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*National Wildlife
Refuge Bird List*



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Bird Checklist

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1935 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The refuge comprises 7,350 acres along the eastern edge of the Missouri River floodplain and is located in northwest Missouri, 30 miles northwest of St. Joseph, and 100 miles north of Kansas City, Missouri.

Legend

Refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists have contributed to this list which contains 277 species that have been recorded on the refuge. Another 33 species, listed under "Accidental" birds, have been reported, but are not normally expected to be present.

Season, abundance, and nesting status for each bird species are coded as follows:

S... Spring.....March – May

s.... Summer.....June – July

F... Fall.....August – November

W.. WinterDecember – February

a..... abundant – common species that is very numerous

c..... common – certain to be seen 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 only at intervals of 2 – 5 years

(E).. Endangered

* indicates birds which nest locally

Squaw Creek NWR was officially named one of America's Top 500 Globally Important Bird Areas by the American Bird Conservancy in July 2001.

Note: During August shorebirds and warblers and other passerines are well into migration. The Audubon Society of Missouri also uses June & July = summer and August – November = fall for its seasonal surveys.

Common Name

S s F W

Ducks, Geese and Swans

— Greater White-fronted Goose	u		c	u
— Snow Goose	a		a	u
— Ross's Goose.....	u		u	o
— Canada Goose*	a	c	a	c
— Trumpeter Swan.....	o			o
— Tundra Swan	r		r	r
— Wood Duck*.....	c	c	c	o
— Gadwall	c		c	o
— American Wigeon	c		c	o
— American Black Duck	o		o	u
— Mallard*.....	a	o	a	a
— Blue-winged Teal*	a	o	a	o
— Cinnamon Teal	r		r	
— Northern Shoveler	c		c	o
— Northern Pintail*	a		a	o
— Green-winged Teal	a	a	u	
— Canvasback	u		u	r
— Redhead.....	u		u	r
— Ring-necked Duck.....	a		c	r
— Greater Scaup			r	
— Lesser Scaup.....	o		o	o
— White-winged Scoter.....			r	
— Bufflehead.....	u		u	o
— Common Goldeneye	o		u	o
— Hooded Merganser*	c	u	u	r
— Common Merganser	c	r	o	u
— Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	r
— Ruddy Duck*	u	r	u	r

Turkeys

— Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c
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Pheasants

— Ring-necked Pheasant*	c	c	c	c
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Quail

— Northern Bobwhite*.....	u	u	u	u
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Loons

— Common Loon	r		r	
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Grebes

— Pied-billed Grebe*	c	u	c	o
— Horned Grebe.....	u		u	
— Eared Grebe	u		u	
— Western Grebe.....	r		r	

Pelicans

— American White Pelican.....	a	u	a	r
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Cormorants

— Double-crested Cormorant	c	r	c	r
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Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns

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

Ibises

— White-faced Ibis	o	r	o	
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Vultures

— Turkey Vulture	u	c	u	
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Hawks & Eagles

— Osprey	o		o	
— Bald Eagle* (E)	c	u	c	c
— Northern Harrier*	u	o	u	u
— Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	u	u
— Cooper's Hawk	o	o	o	o
— Northern Goshawk				r
— Red-shouldered Hawk	r	r	r	r
— Broad-winged Hawk	o	r	r	
— Swainson's Hawk	o		o	
— Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
— Rough-legged Hawk			o	o
— Golden Eagle			r	r

Falcons

— American Kestrel	u	c	c	u
— Merlin	r		o	o
— Peregrine Falcon (E)	o		o	r
— Prairie Falcon			r	r

Rails & Coots

— Yellow Rail	r		r	
— King Rail	o	o	o	
— Virginia Rail	u	o	u	
— Sora	c	o	c	
— Common Moorhen*	o	u		
— American Coot*	a	c	a	r

Cranes

— Sandhill Crane	u	u	u	r
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Plovers

— Black-bellied Plover	u			u
— American Golden-Plover	u			o
— Snowy Plover	r			
— Semipalmated Plover	c	o	c	
— Piping Plover (Great Plains) (E)	r	r	r	
— Killdeer*	c	c	c	o

Avocets & Stilts

— Black-necked Stilt	r			r
— American Avocet	u	o		u

Sandpipers

— Greater Yellowlegs	c	u	c	
— Lesser Yellowlegs	a	c	a	
— Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
— Willet	o	r	o	
— Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	
— Upland Sandpiper	o	o	o	
— Whimbrel	r			
— Long-billed Curlew	r	r		
— Hudsonian Godwit	u	r	u	
— Marbled Godwit	o	o	o	
— Ruddy Turnstone	r	r	r	
— Red Knot	r	r		
— Sanderling	o	o	o	
— Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	c	c	
— Western Sandpiper	o	o	r	
— Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	
— White-rumped Sandpiper	c	u	c	
— Baird's Sandpiper	c	u	o	
— Pectoral Sandpiper	c	u	c	
— Dunlin	u	r	u	
— Stilt Sandpiper	u	u	o	
— Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r	r	r	
— Ruff	r		r	
— Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	o	
— Long-billed Dowitcher	c	o	c	
— Wilson's Snipe	u	r	u	r
— American Woodcock	o	o	o	
— Wilson's Phalarope	u	o	o	
— Red-necked Phalarope	o	o	o	

Gulls & Terns

— Franklin's Gull	o	o	o	r
— Bonaparte's Gull	o	r	o	r
— Ring-billed Gull	u	o	u	r
— Herring Gull	o	r	o	r
— Caspian Tern	o	r	o	
— Common Tern	o		u	
— Forster's Tern	u	o	u	
— Least Tern (Interior) (E)	r	r	r	
— Black Tern	c	o	u	

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Pigeons & Doves				
— Rock Pigeon*	o	o	o	o
— Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	o
Cuckoos				
— Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	o	
— Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	u	
Barn Owls				
— Barn Owl*	r	r	r	r
Owls				
— Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c
— Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
— Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
— Long-eared Owl	r		r	r
— Short-eared Owl	o	r	o	u
— Northern Saw-whet Owl				r
Nightjars				
— Common Nighthawk	o	u	o	
— Chuck-will's-widow*	o	o		
— Whip-poor-will*	u	u	u	
Swifts				
— Chimney Swift*	c	a	u	
Hummingbirds				
— Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	o	u	o	
Kingfishers				
— Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	r
Woodpeckers				
— Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
— Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o		o	u
— Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
— Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
— Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	u
— Pileated Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
Flycatchers				
— Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	r	o	
— Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	o	
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
— Acadian Flycatcher*	u	o	u	
— Alder Flycatcher	u		u	
— Willow Flycatcher	u	u	u	
— Least Flycatcher	u		u	
— Eastern Phoebe*	u	u	u	
— Great Crested Flycatcher*	u	u	u	

Common Name	S	s	F	W
— Western Kingbird	o	r	o	
— Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	
Shrikes				
— Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	u
— Northern Shrike				r
Vireos				
— White-eyed Vireo	o	o	r	
— Bell's Vireo*	c	c	u	
— Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
— Blue-headed Vireo	o		o	
— Warbling Vireo*	c	c	u	
— Philadelphia Vireo	o		o	
— Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	
Crows & jays				
— Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
— American Crow*	c	c	c	c
Larks				
— Horned Lark*	u	u	u	c
Swallows				
— Purple Martin*	c	c	c	
— Tree Swallow*	c	u	c	
— Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
— Bank Swallow*	a	c	a	
— Cliff Swallow	c	a	a	
— Barn Swallow*	c	c	a	
Chickadees & Titmice				
— Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
— Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
— Red-breasted Nuthatch	r		r	o
— White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
Creepers				
— Brown Creeper	u		u	u
Wrens				
— Carolina Wren*	o	o	o	o
— Bewick's Wren	r	r	r	
— House Wren*	c	c	u	
— Winter Wren	u		u	o
— Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	
— Marsh Wren*	u	u	u	

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Kinglets & Gnatcatchers

— Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	r
— Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	u	u	o	

Thrushes

— Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	u	r
— Veery	r		r	
— Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
— Swainson's Thrush	c		c	
— Hermit Thrush	u		u	r
— Wood Thrush*	c	c	o	
— American Robin*	c	c	c	o

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

— Gray Catbird*	c	c	o	
— Northern Mockingbird*	o	o	o	r
— Brown Thrasher*	c	c	u	

Starlings

— European Starling*	c	c	c	a
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Pipits

— American Pipit	o		o	
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Waxwings

— Bohemian Waxwing				r
— Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	o

Wood Warblers

— Golden-winged Warbler	o		o	
— Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
— Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	
— Nashville Warbler	c		c	
— Northern Parula	u	o	u	
— Yellow Warbler*	c	c	u	
— Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
— Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
— Cape May Warbler	r			
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	
— Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
— Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
— Palm Warbler	o		o	
— Bay-breasted Warbler	r			
— Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
— Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	
— American Redstart*	c	u	u	
— Prothonotary Warbler*	r	r	r	
— Ovenbird*	u	o	u	
— Northern Waterthrush	u		r	
— Louisiana Waterthrush	o	o	o	
— Kentucky Warbler*	u	u		

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— Mourning Warbler	r		r	
— Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	u	r
— Hooded Warbler	r			
— Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
— Canada Warbler	u		u	
— Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u		

Tanagers

— Summer Tanager*	o	u	r	
— Scarlet Tanager*	o	o	r	

Sparrows

— Spotted Towhee	r		o	o
— Eastern Towhee*	c	c	u	r
— American Tree Sparrow	c		c	c
— Chipping Sparrow*	u	u	o	
— Clay-colored Sparrow	o		o	
— Field Sparrow*	u	u	u	
— Vesper Sparrow*	u	o	u	r
— Lark Sparrow*	u	u	o	
— Savannah Sparrow	c		c	r
— Grasshopper Sparrow	o	u	o	
— Henslow's Sparrow	r	r	r	
— Le Conte's Sparrow	u		u	r
— Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	u		o	
— Fox Sparrow	u		u	o
— Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	u
— Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	r
— Swamp Sparrow*	c		c	u
— White-throated Sparrow	c		c	o
— Harris's Sparrow	u		u	u
— White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	o
— Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
— Lapland Longspur	r		o	o

Grosbeaks & Buntings

— Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	u	u	o	
— Blue Grosbeak*	u	u		
— Indigo Bunting*	c	c	u	
— Dickcissel*	c	c		

Blackbirds & Orioles

— Bobolink*	u	r	u	
— Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
— Eastern Meadowlark*	c	u	c	o
— Western Meadowlark	o	u	o	o
— Yellow-headed Blackbird*	c	a	c	
— Rusty Blackbird	u		u	o
— Brewer's Blackbird	o		o	r
— Common Grackle*	a	c	a	c
— Great-tailed Grackle*	o	r	o	r

Common Name	S	s	F	W
— Brown-headed Cowbird*	a	a	a	o
— Orchard Oriole*	c	c	o	
— Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	u	
Finches				
— Purple Finch.....			o	o
— House Finch	o	o	o	o
— Red Crossbill.....				r
— White-winged Crossbill				r
— Common Redpoll				r
— Pine Siskin.....	o		o	o
— American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	u
Old World Sparrows				
— House Sparrow*	a	a	a	a

Accidentals

The following 33 species are considered accidentals; they have been observed on Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge only once or twice.

Tri-Colored Heron, White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Greater Flamingo, Barnacle Goose, Brant, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Long-tailed Duck, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, Mississippi Kite, Gyrfalcon, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Whooping Crane (E), Red Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Laughing Gull, Sabine's Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Common Ground-Dove, Snowy Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker, Say's Phoebe, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Black-billed Magpie, Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, Lark Bunting, Snow Bunting, Bronzed Cowbird and Evening Grosbeak.

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