

Species	Sp	S	F	W				
Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c	Common Yellowthroat	a	a	c
Tufted Titmouse	u	u	u	u	Hooded Warbler	r	r	
					Wilson's Warbler	u		u
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	u	Canada Warbler	r		u
White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c	Yellow-breasted Chat	r	r	
Carolina Wren	r	r	r	r	Scarlet Tanager	c	u	u
Bewick's Wren	r				Eastern Towhee	c	c	c
House Wren	a	a	c		American Tree Sparrow	c		a
Winter Wren	u	u	u	r	Chipping Sparrow	a	a	a
Sedge Wren	u	u	u		Clay-colored Sparrow	u		u
Marsh Wren	c	c	c		Field Sparrow	a	c	c
					Vesper Sparrow	u	u	u
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	r	Lark Sparrow	u	u	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c		Savannah Sparrow	u	u	u
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	u		Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c	u
Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	r	Henslow's Sparrow	r		r
Veery	u	r	u		Le Conte's Sparrow	r	r	r
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u		Fox Sparrow	c		c
Swainson's Thrush	u		u		Song Sparrow	a	a	a
Hermit Thrush	u		u		Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u
Wood Thrush	c	u	u		Swamp Sparrow	c	c	c
American Robin	a	a	a	u	White-throated Sparrow	c		c
					Harris's Sparrow	u		u
Gray Catbird	c	c	c		White-crowned Sparrow	u		u
Northern Mockingbird	r	u	r		Dark-eyed Junco	a		a
Brown Thrasher	c	c	c		Lapland Longspur	r		r
European Starling	a	a	a	c	Snow Bunting			r
Cedar Waxwing	c	c	c	u	Northern Cardinal	a	a	c
					Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c	c	c
Blue-winged Warbler	u	u			Indigo Bunting	c	c	c
Golden-winged Warbler	u	u	u		Dickcissel	c	c	
Tennessee Warbler	c		c		Bobolink	u	u	u
Orange-crowned Warbler	r		u		Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a
Nashville Warbler	c		c		Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c
Northern Parula	r		u		Western Meadowlark	r	r	r
Yellow Warbler	a	a	u		Yellow-headed Blackbird	u	u	u
Chestnut-sided Warbler	c		u		Rusty Blackbird	c		c
Magnolia Warbler	u		u		Brewer's Blackbird	u	u	u
Cape May Warbler	u		u		Common Grackle	a	a	a
Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r		Brown-headed Cowbird	a	a	u
Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a		Orchard Oriole	u	u	u
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u		Baltimore Oriole	c	a	
Blackburnian Warbler	c		c		Purple Finch	u		u
Yellow-throated Warbler	r	r			House Finch	c	c	c
Pine Warbler	r		u		Red Crossbill	r		r
Palm Warbler	c		c		White-winged Crossbill	r		r
Blackpoll Warbler	c		c		Common Redpoll	u		u
Bay-breasted Warbler	r				Hoary Redpoll			r
Cerulean Warbler	u	u			Pine Siskin	u		u
Black-and-white Warbler	c		c		American Goldfinch	a	a	a
American Redstart	a	a	c		Evening Grosbeak			r
Prothonotary Warbler	c	c			House Sparrow	a	a	a
Ovenbird	c	u	u					a
Northern Waterthrush	c		u					
Louisiana Waterthrush	u	u	u					
Kentucky Warbler	r	r						
Connecticut Warbler	r		r					
Mourning Warbler	r	r	u					



Effigy Mounds National Monument

American Goldfinch, the state bird of Iowa.



Bird List

Effigy Mounds National Monument, 2500 acres of birding habitat, is located along the Mississippi River in the driftless area. Wetlands, wooded bottomlands, open water, wooded bluffs, and native prairies provide a wide range of birding opportunities.

Almost 270 species have been recorded in the area and listed according to the legend. An additional 36 species are listed as Accidentals as they are not normally present.

This bird checklist was developed using data from two local sources, the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and La Riviere Park, City of Prairie du Chien. Generally, the same bird species seen on the Refuge or at La Riviere Park can be seen in or around the monument. We would like to thank these organizations for allowing us to use data from their checklists.

Seasons of Occurrence

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

Status

a	Abundant	u	Uncommon
c	Common	r	Rare

Species	Sp	S	F	W										
					American Kestrel	c	c	c	u					
					Merlin	u		u			Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u
					Peregrine Falcon	u	u	u			Great Horned Owl	c	c	c
Common Loon	u		u								Snowy Owl			r
Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c		Ring-necked Pheasant	u	u	u	u		Barred Owl	c	c	c
Horned Grebe	u		u		Ruffed Grouse	c	c	c	c		Long-eared Owl	u	r	u
Red-necked Grebe	r		r		Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u		Short-eared Owl	u		u
American White Pelican	c	c	c		Northern Bobwhite	u	u	u	u		Northern Saw-whet Owl	u	u	u
Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c											
American Bittern	u	u	u		King Rail	r	r				Common Nighthawk	c	c	u
Least Bittern	u	u	u		Virginia Rail	c	c	c			Whip-poor-will	u	u	u
Great Blue Heron	a	a	a	r	Sora	c	c	u						
Great Egret	a	c	a		Common Moorhen	u	u	u			Chimney Swift	c	c	u
Snowy Egret	r	r			American Coot	a	r	a	u					
Little Blue Heron	u										Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	c	u
Cattle Egret	u	r	u		Sandhill Crane	u	u	u						
Green Heron	c	c	c		Black-bellied Plover	u		u			Belted Kingfisher	c	c	u
Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	r		American Golden-Plover	u		u						
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	r	u		Semipalmated Plover	u	u	u			Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u
					Killdeer	c	c	c	r		Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c
White-fronted Goose	r		r		American Avocet	r	r	r			Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c	c	c
Snow Goose		u		u	Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	u			Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c
Canada Goose	a	c	a	c	Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c			Hairy Woodpecker	c	c	c
Trumpeter Swan	r	r	u	r	Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u			Northern Flicker	c	c	c
Tundra Swan	a		a	u	Willet	r	r	r			Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u
Wood Duck	a	c	a	r	Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c						
Gadwall	c	u	a		Upland Sandpiper	r	r				Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	u	u
American Wigeon	a	u	a		Hudsonian Godwit	r					Eastern Wood Pewee	c	c	c
American Black Duck	c	u	c	r	Marbled Godwit	r					Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	r	r
Mallard	a	c	a	c	Ruddy Turnstone	u	r	u			Acadian Flycatcher	r	r	r
Blue-winged Teal	a	c	a		Sanderling	u	u	u			Alder Flycatcher	r		
Northern Shoveler	c	u	c		Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	c	c			Willow Flycatcher	u	u	u
Northern Pintail	c	r	c	r	Western Sandpiper	r					Least Flycatcher	c	c	c
Green-winged Teal	c	r	c	r	Least Sandpiper	c	c	c			Eastern Phoebe	c	u	c
Canvasback	a	r	a	u	White-rumped Sandpiper	u	u	u			Great Crested Flycatcher	c	a	u
Redhead	c	r	c	u	Baird's Sandpiper	u	u	u			Eastern Kingbird	c	c	u
Ring-necked Duck	a	r	a		Pectoral Sandpiper	c	c	c						
Greater Scaup	u		u		Dunlin	u	u	u			Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r
Lesser Scaup	a	r	a	u	Stilt Sandpiper	u	u	u			Northern Shrike	u		u
White-winged Scoter	r		u	r	Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	u						
Black Scoter	r		r	r	Long-billed Dowitcher	u			r		White-eyed Vireo	r	r	
Long-tailed Duck	r		r	r	Common Snipe	c	u	c	u		Bell's Vireo	r	r	
Bufflehead	c		a	r	American Woodcock	u	u	u			Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	
Common Goldeneye	a		a	c	Wilson's Phalarope	u	u	r			Blue-headed Vireo	u	u	u
Hooded Merganser	c	c	c	r	Red-necked Phalarope	r		r			Warbling Vireo	a	a	a
Common Merganser	r		r	c							Philadelphia Vireo	u		u
Red-breasted Merganser	c		u	u	Franklin's Gull	u		u			Red-eyed Vireo	a	a	a
Ruddy Duck	c	r	c	r	Bonaparte's Gull	u		u						
					Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	u		Blue Jay	a	a	a
Turkey Vulture	c	c	c		Herring Gull	c	u	c	u		American Crow	a	a	a
Osprey	u	u	c		Glaucous Gull	r		r						
Bald Eagle	c	c	a	c	Caspian Tern	u	u	u			Purple Martin	u	u	u
Northern Harrier	u	u	u	u	Common Tern	u	u	u			Tree Swallow	a	a	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	c	u	a	u	Forster's Tern	c	u	u			Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	u
Cooper's Hawk	u	u	c	u	Black Tern	c	c	u			Bank Swallow	c	u	u
Northern Goshawk			r	u							Cliff Swallow	u	r	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	r	Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c		Barn Swallow	c	c	c
Broad-winged Hawk	c	u	a		Eurasian Collared Dove	u	u	u	u					
Swainson's Hawk			r		Mourning Dove	c	c	c	u					
Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	a	c							Horned Lark	r	r	r
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	u	Black-billed Cuckoo	u	c	c						
Golden Eagle	r		u	r	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	u			Brown Creeper	c	u	u