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# Upper Mississippi River

*National Wildlife & Fish Refuge*

## *Bird List*





The "Blue Goose" symbolizes the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of over 500 refuges protected and managed for wildlife, habitat and people.

## Welcome to Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge extends over 260 miles from Wabasha, Minnesota to Rock Island, Illinois. The Refuge offers great opportunities for birding among marshes, bottomland forest, open water, sand prairies and wooded bluffs.

### Legend

This bird list contains 269 species which have been recorded on the Refuge. Another 36 species, listed under Accidentals have been reported but are not normally expected to be present.

### Season

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

### Status

a Abundant - Seasonally numerous  
 c Common - Almost certain to be seen  
 u Uncommon - Present but seen only occasionally  
 r Rare - Seen at intervals of 2-5 years  
 \* Nests on the refuge

The seasonal abundance of birds has been determined from 75 years of wildlife inventories, input from the knowledgeable public and special studies. Estimates of songbird abundance are based on recent (1993-1999) point count surveys conducted by expert birding volunteers and staff.

All species names are in accordance with the American Ornithologists' Union, 1998 Check-list of North American Birds, 7th Edition (Revised), American Ornithologists' Union, Washington, D.C.

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

	Sp	S	F	W
Long-tailed Duck .....	r	r	r	r
Bufflehead .....	e	a	r	
Common Goldeneye .....	a	a	e	
Hooded Merganser* .....	e	e	e	r
Common Merganser .....	r	r	e	
Red-breasted Merganser .....	e	u	u	
Ruddy Duck .....	e	r	e	r

### Hawks and Eagles

Osprey* .....	u	u	e	
Bald Eagle* .....	e	e	a	e
Northern Harrier* .....	u	u	u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	e	u	a	u
Cooper's Hawk* .....	u	u	e	u
Northern Goshawk .....			r	u
Red-shouldered Hawk* .....	u	u	u	r
Broad-winged Hawk* .....	e	u	a	
Swainson's Hawk .....			r	
Red-tailed Hawk* .....	e	e	a	e
Rough-legged Hawk .....	u	u	u	
Golden Eagle .....	r	u	r	

### Falcons

American Kestrel* .....	e	e	e	u
Merlin .....	u	u		
Peregrine Falcon .....	u	u	u	

### Upland Game Birds

Ring-necked Pheasant* .....	u	u	u	u
Ruffed Grouse* .....	e	e	e	e
Wild Turkey* .....	u	u	u	u
Northern Bobwhite* .....	u	u	u	u

### Rails and Coots

King Rail* .....	r	r		
Virginia Rail* .....	e	e	e	
Sora* .....	e	e	u	
Common Moorhen* .....	u	u	u	
American Coot* .....	a	r	a	u

### Cranes

Sandhill Crane* .....	u	u	u	
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### Shorebirds

Black-bellied Plover .....	u	u		
American Golden-Plover .....	u	u		
Semipalmated Plover .....	u	u	u	
Killdeer* .....	e	e	e	r
American Avocet .....	r	r	r	
Greater Yellowlegs .....	u	u	u	

	Sp	S	F	W
Lesser Yellowlegs .....	c	e	e	
Solitary Sandpiper .....	u	u	u	
Willet .....	r	r	r	
Spotted Sandpiper* .....	e	e	e	
Upland Sandpiper* .....	r	r		
Hudsonian Godwit .....	r			
Marbled Godwit .....	r			
Ruddy Turnstone .....	u	r	u	
Sanderling .....	u	u	u	
Semipalmated Sandpiper .....	e	e	e	
Western Sandpiper .....	r			
Least Sandpiper .....	e	e	e	
White-rumped Sandpiper .....	u	u	u	
Baird's Sandpiper .....	u	u	u	
Pectoral Sandpiper .....	e	e	e	
Dunlin .....	u	u	u	
Stilt Sandpiper .....	u	u	u	
Short-billed Dowitcher .....	u	u	u	
Long-billed Dowitcher .....	u			r
Common Snipe .....	e	u	e	u
American Woodcock* .....	u	u	u	
Wilson's Phalarope .....	u	u	r	
Red-necked Phalarope .....	r		r	

### Gulls and Terns

Franklin's Gull .....	u	u		
Bonaparte's Gull .....	u	u		
Ring-billed Gull .....	e	e	e	u
Herring Gull .....	e	u	e	u
Glaucous Gull .....	r	r		
Caspian Tern .....	u	u	u	
Common Tern .....	u	u	u	
Forster's Tern* .....	e	u	u	
Black Tern* .....	e	e	u	

### Doves

Rock Dove* .....	e	e	e	e
Mourning Dove* .....	e	e	e	u

### Cuckoos

Black-billed Cuckoo* .....	u	e	e	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo* .....	e	e	u	

### Owls

Eastern Screech-Owl* .....	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl* .....	e	e	e	e
Snowy Owl .....	r			r
Barred Owl* .....	e	e	e	e
Long-eared Owl* .....	u	r	u	u
Short-eared Owl .....	u	u	u	
Northern Saw-whet Owl* .....	u	u	u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Goatsuckers</b>				
___ Common Nighthawk*	c	e	u	
___ Whip-poor-will*	u	u	u	
<b>Swifts</b>				
___ Chimney Swift*	c	c	u	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	e	u	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	u	u
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	r
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	e	e	e
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	c	c	e	r
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	e	e	e
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	e	e	e
___ Northern Flicker*	e	e	e	u
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
<b>Flycatchers</b>				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	u	u	
___ Eastern Wood Pewee*	c	e	e	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	r	r	
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	r	r	r	
___ Alder Flycatcher	r			
___ Willow Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
___ Least Flycatcher*	c	e	e	
___ Eastern Phoebe*	c	u	e	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	a	u	
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	e	u	
<b>Shrikes</b>				
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	r	r	r	
___ Northern Shrike	u		u	u
<b>Vireos</b>				
___ White-eyed Vireo	r	r		
___ Bell's Vireo*	r	r		
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u		
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u	u	u	
___ Warbling Vireo*	a	a	a	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	u		u	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	a	a	a	
<b>Jays, Magpies, and Crows</b>				
___ Blue Jay*	a	a	a	c
___ American Crow*	a	a	a	c

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Larks</b>				
___ Horned Lark*	r	r	r	u
<b>Swallows</b>				
___ Purple Martin*	u	u	u	
___ Tree Swallow*	a	a	e	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	e	e	u	
___ Bank Swallow*	e	u	u	
___ Cliff Swallow*	u	r	u	
___ Barn Swallow*	e	e	e	
<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	c	e	e	e
___ Tufted Titmouse*	u	u	u	u
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	e	e	e
<b>Creepers</b>				
___ Brown Creeper*	c	u	u	u
<b>Wrens</b>				
___ Carolina Wren*	r	r	r	
___ Bewick's Wren	r			
___ House Wren*	a	a	e	
___ Winter Wren*	u	u	u	r
___ Sedge Wren*	u	u	u	
___ Marsh Wren*	e	e	e	
<b>Kinglets, Bluebirds and Thrushes</b>				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		e	
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	e	e	u	
___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	e	e	r
___ Veery*	u	r	u	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	c		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	
___ Wood Thrush*	e	u	u	
___ American Robin*	a	a	a	u
<b>Mimics</b>				
___ Gray Catbird*	c	e	e	
___ Northern Mockingbird	r	u	r	
___ Brown Thrasher*	e	e	e	
<b>Starlings</b>				
___ European Starling*	a	a	a	e

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Pipits</b>				
___ American Pipit .....	r		r	
<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Bohemian Waxwing .....				r
___ Cedar Waxwing* .....	c	c	c	u
<b>Warblers</b>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler* .....	u	u		
___ Golden-winged Warbler .....	u	u	u	
___ Tennessee Warbler .....	c		c	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler .....	r		u	
___ Nashville Warbler .....	c		c	
___ Northern Parula .....	r		u	
___ Yellow Warbler* .....	a	a	u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler .....	c		u	
___ Magnolia Warbler .....	u		u	
___ Cape May Warbler .....	u		u	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler .....	r		r	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler .....	a		a	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler .....	u		u	
___ Blackburnian Warbler .....	c		c	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler* .....	r	r		
___ Pine Warbler .....	r		u	
___ Palm Warbler .....	c		c	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler .....	r			
___ Blackpoll Warbler .....	c		c	
___ Cerulean Warbler* .....	u	u		
___ Black-and-white Warbler .....	c		c	
___ American Redstart* .....	a	a	c	
___ Prothonotary Warbler* .....	c	c		
___ Ovenbird* .....	c	u	u	
___ Northern Waterthrush .....	c		u	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush .....	u	u	u	
___ Kentucky Warbler* .....	r	r		
___ Connecticut Warbler .....	r		r	
___ Mourning Warbler .....	r	r	u	
___ Common Yellowthroat* .....	a	a	c	
___ Hooded Warbler .....	r	r		
___ Wilson's Warbler .....	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler .....	r		u	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat* .....	r	r		
<b>Tanagers</b>				
___ Scarlet Tanager* .....	c	u	u	
<b>Grosbeaks, Buntings and Sparrows</b>				
___ Eastern Towhee* .....	u	u	u	r
___ American Tree Sparrow .....	c		a	a
___ Chipping Sparrow* .....	a	c	a	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow .....	u		u	
___ Field Sparrow* .....	a	c	c	r

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Vesper Sparrow* .....	u	u	u	
___ Lark Sparrow* .....	u	u		
___ Savannah Sparrow* .....	u	u	u	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow* .....	c	c	u	
___ Henslow's Sparrow .....	r		r	
___ Le Conte's Sparrow .....	r	r	r	
___ Fox Sparrow .....	c		c	
___ Song Sparrow* .....	a	a	a	u
___ Lincoln's Sparrow .....	u		u	
___ Swamp Sparrow* .....	c	c	c	r
___ White-throated Sparrow .....	c		c	r
___ Harris's Sparrow .....	u		u	
___ White-crowned Sparrow .....	u		u	r
___ Dark-eyed Junco .....	a		a	a
___ Lapland Longspur .....	r		r	r
___ Snow Bunting .....			r	u
___ Northern Cardinal* .....	a	a	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak* .....	c	c	c	
___ Indigo Bunting* .....	c	c	c	
___ Dickcissel* .....	c	c		

#### Blackbirds and Orioles

___ Bobolink* .....	u	u	u	
___ Red-winged Blackbird* .....	a	a	a	u
___ Eastern Meadowlark* .....	c	c	c	u
___ Western Meadowlark* .....	r	r	r	
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird* .....	u	u	u	
___ Rusty Blackbird .....	c		c	u
___ Brewer's Blackbird* .....	u	u	u	r
___ Common Grackle* .....	a	a	a	u
___ Brown-headed Cowbird* .....	a	a	u	r
___ Orchard Oriole* .....	u		u	
___ Baltimore Oriole* .....	c	a		

#### Finches

___ Purple Finch .....	u		u	u
___ House Finch* .....	c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill .....	r		r	
___ White-winged Crossbill .....	r		r	
___ Common Redpoll .....	u		u	
___ Hoary Redpoll .....			r	
___ Pine Siskin .....	u		u	u
___ American Goldfinch* .....	a	a	a	c
___ Evening Grosbeak .....			r	

#### Old World Sparrows

___ House Sparrow* .....	a	a	a	a
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*Great Blue Heron*

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#### **Accidental Birds**

Red-throated Loon	Parasitic Jaeger
Arctic Loon	Iceland Gull
Eared Grebe	Lesser Black-backed Gull
Western Grebe	Black-legged Kittiwake
Tricolored Heron	Roseate Tern
White Ibis	Least Tern
Glossy Ibis	Northern Hawk Owl
White-faced Ibis	Western Kingbird
Eurasian Wigeon	Gray Jay
Cinnamon Teal	Common Raven
Surf Scoter	Boreal Chickadee
Prairie Falcon	Worm-eating Warbler
Gray Partridge	Summer Tanager
Piping Plover	Western Tanager
Long-billed Curlew	Black-headed Grosbeak
Red Knot	Blue Grosbeak
Ruff	Pine Grosbeak
Pomarine Jaeger	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow