

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
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National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



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Welcome to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Over 9,400 acres of marsh, bottomland hardwood, grassland and agricultural lands are protected here. Four rivers cross the refuge to form Michigan's largest tributary, the Saginaw River. Frequent flooding and diverse habitat make this an excellent spot for viewing waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, songbirds and raptors. Bird activity on the refuge is highlighted by large waterfowl concentrations during the spring and fall migrations.

You will find 277 species of birds listed. The bird list follows the 45th American Ornithologists' Union Checklist.

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

Bird Legend

Symbols used are as follow:

- * indicates nesting on the refuge has recently
..... occurred
- ! State endangered species
- # State threatened species

Sp... March – May

S..... June – August

F September – November

W ... December – February

a abundant: a common species which is very
..... numerous

c common: certain to be seen or heard in
..... suitable habitat, not in large numbers

u uncommon: present but not always seen

o occasional: seen only a few times during the
..... season

r rare: seen every 2 to 5 years

i incidental: seen only once OR seen every 5
..... years or more

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose	o	i	o	-
Snow Goose	u	-	u	r
Ross's Goose	r	-	r	r
Cackling Goose	o	-	o	r
Canada Goose*	a	c	a	c
Mute Swan	o	r	o	o
Trumpeter Swan	r	r	r	r
Tundra Swan	c	r	c	o
Wood Duck*	c	c	c	r
Gadwall	c	o	c	-
American Wigeon	c	o	c	r
American Black Duck	c	r	c	u
Mallard*	a	c	a	c
Blue-winged Teal*	c	c	c	-
Northern Shoveler*	c	o	c	r
Northern Pintail	c	r	c	r
Green-winged Teal	c	o	c	r
Canvasback	u	r	u	-
Redhead*	u	o	u	-
Ring-necked Duck	c	r	c	-
Greater Scaup	o	-	o	-
Lesser Scaup	c	r	c	-
Surf Scoter	i	-	-	-
White-winged Scoter	-	-	i	-
Black Scoter	-	-	i	-
Long-tailed Duck	r	-	-	-
Bufflehead	u	-	u	-
Common Goldeneye	r	-	r	r
Hooded Merganser*	c	u	u	r
Common Merganser	c	r	a	c
Red-breasted Merganser	-	r	-	-
Ruddy Duck	c	o	c	-
Grouse & Turkeys				
Ring-necked Pheasant*	c	c	c	c
Ruffed Grouse	r	r	r	r
Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c
Quail				
Northern Bobwhite	r	r	r	-
Loons				
Common Loon#	i	-	-	-
Grebes				
Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	-
Horned Grebe	o	-	r	-
Eared Grebe	r	-	-	-
Pelicans				
American White Pelican	o	o	r	-

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Cormorants				
Double-crested Cormorant	c	r	c	r
Hérons & Bitterns				
American Bittern*	u	u	u	-
Least Bittern*#	u	u	u	-
Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	o
Great Egret	u	c	c	-
Snowy Egret	r	r	-	-
Little Blue Heron	i	-	-	-
Cattle Egret	r	r	r	-
Green Heron*	u	c	u	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	c	u	-
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	-	i	-	-
Ibises				
White Ibis	-	-	i	-
Glossy Ibis	r	r	r	-
Vultures				
Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	-
Hawks & Eagles				
Osprey#	r	r	r	-
Bald Eagle*#	c	u	u	c
Northern Harrier	r	o	u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	-	o	r
Cooper's Hawk*	u	o	u	u
Northern Goshawk	-	-	r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk	r	-	r	r
Broad-winged Hawk	r	-	r	-
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk	o	-	o	u
Golden Eagle	r	-	-	r
Falcons				
American Kestrel	o	o	o	u
Merlin#	r	-	o	-
Gyrfalcon	-	-	i	-
Peregrine Falcon!	o	-	o	-
Rails & Coots				
Yellow Rail	-	-	i	-
King Rail*!	r	r	r	-
Virginia Rail*	c	u	u	-
Sora*	c	u	u	-
Common Moorhen*	u	u	u	-
American Coot*	c	c	c	-
Cranes				
Sandhill Crane*	u	o	u	r

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Plovers				
Black-bellied Plover	o	r	o	-
American Golden-Plover	o	r	o	-
Semipalmated Plover	u	o	u	-
Killdeer*	c	c	c	r
Avocets & Stilts				
Black-necked Stilt	-	i	-	-
American Avocet	r	r	r	-
Sandpipers				
Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c	-
Solitary Sandpiper	o	u	u	-
Willet	i	-	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	-
Upland Sandpiper	r	r	r	-
Whimbrel	i	-	-	-
Hudsonian Godwit	r	r	r	-
Marbled Godwit	r	-	-	-
Ruddy Turnstone	r	r	r	-
Red Knot	r	r	r	-
Sanderling	-	-	r	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
Western Sandpiper	i	i	-	-
Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
White-rumped Sandpiper	o	o	o	-
Baird's Sandpiper	r	-	o	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
Dunlin	c	o	u	-
Curlew Sandpiper	i	-	-	-
Stilt Sandpiper	o	u	u	-
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	r	-
Ruff	i	-	-	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	u	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	u	-
Wilson's Snipe	u	-	u	-
American Woodcock*	u	u	u	-
Wilson's Phalarope*	o	r	o	-
Red-necked Phalarope	r	-	r	-
Gulls & Terns				
Laughing Gull	i	i	-	-
Franklin's Gull	i	-	i	i
Little Gull	i	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	u	o
Ring-billed Gull	c	u	a	o
Herring Gull	u	o	c	u
Iceland Gull	-	-	-	r
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	r
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	r
Great Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	r
Caspian Tern#	u	u	u	-

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Common Tern#	o	-	o	-
Forster's Tern	o	-	o	-
Black Tern*	o	o	o	-
Pegeons & Doves				
Rock Pigeon	o	o	o	o
Mourning Dove	e	e	a	e
Cuckoos				
Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	o	-
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	u	o	-
Barn Owls				
Barn Owl	-	i	-	-
Owls				
Eastern Screech Owl*	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
Snowy Owl	r	-	-	r
Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
Long-eared Owl#	-	-	-	i
Short-eared Owl!	o	-	u	u
Nightjars				
Common Nighthawk	o	-	o	-
Whip-poor-will	r	-	-	-
Swifts				
Chimney Swift	e	o	e	-
Hummingbirds				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	-	u	u	u
Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher*	e	e	e	r
Woodpeckers				
Red-headed Woodpecker	o	r	o	-
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	e	e	e	e
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	-	u	-
Downy Woodpecker*	e	e	e	e
Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker*	e	e	e	o
Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	-	-	-
Eastern Wood Pewee*	e	e	u	-
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	-	-	-
Acadian Flycatcher	-	i	-	-
Alder Flycatcher	r	-	-	-
Willow Flycatcher*	e	e	o	-
Least Flycatcher*	u	u	o	-

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Eastern Phoebe*	u	u	u	-
Great Crested Flycatcher*	e	e	u	-
Eastern Kingbird*	u	u	u	-
Shrikes				
Northern Shrike	r	-	-	o
Vireos				
Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	o	-
Blue-headed Vireo	o	-	r	-
Warbling Vireo*	e	e	u	-
Philadelphia Vireo	r	-	r	-
Red-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	-
Crows & Jays				
Blue Jay*	e	e	e	e
American Crow*	e	e	e	e
Larks				
Horned Lark*	e	e	e	e
Swallows				
Purple Martin	o	r	r	-
Tree Swallow*	a	e	a	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	e	u	e	-
Bank Swallow	e	o	e	-
Cliff Swallow	u	o	u	-
Barn Swallow*	e	u	e	-
Chickadees & Titmice				
Black-capped Chickadee*	e	e	e	e
Tufted Titmouse*	e	e	e	e
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	-	r	r
White-breasted Nuthatch*	e	e	e	e
Creepers				
Brown Creeper*	e	e	e	e
Wrens				
Carolina Wren	i	-	-	-
House Wren*	u	u	u	-
Winter Wren	u	-	u	-
Sedge Wren*	e	e	u	-
Marsh Wren*	e	e	u	-
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	-
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	e	e	u	-

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

Thrashers				
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	-
Northern Mockingbird	r	r	r	-
Brown Thrasher*	o	o	o	-

Starlings				
European Starling*	c	c	c	c

Pipits				
American Pipit	u	-	u	-

Waxwings				
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	-	r
Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	u

Wood Warblers				
Blue-winged Warbler	o	r	o	-
Golden-winged Warbler	o	r	o	-
Tennessee Warbler	u	o	u	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	r	-	o	-
Nashville Warbler	u	o	u	-
Northern Parula	o	-	o	-
Yellow Warbler*	c	c	u	-
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	o	u	-
Magnolia Warbler	u	r	u	-
Cape May Warbler	o	r	o	-
Black-throated Blue Warbler	o	r	o	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	r
Black-throated Green Warbler	u	r	u	-
Blackburnian Warbler	u	-	u	-
Pine Warbler	o	-	r	-
Kirtland's Warbler!	i	-	-	-
Palm Warbler	u	-	u	-
Bay-breasted Warbler	o	r	o	-
Blackpoll Warbler	o	-	o	-
Cerulean Warbler*	r	r	r	-
Black-and-white Warbler	u	o	u	-
American Redstart*	u	u	u	-
Prothonotary Warbler*	u	u	u	-
Ovenbird	u	o	u	-
Northern Waterthrush	u	o	u	-
Connecticut Warbler	o	r	o	-
Mourning Warbler	u	o	u	-

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

Tanagers				
Scarlet Tanager*	u	u	o	-

Sparrows				
Eastern Towhee	o	r	o	-
American Tree Sparrow	u	-	o	c
Chipping Sparrow*	u	u	u	-
Clay-colored Sparrow	i	-	-	-
Field Sparrow*	o	r	o	-
Vesper Sparrow*	u	u	u	-
Lark Sparrow	i	-	-	-
Savannah Sparrow*	c	c	c	-
Henslow's Sparrow	e	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	u	-	u	-
Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	o
Lincoln's Sparrow	u	-	u	-
Swamp Sparrow*	e	c	c	r
White-throated Sparrow	e	-	c	-
Harris's Sparrow	i	-	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	u	-	u	-
Dark-eyed Junco	c	-	c	u
Lapland Longspur	o	-	o	o
Snow Bunting	o	-	o	u

Grosbeaks & Buntings				
Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	u	u	u	-
Indigo Bunting*	c	c	u	-
Dickcissel*	-	i	-	-

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

Common Name**Sp S F W****Finches**

Pine Grosbeak

- - - i

Purple Finch

r - r r

House Finch*

u u u u

Common Redpoll

- - - r

Hoary Redpoll

- - - i

Pine Siskin*

r - - r

American Goldfinch*

c c c c

Evening Grosbeak*

- - - i

Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow*

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*Mallards, Kim LeBlanc**Common Yellowthroat, Steve Gasser**Great Egret, Kim LeBlanc*