

Birds of Necedah

Necedah is one of seven National Wildlife Refuges located in Wisconsin; each a vital link in a chain of life-sustaining refuges extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Necedah was established in 1939, primarily to provide sanctuary, food and cover for migratory waterfowl. Spring and fall migrations provide unique opportunities to observe these birds.

This list contains species which have been observed by refuge personnel and ornithologists since 1939. Also listed are 11 species listed as “casual,” which have been sighted near, but not on, the refuge.

Visiting birders are encouraged to share their sightings with refuge staff.

LEGEND	
S Spring	March-May
s summer	June-July
F Fall	August-November
W ... Winter	December-February
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	
* Nesting Species	

Common Name	S	s	F	W
Swans, Geese & Ducks				
__Greater White-fronted Goose	r			
__Snow Goose	u		c	
__Canada Goose*.....	c	c	c	
__Trumpeter Swan*.....	u	c	u	
__Tundra Swan	u		u	
__Wood Duck*.....	c	c	c	
__Gadwall	u	u	c	
__American Wigeon*	c	u	c	
__American Black Duck*	c	c	c	u
__Mallard*.....	c	c	c	u
__Blue-winged Teal*.....	c	c	c	
__Northern Shoveler*	u	u	u	
__Northern Pintail*.....	c	u	c	
__Green-winged Teal*	c	u	c	
__Canvasback.....	u	u		
__Redhead	u	u		
__Ring-necked Duck*.....	c	u	c	
__Greater Scaup.....	u	u		

Common Name	S	s	F	W
__Lesser Scaup	u	r	u	
__Bufflehead.....	u		u	
__Common Goldeneye	u		u	
__Hooded Merganser*.....	c	u	c	
__Common Merganser.....	u		u	
__Red-breasted Merganser	r			
__Ruddy Duck.....	u	r	u	

Grouse & Turkeys				
__Ring-necked Pheasant	r	r	r	r
__Ruffed Grouse*	u	u	u	u
__Sharp-tailed Grouse	r	r	r	r
__Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c

Quail				
__Northern Bobwhite*	r	r	r	r

Loons				
__Common Loon*	u	u	u	

Grebes				
__Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	
__Horned Grebe	u		u	

Cormorants				
__Double-crested Cormorant*	u	u	u	

Hérons & Bitterns				
__American Bittern*.....	c	c	c	
__Least Bittern*.....	r	r	r	
__Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	
__Great Egret	u	u	u	
__Snowy Egret.....		r		
__Cattle Egret		r	r	
__Green Heron*.....	c	c	u	
__Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	r	r	r	

Vultures				
__Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	

Hawks & Eagles				
__Osprey*.....	u	u	u	
__Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u
__Northern Harrier*.....	c	c	c	
__Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	u	r	u	
__Cooper’s Hawk*.....	u	u	u	
__Northern Goshawk*.....	r	r	r	
__Red-shouldered Hawk	u	r	u	
__Broad-winged Hawk*	c	u	c	
__Red-tailed Hawk*.....	c	c	c	c
__Rough-legged Hawk.....	c	c	c	
__Golden Eagle.....	u	u	u	

Common Name	S	s	F	W
Falcons				
__American Kestrel*.....	u	u	u	u
__Merlin.....	r		r	
__Peregrine Falcon.....	r		r	

Rails & Coots				
__King Rail*	u	u	u	
__Virginia Rail*	c	c	c	
__Sora*	c	c	c	
__American Coot*	c	u	c	

Cranes				
__Sandhill Crane*	c	c	c	
__Whooping Crane	u	c	u	

Plovers				
__Black-bellied Plover	r		r	
__American Golden-Plover	r		r	
__Semipalmated Plover.....	r		r	
__Killdeer*	c	c	c	

Sandpipers				
__Greater Yellowlegs.....	u		u	
__Lesser Yellowlegs	c	r	c	
__Solitary Sandpiper.....	u		c	
__Spotted Sandpiper*.....	c	c	c	
__Upland Sandpiper.....	r		r	
__Semipalmated Sandpiper	r		r	
__Western Sandpiper.....		r		
__Least Sandpiper.....	u	c		
__Baird’s Sandpiper	r			
__Pectoral Sandpiper	c	c		
__Dunlin.....	r	r		
__Stilt Sandpiper.....	r			
__Short-billed Dowitcher.....	r		r	
__Long-billed Dowitcher	r		r	
__Common Snipe*	c	c	c	
__American Woodcock*	c	c	c	
__Wilson’s Phalarope	r			

Gulls & Terns				
__Bonaparte’s Gull	r			
__Ring-billed Gull.....	u	r	u	
__Herring Gull.....	r		r	
__Caspian Tern	r			
__Common Tern.....	r			
__Forster’s Tern	r			
__Black Tern*	u	u	r	

Pigeons & Doves				
__Rock Pigeon.....	r	r	r	r
__Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	

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Cuckoos				
__Black-billed Cuckoo*.....	u	u	u	
__Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	r	r		

Owls				
__Eastern Screech-Owl*	r	r	r	r
__Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
__Snowy Owl	r		r	r
__Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
__Great Gray Owl.....		r	r	
__Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r
__Short-eared Owl.....	r	r	r	r
__Northern Saw-whet Owl*	r	r	r	r

Nightjars				
__Common Nighthawk*	c	c	c	
__Whip-poor-will*	c	c	r	

Swifts				
__Chimney Swift*.....	u	u	r	

Hummingbirds				
__Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	

Kingfishers				
__Belted Kingfisher*.....	c	c	c	r

Woodpeckers				
__Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	c	c	r
__Red-bellied Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
__Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	r	r	r	
__Downy Woodpecker*.....	c	c	c	c
__Hairy Woodpecker*.....	c	c	c	c
__Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	
__Pileated Woodpecker*.....	u	u	u	

Flycatchers				
__Olive-sided Flycatcher*.....	r	r	r	
__Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	u	
__Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	u			
__Alder Flycatcher*.....	u	u		
__Willow Flycatcher*.....	r	r	r	
__Least Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
__Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	u	
__Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
__Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	u	

Shrikes				
__Loggerhead Shrike.....	r	r		
__Northern Shrike	u	u	u	

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Vireos				
__Solitary Vireo	u		u	
__Yellow-throated Vireo*.....	u	u	u	
__Warbling Vireo*	u	u		
__Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	

Crows & Jays				
__Gray Jay.....				r
__Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
__American Crow*	c	c	c	c
__Common Raven*.....	u		u	u

Larks				
__Horned Lark	u	u	u	u

Swallows				
__Purple Martin*.....	u	r		
__Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
__Northern Rough-winged Swallow*.....	u	u	u	
__Bank Swallow*.....	c	c	c	
__Cliff Swallow*.....	u	u	u	
__Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	

Chickadees & Titmice				
__Black-capped Chickadee*.....	c	c	c	c
__Tufted Titmouse.....		r	r	

Nuthatches				
__Red-breasted Nuthatch*	u	r	u	r
__White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c

Creepers				
__Brown Creeper	u		u	r

Wrens				
__House Wren*	c	c	c	
__Winter Wren*	u		u	
__Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	
__Marsh Wren*	u	u	u	

Kinglets & Gnatcatchers				
__Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	u		u	
__Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c		c	
__Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	r	r		

Thrushes				
__Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	
__Veery*	c	c	u	
__Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
__Swainson’s Thrush.....	c		c	
__Hermit Thrush.....	u		u	
__Wood Thrush*	u	c		
__American Robin*	c	c	c	r

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Thrashers				
__Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	
__Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	
Starlings				
__European Starling	r	r	r	r
Waxwings				
__Bohemian Waxwing				r
__Cedar Waxwing*	u	c	c	r

Wood Warblers				
__Blue-winged Warbler*	u	u	u	
__Golden-winged Warbler*	u	u		
__Tennessee Warbler*	c		c	
__Nashville Warbler*	c	u	c	
__Northern Parula	r	r	r	r
__Yellow Warbler*	c	c		
__Chestnut-sided Warbler*	u	u	u	
__Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
__Cape May Warbler	r		r	
__Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r	
__Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	u	c	
__Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
__Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
__Pine Warbler	u	u	u	
__Palm Warbler	u		u	
__Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
__Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
__Black-and-white Warbler*	u	u	u	
__American Redstart	u	u	u	
__Ovenbird*	c	c	u	
__Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
__Connecticut Warbler	u		u	
__Mourning Warbler	u		u	
__Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
__Wilson’s Warbler	u		u	
__Canada Warbler	u		u	

Tanagers				
__Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	u	

Sparrows				
__Rufous-sided Towhee*	c	c	c	
__American Tree Sparrow	c		c	c
__Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	
__Clay-colored Sparrow*	u	u	u	
__Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	
__Vesper Sparrow*	c	c	c	
__Savannah Sparrow*	u	u	u	
__Grasshopper Sparrow*	r	r		
__Henslow’s Sparrow*	r	r		
__Fox Sparrow	u		u	

Common Name	S	s	F	W
__Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	
__Lincoln’s Sparrow	r		u	
__Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	c	
__White-throated Sparrow*	c	r	c	
__Harris’s Sparrow	r			
__White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	
__Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	u
__Lapland Longspur	r		r	
__Snow Bunting	u		u	c

Grosbeaks & Buntings				
__Northern Cardinal*	u	u	u	u
__Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c	
__Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
__Dickcissel*	r	r	r	

Blackbirds & Orioles				
__Bobolink*	u	u	u	
__Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	
__Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	
__Western Meadowlark*	u	u	u	
__Yellow-headed Blackbird	r	r		
__Rusty Blackbird	c		c	
__Brewer’s Blackbird*	u	u	u	
__Common Grackle*	c	c	c	
__Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	u	
__Northern Oriole*	c	c	u	

Finches				
__Purple Finch	u	u	u	u
__House Finch	r		r	
__Red Crossbill	r		r	r
__White-winged Crossbill				r
__Common Redpoll	u		u	c
__Pine Siskin	u		u	r
__American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
__Evening Grosbeak	u		u	u

Old World Sparrows				
__House Sparrow	r	r	r	r

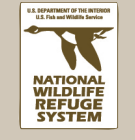
Casual Species				
Yellow-crowned Night Heron		Boreal Owl		
Gyr Falcon		Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		
Greater Prairie Chicken		Mountain Bluebird		
Sharp-tailed Grouse		Varied Thrush		
American Avocet		Prothonotary Warbler		
Rock Dove				

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National Wildlife Refuge Bird List

