

**CATBIRDS, THRASHERS, AND PIPITS**

|                      |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ● Gray Catbird       |   | s | s | u |
| ● Brown Thrasher     | c | c | c |   |
| Northern Mockingbird | r | r | r |   |
| Water Pipit          | u |   | o |   |

**WAXWINGS**

|                  |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Bohemian Waxwing | o |   | o | o |
| ● Cedar Waxwing  | u | u | o | o |

**SHRIKES AND STARLINGS**

|                     |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Northern Shrike     | u |   | o | u |
| ● Loggerhead Shrike | u | u |   |   |
| ● European Starling | c | c | c | c |

**VIREOS**

|                       |   |   |  |   |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Red-eyed Vireo        | u |   |  | o |
| Philadelphia Vireo    | o |   |  | o |
| ● Warbling Vireo      | u | u |  | o |
| Solitary Vireo        | o |   |  | o |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | o |   |  | o |

**WARBLERS**

|                              |   |   |  |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Black and White Warbler      | c |   |  | u |
| Tennessee Warbler            | c |   |  | u |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | c |   |  | u |
| Nashville Warbler            | o |   |  | r |
| Northern Parula Warbler      | r |   |  |   |
| ● Yellow Warbler             | c | c |  | c |
| Magnolia Warbler             | o |   |  | o |
| Cape May Warbler             | o |   |  | o |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler        | c |   |  | c |
| Pine Warbler                 | o |   |  |   |
| Hooded Warbler               | o |   |  |   |
| Blue-winged Warbler          | o |   |  | o |
| Golden-winged Warbler        | o |   |  | o |
| Blackburnian Warbler         | s |   |  | s |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | o |   |  | o |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler  | r |   |  |   |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler       | o |   |  | o |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | c |   |  | u |
| Palm Warbler                 | u |   |  | u |
| Ovenbird                     | u |   |  | u |
| Northern Waterthrush         | u |   |  | u |
| Connecticut Warbler          | o |   |  | r |
| Mourning Warbler             | o |   |  | o |
| ● Common Yellowthroat        | c | u |  | u |
| Yellow-breasted Chat         | o |   |  |   |
| Wilson's Warbler             | u |   |  | u |
| Canada Warbler               | o |   |  | o |
| Bay-breasted Warbler         | o |   |  | r |
| American Redstart            | c |   |  | u |
| Scarlet Tanager              | r |   |  |   |
| Western Tanager              | r |   |  |   |

**GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS, AND SPARROWS**

|                        |   |  |   |   |
|------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Northern Cardinal      | r |  |   |   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | u |  | o | u |
| Indigo Bunting         | o |  | o |   |

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| Spotted Towhee                  |   |   |   | u |
| Lark Bunting                    | u |   | o |   |
| Lazuli Bunting                  | r |   |   |   |
| ● Dickcissel                    | o | u | o |   |
| ● Savannah Sparrow              | c | c | c |   |
| ● Grasshopper Sparrow           | u | o | o |   |
| ● Nelson's Sharp-tailed sparrow | u | u | o |   |
| ● Vesper Sparrow                | u | u | u |   |
| ● Lark Sparrow                  | u | u |   |   |
| Dark-eyed Junco                 | c |   | u | o |
| American Tree Sparrow           | a |   | a | c |
| Chipping Sparrow                | u | u | u |   |
| ● Clay-colored Sparrow          | u | u | u |   |
| ● Field Sparrow                 | u |   |   |   |
| Harris' Sparrow                 | c |   | c | o |
| White-crowned Sparrow           | u | u | u |   |
| White-throated Sparrow          | c |   | r |   |
| Fox Sparrow                     | o |   | o |   |
| Lincoln's Sparrow               | u |   | u |   |
| ● Swamp Sparrow                 | u | u | u |   |
| ● Song Sparrow                  | c | c | c |   |
| Lapland Longspur                | u |   | u | c |
| ● Chestnut-collared Longspur    | c | u | u |   |
| Snow Bunting                    |   |   | u | c |
| LeConte's Sparrow               |   |   | o |   |

**BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES**

|                           |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ● Bobolink                | u | o | u |   |
| ● Western Meadowlark      | c | c | u | o |
| ● Yellow-headed Blackbird | a | a | c | u |
| ● Red-winged Blackbird    | a | a | a | u |
| ● Orchard Oriole          | c | c |   |   |
| ● Baltimore Oriole        | c | c |   |   |
| Rusty Blackbird           | u |   | u | r |
| ● Brewer's Blackbird      | c | c | u | o |
| ● Common Grackle          | c | c | c | o |
| ● Brown-headed Cowbird    | c | c | u | o |

**FINCHES**

|                        |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Purple Finch           |   |   |   | r |
| Pine Grosbeak          |   |   |   | r |
| Hoary Redpoll          |   |   |   | o |
| Common Redpoll         |   |   | u | c |
| Pine Siskin            | u |   | u | r |
| ● American Goldfinch   | c | c | u | o |
| Red Crossbill          |   |   |   | r |
| ● House Finch          | c | c | c | c |
| Evening Grosbeak       | u |   | u | u |
| White-winged Crossbill | u |   | u | u |

**WEAVER FINCH**

|                 |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| ● House Sparrow | c | c | c | c |
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These additional 23 species have been observed only once or twice on or near the refuge.

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Eurasian Wigeon        | Barred Owl          |
| Brant                  | Oldsquaw            |
| Western Wood-Pewee     | Barrow's Goldeneye  |
| Whip-poor-will         | Red-shouldered Hawk |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | King Rail           |
| Mountain Plover        | Sabine's Gull       |
| Worm-eating Warbler    | Red-necked Grebe    |
| White-winged Scoter    | Baird's Sparrow     |
| Gyrfalcon              | White Ibis          |
| ● Common Moorhen       | Tri-colored Heron   |
| Black-necked Stilt     | Gray Jay            |
| Vermillion Flycatcher  |                     |

NOTES  
(about your observations)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weather \_\_\_\_\_  
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Franklin's Gull

# Birds of SAND LAKE National Wildlife Refuge

*Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, situated along the slow-moving James River in north-central South Dakota, offers many opportunities to observe a rich diversity of birds and other wildlife.*

*Hundreds of thousands of snow geese and other migratory waterfowl rest and feed on Sand Lake during the spring and fall migrations. Sand Lake also hosts the world's largest nesting colony of Franklin's gulls. From May to September a wide variety of birds and mammals abound in this prairie marsh ecosystem.*

*Whether you visit to watch the courtship rituals of Western grebes, feeding rafts of white pelicans, or listen to the calls of snow geese, interesting experiences await you at Sand Lake. Enjoy your visit!*



**CHECK LIST**

The following bird list contains 266 species that have been recorded on the refuge since 1935. An additional 23 species that have been sighted only once or twice on or near the refuge are listed on the back.

Species nesting on the refuge are indicated by a ●. The relative abundance of each species at each season is coded as follows:

- S - March-May**
- S - June-August**
- F - September-November**
- W - December-February**

- a - abundant, occurring in large numbers**
- c - common, certain to be seen in suitable habitat**
- s - common, but not easily seen**
- u - uncommon, regularly occurring, but not in great numbers**
- o - occasional, seen only a few times during a season**
- r - rare, seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years**

|                                | S | S | F | W |
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| <b>LOONS</b>                   |   |   |   |   |
| Common Loon                    | r |   | r |   |
| <b>GREBES</b>                  |   |   |   |   |
| ●Western Grebe                 | a | a | a |   |
| ●Clark's Grebe                 | u | u | u |   |
| Horned Grebe                   | u | r | o |   |
| ●Eared Grebe                   | a | a | a |   |
| ●Pied-billed Grebe             | a | a | a |   |
| <b>PELICANS AND CORMORANTS</b> |   |   |   |   |
| American White Pelican         | c | c | c |   |
| ●Double-crested Cormorant      | c | c | c |   |
| <b>HERONS AND IBISES</b>       |   |   |   |   |
| ●Least Bittern                 | o | o |   |   |
| ●American Bittern              | c | c | c |   |
| ●Black-crowned Night-Heron     | a | a | a |   |
| ●Yellow-crowned Night-Heron    | r | r | r |   |
| ●Green-backed Heron            | o | o |   |   |
| ●Little Blue Heron             | r | r | r |   |
| ●Cattle Egret                  | a | a | a |   |
| ●Snowy Egret                   | u | u | u |   |
| ●Great Egret                   | u | u | u |   |
| ●Great Blue Heron              | c | c | c |   |
| ●White-faced Ibis              | u | u | u |   |
| <b>CRANES</b>                  |   |   |   |   |
| Sandhill Crane                 | o | r | o |   |
| <b>WATERFOWL</b>               |   |   |   |   |
| Tundra Swan                    | u |   | c |   |
| Greater White-fronted Goose    | u |   | u |   |
| Snow Goose                     | a | o | a | r |
| ●Canada Goose                  | c | c | c | u |
| Ross' Goose                    | u |   | u |   |
| ●Mallard                       | c | c | a | u |

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| ●American Black Duck                | u | u | u |   |
| ●Gadwall                            | c | c | c |   |
| ●Northern Pintail                   | c | c | c | r |
| ●Green-winged Teal                  | u | u | c | r |
| ●Blue-winged Teal                   | c | c | a |   |
| Cinnamon Teal                       | r | r | r |   |
| ●American Wigeon                    | u | u | u |   |
| ●Northern Shoveler                  | c | c | c |   |
| ●Wood Duck                          | u | c | c |   |
| ●Redhead                            | c | c | c |   |
| Ring-necked Duck                    | u | u | u |   |
| ●Canvasback                         | c | u | c | r |
| ●Lesser Scaup                       | c | u | c | r |
| Greater Scaup                       | u |   | u |   |
| Common Goldeneye                    | u |   | u | r |
| Bufflehead                          | u | r | u |   |
| ●Ruddy Duck                         | c | c | c |   |
| ●Hooded Merganser                   | u | r | u |   |
| Common Merganser                    | c |   | u |   |
| Red-breasted Merganser              | o |   | o |   |
| <b>VULTURES, HAWKS, AND FALCONS</b> |   |   |   |   |
| Turkey Vulture                      | r | r | r |   |
| Northern Goshawk                    | r |   | r | o |
| ●Sharp-shinned Hawk                 | u | o | u | r |
| ●Cooper's Hawk                      | u | o | u | r |
| ●Red-tailed Hawk                    | a | c | a | o |
| Broad-winged Hawk                   | o |   | o |   |
| ●Swainson's Hawk                    | c | c | c |   |
| Rough-legged Hawk                   | u |   | c | u |
| Ferruginous Hawk                    | o | o | o |   |
| Golden Eagle                        |   |   | o | o |
| Bald Eagle                          | u |   | u | u |
| ●Northern Harrier                   | c | c | c | o |
| Osprey                              | o | o | o |   |
| Prairie Falcon                      | o |   | o | o |
| Peregrine Falcon                    | o |   | o | r |
| Merlin                              | o |   | o |   |
| ●American Kestrel                   | c | u | c | o |
| <b>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS</b>           |   |   |   |   |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken             | r |   | r | r |
| ●Sharp-tailed Grouse                | o | o | o | o |
| ●Ring-necked Pheasant               | c | c | c | c |
| ●Gray Partridge                     | u | u | u | u |
| <b>RAILS</b>                        |   |   |   |   |
| ●Virginia Rail                      | s | s | s |   |
| ●Sora                               | s | s | s |   |
| ●American Coot                      | a | a | a |   |
| <b>SANDPIPERS</b>                   |   |   |   |   |
| Semipalmated Plover                 | c | u |   |   |
| ●Killdeer                           | a | a | u |   |
| American Golden-Plover              | u | o |   |   |
| Black-bellied Plover                | o | o | r |   |
| Ruddy Turnstone                     | u | o | u |   |

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| Common Snipe                                 | u |   | u |   |
| Long-billed Curlew                           | r |   |   |   |
| ●Upland Sandpiper                            | u | u | o |   |
| ●Spotted Sandpiper                           | c | u | u |   |
| Solitary Sandpiper                           | u | u | o |   |
| ●Willet                                      | u | c | u |   |
| Greater Yellowlegs                           | c | c | o |   |
| Lesser Yellowlegs                            | c | c | o |   |
| Red Knot                                     | o | o |   |   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper                           | c | c | u |   |
| White-rumped Sandpiper                       | c | u | r |   |
| Baird's Sandpiper                            | c | c | u |   |
| Least Sandpiper                              | u | u | o |   |
| Dunlin                                       | u | o | u |   |
| Short-billed Dowitcher                       | u | u | u |   |
| Long-billed Dowitcher                        | c | c | c |   |
| Stilt Sandpiper                              | c | c | u |   |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper                       | c | c | u |   |
| Western Sandpiper                            | o | r | r |   |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper                      | o |   |   |   |
| Whimbrel                                     | r |   |   |   |
| ●Marbled Godwit                              | c | c | u |   |
| Hudsonian Godwit                             | o | o | r |   |
| Sanderling                                   | u | o | u |   |
| ●American Avocet                             | c | c | o |   |
| ●Wilson's Phalarope                          | c | c | c |   |
| Red-necked Phalarope                         | u | o | u |   |
| <b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>                       |   |   |   |   |
| Herring Gull                                 | u |   | u |   |
| California Gull                              | u |   | u |   |
| ●Ring-billed Gull                            | c | u | c |   |
| ●Franklin's Gull                             | a | a | a |   |
| Bonaparte's Gull                             | u |   | o |   |
| ●Forster's Tern                              | c | c | c |   |
| ●Common Tern                                 | u | u | u |   |
| Least Tern                                   | r |   |   |   |
| ●Black Tern                                  | c | c | o |   |
| Caspian Tern                                 | r |   | r |   |
| <b>PIGEONS AND CUCKOOS</b>                   |   |   |   |   |
| ●Rock Dove                                   | u | u | u | u |
| ●Mourning Dove                               | a | a | a | o |
| ●Yellow-billed Cuckoo                        |   | o | o |   |
| ●Black-billed Cuckoo                         | u | u |   |   |
| <b>OWLS</b>                                  |   |   |   |   |
| ●Eastern Screech-Owl                         | u | u | u | u |
| ●Great Horned Owl                            | c | c | c | c |
| Snowy Owl                                    | r |   | o | o |
| Burrowing Owl                                | r | r | r |   |
| ●Long-eared Owl                              | o | o | o | o |
| ●Short-eared Owl                             | u | u | u | o |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl                        | r | r | r | r |
| <b>GOATSUCKERS, SWIFTS, AND HUMMINGBIRDS</b> |   |   |   |   |
| ●Common Nighthawk                            | u | u | o | o |
| ●Chimney Swift                               | o | o |   |   |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird                    | o | o | o |   |

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| <b>KINGFISHERS</b>             |   |   |   |   |
| ●Belted Kingfisher             | u | u | u | o |
| <b>WOODPECKERS</b>             |   |   |   |   |
| ●Northern Flicker              | c | c | c | o |
| ●Red-headed Woodpecker         | u | u | u |   |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker       | o |   | o |   |
| ●Hairy Woodpecker              | o | o | u | u |
| ●Downy Woodpecker              | s | s | s | s |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker         | u | u | u | u |
| <b>FLYCATCHERS</b>             |   |   |   |   |
| ●Eastern Kingbird              | c | c | o |   |
| ●Western Kingbird              | c | c | o |   |
| Great Crested Flycatcher       | u | o |   |   |
| ●Eastern Phoebe                | o | o |   |   |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher      | o | o | o |   |
| ●Willow Flycatcher             | u | o | o |   |
| ●Least Flycatcher              | u | u | o |   |
| ●Eastern Wood-Pewee            | o | u |   |   |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher         | o |   | o |   |
| Say's Phoebe                   | r |   |   |   |
| Alder Flycatcher               | o |   | o |   |
| <b>LARKS</b>                   |   |   |   |   |
| ●Horned Lark                   | u | u | u | c |
| <b>SWALLOWS</b>                |   |   |   |   |
| ●Tree Swallow                  | u | u | u |   |
| ●Bank Swallow                  | c | c | a |   |
| ●Northern Rough-winged Swallow | o | o | o |   |
| ●Barn Swallow                  | c | c | a |   |
| ●Cliff Swallow                 | c | c | c |   |
| ●Purple Martin                 | u | u | o |   |
| <b>JAYS AND CROWS</b>          |   |   |   |   |
| ●Blue Jay                      | u | u | u | u |
| Black-billed Magpie            | o | o | o | o |
| ●American Crow                 | c | u | u | r |
| <b>CHICKADEES AND CREEPERS</b> |   |   |   |   |
| ●Black-capped Chickadee        | c | c | c | c |
| Brown Creeper                  | o |   | o |   |
| <b>NUTHATCHES</b>              |   |   |   |   |
| ●White-breasted Nuthatch       | u | o | u | o |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch          | o |   | o |   |
| <b>WRENS</b>                   |   |   |   |   |
| ●House Wren                    | s | s |   |   |
| Winter Wren                    | r |   | r |   |
| ●Marsh Wren                    | s | s | s | r |
| ●Sedge Wren                    | u | u | u |   |
| <b>THRUSHES AND KINGLETS</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| ●American Robin                | c | c | c | u |
| Hermit Thrush                  |   | u |   | o |
| Wood Thrush                    | u | u | u |   |
| Swainson's Thrush              | s | s |   | o |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush            | s | u |   | o |
| Veery                          |   | u |   | o |
| ●Eastern Bluebird              |   | u | u |   |
| Mountain Bluebird              |   | o |   |   |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet         |   | o |   | o |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet           |   | u |   | o |