

Bowdoin

National Wildlife Refuge

Bird List



Habitat Diversity Attracts A Variety of Birds



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, located 7 miles east of Malta on Old Highway 2 in northeastern Montana, was established in 1936. Although managed primarily for ducks and geese, the Refuge is also known for its colonies of nesting birds. Franklin's gulls, black-crowned night-herons, eared grebes, and white-faced ibises nest in the bulrush marshes of Lake Bowdoin. American white pelicans, double-crested cormorants, great blue herons, and California and ring-billed gulls occupy the lake's several islands. Sprague's pipits, Baird's sparrows, and chestnut-collared longspurs are typical upland nesting birds found on the Refuge.

Most of this 15,551-acre Refuge is short and mixed grass prairie interspersed with diked impoundments. A variety of native and non-native trees and shrubs can be found on the Refuge. Such habitat diversity provides homes for a variety of bird species. Refuge visitors can easily drive through these habitats by using the auto tour route.

About this Checklist

The 263 species listed in this leaflet have all been observed on the Refuge. This list follows the format of the *Seventh American Ornithologists' Union, 1998. Checklist of North American Birds. 7th ed., 48th supplement (2007). Am. Ornithol. Union, Washington, D.C.* Those species listed as "vagrants" have been seen only a few times on the Refuge. Please report any additional sightings of vagrants to the Refuge staff.

Seasons

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

Seasonal Abundance

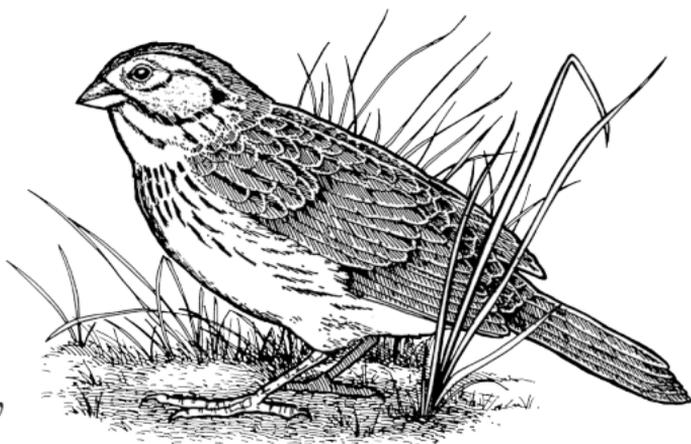
a abundant, occurring in large numbers
c common, certain to be seen in suitable habitat
u uncommon, present, but not certain to be seen
o occasional, seen only a few times during the season
r rare, seen at intervals of 2 - 5 years
v vagrant, less than 5 sightings at the Refuge

Other Codes

- species known to nest on the Refuge

Accessibility

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 7-1-1 for a free connection to the State transfer relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 406 / 654 2863 or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.



Baird's sparrow
USFWS

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose	o	r	o	
Snow Goose	u		u	
Ross's Goose	r		o	
• Canada Goose	a	a	a	o
Tundra Swan	u		c	r
• Wood Duck	c	c	c	
• Gadwall	a	a	a	r
Eurasian Wigeon	r			
• American Wigeon	a	c	a	r
• Mallard	a	a	a	u
• Blue-winged Teal	a	a	a	
• Cinnamon Teal	c	c	u	
• Northern Shoveler	a	a	a	
• Northern Pintail	a	a	a	o
• Green-winged Teal	a	a	a	o
• Canvasback	c	c	c	
• Redhead	c	c	c	
Ring-necked Duck	u	r	u	
Greater Scaup			o	
• Lesser Scaup	a	c	c	r
White-winged Scoter			r	
Long-tailed Duck			r	
• Bufflehead	c	o	c	
• Common Goldeneye	a	u	a	o
Barrow's Goldeneye	r		r	
Hooded Merganser	o	o	o	
Common Merganser	c		c	
Red-breasted Merganser	u		u	
• Ruddy Duck	a	c	c	
Gallinaceous Birds				
• Gray Partridge (<i>Introduced</i>)	c	o	c	c
• Ring-necked Pheasant (<i>Introduced</i>)	c	c	c	c
• Greater Sage-Grouse	u	u	u	u
• Sharp-tailed Grouse	c	c	c	c
Wild Turkey	o			o
Loons				
Common Loon	o	o	r	
Grebes				
• Pied-billed Grebe	u	c	u	
• Horned Grebe	u	u	u	
Red-necked Grebe	r			
• Eared Grebe	a	a	a	
• Western Grebe	c	c	u	
• Clark's Grebe	u	u	u	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Pelicans				
• American White Pelican	a	a	a	
Cormorants				
• Double-crested Cormorant	a	a	a	
Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets				
• American Bittern	u	u	u	
• Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	
Great Egret			o	
Snowy Egret	o	u	o	
Cattle Egret	r	r		
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	c	c	
Ibises				
• White-faced Ibis	c	c	u	
New World Vultures				
Turkey Vulture	o	o	o	
Osprey, Kites, Hawks, and Eagles				
Osprey	o	o	o	
Bald Eagle	c	r	u	u
• Northern Harrier	c	c	c	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	u	
Cooper's Hawk	u		u	r
Northern Goshawk	o		o	o
Broad-winged Hawk	r		o	
• Swainson's Hawk	u	u	u	
• Red-tailed Hawk	u	o	u	
• Ferruginous Hawk	o	o	o	
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	u
Golden Eagle	u	o	u	o
Falcons and Caracaras				
• American Kestrel	c	c	c	
Merlin	o	o	o	o
Peregrine Falcon	o	r	o	
Prairie Falcon	u	u	u	u
Rails				
Yellow Rail	r	r	r	
• Virginia Rail	u	u	u	
• Sora	u	u	u	
• American Coot	a	a	a	r
Cranes				
• Sandhill Crane	o	r	o	

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Plovers				
Black-bellied Plover	u	o	u	
American Golden-Plover	r		r	
Snowy Plover		r		
Semipalmated Plover	u	u	u	
• Piping Plover	o	r	r	
• Killdeer	a	a	a	r
Stilts and Avocets				
• Black-necked Stilt	c	c	u	
• American Avocet	a	a	c	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
• Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	o			
Greater Yellowlegs	o	o	o	
• Willet	c	c	c	
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	
• Upland Sandpiper	u	u	o	
Whimbrel	o			
• Long-billed Curlew	u	u	u	
Hudsonian Godwit	r	r		
• Marbled Godwit	c	c	c	
Ruddy Turnstone	r	r		
Red Knot	r	r		
Sanderling	u	u	u	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Western Sandpiper	u	r	u	
Least Sandpiper	u	r	u	
White-rumped Sandpiper	r	r	r	
Baird's Sandpiper	u	u	r	
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	r	u	
Stilt Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Short-billed Dowitcher	r	r		
Long-billed Dowitcher	u	u	u	
• Common Snipe	c	u	u	
• Wilson's Phalarope	a	a	c	
Red-necked Phalarope	o	o	o	
Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns				
• Franklin's Gull	a	a	a	
Bonaparte's Gull	r	r	r	
• Ring-billed Gull	a	a	a	
• California Gull	a	a	a	
Herring Gull	u		o	u
• Caspian Tern	r	o		
• Black Tern	c	c	c	
• Common Tern	c	c	c	
• Arctic Tern	r	r		
Forster's Tern	r		r	

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Pigeons and Doves				
Rock Pigeon (<i>Introduced</i>)	o	o	o	o
• Eurasian Collared-Dove (<i>Introduced</i>)	o	o	o	o
• Mourning Dove	c	c	c	
Cuckoos and Anis				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	r	r		
• Black-billed Cuckoo	u	u		
Typical Owls				
• Eastern Screech-Owl	r	o	r	r
• Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
Snowy Owl	o		o	o
• Burrowing Owl	u	u	u	
• Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	r
• Short-eared Owl	u	u	u	u
Northern Saw-whet Owl	r	r	r	r
Nightjars				
• Common Nighthawk	r	u	u	
Hummingbirds				
• Ruby-throated Hummingbird	r	r	o	
Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	
Woodpeckers				
• Red-headed Woodpecker	o	o	r	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r	r	r	
• Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
Tyrant Flycatchers				
• Western Wood-Pewee	o	o	o	
• Willow Flycatcher	r	r	r	
• Least Flycatcher	u	u		
• Say's Phoebe	o	o	o	
• Western Kingbird	u	u	u	
• Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
Shrikes				
• Loggerhead Shrike	u	c	u	
Northern Shrike			u	u
Vireos				
Warbling Vireo	u	u		
Red-eyed Vireo	o	o	o	

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Crows, Jays, and Magpies				
Blue Jay	o	o	o	o
• Black-billed Magpie	a	a	a	a
• American Crow	u	o	u	o
Common Raven	r	r	r	r
Larks				
• Horned Lark	c	c	c	u
Swallows				
• Tree Swallow	c	c		
• Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
• Bank Swallow	u	u	u	
• Cliff Swallow	a	a	a	
• Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
Titmice and Chickadees				
• Black-capped Chickadee	u	u	u	c
Mountain Chickadee				o
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	r	o	r
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	r			
Wrens				
Rock Wren	r	r	r	
• House Wren	c	c	u	
Winter Wren				r
• Marsh Wren	c	c	u	o
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet			o	o
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			r	
Thrushes				
Mountain Bluebird	u	r	u	r
Townsend's Solitaire	r		r	r
Veery	r			
Swainson's Thrush	u	o	o	
Hermit Thrush	o	o	o	
• American Robin	c	c	c	u
Varied Thrush			r	r
Mimic Thrushes				
Gray Catbird	u	u		
• Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Starlings				
• European Starling	c	c	a	o
Wagtails and Pipits				
American (<i>Water</i>) Pipit	u	o	r	
• Sprague's Pipit	c	c	u	
Waxwings				
Bohemian Waxwing	c		c	c
• Cedar Waxwing	u	u	u	o
Wood Warblers				
Tennessee Warbler	r			r
Orange-crowned Warbler	u			r
• Yellow Warbler	c	c	c	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	o	c	
Townsend's Warbler	r		r	
Blackpoll Warbler	o		o	
American Redstart	o		o	
Ovenbird	o		o	
Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
MacGillivray's Warbler	o		o	
• Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	
Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
Yellow-breasted Chat	r	r	r	
Tanagers				
Scarlet Tanager	o			
Western Tanager	o			
Sparrows and Towhees				
• Spotted Towhee	u	u	u	
American Tree Sparrow	c		c	u
• Chipping Sparrow	c	c	u	
• Clay-colored Sparrow	u	u	u	
• Brewer's Sparrow	u	u	u	
• Vesper Sparrow	u	u		
• Lark Sparrow	o	o		
• Lark Bunting	c	c	c	
• Savannah Sparrow	c	c	u	
• Grasshopper Sparrow	u	u		
• Baird's Sparrow	u	o	o	
Le Conte's Sparrow	r	r		
Fox Sparrow	r		r	
• Song Sparrow	c	c	c	r
Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
White-throated Sparrow	u		u	
Harris's Sparrow	u		u	o

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Sparrows and Towhees , <i>continued from previous page</i>				
White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	
Dark-eyed Junco	u		u	u
• McCown's Longspur	u	u		
Lapland Longspur				o
• Chestnut-collared Longspur	c	c	u	
Snow Bunting	o		u	u
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r	r	r	
Black-headed Grosbeak		r	r	
Lazuli Bunting	r	r		
Blackbirds and Orioles				
Bobolink	o	o		
• Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	o
• Western Meadowlark	a	a	a	o
• Yellow-headed Blackbird	a	a	a	
Rusty Blackbird				o
• Brewer's Blackbird	c	u	u	o
• Common Grackle	c	c	o	r
• Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	u
• Bullock's Oriole	u	u	u	
• Baltimore Oriole	u	u	u	
Finches				
Pine Grosbeak	r		r	r
Cassin's Finch	r			
• House Finch	o	o	o	o
Common Redpoll			u	u
Hoary Redpoll			r	r
Pine Siskin	u	o	o	
• American Goldfinch	c	c	c	o
Evening Grosbeak			o	o
Old World Sparrows				
• House Sparrow (<i>Introduced</i>)	c	c	c	c

Date _____ Time _____ Total _____

Observers _____

Weather _____

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
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The following species have been observed rarely or only once on the Refuge and are considered vagrant or accidental:

Vagrants

American Black Duck			v	
Garganey		v		
Harlequin Duck		v	v	
Surf Scoter			v	
Green Heron	v			
Gyr Falcon				v
Mountain Plover		v		
Dunlin	v			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		v		
Red Phalarope		v		
Sabine's Gull		v		
Alder Flycatcher	v			
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		v		
Sedge Wren		v		
Gray-cheeked Thrush		v		
Wood Thrush	v			
Northern Mockingbird	v			
Cape May Warbler	v			
Blackburnian Warbler	v			
Palm Warbler	v			
Mourning Warbler		v		
Golden-crowned Sparrow	v			
Smith's Longspur				v
Blue Grosbeak		v		
Great-tailed Grackle	v	v		
Orchard Oriole		v		
Red Crossbill				v

Notes

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