

Agassiz

National Wildlife Refuge

Bird Checklist

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1937 and occupies part of the bed of glacial Lake Agassiz in northwestern Minnesota. Agassiz is located within the Mississippi Flyway and is one of over 500 refuges in the *National Wildlife Refuge System* which extends from Canada to Mexico.

Agassiz has been designated a Globally Important Bird Area for its efforts to conserve wild birds and their habitats. The refuge hosts up to 40,000 ducks, 14,000 geese and 1,000 Sandhill Cranes during migration. It also hosts one of the world's largest colonies of Franklin's Gulls (about 25,000 to 50,000 nesting pairs), 1,500 Black Terns and 3-5,000 non-breeding American White Pelicans. Le Conte's Sparrow is common and the Clay-colored Sparrow is abundant during breeding season. Other breeding birds seen include Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Bobolink and Yellow Rail.

This list contains 280 species which have been observed on the refuge. The information is obtained from refuge personnel and other interested birders, like yourself. **Visiting birders are encouraged to share their rare or unusual sightings with refuge staff!**

Legend

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

a ... Abundant..... Common species that is very numerous
c ... Common..... Certain to be seen or heard 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 at intervals of 2-5 years
***** Nesting record
State threatened and endangered species

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
Common Loon.....	o	r	o	
Grebes				
Pied-billed Grebe*	a	a	a	
Horned Grebe*#	o	r	o	
Red-necked Grebe*	c	c	c	
Eared Grebe*	u	u	o	
Western Grebe*	o	o	o	
Pelicans				
American White Pelican	c	c	c	
Cormorants				
Double-crested Cormorant*	c	c	c	
Hérons and Bitterns				
American Bittern*	c	c	c	
Least Bittern*	u	u	u	
Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	
Great Egret*	u	u	u	
Snowy Egret*	r	r		
Little Blue Heron	r			
Cattle Egret	r	r	r	
Green Heron*	u	u	u	
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	c	
Vultures				
Turkey Vulture.....	o	o	o	
Swans, Geese and Ducks				
Trumpeter Swan#.....	r			
Tundra Swan	c	r	c	
Greater White-fronted Goose	o	r		
Snow Goose	u		c	
Canada Goose*	c	a	c	
Wood Duck*	u	u	u	
Gadwall*	c	c	a	
American Wigeon*	c	c	a	
American Black Duck*	o	r	u	
Mallard*	a	a	a	
Blue-winged Teal*	a	a	a	
Northern Shoveler*	c	c	c	
Northern Pintail*	c	u	c	
Green-winged Teal*	c	u	a	
Canvasback*	c	c	u	
Redhead*	c	c	c	
Ring-necked Duck*	c	c	c	
Greater Scaup	u		u	
Lesser Scaup*	c	u	c	
White-winged Scoter	o	r	o	
Long-tailed Duck.....	r		r	
Bufflehead*	c	u	u	

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Common Goldeneye*	c	r	u	
Hooded Merganser*	c	u	u	
Common Merganser	u	r	o	
Red-breasted Merganser	o			
Ruddy Duck*	c	c	c	
Hawks and Eagles				
Osprey.....	r		r	
Bald Eagle*#	u	u	u	o
Northern Harrier*	c	c	c	
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	u	r	c	
Cooper's Hawk*	o	r	o	
Northern Goshawk*	o		u	
Broad-winged Hawk*	u	r	u	
Swainson's Hawk.....			r	
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	
Rough-legged Hawk	c		u	
Golden Eagle.....	r	r	r	
Falcons				
American Kestrel*	u	u	u	
Merlin.....	o		o	
Peregrine Falcon#	o		o	
Upland Game Birds				
Gray Partridge*	o	o	o	o
Ring-necked Pheasant.....			o	o
Ruffed Grouse*	c	c	c	c
Sharp-tailed Grouse*	o	o	o	o
Rails and Coots				
Yellow Rail*	u	u		
Virginia Rail*	c	c	c	
Sora*	c	a	c	
American Coot*	a	a	a	
Cranes				
Sandhill Crane*	c	c	a	
Shorebirds				
Black-bellied Plover	o		o	
American Golden-Plover	o		o	
Semipalmated Plover	c	r	c	
Killdeer*	c	c	c	
American Avocet*	r	r		
Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	c	
Lesser Yellowlegs.....	c	u	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	o	u	
Willet.....	r		r	
Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	
Upland Sandpiper*	o	o		
Hudsonian Godwit.....	u			
Marbled Godwit*	o	o		

Common Name	S	s	F	W
Ruddy Turnstone.....	r		r	
Sanderling	o		o	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	o	u	
Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	
White-rumped Sandpiper.....	o		r	
Baird's Sandpiper	o		o	
Pectoral Sandpiper	c		c	
Dunlin	u		o	
Stilt Sandpiper.....	u		u	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r		r	
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	o	u	
Long-billed Dowitcher.....	c		c	
Common Snipe*	c	c	c	
American Woodcock*	u	u	u	
Wilson's Phalarope*#	u	r	o	
Red-necked Phalarope.....	o		o	
Gulls and Terns				
Franklin's Gull*.....	a	a	o	
Bonaparte's Gull	u	r	u	
Ring-billed Gull.....	c	r	c	
Herring Gull.....	u		u	
Caspian Tern.....	o		o	
Common Tern#	o		r	
Forster's Tern*	c	c	c	
Black Tern*	c	c	c	
Doves				
Rock Dove	r	r	r	
Mourning Dove*	c	a	c	
Cuckoos				
Black-billed Cuckoo*	u	c	u	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		r		
Owls				
Eastern Screech-Owl.....	r			
Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl.....	o		u	u
Northern Hawk Owl				r
Barred Owl.....	r		r	r
Great Gray Owl.....		r	r	r
Long-eared Owl.....	r		r	
Short-eared Owl*	o	r	o	o
Northern Saw-whet Owl*	r	r		r
Nighthawks and Nightjars				
Common Nighthawk*	u	u	u	
Whip-poor-will*	u	u	u	
Swifts				
Chimney Swift	r	r		

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Hummingbirds				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	
Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher*	o	o	o	
Woodpeckers				
Red-headed Woodpecker.....	o	o	o	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	u	u	
Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Black-backed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
Northern Flicker*	c	c	a	
Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	r	r		
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		o		
Alder Flycatcher*	u	c		
Willow Flycatcher	r	r		
Least Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
Eastern Phoebe*	o	o	o	
Great Crested Flycatcher*	u	c	o	
Western Kingbird.....	u	r	u	
Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	
Shrikes				
Northern Shrike.....	o		o	
Vireos				
Yellow-throated Vireo*	o	o	o	
Blue-headed Vireo.....	o		o	
Warbling Vireo*	u	c	u	
Philadelphia Vireo	o	r	o	
Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	
Jays, Magpies and Crows				
Gray Jay*	r	r	r	o
Blue Jay*	c	c	c	
Black-billed Magpie*	o	o	o	o
American Crow*	c	c	c	
Common Raven*	u	o	u	c
Larks				
Horned Lark*	o	o	o	r
Swallows				
Purple Martin*	o	r		
Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow.....	u	r	u	
Bank Swallow	o	o	o	
Cliff Swallow*	c	a	c	
Barn Swallow*	c	u	c	

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Hearing-impaired persons may contact Agassiz through the Federal Relay Number at 1 800/877-8339.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 1 800/344 WILD

Agassiz website address:
<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/agassiz/>

Available in alternate formats upon request.



Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Chickadees and Titmice				
Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
Boreal Chickadee	o	o	o	o
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	r	o	o
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	o		o	
Wrens				
House Wren*	c	c	c	c
Winter Wren	r	r	r	r
Sedge Wren*	u	a	u	
Marsh Wren*	a	a	u	
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet*	c	r	c	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	c	r	c	
Bluebirds and Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	u	
Veery*	u	c	o	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
Swainson's Thrush	u		o	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	
American Robin*	c	c	c	
Mimics				
Gray Catbird*	u	c	u	
Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	
Starlings				
European Starling*	o	o	o	
Pipits				
American Pipit	o		u	
Waxwings				
Bohemian Waxwing	r		r	r
Cedar Waxwing*	u	c	u	
Warblers				
Golden-winged Warbler			r	
Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	
Nashville Warbler*	o	c	u	
Northern Parula	r		r	
Yellow Warbler*	c	a	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	o		o	
Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
Cape May Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler*	a	o	a	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u	r	o	

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Blackburnian Warbler*	o	u	o	
Pine Warbler	c		c	
Palm Warbler	c		c	
Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o	
Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
Black-and-white Warbler	u	o	u	
American Redstart*	u	u	u	
Ovenbird*	u	u	o	
Northern Waterthrush	u	r	u	
Connecticut Warbler*	r	r		
Mourning Warbler	o		o	
Common Yellowthroat*	c	a	c	
Wilson's Warbler	u		o	
Canada Warbler	o	r		
Tanagers				
Scarlet Tanager	r	r	r	
Sparrows				
Eastern Towhee		o		
American Tree Sparrow	c		c	
Chipping Sparrow*	u	o	u	
Clay-colored Sparrow*	c	a	c	
Vesper Sparrow*	u	c	u	
Savannah Sparrow*	u	u	u	
Grasshopper Sparrow		r		
Le Conte's Sparrow	u	c	u	
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	o	u		
Fox Sparrow	c		c	
Song Sparrow*	c	c	u	
Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	
Swamp Sparrow*	u	c	u	
White-throated Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Harris's Sparrow	u		u	
White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	
Lapland Longspur	u		u	
Snow Bunting	u		o	
Grosbeaks and Buntings				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	u	c	o	
Indigo Bunting	r	r	r	
Blackbirds and Orioles				
Bobolink*	o	o	o	
Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	
Western Meadowlark*	o	o	o	
Yellow-headed Blackbird*	c	c	c	
Rusty Blackbird	u		u	
Brewer's Blackbird*	o	o	o	
Common Grackle*	c	o	c	
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	a	c	
Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	o	
Finches				

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Pine Grosbeak	o		o	u
Purple Finch*	u	o	u	
House Finch	r		r	
Red Crossbill		o	o	
White-winged Crossbill		o	o	
Common Redpoll	c		u	c
Hoary Redpoll	r		r	
Pine Siskin	u	r	u	o
American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	
Evening Grosbeak	u		u	u
Old World Sparrows				
House Sparrow*	o	o	o	

Casual and Accidental Birds

Clark's Grebe	Western Sandpiper
Tricolored Heron	Ruff
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Laughing Gull
White-faced Ibis	California Gull
Brant	Ross's Gull
European Widgeon	Boreal Owl
Cinnamon Teal	Acadian Flycatcher
Surf Scoter	Loggerhead Shrike#
Mississippi Kite	Mountain Bluebird
Red-shouldered Hawk	Wood Thrush
Ferruginous Hawk	Northern Mockingbird
Gyr Falcon	Sage Thrasher
Prairie Falcon	Sprague's Pipit
Greater Prairie Chicken	Yellow-throated Warbler
King Rail#	Prothonotary Warbler
Common Moorhen	Field Sparrow
Snowy Plover	Lark Bunting
Piping Plover*#(1981)	Smith's Lonspur
Whimbrel	Northern Cardinal
Red Knot	

