

Litchfield Wetland Management District

The Litchfield Wetland Management District was established in 1978 to preserve and protect habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. The district manages over 145 federally-owned Waterfowl Product Areas (WPAs) covering approximately 32,000 acres in southcentral Minnesota within the counties of Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, Stearns, Todd and Wright. These areas contain a collection of ecologically important wetland and grassland habitats, including prairie, and provide food and shelter for 318 species of birds.

The following bird list was compiled from station records and the knowledge of visiting birdwatchers and local ornithologists. Seasonal abundance of each species is noted as follows:

SP - 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; likely seen or heard in suitable habitat
o - occasional; seen only few times during season
r - rare; seen only at infrequent intervals or years

* - nests within the district

	SP	S	F	W
LOONS				
____ Common Loon*	c	c	c	-
GREBES				
____ Red-necked Grebe*	o	o	o	-
____ Horned Grebe	c	r	o	-
____ Eared Grebe*	r	r	r	-
____ Western Grebe*	o	r	o	-
____ Pied-billed Grebe*	a	a	c	-
PELICANS				
____ American White Pelican	c	c	c	r
CORMORANTS				
____ Double-crested Cormorant*	a	c	a	-
HERONS				
____ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	r
____ Green Heron*	c	c	o	-
____ Black-crowned Night Heron*	c	c	c	-
____ Cattle Egret*	r	r	r	-
____ Great Egret	c	c	c	-

	SP	S	F	W
____ Snowy Egret	r	r	r	-
____ Least Bittern*	o	o	r	-
____ American Bittern*	o	o	r	-
WATERFOWL				
____ Trumpeter Swan*	r	r	r	r
____ Tundra Swan	o	-	o	r
____ Canada Goose*	a	a	a	r
____ Greater White-fronted Goose	o	-	r	-
____ Snow Goose	o	r	o	r
____ Mallard*	a	a	a	r
____ American Black Duck	r	r	r	-
____ Gadwall*	c	o	c	-
____ Northern Pintail*	c	o	o	-
____ Green-winged Teal*	c	o	c	-
____ Blue-winged Teal*	a	a	a	-
____ American Wigeon	c	r	c	-
____ Northern Shoveler*	c	o	c	-
____ Wood Duck*	a	c	a	-
____ Redhead*	c	o	c	-
____ Ring-necked Duck*	c	o	c	-
____ Canvasback*	c	o	c	-
____ Greater Scaup	r	-	r	-
____ Lesser Scaup	c	-	c	-
____ Common Goldeneye	c	-	c	-
____ Bufflehead	c	r	c	-
____ Long-tailed Duck	r	-	r	-
____ Ruddy Duck*	c	o	o	-
____ Hooded Merganser*	c	o	o	-
____ Common Merganser	c	r	c	-
____ Red-breasted Merganser	o	r	o	-
VULTURES				
____ Turkey Vulture	o	o	o	-
HAWKS				
____ Northern Goshawk	r	-	r	r
____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	r	o	r
____ Cooper's Hawk*	c	c	c	r
____ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	r
____ Broad-winged Hawk*	c	o	o	-
____ Swainson's Hawk	o	o	o	-
____ Rough-legged Hawk	o	-	o	r
____ Red-shouldered Hawk*	o	o	o	-
____ Northern Harrier*	c	c	c	r
____ Golden Eagle	r	-	r	r
____ Bald Eagle*	c	o	c	o
____ Osprey	o	r	o	-
FALCONS				
____ Merlin	o	-	o	r
____ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	r
____ Prairie Falcon	r	-	r	-

	SP	S	F	W
____ Peregrine Falcon	r	r	r	-
____ Gyrfalcon	r	-	r	-
GROUSE				
____ Ruffed Grouse*	o	o	o	o
____ Ring-necked Pheasant*	c	c	c	c
____ Gray Partridge*	o	o	o	o
____ Wild Turkey*	o	o	o	o
CRANES				
____ Sandhill Crane*	o	r	o	-
RAILS				
____ Virginia Rail*	c	o	c	-
____ Sora*	c	c	c	-
____ Yellow Rail	r	-	r	-
____ Common Moorhen*	r	r	r	-
____ American Coot*	a	c	a	r
PLOVERS				
____ American Avocet	r	r	r	-
____ Semipalmated Plover	c	r	o	-
____ Killdeer*	a	a	a	-
____ American Golden Plover	o	r	r	-
____ Black-bellied Plover	o	r	r	-
SANDPIPERS				
____ Ruddy Turnstone	r	r	r	-
____ American Woodcock*	o	o	o	-
____ Common Snipe*	c	o	c	-
____ Upland Sandpiper*	o	o	o	-
____ Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	-
____ Solitary Sandpiper	o	r	o	-
____ Willet	o	r	r	-
____ Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	c	-
____ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	o	c	-
____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r	r	o	-
____ Pectoral Sandpiper	o	r	o	-
____ White-rumped Sandpiper	o	r	o	-
____ Baird's Sandpiper	o	r	o	-
____ Least Sandpiper	a	o	c	-
____ Dunlin	o	r	o	-
____ Short-billed Dowitcher	o	r	o	-
____ Long-billed Dowitcher	o	r	o	-
____ Stilt Sandpiper	o	r	o	-
____ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	o	c	-
____ Marbled Godwit*	o	r	o	-
____ Hudsonian Godwit	r	-	r	-
____ Sanderling	r	-	r	-
____ Wilson's Phalarope*	o	o	r	-
____ Red-necked Phalarope	r	r	r	-

	SP	S	F	W
GULLS, TERNS				
____ Herring Gull	o	r	o	-
____ Ring-billed Gull	a	o	a	-
____ Franklin's Gull*	c	o	c	-
____ Bonaparte's Gull	c	r	c	-
____ Forster's Tern*	c	c	c	-
____ Black Tern*	c	c	o	-
____ Caspian Tern	o	r	o	-
____ Common Tern	o	r	o	-
DOVES				
____ Rock Dove*	a	a	a	a
____ Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	r
CUCKOOS				
____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	r	r	r	-
____ Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	o	-
OWLS				
____ Eastern Screech-Owl*	o	o	o	o
____ Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
____ Snowy Owl	r	-	r	r
____ Barred Owl*	o	o	o	o
____ Long-eared Owl*	r	r	r	r
____ Short-eared Owl	r	r	r	r
____ Northern Saw-whet Owl	r	-	r	r
____ Great Gray Owl	r	r	r	r
GOATSUCKERS				
____ Common Nighthawk*	c	c	c	-
____ Whip-poor-will*	r	r	r	-
SWIFTS				
____ Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	-
HUMMINGBIRDS				
____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	r	-
KINGFISHERS				
____ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	r
WOODPECKERS				
____ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	r
____ Pileated Woodpecker*	o	o	o	o
____ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
____ Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	o	o	r
____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	o	o	o	r
____ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
____ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
FLYCATCHERS				
____ Eastern Kingbird*	a	a	a	-
____ Western Kingbird*	o	o	o	-

	SP	S	F	W
____ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	-
____ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	-
____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	o	r	r	-
____ Willow Flycatcher*	o	o	r	-
____ Acadian Flycatcher	r	r	-	-
____ Alder Flycatcher*	r	r	r	-
____ Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	-	r	-
____ Least Flycatcher*	c	c	c	-
____ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	a	a	a	-
LARKS				
____ Horned Lark*	a	c	c	r
SWALLOWS				
____ Tree Swallow*	a	a	a	-
____ Bank Swallow*	c	c	c	-
____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	c	c	c	-
____ Barn Swallow*	a	a	a	-
____ Cliff Swallow*	c	c	c	-
____ Purple Martin*	c	c	c	-
JAYS, CROWS				
____ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
____ American Crow*	a	a	a	a
CHICKADEES				
____ Black-capped Chickadee*	a	a	a	a
NUTHATCHES				
____ White-breasted Nuthatch*	a	a	a	a
____ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	o	r	o	o
CREEPERS				
____ Brown Creeper	o	-	o	o
WRENS				
____ House Wren*	a	a	a	-
____ Winter Wren	r	-	r	-
____ Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	-
____ Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	-
THRUSHES				
____ Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	-
____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	o	o	-
____ American Robin*	a	a	a	r
____ Hermit Thrush	o	-	o	-
____ Swainson's Thrush	o	-	o	-
____ Wood Thrush*	o	o	o	-
____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o	r	o	-
____ Veery*	c	c	o	-
____ Eastern Bluebird*	a	c	c	-
____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	-	o	r
____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	o	-	o	-

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Wetland Management District Bird Checklist



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	SP	S	F	W
THRASHERS				
_____Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	-
_____Northern Mockingbird	r	r	r	-
PIPITS				
_____American Pipit	o	r	o	-
WAXWINGS				
_____Bohemian Waxwing	r	-	r	r
_____Cedar Waxwing*	c	c	c	o
SHRIKES				
_____Northern Shrike	r	-	o	o
_____Loggerhead Shrike*	r	r	r	-
STARLINGS				
_____European Starling*	a	a	a	a
VIREOS				
_____Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	o	-
_____Blue-headed Vireo	o	o	o	-
_____Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	o	-
_____Philadelphia Vireo	r	-	r	-
_____Warbling Vireo*	c	c	c	-
WARBLERS				
_____Northern Parula	r	r	r	-
_____Black-and-White Warbler	c	o	c	-
_____Tennessee Warbler	c	o	c	-
_____Orange-crowned Warbler	o	r	o	-
_____Nashville Warbler	c	r	c	-
_____Yellow Warbler*	a	a	a	-
_____Magnolia Warbler	o	r	o	-
_____Cape May Warbler	o	r	o	-
_____Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	o	c	-
_____Black-throated Green Warbler	o	r	o	-
_____Blackburnian	o	o	o	-
_____Chestnut-sided Warbler*	o	o	o	-
_____Bay-breasted Warbler	r	-	r	-
_____Blackpoll Warbler	o	r	o	-
_____Pine Warbler	r	-	r	-
_____Palm Warbler	c	-	o	-
_____Cerulean Warbler*	r	r	r	-
_____Ovenbird*	o	o	o	-
_____Northern Waterthrush	o	r	o	-
_____Connecticut Warbler	r	-	r	-
_____Mourning Warbler	r	-	r	-
_____Common Yellowthroat*	a	a	c	-
_____Black-throated Blue Warbler	r	-	r	-
_____Blue-winged Warbler*	o	r	r	-
_____Golden-winged Warbler	o	r	o	-
_____Canada Warbler	o	r	o	-
_____Wilson's Warbler	o	r	o	-

	SP	S	F	W
_____American Redstart*	c	o	c	-
BLACKBIRDS, SPARROWS				
_____Bobolink*	c	c	o	-
_____Western Meadowlark*	o	o	o	r
_____Eastern Meadowlark*	o	o	o	r
_____Yellow-headed Blackbird*	a	a	a	-
_____Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	-
_____Orchard Oriole*	o	o	r	-
_____Northern Oriole*	c	c	r	-
_____Brewer's Blackbird*	c	o	c	r
_____Rusty Blackbird	o	-	o	-
_____Common Grackle*	a	a	a	r
_____Brown-headed Cowbird*	a	a	a	-
_____Scarlet Tanager*	o	o	o	-
_____Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
_____Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c	-
_____Indigo Bunting*	o	o	o	-
_____Dickcissel*	o	o	o	-
_____Eastern Towhee	r	r	r	-
_____Savannah Sparrow*	c	c	c	-
_____Grasshopper Sparrow*	o	o	o	-
_____Le Conte's Sparrow*	o	o	o	-
_____Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r	r	r	-
_____Vesper Sparrow*	c	c	c	-
_____Lark Sparrow	r	r	r	-
_____Dark-eyed Junco	a	-	a	c
_____Henslow's Sparrow*	r	r	r	-
_____American Tree Sparrow	c	-	o	o
_____Chipping Sparrow*	a	a	a	-
_____Clay-colored Sparrow*	c	c	c	-
_____Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	-
_____Harris' Sparrow	c	-	c	-
_____White-crowned Sparrow	o	-	o	-
_____White-throated Sparrow	c	-	c	-
_____Fox Sparrow	o	-	o	-
_____Lincoln's Sparrow	o	-	o	-
_____Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	c	-
_____Song Sparrow*	a	a	a	-
_____Lapland Longspur	o	-	o	r
_____Smith's Longspur	r	-	r	-
_____Snow Bunting	r	-	o	o
_____Lark Bunting	r	-	r	r
FINCHES				
_____Evening Grosbeak	r	-	r	r
_____Pine Grosbeak	-	-	r	r
_____Purple Finch	o	r	o	o
_____House Finch*	c	c	c	o
_____Common Redpoll	o	-	o	o
_____Pine Siskin*	o	r	o	r
_____American Goldfinch*	a	a	a	c
_____Red Crossbill	-	-	r	r

	SP	S	F	W
_____White-winged Crossbill	-	-	r	r
WEAVER FINCHES				
_____House Sparrow*	a	a	a	a
CASUAL OR ACCIDENTAL SPECIES - birds seen at very infrequent intervals or birds outside their normal range.				
Clark's Grebe				
Anhinga				
Little Blue Heron				
Ross' Goose				
Cinnamon Teal				
Eurasian Wigeon				
King Eider				
Harlequin Duck				
White-winged Scoter				
Black Scoter				
Ferruginous Hawk				
Greater Prairie-Chicken				
Black Rail				
King Rail				
Whooping Crane				
Piping Plover				
Whimbrel				
Long-billed Curlew				
Red Knot				
Ruff				
Red Phalarope				
Glaucous Gull				
Little Gull				
Thayer's Gull				
Least Tern				
Barn Owl				
Boreal Owl				
Burrowing Owl				
Northern Hawk Owl				
Chuck-will's Widow				
Three-toed Woodpecker				
Black-backed Woodpecker				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher				
Gray Jay				
Black-billed Magpie				
Tufted Titmouse				
Boreal Chickadee				
Carolina Wren				
Bewick's Wren				
Mountain Bluebird				
Townsend's Solitaire				
Varied Thrush				
Bell's Vireo				
White-eyed Vireo				
Yellow-throated Warbler				
Prairie Warbler				
Prothonotary Warbler				
Worm-eating Warbler				
Louisiana Waterthrush				
Kentucky Warbler				
Hooded Warbler				
Yellow-breasted Chat				
Summer Tanager				
Western Tanager				
Lazuli Bunting				
McCown's Longspur				
Hoary Redpoll				