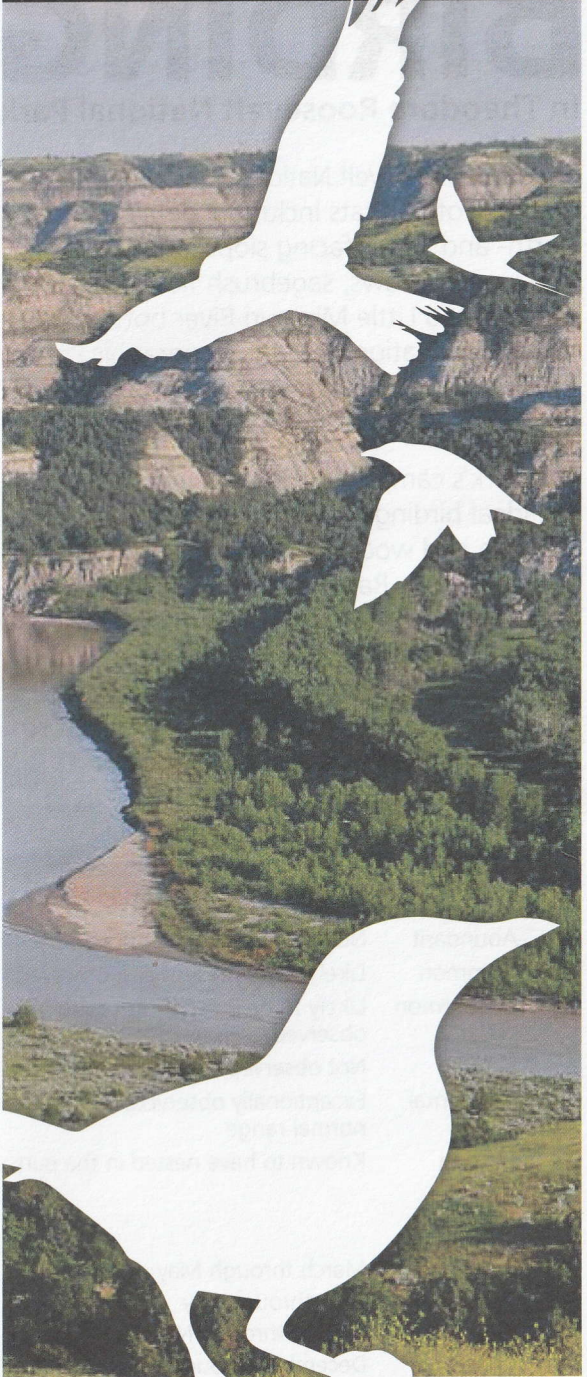


Theodore Roosevelt  
National Park

# Bird Checklist





# BIRDING

## In Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Theodore Roosevelt National Park encompasses a variety of habitats including native prairie, north- and south-facing slopes, hardwood and juniper draws, sagebrush flats, and undisturbed Little Missouri River bottomland forest. Its location near the geographic center of North America offers an exciting mix of eastern and western bird species.

The park's campgrounds and picnic areas are ideal birding locations, providing a mix of open and wooded habitat near the Little Missouri River. Raptors are drawn to the South Unit's numerous prairie dog towns where burrowing owls occasionally nest. Birders looking for prairie-dwelling species might explore the last few miles of the North Unit's scenic drive or hike the South Unit's Petrified Forest Trail.

### Relative Abundance

A	Abundant	Numerous and widespread
C	Common	Likely to be present and observed
U	Uncommon	Likely to be present, not routinely observed
R	Rare	Not observed every year
X	Accidental	Exceptionally observed, outside its normal range
*	Nesting	Known to have nested in the park

### Seasons

S	Spring	March through May
S	Summer	June through July
F	Fall	August through November
W	Winter	December through February

Species	S	S	F	W
<b>Waterfowl</b>				
Snow Goose			R	
Ross's Goose			R	
Greater White-fronted Goose	R		R	
Cackling Goose	U		U	
Canada Goose*	C	U	C	R
Trumpeter Swan	X			
Tundra Swan			R	
Wood Duck*	U	U	U	
Blue-winged Teal*	U	U	U	
Cinnamon Teal	R			
Northern Shoveler	U	R	R	
Gadwall	U	R	U	
American Wigeon	U	R	U	
Mallard*	C	U	C	
Northern Pintail	U	R	U	
Green-winged Teal	U	R	U	
Canvasback	R		R	
Redhead	R		R	
Ring-necked Duck	R		R	
Lesser Scaup	R		R	
Bufflehead	U		U	
Common Goldeneye	U		U	
Hooded Merganser*	U	R	U	
Common Merganser	U		U	R
Ruddy Duck	R		R	
<b>Gallinaceous Birds</b>				
Ring-necked Pheasant*	U	U	U	U
Gray Partridge	R	R	R	R
Sharp-tailed Grouse*	C	C	C	C
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
<b>Loons - Grebes</b>				
Pied-billed Grebe	R		R	
Western Grebe	X	X		
<b>Pigeons - Cuckoos</b>				
Rock Pigeon*	U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	U	U	U	U
Black-billed Cuckoo*	R	R	X	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		X		
<b>Nightjars - Swifts - Hummingbirds</b>				
Common Nighthawk*	C	C	C	
Common Poorwill*	U	U	U	
Chimney Swift		X		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			R	

Species	S	S	F	W	
<b>Rails - Cranes</b>					
Sora		R	R	R	
American Coot		R		R	
Sandhill Crane		U		U	
<b>Stilts - Plovers</b>					
American Avocet		R		R	
Killdeer*		C	C	C	
<b>Sandpipers - Snipe - Phalaropes</b>					
Upland Sandpiper*		U	U	U	
Long-billed Curlew*		R	R		
Marbled Godwit*		R	R	R	
Sanderling		R		R	
Baird's Sandpiper		R	R	R	
Least Sandpiper		R	R	R	
Semipalmated Sandpiper		R	R	R	
Wilson's Snipe		R	R	R	
Wilson's Phalarope		R		R	
Spotted Sandpiper		C	C	C	
Solitary Sandpiper		U	U	U	
Greater Yellowlegs		U	U	U	
Willet		R	R		
Lesser Yellowlegs		U	U	U	
<b>Gulls - Terns</b>					
Franklin's Gull		U	R	R	
Ring-billed Gull		U	U	U	
Caspian Tern			X		
Common Tern		R			
Forster's Tern		R			
Black Tern		R			
<b>Cormorants - Pelicans</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant		U	R	U	
American White Pelican		U	U	U	
<b>Hérons</b>					
Great Blue Heron*		C	C	C	
Great Egret			X	X	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		R		X	
<b>Vultures - Hawks</b>					
Turkey Vulture*		C	C	C	
Osprey		R		R	
Golden Eagle*		C	C	C	C
Northern Harrier*		C	C	C	R
Sharp-shinned Hawk*		U	R	U	R
Cooper's Hawk*		U	U	U	
Northern Goshawk		U		U	U
Bald Eagle*		C	U	C	C
Broad-winged Hawk		R		R	
Swainson's Hawk*		U	U	U	

Species	S	S	F	W
<b>Red-tailed Hawk*</b>				
Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>				
Rough-legged Hawk	C		C	C
<b>Ferruginous Hawk</b>				
Ferruginous Hawk	R	R	R	
<b>Owls</b>				
Barn Owl	X	X		
Eastern Screech-Owl*	U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl*	C	C	C	C
<b>Snowy Owl</b>				
Snowy Owl				R
Burrowing Owl*	U	U	U	
Long-eared Owl*	U	U	U	R
Short-eared Owl	R	R	R	R
Northern Saw-Whet Owl*	U	U	U	U
<b>Kingfishers - Woodpeckers</b>				
Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	U	R
Red-headed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	
Red-bellied Woodpecker		X		X
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Northern Flicker*	A	A	A	U
<b>Falcons</b>				
American Kestrel*	C	C	C	R
Merlin*	U	U	U	U
Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	R
Prairie Falcon*	U	U	U	U
<b>Flycatchers</b>				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	R	R	R	
Western Wood-Pewee*	C	C	C	
Alder Flycatcher	U	R	R	
Willow Flycatcher*	R	R	R	
Least Flycatcher*	C	C	C	
Say's Phoebe*	C	C	C	
Western Kingbird*	C	C	C	
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	C	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		X		
<b>Shrikes - Vireos</b>				
Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	U	
Northern Shrike	U		U	U
Blue-headed Vireo	R		R	
Philadelphia Vireo	R		R	
Warbling Vireo*	C	C	C	
Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	
<b>Jays - Magpies - Crows</b>				
Blue Jay*	U	U	U	U
Clark's Nutcracker				X
Black-billed Magpie*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	R
Common Raven	U	U	U	U

Species	S	S	F	W
<b>Chickadees - Nuthatches - Creepers</b>				
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper	U		U	U
<b>Wrens - Kinglets</b>				
Rock Wren*	C	C	C	
House Wren*	A	A	A	
Sedge Wren			R	
Marsh Wren			R	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<b>Thrushes - Mimics</b>				
Eastern Bluebird*	U	U	U	
Mountain Bluebird*	C	C	C	X
Townsend's Solitaire	U		U	U
Veery		R		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	R		
Swainson's Thrush	C	R	U	
Hermit Thrush	R		R	
American Robin*	A	C	A	C
Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	
Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	
Northern Mockingbird		X		
<b>Starlings - Pipits - Waxwings</b>				
European Starling*	C	C	C	U
American Pipit			R	
Sprague's Pipit*	U	U	U	
Bohemian Waxwing	C		U	C
Cedar Waxwing*	C	C	C	C
<b>Finches</b>				
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch			R	R
Evening Grosbeak			X	X
Pine Grosbeak			X	X
House Finch*	U	U	U	U
Purple Finch	U		U	U
Common Redpoll	C		C	C
Hoary Redpoll	R		R	R
Red Crossbill	R	R	R	R
Pine Siskin*	U		U	U
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	U
<b>Longspurs - Sparrows</b>				
Lapland Longspur	U		U	U
Chestnut-collared Longspur*	U	U	U	
Smith's Longspur			R	
Snow Bunting	R		R	R
Grasshopper Sparrow*	C	C	C	

Species	S	S	F	W
Chipping Sparrow*	A	A	C	
Clay-colored Sparrow*	C	C	C	
Field Sparrow*	A	A	C	
Lark Sparrow*	A	A	C	
Lark Bunting*	U	U	U	
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U
Fox Sparrow			X	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U
White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	
Harris's Sparrow	C		C	X
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	X
Vesper Sparrow*	C	C	C	
Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	C	
Baird's Sparrow*	U	U	R	
Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
Swamp Sparrow			R	
Spotted Towhee*	A	A	A	
<b>Blackbirds - Chats</b>				
Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	C	C	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	R	U	
Bobolink*	U	U	U	
Western Meadowlark*	C	C	C	X
Orchard Oriole*	C	C	C	
Bullock's Oriole*	U	U	U	
Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	C	
Red-winged Blackbird*	U	U	U	X
Brown-headed Cowbird*	A	A	U	
Rusty Blackbird			R	R
Brewer's Blackbird*	C	C	C	X
Common Grackle*	C	C	C	X
<b>Warblers</b>				
Ovenbird*	C	C	C	
Northern Waterthrush	R		R	
Blue-winged Warbler	X			
Black-and-white Warbler*	C	C	C	
Prothonotary Warbler			X	
Tennessee Warbler	C	R	U	
Orange-crowned Warbler	C		C	
Nashville Warbler			R	
Mourning Warbler	R		R	
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	
American Redstart*	C	C	C	
Northern Parula	X			
Magnolia Warbler	R		R	
Yellow Warbler*	A	A	A	
Chestnut-sided Warbler*			R	

Species	S	S	F	W
Blackpoll Warbler	U	R	R	
Black-throated Blue Warbler		X		
Palm Warbler	R		R	
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle"	C	R	C	
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's"	R	R	R	
Townsend's Warbler	X			
Wilson's Warbler	R		U	
<b>Tanagers - Grosbeaks - Buntings</b>				
Western Tanager	R	R	R	
Northern Cardinal				X
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		U	
Black-headed Grosbeak*	C	C	C	
Lazuli Bunting*	A	A	A	
Indigo Bunting	R	R	R	
Dickcissel		R		
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
House Sparrow*	U	U	U	U
<b>Historical</b>				
Greater Sage-Grouse	Mountain Plover			
Greater Prairie-Chicken	Eskimo Curlew			
McCown's Longspur				

## About This List

This checklist includes species and their relative abundance as they have been reported by diligent birders who frequent the park.

If you observe a bird in the park which is not on this list, can confirm nesting of a species for which nesting status is not indicated, or if you believe a bird's relative abundance should be changed, please contact the park.

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