b>				
___ American White Pelican* .....	c	c	c	
<b>Cormorants</b>				
___ Double-crested Cormorant* .....	c	c	c	
<b>Hérons and Bitterns</b>				
___ American Bittern* .....	u	u	u	
___ Least Bittern* .....	u	u	u	
___ Great Blue Heron* .....	c	c	c	u
___ Great Egret* .....	c	c	c	
___ Snowy Egret .....	r	r	r	
___ Cattle Egret .....	r	r	r	
___ Green Heron* .....	u	u	u	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron* .....	c	a	a	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron .....	r	r	r	
<b>Vultures</b>				
___ Turkey Vulture.....	u	u	r	
<b>Swans, Geese and Ducks</b>				
___ Greater White-fronted Goose .....	r		r	
___ Snow Goose .....	u		u	
___ Canada Goose* .....	a	c	a	c
___ Trumpeter Swan.....	r		r	
___ Tundra Swan .....	u		u	
___ Wood Duck* .....	c	c	c	
___ Gadwall* .....	u	u	c	
___ American Wigeon* .....	u	u	c	
___ American Black Duck .....	u	u	u	r
___ Mallard* .....	a	a	a	u
___ Blue-winged Teal* .....	c	c	c	
___ Northern Shoveler* .....	c	u	c	
___ Northern Pintail* .....	u	u	u	
___ Green-winged Teal* .....	c	u	a	
___ Canvasback .....	u	r	u	
___ Redhead* .....	c	c	c	
___ Ring-necked Duck .....	c	u	c	
___ Greater Scaup .....	r		r	
___ Lesser Scaup.....	c	u	c	
___ Bufflehead .....	u		u	r
___ Common Goldeneye .....	u		u	
___ Hooded Merganser* .....	u	u	u	r
___ Common Merganser .....	u		u	r
___ Red-breasted Merganser .....	r		r	
___ Ruddy Duck* .....	c	u	c	

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Hawks and Eagles</b>				
___ Osprey.....	r	r	r	
___ Bald Eagle.....	u	c	c	u
___ Northern Harrier*.....	c	c	c	c
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk*.....	u	r	u	r
___ Cooper's Hawk*.....	u	r	u	r
___ Red-shouldered Hawk.....	u		u	
___ Broad-winged Hawk.....	u		u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*.....	c	c	c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk.....	c		c	c

<b>Falcons</b>				
___ American Kestrel*.....	c	c	c	c
___ Peregrine Falcon.....	r		r	r

<b>Upland Game Birds</b>				
___ Gray Partridge*.....	u	u	u	u
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*.....	c	c	c	c
___ Wild Turkey*.....	a	c	a	c
___ Ruffed Grouse.....	u	u	u	u

<b>Rails and Coots</b>				
___ Yellow Rail*.....	u	u	r	
___ King Rail*.....	u	u	r	
___ Virginia Rail*.....	c	c	c	c
___ Sora*.....	c	c	c	c
___ Common Moorhen*.....	c	c	c	c
___ American Coot*.....	a	a	a	

<b>Cranes</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane*.....	c	c	c	c
___ Whooping Crane.....	u	u	u	



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	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Shorebirds</b>				
___ Black-necked Stilt*.....	r	r	r	
___ Black-bellied Plover.....	u	u	r	
___ American Golden-Plover.....	r	r	r	
___ Semipalmated Plover.....	u	u	u	
___ Killdeer*.....	c	c	c	
___ Greater Yellowlegs.....	c	c	u	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs.....	c	c	u	
___ Solitary Sandpiper.....	u	u	u	
___ Spotted Sandpiper*.....	r	r	r	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper.....	c	c	u	
___ Least Sandpiper.....	c	c	u	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper.....	r	r	r	
___ Baird's Sandpiper.....	r	r		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper.....	u	c	u	
___ Dunlin.....	c	c	u	
___ Stilt Sandpiper.....	r	u	r	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper.....	r	r	r	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher.....	r	u	r	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher.....	u	u	r	
___ American Avocet.....	r	r	uq	
___ Ruddy Turnstone.....	r	r	r	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Wilson's Snipe* .....	c	u	c	
___ American Woodcock* .....	c	u	u	
___ Wilson's Phalarope* .....	r	r	r	
___ Red-necked Phalarope.....	r		r	

**Gulls and Terns**

___ Bonaparte's Gull .....	u		u	
___ Ring-billed Gull.....	c	u	c	
___ Herring Gull.....	c	u	c	u
___ Forster's Tern* .....	c	c	u	
___ Black Tern* .....	c	c	u	

**Doves**

___ Rock Dove* .....	c	c	c	c
___ Mourning Dove* .....	c	c	c	c

**Cuckoos and Roadrunners**

___ Black-billed Cuckoo* .....	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo* .....	u	u	u	

**Owls**

___ Eastern Screech-Owl* .....	c	c	c	c
___ Great Horned Owl* .....	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Owl.....	r			u
___ Barred Owl.....	u	u	u	u
___ Long-eared Owl.....	r		r	r
___ Short-eared Owl .....	u	r	u	u

**Nighthawks and Nightjars**

___ Common Nighthawk* .....	u	u	u	
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**Swifts**

___ Chimney Swift* .....	u	u	u	
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**Hummingbirds**

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird* .....	u	u	u	
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**Kingfishers**

___ Belted Kingfisher* .....	u	u	u	
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**Woodpeckers**

___ Red-headed Woodpecker.....	u	u	u	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....	u		u	
___ Downy Woodpecker* .....	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker* .....	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Flicker* .....	c	c	c	



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Flycatchers</b>				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	r		r	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*.....	c	c	c	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	r		r	
___ Alder Flycatcher.....	u	u	u	
___ Willow Flycatcher*.....	c	c	c	
___ Least Flycatcher*.....	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Phoebe*.....	c	c	c	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*.....	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Kingbird*.....	c	c	c	

<b>Shrikes</b>				
___ Northern Shrike.....	r			u

<b>Vireos</b>				
___ Blue-headed Vireo.....	u		u	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*.....	u	u	u	
___ Warbling Vireo*.....	c	c	c	
___ Philadelphia Vireo.....	u	r	u	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*.....	c	c	c	

<b>Jays, Magpies and Crows</b>				
___ Blue Jay*.....	c	c	c	c
___ American Crow*.....	c	c	c	c

<b>Larks</b>				
___ Horned Lark*.....	c	u	c	c

<b>Swallows</b>				
___ Purple Martin*.....	c	c	c	
___ Tree Swallow*.....	a	a	a	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*.....	u	u	u	
___ Bank Swallow*.....	u	u	u	
___ Cliff Swallow*.....	u	u	u	
___ Barn Swallow*.....	c	c	c	

<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*.....	c	c	c	c

<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	r		r	r
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*.....	u	u	u	u

<b>Creepers</b>				
___ Brown Creeper.....	u		u	u

<b>Wrens</b>				
___ House Wren*.....	c	c	c	
___ Winter Wren.....	u	r	u	
___ Sedge Wren*.....	c	c	c	
___ Marsh Wren*.....	a	a	c	r

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Kinglets, Bluebirds, and Thrushes</b>				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	c		c	r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c		c	
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*.....	u	u	u	
___ Eastern Bluebird*.....	u	u	u	
___ Veery*.....	u	u	u	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush.....	u		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush.....	u		u	
___ Hermit Thrush.....	u		u	
___ Wood Thrush*.....	u	u	u	
___ American Robin*.....	c	c	c	r

<b>Mimics</b>				
___ Gray Catbird*.....	c	c	c	
___ Brown Thrasher*.....	u	u	u	

<b>Starlings</b>				
___ European Starling*.....	c	c	c	c

<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwing*.....	u	c	c	r

<b>Warblers</b>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler.....	u	r	r	
___ Golden-winged Warbler.....	u	r	r	
___ Tennessee Warbler.....	c	r	c	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler.....	u		u	
___ Nashville Warbler.....	c	r	c	
___ Northern Parula.....	u	r	u	
___ Yellow Warbler*.....	a	c	c	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler.....	c	r	c	
___ Magnolia Warbler.....	c	r	c	
___ Cape May Warbler.....	u		u	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	a		a	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler.....	c		c	
___ Blackburnian Warbler.....	u	r	u	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler.....	r	r	r	
___ Pine Warbler.....	r		r	
___ Palm Warbler.....	c		c	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler.....	u	r	u	
___ Blackpoll Warbler.....	u		c	
___ Black-and-white Warbler.....	c	r	c	
___ American Redstart*.....	c	u	c	
___ Ovenbird*.....	u	u	u	
___ Northern Waterthrush.....	u	r	u	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush.....	r		r	
___ Connecticut Warbler.....	r		r	
___ Mourning Warbler.....	u		u	
___ Common Yellowthroat*.....	a	a	a	
___ Wilson's Warbler.....	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler.....	u	r	u	

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Tanagers</b>				
___ Scarlet Tanager* .....	u	u	u	
<b>Sparrows, Buntings and Grosbeaks</b>				
___ Rufous-sided Towhee* .....	u	u	u	
___ American Tree Sparrow .....	c	u	c	c
___ Chipping Sparrow* .....	u	u	u	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow .....	r		r	
___ Field Sparrow* .....	u	u	u	
___ Vesper Sparrow* .....	u	u	u	
___ Savannah Sparrow* .....	c	c	c	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow* .....	u	u	r	
___ Henslow's Sparrow* .....	u	u	r	
___ Fox Sparrow .....	c		c	
___ Song Sparrow* .....	a	c	c	u
___ Lincoln's Sparrow .....	u		u	
___ Swamp Sparrow* .....	a	a	a	u
___ White-throated Sparrow .....	c		c	
___ Harris' Sparrow .....	r		r	
___ White-crowned Sparrow .....	u		u	
___ Dark-eyed Junco .....	c		u	c
___ Lapland Longspur .....	u		u	u
___ Snow Bunting .....	u		u	u
___ Northern Cardinal* .....	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak* .....	c	c	c	
___ Indigo Bunting* .....	c	c	c	
___ Dickcissel* .....	u	u	u	
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
___ Bobolink* .....	c	c	u	
___ Red-winged Blackbird* .....	a	a	a	c
___ Eastern Meadowlark* .....	u	u	u	r
___ Western Meadowlark* .....	r	r	r	
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird* .....	c	c	c	r
___ Rusty Blackbird .....	c		c	r
___ Brewer's Blackbird .....	a	u	a	r
___ Common Grackle* .....	c	c	c	u
___ Brown-headed Cowbird* .....	c	c	c	u
___ Baltimore Oriole* .....	u	u	u	
<b>Finches</b>				
___ Purple Finch .....			u	u
___ House Finch* .....	u	u	u	u
___ Common Redpoll .....				r
___ American Goldfinch* .....	c	c	c	u
___ Evening Grosbeak .....				r
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
___ House Sparrow* .....	c	c	c	c

### Accidentals

Common Loon	Ruff
Western Grebe	Caspian Tern
Little Blue Heron	Common Tern
Glossy Ibis	Great Grey Owl
White-faced Ibis	Saw-whet Owl
Mute Swan	Whip-poor-will
Ross' Goose	Tufted Titmouse
Brant	Carolina Wren
Cinnamon Teal	Mockingbird
Black Scoter	Loggerhead Shrike
White-winged Scoter	Bell's Vireo
Long Tailed	Prothonotary Warbler
Golden Eagle	Cerulean Warbler
Northern Goshawk	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Merlin	Warbler
Northern Bobwhite	Worm-eating Warbler
Willet	Yellow-breasted Chat
Red Knot	Lark Sparrow
Upland Sandpiper	Pine Siskin
Marbled Godwit	Pine Grosbeak
Hudsonian Godwit	Barn Owl
Sanderling	

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