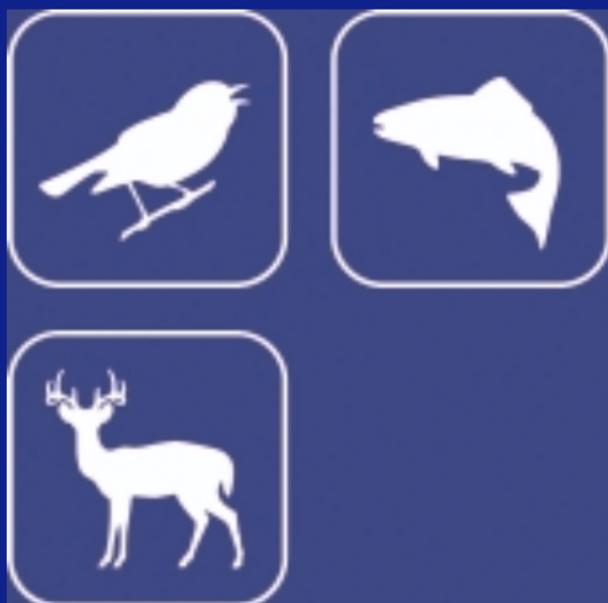


Audubon

National Wildlife Refuge

Wildlife List



Welcome



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

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established in 1956 to replace wildlife habitat lost to the Garrison Dam and Reservoir Project. The Refuge's 14,735 acres are situated on the southern and eastern areas of Lake Audubon, a sub-impoundment of Lake Sakakawea.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages the land under an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the land. The Refuge is managed for optimum protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat with emphasis on migratory birds. The north half of Lake Audubon is managed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for public use and wildlife.

Checklist

This checklist includes wildlife species seen on the Refuge since 1956: 243 birds, 34 mammals, 5 reptiles, 4 amphibians, and 37 fish species. All bird species names are in accordance with the *American Ornithologists' Union, 1998. Check-list of North American Birds. 7th ed. Am. Ornithol. Union, Washington, D.C.*

Bird species listed as "Accidentals" have been sighted only a few times. They are found at the end of the common bird name list. Since most birds are migratory, their seasonal occurrence and relative abundance are coded as follows:

Seasons of Occurrence:

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

Seasonal Abundance:

c common, certain to be seen in suitable habitat
p present, but not certain to be seen
r rare, seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years

Other Codes:

● denotes a breeding species

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
Common Loon	r		r	
Grebes				
• Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	
Horned Grebe	p	p	p	
Red-necked Grebe	p	r	p	
• Eared Grebe	c	c	p	
• Western Grebe	c	p	c	
Pelicans				
American White Pelican	c	c	c	
Cormorants				
• Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	
Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets				
• American Bittern	c	p	c	
Great Blue Heron	c	p	c	
Great Egret	r	r	r	
Snowy Egret	r	r	r	
Little Blue Heron	r	r	r	
Cattle Egret	r	r	r	
Green Heron	p	p	p	
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	c	c	
Ibises and Spoonbills				
White-faced Ibis	r	r	r	
New World Vultures				
Turkey Vulture	r	r	r	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose	c	r	c	
Snow Goose	c	r	c	
Ross' Goose	p		p	
• Canada Goose	c	c	c	p
Brant			r	
Tundra Swan	p		c	
Wood Duck	p	p	p	
• Gadwall	c	c	c	
• American Wigeon	c	c	c	
American Black Duck	r		r	
• Mallard	c	c	c	p
• Blue-winged Teal	c	c	c	
Cinnamon Teal	r	r	r	
• Northern Shoveler	c	c	c	
• Northern Pintail	c	c	c	r
• Green-winged Teal	c	p	c	
• Canvasback	c	c	c	

Swans, Geese, and Ducks, continued on next page

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Swans, Geese, and Ducks, <i>continued</i>				
• Redhead	c	c	c	
Ring-necked Duck	c		c	
Greater Scaup	p		p	
• Lesser Scaup	c	c	c	
White-winged Scoter			p	
Long-tailed Duck (<i>formerly Oldsquaw</i>)			r	
Bufflehead	c	p	c	
Common Goldeneye	c		c	r
Barrow's Goldeneye			r	
Hooded Merganser	p		p	
Common Merganser	p		p	r
Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	
• Ruddy Duck	c	c	c	
Osprey, Kites, Hawks, and Eagles				
Osprey	r	r	r	
Bald Eagle	p	r	c	p
• Northern Harrier	c	c	c	r
Sharp-shinned Hawk	p		p	
• Cooper's Hawk	r		p	r
Northern Goshawk	r		p	r
Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
Swainson's Hawk	p	p	p	
• Red-tailed Hawk	p	p	p	
Ferruginous Hawk	p	p	p	
Rough-legged Hawk	p		p	r
Golden Eagle	p	r	p	r
Falcons and Caracaras				
• American Kestrel	c	r	c	
Merlin	p	r	p	
Gyr Falcon				p
Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
Prairie Falcon	p	r	p	r
Gallinaceous Birds				
• Gray Partridge	c	c	c	c
• Ring-necked Pheasant	c	c	c	c
• Sharp-tailed Grouse	c	c	c	c
Rails				
Yellow Rail	p	p	p	
King Rail	p	p	p	
• Virginia Rail	p	p	p	
• Sora	c	c	c	
• American Coot	c	c	c	
Cranes				
Sandhill Crane	c	r	c	
Whooping Crane	r		r	

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

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Pigeons and Doves				
Rock Dove	p	p	p	
• Mourning Dove	c	c	c	
Cuckoos and Anis				
• Black-billed Cuckoo	p	p	p	
Typical Owls				
Eastern Screech-Owl	r	r	r	r
• Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl	p		p	p
• Burrowing Owl	p	r	r	
• Long-eared Owl	p		p	
• Short-eared Owl	c	c	c	r
Nightjars				
• Common Nighthawk	p	r	p	
Swifts				
Chimney Swift	r	r	r	
Hummingbirds				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	r	r	r	
Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher	p	p	p	
Woodpeckers				
Red-headed Woodpecker	p	p	p	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	p	p	p	
Downy Woodpecker	c	p	c	p
Hairy Woodpecker	c	p	c	p
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	
Tyrant Flycatchers				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	p			
Willow Flycatcher	p	p	p	
Least Flycatcher	p	p	r	
Eastern Phoebe	p	p	p	
Say's Phoebe	p	p	p	
• Western Kingbird	c	c	c	
• Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
Shrikes				
Loggerhead Shrike	p	p	p	
Northern Shrike	p		p	p
Vireos				
Blue-headed Vireo	p		p	
Warbling Vireo	p		p	
Red-eyed Vireo	p	p	p	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Crows, Jays, and Magpies				
• Blue Jay	p	p	p	
• Black-billed Magpie	p	p	p	p
• American Crow	c	p	c	p
Larks				
• Horned Lark	c	c	c	c
Swallows				
• Purple Martin	p	p	p	
• Tree Swallow	p	c	p	
• Northern Rough-winged Swallow	p	p	p	
• Bank Swallow	c	c	c	
• Cliff Swallow	p	p	p	
• Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
Titmice and Chickadees				
• Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	p		p	p
White-breasted Nuthatch	p	p	p	r
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	p		p	
Wrens				
• House Wren	c	c	p	
• Sedge Wren	c	c	p	
• Marsh Wren	p	p	p	
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	p		p	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	p		p	
Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird	p	p	p	
Mountain Bluebird	p	p	p	
• Swainson's Thrush	p	p	p	
Hermit Thrush	r			
• American Robin	c	c	c	r
Mimic Thrushes				
• Gray Catbird	p	p	p	
Northern Mockingbird		r		
• Brown Thrasher	c	c	p	
Starlings				
• European Starling	p	p	p	p

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Wagtails and Pipits				
— American Pipit	p		p	
• Sprague's Pipit	p	p	p	
Waxwings				
— Bohemian Waxwing	p		p	p
• Cedar Waxwing	c	c	c	c
Wood Warblers				
— Tennessee Warbler	p	p	p	
— Orange-crowned Warbler	p		p	
• Yellow Warbler	c	c	p	
— Chestnut-sided Warbler	r			
— Magnolia Warbler	p		p	
— Cape May Warbler	r			
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	p	p	p	
— Blackburnian Warbler	p			
— Palm Warbler	p			
— Blackpoll Warbler	p		p	
— Black-and-white Warbler	p		p	
— American Redstart	p		p	
— Ovenbird	p	p	p	
— Northern Waterthrush	p		p	
• Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	
— Wilson's Warbler	r			
• Yellow-breasted Chat	p	p	p	
Sparrows and Towhees				
• Spotted Towhee	p	p	p	
• American Tree Sparrow	c	p	c	r
• Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	
• Clay-colored Sparrow	c	c	c	
• Brewer's Sparrow	r			
• Vesper Sparrow	p	p	p	
— Lark Sparrow	p	p	p	
• Lark Bunting	p	p	p	
• Savannah Sparrow	c	c	c	
• Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c	c	
• Baird's Sparrow	p	p	p	
• Le Conte's Sparrow	p	p	p	
• Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	p	p	p	
• Song Sparrow	c	c	c	
— Lincoln's Sparrow	p		p	
— Swamp Sparrow	p		p	
— White-throated Sparrow	p	p	p	
— Harris's Sparrow	p		p	
— White-crowned Sparrow	p		p	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
McCown's Longspur	p		p	p
Lapland Longspur	p		p	p
• Chestnut-collared Longspur	c	c	p	
Snow Bunting	p		p	p
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r			r
Black-headed Grosbeak	p	p		r
• Dickcissel	p	p	p	
Blackbirds and Orioles				
• Bobolink	c	c	c	
• Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	r
• Western Meadowlark	c	c	c	r
• Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	c	c	
• Brewer's Blackbird	p	p	p	
• Common Grackle	c	c	c	
• Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	
• Orchard Oriole	p	p	r	
• Baltimore Oriole	p	p	p	
Finches				
Pine Grosbeak	p		p	p
Purple Finch	p	p	p	
House Finch	p	p	p	
Red Crossbill	p	r	p	r
White-winged Crossbill	r			
Common Redpoll	p		p	p
Pine Siskin	p		p	p
• American Goldfinch	c	c	c	p
Evening Grosbeak				p
Old World Sparrows				
• House Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Accidentals				
Red-throated Loon				
Harlequin Duck				

Please note the mammal, reptile, amphibian, and fish lists on the following pages.

Common Mammal Name	Abundance
• Masked Shrew	p
• Little Brown Myotis	p
• Silver-haired Bat	p
• Big Brown Bat	p
• Eastern Cottontail	c
• White-tailed Jackrabbit	p
• Richardson's Ground Squirrel	p
• Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	p
• Franklin's Ground Squirrel	p
• Fox Squirrel	p
• Beaver	c
• Deer Mouse	c
• Northern Grasshopper Mouse	p
• Meadow Vole	c
• Prairie Vole	c
• Muskrat	c
• Norway Rat	p
• House Mouse	c
• Meadow Jumping Mouse	p
• Western Jumping Mouse	p
Porcupine	r
• Coyote	c
• Red Fox	c
• Raccoon	c
• Long-tailed Weasel	p
• Short-tailed Weasel	p
• Least Weasel	p
• Mink	p
• Badger	p
• Striped Skunk	c
• White-tailed Deer	c
Elk	r
Pronghorn	r
Moose	r

Common Reptile Name	Abundance
• Painted Turtle	c
• Snapping Turtle	p
• Plains Garter Snake	c
• Smooth Green Snake	p
• Bull Snake	r

Common Amphibian Name	Abundance
• Tiger Salamander	p
• Plains Spadefoot Toad	p
• Leopard Frog	c
• Chorus Frog	p

Common Fish Name	Abundance
• Northern Pike	p
Pure Muskellunge	r
• Walleye	c
Sauger	p
• Yellow Perch	c
• Johnny Darter	p
• Iowa Darter	p
• Smallmouth Bass	p
• Bluegill	p
Green Sunfish	p
• Black Crappie	p
• White Crappie	p
• White Bass	p
• Freshwater Drum	p
Channel Catfish	p
• Black Bullhead	p
Paddlefish	r
Shovelnose Sturgeon	r
Pallid Sturgeon	r
Rainbow Trout	p
Brown Trout	p
Chinook Salmon	p
• Lake Whitefish	p
• Cisco	p
• Burbot	p
• Goldeye	c
• White Sucker	p
• Bigmouth Buffalo	p
• River Carpsucker	p
• Shorthead Redhorse	p
• Common Carp	c
• Fathead Minnow	c
Creek Chub	p
• Spottail Shiner	p
Western Silvery	p
• Brook Stickleback	p
• Rainbow Smelt	p

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