

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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BIRDS of ERIE

National Wildlife Refuge



Pennsylvania

	s	S	F	W
— Cape May Warbler	c	c		
— Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	u		
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	a	o	
— Black-throated Green Warbler †	c	c	c	
— Blackburnian Warbler †	c	u	c	
— Pine Warbler	r	r	r	
— Prairie Warbler	r			
— Palm Warbler	u	u		
— Bay-breasted Warbler	u	u		
— Blackpoll Warbler	u	u		
— Cerulean Warbler	r	r	r	
— Black-and-white Warbler	u	r	u	
— American Redstart †	c	o	c	
— Prothonotary Warbler	r	r		
— Ovenbird †	c	c	c	
— Northern Waterthrush †	u	c	u	
— Louisiana Waterthrush †	u	u	u	
— Kentucky Warbler	r			
— Connecticut Warbler	r	r		
— Mourning Warbler †	u	u	u	
— Common Yellowthroat †	a	a	a	
— Hooded Warbler †	c	c	c	
— Wilson's Warbler	u	u		
— Canada Warbler †	u	o	u	
— Yellow-breasted Chat †	u	u	o	

TANAGERS - SPARROWS

— Scarlet Tanager †	c	c	c	
— Northern Cardinal †	c	c	c	c
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak †	c	c	c	
— Indigo Bunting †	c	c	c	
— Rufous-sided Towhee †	c	c	c	
— American Tree Sparrow	c	c	a	
— Chipping Sparrow †	c	c	c	
— Field Sparrow †	c	c	c	r
— Vesper Sparrow †	o	o	o	
— Savannah Sparrow †	o	o	o	
— Grasshopper Sparrow	u	u	u	
— Henslow's Sparrow †	u	u	u	
— Fox Sparrow	o	o		
— Song Sparrow †	a	a	a	c
— Lincoln's Sparrow	r	r		
— Swamp Sparrow †	a	a	a	u
— White-throated Sparrow	c	c	u	
— White-crowned Sparrow	u	u		
— Dark-eyed Junco	c	c	a	
— Snow Bunting	o	o		

BLACKBIRDS - FINCHES

	s	S	F	W
— Bobolink †	u	c	u	
— Red-winged Blackbird †	a	a	a	r
— Eastern Meadowlark †	u	c	c	r
— Rusty Blackbird	u	u		
— Common Grackle †	a	a	a	o
— Brown-headed Cowbird †	c	c	c	o
— Orchard Oriole	o	r	o	
— Northern Oriole †	c	c	c	
— Pine Grosbeak				r
— Purple Finch †	u	u	u	u
— House Finch †	o	o	o	o
— Red Crossbill				r
— White-winged Crossbill				r
— Common Redpoll				r
— Pine Siskin	o	o	o	
— American Goldfinch †	a	a	a	c
— Evening Grosbeak	o	o	c	
— House Sparrow †	a	a	a	a

ACCIDENTALS (only 1 or 2 records)

— Red-throated Loon				
— Least Bittern				
— Oldsquaw				
— Black Scoter				
— Surf Scoter				
— White-winged Scoter				
— Golden Eagle				
— Gyrfalcon				
— Sandhill Crane				
— Three-toed Woodpecker				
— Black-backed Woodpecker				
— Blue Grosbeak				
— Dickcissel				
— Lapland Longspur				
— Brewer's Blackbird				

For further information, or to report unusual birds, please contact:

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NOTES

Location _____

Date _____ Total _____

Observers _____

Weather _____ Wind _____

Time _____

	s	S	F	W
Red-tailed Hawk †	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk			r	
American Kestrel †	u	u	u	r
Merlin	r	r	r	
Peregrine Falcon	r	r	r	
GROUSE - QUAIL - TURKEY - RAILS				
Ring-necked Pheasant †	u	u	u	u
Ruffed Grouse †	c	c	c	c
Wild Turkey †	o	u	u	u
Northern Bobwhite	r	r	r	r
Virginia Rail †	u	u	u	
Sora †	u	u	u	
Common Moorhen	o	o	r	
American Coot †	u	u	u	r
PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS				
Black-bellied Plover			r	
Lesser Golden-Plover			r	
Semipalmated Plover	u	u		
Killdeer †	c	c	c	r
Greater Yellowlegs	u	o	u	
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	o	u	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	o	u	
Willet	r			
Spotted Sandpiper †	u	u	u	
Upland Sandpiper	r	r		
Whimbrel	r	r		
Hudsonian Godwit		r		
Ruddy Turnstone	r	r		
Red Knot	r	r		
Sanderling	r	r		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	r	u		
Least Sandpiper	u	u		
White-rumped Sandpiper		r		
Baird's Sandpiper		r		
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u		
Dunlin	u	u		
Stilt Sandpiper		r	r	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		r		
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u		
Long-billed Dowitcher		r		
Common Snipe †	u	u	u	
American Woodcock †	c	u	c	
GULLS - TERNS				
Bonaparte's Gull	o	o	o	
Ring-billed Gull	o	o		
Herring Gull	o	o		
Common Tern	r	r		

	s	S	F	W
Forster's Tern	r	r		
Black Tern	r	r		
DOVES - CUCKOOS - OWLS -				
SWIFTS - HUMMINGBIRDS				
Rock Dove †	c	c	c	c
Mourning Dove †	c	c	c	c
Black-billed Cuckoo †	c	c	c	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
Common Barn-Owl †	r	r	r	r
Eastern Screech-Owl †	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl †	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl			r	
Barred Owl †	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r
Short-eared Owl	r	r		
Northern Saw-whet Owl			r	
Common Nighthawk †		c		
Whip-poor-will		r		
Chimney Swift †	c	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird †	u	u		
Belted Kingfisher †	c	c	c	o
WOODPECKERS - FLYCATCHERS				
Red-headed Woodpecker †	u	u	u	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker †	u	c	c	
Downy Woodpecker †	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker †	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker †	c	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker †	u	u	u	u
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	r		
Eastern Wood-Pee-wee †	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	r		
Acadian Flycatcher †	u	u	u	
Alder Flycatcher	o	o		
Willow Flycatcher †	c	c	c	
Least Flycatcher †	c	u	c	
Eastern Phoebe †	c	c	c	
Great Crested Flycatcher †	u	c	c	
Eastern Kingbird †	c	c	c	
LARKS - SWALLOWS - JAYS and CROWS				
Horned Lark	u	o	u	o
Purple Martin	u	c	c	
Tree Swallow †	a	a	a	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	o	o	o	
Bank Swallow †	c	c	c	
Cliff Swallow	r	r	r	
Barn Swallow †	c	a	a	

	s	S	F	W
Blue Jay †	a	a	a	a
American Crow †	a	a	a	u
TITMICE - NUTHATCHES - WRENS				
Black-capped Chickadee †	a	a	a	a
Tufted Titmouse †	u	u	u	u
Red-breasted Nuthatch †	u	r	u	u
White-breasted Nuthatch †	c	c	c	c
Brown Creeper †	u	u	u	u
Carolina Wren †	r	r	r	
House Wren †	c	a	c	
Winter Wren	o	o	o	
Sedge Wren	r			
Marsh Wren	r			
KINGLETS - THRUSHES - THRASHERS				
WAXWINGS - STARLING				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	c	u	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	c	r	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher †	u	u	u	
Eastern Bluebird †	c	u	u	o
Veery †	c	c	c	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	c	c		
Swainson's Thrush	c	c		
Hermit Thrush	c	r	c	
Wood Thrush †	c	c	c	
American Robin †	a	a	a	o
Gray Catbird †	c	c	c	r
Northern Mockingbird	r	r	r	
Brown Thrasher †	u	u	u	
Water Pipit	r	r		
Cedar Waxwing	c	a	a	u
Northern Shrike			r	
European Starling †	a	a	a	u
VIREOS - WOOD WARBLERS				
White-eyed Vireo	r	r		
Solitary Vireo †	u	r	u	
Yellow-throated Vireo †	o	r	o	
Warbling Vireo †	u	c	u	
Philadelphia Vireo	r	r		
Red-eyed Vireo †	c	a	a	
Blue-winged Warbler †	c	c	c	
Tennessee Warbler	a	a		
Orange-crowned Warbler		r		
Nashville Warbler †	c	r	c	
Northern Parula	o	o		
Yellow Warbler †	a	a	a	
Chestnut-sided Warbler †	c	o	c	
Magnolia Warbler †	c	r	c	

ERIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, established in 1959, is located in Crawford County in northwestern Pennsylvania. The refuge consists of two separate land units. The Sugar Lake Unit, containing 4,967 acres, is 10 miles east of Meadville on the outskirts of the village of Guys Mills. The Seneca Unit, containing 3,027 acres, is 10 miles north of the Sugar Lake Unit near Cambridge Springs.

Forests, swamps, beaver ponds, man-made impoundments, grasslands and croplands make up the diverse habitats which have attracted 236 species of birds. An additional 15 species have been observed only one or two times and are listed separately as accidentals.

Waterfowl migrations occur in March to early April and again from September to November. There are more wood ducks nesting on the refuge than any other duck and a good place to watch them during the spring migration is from our observation blind. In the spring goslings and their parents also can be seen as they travel back and forth from Pool C to the Entrance Road Pond.

Spring and summer is the time to look for nesting songbirds. Look for the Henslow's Sparrow, a rare bird in most areas of the United States. This sparrow is secretive and usually sings its "slick" song from a low perch.

Shorebirds, such as sandpipers and yellowlegs, can be seen in small groups feeding on mudflats during the summer and fall. On a winter walk black-capped chickadees, nuthatches, downy woodpeckers and dark-eyed juncos are easy to spot.

This list follows the Sixth American Ornithological Union checklist. Most birds are migratory and their seasonal occurrence and relative abundance are coded as follows:

SEASON

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

† - Nesting has occurred on the refuge.

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

a - abundant	a species which 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 to 5 years.

s S F W

LOONS - GREBES - CORMORANTS

BITTERNS - HERONS

Common Loon	o	o
Pied-billed Grebe †	u	u u r
Horned Grebe	o	o
Double-crested Cormorant	r	r
American Bittern	u	u u
Great Blue Heron †	c	c c u
Great Egret	r	r r
Little Blue Heron	r	
Green-backed Heron †	u	c u
Black-crowned Night-Heron	r	r r

SWANS - GEESE - DUCKS

Tundra Swan	o	o o
Snow Goose	r	r r
Canada Goose †	c	c c c
Wood Duck †	c	c c o
Green-winged Teal	c	c r
American Black Duck †	o	o o u
Mallard †	c	c c c
Northern Pintail	o	o r
Blue-winged Teal †	c	u c r
Northern Shoveler	o	o r
Gadwall	u	u r
Eurasian Wigeon	r	
American Wigeon	c	r c r
Canvasback	o	o r
Redhead	o	o r
Ring-necked Duck	c	r c o
Greater Scaup	r	r r
Lesser Scaup	o	o r
Common Goldeneye	o	o o
Bufflehead	c	c o
Hooded Merganser †	c	c c r
Common Merganser	o	o
Red-breasted Merganser	o	o r
Ruddy Duck	o	o r

VULTURES - HAWKS - FALCONS

Turkey Vulture	u	u u
Osprey	o	o
Bald Eagle	o	o o r
Northern Harrier †	o	r r r
Sharp-shinned Hawk †	o	r o o
Cooper's Hawk †	o	r o r
Northern Goshawk	r	r r
Red-shouldered Hawk †	u	u u o
Broad-winged Hawk †	u	u u