

# Rainwater Basin Bird Check-list

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The following is a list of birds that have been observed in the USFWS-managed Waterfowl Production Areas in the Rainwater Basin region. Species presence and abundance may vary considerably from year to year, depending on precipitation, wetland availability, and other natural cycles.

The order of bird species follows that of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds.

## Seasons

Spring (**Sp**) = March-May

Summer (**Su**) = June-August

Fall (**F**) = September – November

Winter (**W**) = December – February

a = abundant (occur 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)

h = hypothetical (within normal range, but never documented)

x = outside normal range (but has been documented)

m = not present during season in question

\* = documented nesting on Rainwater Basin WPAs

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Swans, Geese, and Ducks</b>				
___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	x	x	x	m
___ Bean Goose	x	m	m	m
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	a	r	a	o
___ Emperor Goose	x	m	m	m
___ Snow Goose	a	o	a	o
___ Ross's Goose	c	r	c	o
___ Brant	r	m	r	m
___ Canada Goose*	a	u	a	c
___ Trumpeter Swan	h	x	m	h
___ Tundra Swan	o	m	r	m
___ Wood Duck	c	u	c	m
___ Gadwall*	c	u	c	o

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Eurasian Wigeon	r	m	r	m
___ American Wigeon*	a	o	a	o
___ American Black Duck	r	m	r	r
___ Mallard*	a	c	a	c
___ Blue-winged Teal*	a	c	a	r
___ Cinnamon Teal*	u	o	u	m
___ Northern Shoveler*	a	c	a	r
___ Northern Pintail*	a	u	a	o
___ Garganey	x	m	m	m
___ Green-winged Teal*	a	o	a	o
___ Canvasback	u	m	u	m
___ Redhead*	c	u	c	m
___ Ring-necked Duck	c	r	u	m
___ Greater Scaup	u	m	r	m
___ Lesser Scaup	c	o	c	m
___ White-winged Scoter	x	m	m	m
___ Black Scoter	x	m	m	m
___ Bufflehead	c	m	c	m
___ Common Goldeneye	o	m	u	m
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	m	m	x	m
___ Hooded Merganser	u	r	u	m
___ Common Merganser	o	m	o	o
___ Ruddy Duck*	c	u	c	m

## Gallinaceous Birds

___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	c	c	c	c
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	r	h	r	o
___ Greater Prairie-chicken*	o	o	o	u
___ Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c

## Loons

___ Common Loon	o	m	r	m
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## Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	m
___ Horned Grebe	u	h	r	m
___ Red-necked Grebe	h	m	r	m
___ Eared Grebe*	c	o	c	m
___ Western Grebe	r	m	r	m
___ Clark's Grebe	x	m	r	m

## Pelicans

___ American White Pelican	c	o	c	m
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	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Cormorants</b>				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	m
<b>Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets</b>				
___ American Bittern*	u	c	u	m
___ Least Bittern*	u	u	o	m
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	r
___ Great Egret	o	m	o	m
___ Snowy Egret	u	u	u	m
___ Little Blue Heron	o	r	r	m
___ Tricolored Heron	h	r	r	m
___ Cattle Egret	u	o	u	m
___ Green Heron*	c	u	c	m
___ Black-crowned Night-heron*	c	o	c	m
___ Yellow-crowned Night-heron	r	m	r	m
<b>Ibises and Spoonbills</b>				
___ White Ibis	h	x	x	m
___ Glossy Ibis	x	m	m	m
___ White-faced Ibis	u	u	r	m
___ Roseate Spoonbill	m	x	m	m
<b>New World Vultures</b>				
___ Black Vulture	m	x	m	m
___ Turkey Vulture	c	u	c	m
<b>Osprey, Kites, Hawks, and Eagles</b>				
___ Osprey	o	m	o	m
___ White-tailed Kite	x	m	x	m
___ Mississippi Kite	x	m	x	m
___ Bald Eagle	c	m	c	o
___ Northern Harrier*	c	u	c	u
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk	u	m	u	r
___ Northern Goshawk	r	m	r	r
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	m	r	r	x
___ Broad-winged Hawk	m	x	m	m
___ Swainson's Hawk*	c	u	u	r
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	u	c	u
___ Ferruginous Hawk	u	x	u	o
___ Rough-legged Hawk	u	h	u	u
___ Golden Eagle	o	m	o	o

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<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>				
___ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	c
___ Merlin	u	m	u	o
___ Gyrfalcon	m	m	m	r
___ Peregrine Falcon	o	m	o	r
___ Prairie Falcon	o	m	o	u
<b>Rails</b>				
___ Yellow Rail	r	m	r	m
___ Black Rail	x	x	m	m
___ King Rail	r	r	m	m
___ Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	m
___ Sora*	c	c	c	m
___ Purple Gallinule	x	m	m	m
___ Common Moorhen*	u	u	r	m
___ American Coot*	a	c	a	r
<b>Cranes</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane*	c	r	u	m
___ Common Crane	x	m	m	m
___ Whooping Crane	o	m	o	m
<b>Plovers</b>				
___ Black-bellied Plover	u	m	u	m
___ American Golden-plover	u	m	u	m
___ Snowy Plover	r	r	m	m
___ Semipalmated Plover	u	m	u	m
___ Piping Plover	r	h	r	m
___ Killdeer*	c	c	c	m
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>				
___ Black-necked Stilt*	r	r	r	m
___ American Avocet*	u	r	u	m
<b>Sandpipers and Phalaropes</b>				
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	c	m
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	c	m
___ Solitary Sandpiper	c	c	u	m
___ Willet	u	o	u	m
___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	m
___ Upland Sandpiper*	u	u	u	m
___ Eskimo Curlew	h	m	h	m
___ Whimbrel	o	m	r	m
___ Long-billed curlew	r	m	r	m

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Hudsonian Godwit	u	m	x	m
___ Marbled Godwit	u	m	r	m
___ Ruddy Turnstone	r	m	r	m
___ Red Knot	x	m	r	m
___ Sanderling	o	m	o	m
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	a	u	c	m
___ Western Sandpiper	r	o	o	m
___ Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	m
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	c	o	o	m
___ Baird's Sandpiper	a	c	u	m
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	c	c	c	m
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	m	m	x	m
___ Dunlin	u	m	u	m
___ Curlew Sandpiper	m	x	m	m
___ Stilt Sandpiper	a	c	c	m
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	u	u	u	m
___ Ruff	x	m	x	m
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	r	m
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	a	u	c	m
___ Common Snipe*	c	o	c	m
___ American Woodcock	r	m	r	m
___ Wilson's Phalarope*	a	o	c	m
___ Red-necked Phalarope	r	m	r	m
___ Red Phalarope	m	x	m	m

#### **Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns**

___ Bonaperte's Gull	r	m	r	m
___ Laughing Gull	x	m	m	m
___ Franklin's Gull	a	r	c	m
___ Mew Gull	r	m	m	m
___ Ring-billed Gull	a	c	c	o
___ California Gull	o	m	o	m
___ Herring Gull	u	m	u	u
___ Least Tern	r	r	r	m
___ Black Tern*	a	c	a	m
___ Common Tern	u	m	u	m
___ Forster's Tern	c	u	c	m

#### **Pigeons and Doves**

___ Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c
___ European Collared-dove	o	o	o	o
___ White-winged Dove	m	r	m	m
___ Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	o
___ Inca Dove	m	m	x	m

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>Cuckoos and Anis</b>				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	m
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	o	o	o	m

#### **Barn Owls**

___ Barn Owl	o	o	o	o
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#### **Typical Owls**

___ Eastern Screech-owl	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	c	u	c	u
___ Snowy Owl	m	m	m	x
___ Burrowing Owl*	u	u	u	m
___ Barred Owl	r	r	r	r
___ Long-eared Owl	o	r	o	o
___ Short-eared owl	u	r	u	u
___ Boreal Owl	m	m	x	m

#### **Nightjars**

___ Common Nighthawk*	c	c	c	m
___ Chuck-will's-widow	m	r	m	m

#### **Swifts**

___ Chimney Swift	a	a	c	m
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#### **Hummingbirds**

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	o	m
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	h	r	r	m
___ Rufous Hummingbird	m	m	r	m

#### **Kingfishers**

___ Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	r
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#### **Woodpeckers**

___ Lewis's Woodpecker	r	m	x	m
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	c	c	o
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker	c	c	c	r
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c

#### **Tyrant Flycatchers**

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	m	o	m
___ Eastern Wood-pewee	o	o	o	m
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	m	r	m

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___ Acadian Flycatcher	r	m	r	m
___ Alder Flycatcher	r	m	r	m
___ Willow Flycatcher	o	r	o	m
___ Least Flycatcher	u	m	u	m
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	m	m	x	m
___ Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	m
___ Say's Phoebe	u	r	r	m
___ Great-crested Flycatcher*	c	o	c	m
___ Western Kingbird*	c	c	c	m
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	m
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	r	x	r	m

### Shrikes

___ Loggerhead Shrike*	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Shrike	m	m	u	u

### Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo	r	m	m	m
___ Bell's Vireo*	u	o	u	m
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	r	x	r	m
___ Warbling Vireo*	c	u	c	m
___ Philadelphia Vireo	u	m	u	m
___ Red-eyed Vireo	u	r	u	m

### Crows, Jays, and Magpies

___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ Pinyon Jay	m	m	m	x
___ Black-billed Magpie*	u	u	u	u
___ American Crow*	a	o	a	c

### Larks

___ Horned Lark*	a	c	a	a
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### Swallows

___ Purple Martin	c	u	c	m
___ Tree Swallow	c	o	c	m
___ Violet-green Swallow	x	m	m	m
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	c	m
___ Bank Swallow	u	u	u	m
___ Cliff Swallow	c	c	a	m
___ Barn Swallow	a	a	a	m

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Titmice and Chickadees</b>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___ Tufted Titmouse	x	x	x	m

### Nuthatches

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	m	x	m	o
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o	u

### Creepers

___ Brown Creeper	m	o	o	o
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### Wrens

___ Carolina Wren	r	o	o	r
___ Bewick's Wren	x	m	m	m
___ House Wren*	c	c	c	m
___ Winter Wren	r	m	r	o
___ Sedge Wren*	r	u	r	m
___ Marsh Wren*	u	u	u	r

### Kinglets

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	m	u	r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	o	m	o	m

### Old World Warblers

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	o	r	o	m
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### Thrushes

___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	u	c	r
___ Mountain Bluebird	o	m	o	r
___ Townsend's Solitaire	r	m	r	o
___ Veery	r	m	m	m
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	m	r	m
___ Swainson's Thrush	c	m	u	m
___ Hermit Thrush	r	m	r	m
___ Wood Thrush	r	m	r	m
___ American Robin*	a	c	a	c

### Mimic Thrushes

___ Gray Catbird*	u	u	u	r
___ Northern Mockingbird	u	u	u	m
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	r

### Starlings

___ European Starling*	a	a	a	c
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	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>				
___ American Pipit	c	m	c	r
___ Sprague's Pipit	o	m	o	m

#### Waxwings

___ Bohemian Waxwing	m	m	m	r
___ Cedar Waxwing	c	u	c	u

#### Wood Warblers

___ Golden-winged Warbler	r	m	m	m
___ Tennessee Warbler	c	m	c	m
___ Orange-crowned warbler	c	m	c	m
___ Nashville Warbler	u	m	u	m
___ Northern Parula	u	m	r	m
___ Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c	m
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	m	u	m
___ Magnolia Warbler	u	m	u	m
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	r	m	r	m
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	m	c	m
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	x	m	m	m
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	o	m	o	m
___ Townsend's Warbler	r	m	r	m
___ Blackburnian Warbler	o	m	o	m
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	r	m	r	m
___ Pine Warbler	h	m	r	m
___ Prairie Warbler	r	m	r	m
___ Palm Warbler	o	m	r	m
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	o	m	o	m
___ Blackpoll Warbler	c	m	r	m
___ Black-and-white Warbler	c	m	u	m
___ American Redstart	c	o	c	m
___ Prothonotary Warbler	r	m	r	m
___ Ovenbird	u	m	u	m
___ Northern Waterthrush	u	m	u	m
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	r	m	h	m
___ Kentucky Warbler	r	m	h	m
___ Connecticut Warbler	r	m	x	h
___ Mourning Warbler	r	m	h	m
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	o	m	r	m
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	m
___ Hooded Warbler	r	m	r	m
___ Wilson's Warbler	u	m	u	m
___ Canada Warbler	r	m	r	m
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	o	o	o	m

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Tanagers</b>				
___ Summer Tanager	r	m	x	m
___ Scarlet Tanager	o	m	o	m

#### Sparrows and Towhees

___ Green-tailed Towhee	r	m	r	m
___ Spotted Towhee	u	o	u	m
___ Eastern Towhee	u	m	u	m
___ Cassin's Sparrow	x	m	m	m
___ American Tree Sparrow	a	o	a	a
___ Chipping Sparrow*	a	o	a	r
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	c	h	c	r
___ Brewer's Sparrow	r	m	r	m
___ Field Sparrow	c	u	c	r
___ Vesper Sparrow*	c	o	c	x
___ Lark Sparrow	c	c	c	m
___ Lark Bunting*	o	u	o	m
___ Savannah Sparrow	c	m	c	h
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	c	c	c	m
___ Baird's Sparrow	u	m	u	m
___ Henslow's Sparrow	r	r	r	m
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	u	m	c	m
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r	m	u	m
___ Fox Sparrow	o	m	o	r
___ Song Sparrow	c	u	c	u
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	c	r	c	m
___ Swamp Sparrow*	u	o	u	m
___ White-throated Sparrow	c	o	u	r
___ Harris's Sparrow	c	o	c	u
___ White-crowned Sparrow	c	r	u	o
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	r	m	r	m
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c	m	c	a
___ McCown's Longspur	r	m	r	m
___ Lapland Longspur	a	m	a	a
___ Smith's Longspur	o	m	u	r
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	o	m	o	m
___ Snow Bunting	r	m	r	o

#### Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies

___ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	u	r	m
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	c	r	c	m
___ Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	m
___ Lazuli Bunting	x	m	x	m

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Indigo Bunting	u	u	u	m
___ Painted Bunting	r	m	x	m
___ Dickcissel*	c	a	c	m

#### **Blackbirds and Orioles**

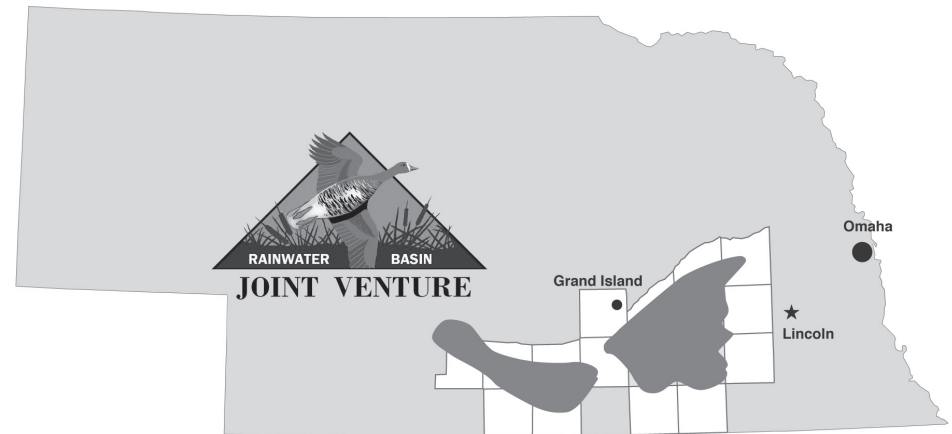
___ Bobolink*	c	c	c	m
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	c	a	o
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	o
___ Western Meadowlark*	a	c	a	c
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird*	a	o	c	r
___ Rusty Blackbird	c	o	u	r
___ Brewer's Blackbird*	c	u	c	o
___ Common Grackle*	a	a	a	o
___ Great-tailed Grackle*	c	c	c	r
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	a	c	a	r
___ Orchard Oriole	c	c	c	m
___ Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	c	m
___ Scott's Oriole	m	x	m	m

#### **Finches**

___ Pine Grosbeak	x	m	x	m
___ Purple Finch	u	m	u	o
___ House Finch*	c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill	m	r	m	o
___ Common Redpoll	o	r	m	o
___ Pine Siskin	u	o	u	u
___ American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak	r	m	r	r

#### **Old World Sparrows**

___ House Sparrow*	a	a	a	a
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