



Scotts Bluff Wildlife List

Wildlife and Landscapes

Scotts Bluff National Monument occupies approximately 3,000 acres of mixed-grass prairie and rocky bluffs. It is one of the few areas in western Nebraska which has been set aside to preserve and protect both cultural and natural resources. The monument contains a wide diversity of landscapes and animals. This brochure is a list of the wildlife species which have been observed within the monument. One hundred and thirty-six different animals species may be found either as permanent year-round residents or as migrants temporarily using the area for food or shelter. Information on breeding status and habitat use of each animal are provided in this brochure.

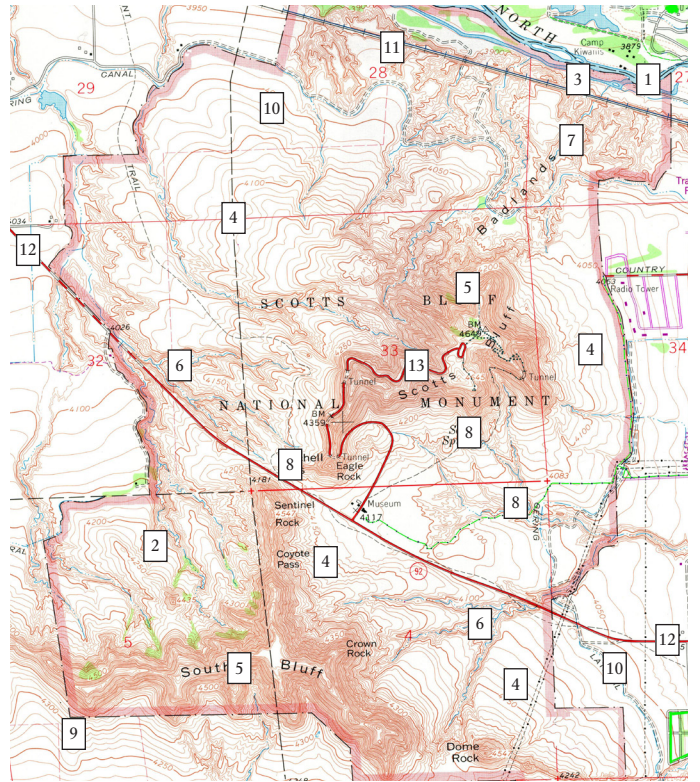
Wildlife Habitat Zone Map

Habitat Key

- 1 - Riverine Woodland
- 2 - Pine Woodland
- 3 - Canal Riparian Habitat
- 4 - Mixed-Grass Prairie
- 5 - Pine-Studded Bluffs
- 6 - Shrub-Dominated Slopes
- 7 - Sandstone Badlands
- 8 - Foot Trail
- 9 - Monument Boundary
- 10 - Oregon Trail
- 11 - Canal
- 12 - Old Oregon Trail Highway
- 13 - Summit Road

Frequency of Appearance Key

- A - Abundant
- C - Common
- R - Rare
- * - Breeding Documented



Amphibians and Reptiles

Family / Species

Salamanders

Tiger salamander * R 1,3,4

Frogs & Toads

Great Plains toad * R 4
Woodhouse's toad * C 1,3,4
Striped chorus frog * C 1,7

Turtles

Painted turtle * C 1,3

Family / Species

Turtles (continued)

Western box turtle * C 1,3,4
Spiny softshell turtle R 1

Snakes

Racer * A 1,2,3,4,5
Bullsnake * C 1,2,3,4,5,6
Plains garter snake * R 3,4
Common garter snake * R 1,3
Prairie rattlesnake * C 2,4,5,6

Birds

Hérons

Great blue heron C 1,3

Waterfowl

Snow goose R 1
Canada goose R 1
Wood duck R 1,3
Green-winged teal R 1
Blue-winged teal R 1
Mallard * C 1,3,4
Common merganser R 1

Vultures, Hawks & Falcons

Turkey vulture * C 4,6
Osprey R 6
Northern harrier R 4
Swainson's hawk R 2,4
Red-tailed hawk C 4,6,7
Bald eagle R 1,3
Golden eagle R 4,6
American kestrel * C 3,4,6
Prairie falcon * C 4,6

Cormorants

Double-crested cormorant R 1

Gallinaceous Birds

Ring-necked pheasant * C 1,3,4,5
Wild turkey R 1
Northern bobwhite C 3,4

Rails

Sora R 1

Gulls

Franklin's gull R 4
Herring gull R 4

Doves

Rock dove C 6
Mourning dove * C 1,3,4,5

Owls

Barn owl R 4,5
Great-horned owl * C 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
Burrowing owl * C 4
Short-eared owl R 4

Old World Sparrows

House sparrow * C 1,3,5

Cuckoos

Yellow-billed cuckoo R 1

Birds cont.	<u>Family / Species</u>		<u>Habitat</u>	<u>Family / Species</u>		<u>Habitat</u>
	Nightjars			Solitares		
	Common nighthawk *	C	3,4,6	Townsend's solitaire	C	2
	Common poor-will *	R	6	Waxwings		
	Swifts			Cedar waxwing	R	1,3
	White-throated swift *	A	4,6	Shrikes		
	Chimney swift	R	4,6	Loggerhead shrike	C	4,5
	Kingfishers			Starlings		
	Belted kingfisher	C	1,3	European starling *	A	1,2,3,5,6
	Woodpeckers			Vireos		
	Northern flicker *	C	1,3,5	Warbling vireo	R	1
	Hairy woodpecker *	C	1,3	Warblers		
	Downy woodpecker *	C	1,3	Yellow warbler	C	1,3
	Red-headed woodpecker	R	1,3	Common yellowthroat	C	1,3
	Flycatchers			Yellow-breasted chat *	C	1,2,3,5
	Western wood-pewee	R	2,3	Tanagers		
	Say's phoebe	C	2,4,5	Western tanager	R	1,3
	Eastern kingbird *	C	1,2,3,4,5	Grosbeaks & Buntings		
	Western kingbird *	C	1,3,4,5	Black-headed grosbeak	R	5
	Larks			Blue grosbeak *	C	1,2,3,5
	Horned lark	R	4	Lazuli bunting *	C	1,3,5
	Swallows			Indigo bunting *	C	1,3,5
	Northern-roughwinged swallow	C	1,3	Towhees		
	Bank swallow	R	1	Rufous-sided towhee *	A	1,2,3,5,6
	Cliff swallow *	C	1,3,4	Sparrows		
	Barn swallow *	C	1,3,4	American tree sparrow	R	5
	Jays, Magpies & Crows			Chipping sparrow *	C	3,4,5
	Blue jay	R	1,3	Vesper sparrow	R	4,5
	Black-billed magpie *	C	1,2,3,4,5,6	Lark sparrow *	C	2,3,4,5
	American crow	R	1,3	Brewer's sparrow	R	4,5
	Chickadees			Clay-colored sparrow	R	4,5
	Black-capped chickadee *	C	1,2,3,5,6	Lark bunting *	C	4,5
	Wrens			Grasshopper sparrow *	C	4
	Rock wren *	A	5,6,7	White-crowned sparrow	C	1,2,3,5,7
	House wren *	A	1,3	Dark-eyed junco	C	2,5
	Bluebirds			Blackbirds & Orioles		
	Eastern bluebird	R	1	Red-winged blackbird	R	1,3
	Mountain bluebird	R	5	Western meadowlark *	A	3,4,5
	Thrushes			Common grackle *	A	1,3,5
	Swainson's thrush	R	1,5	Brown-headed cowbird *	A	1,3,4,5
	American robin *	A	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	Orchard oriole *	C	1,3
	Shorebirds			Northern oriole	R	1,3
	Killdeer	R	1,3,4	Finches		
	Upland sandpiper	R	4	House finch	C	1,3,5
	Thrashers			Pine siskin	R	3,5
	Brown thrasher *	C	1,3,5	American goldfinch *	C	1,3,4,5

Mammals						
	Marsupials			Rodents		
	Virginia opossum	R	3	Hispid pocket mouse *	C	4
	Insectivores			Ord's kangaroo rat *	R	4
	Eastern mole *	C	1,3,4	Western harvest mouse *	C	4,6
	Bats			Deer mouse *	A	1,2,3,4,5,6,7
	Small-footed myotis *	C	1,3,6	Bushy-tailed woodrat	R	6
	Big brown bat	R	6	House mouse *	C	4
	Rabbits			Prairie vole *	A	1,3,4,5
	Desert cottontail *	A	2,4,5,6,7	Meadow vole *	C	1
	Eastern cottontail *	C	1,3,4,5	Muskrat	R	3
	Ungulates			Porcupine	R	2,4
	Mule deer *	A	2,3,4,5,6,7	Carnivores		
	White-tailed deer	C	1,3,4,5	Coyote *	C	2,3,4,5,6
	Rodents			Red fox	R	1,4
	Black-tailed prairie dog *	C	4	Raccoon	C	1,3,4,6
	Fox squirrel *	R	1,3	Long-tailed weasel	R	1,4,5
	Plains pocket gopher	C	1,4,5	Mink	R	3
				Badger	R	4
				Striped skunk	R	1,3