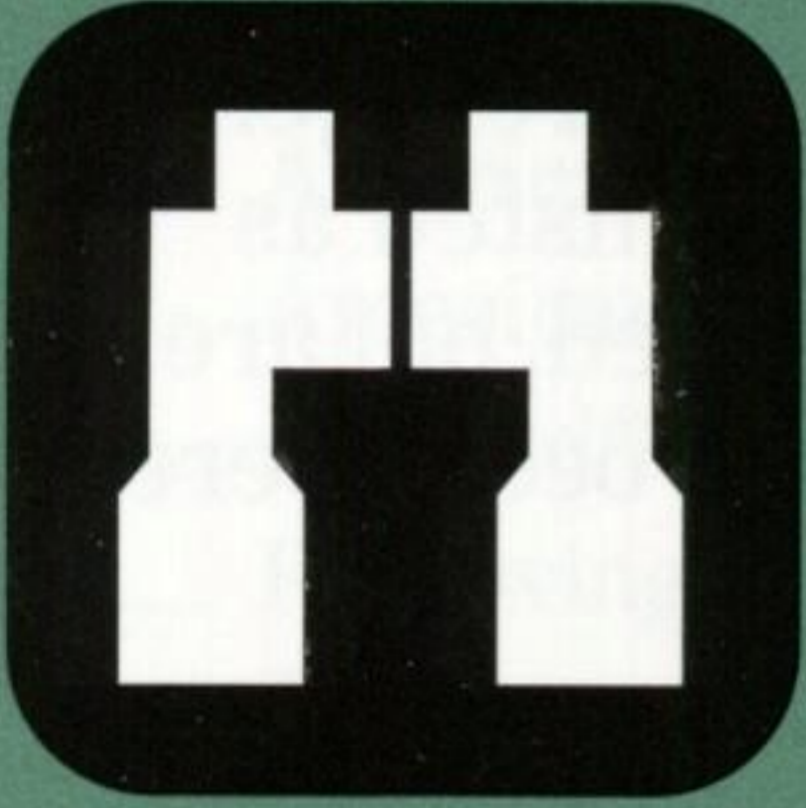


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# Tamarac

*National Wildlife Refuge*

*Bird Checklist*





## Birds of Tamarac

Tamarac is found in an area of transition where the tallgrass prairie meets the edges of both northern hardwood and boreal forest ecosystems. As a result, our bird species diversity is impressive.

This is a list of 258 bird species that have been observed at the refuge. The 14 additional species listed as "Casual" have been reported, but are not normally expected to occur here.

Visiting birders are encouraged to share their sightings with refuge staff. This assistance with keeping refuge records current is greatly appreciated.

### Legend

Sp.... Spring, March-May

S..... Summer, June-July

F..... Fall, August-November

W..... Winter, December-February

a ..... Abundant - Common species  
..... that is very numerous

c..... Common- Certain to be seen or  
..... heard in suitable habitat

u ..... Uncommon- Present but not  
..... certain to be seen

o ..... Occasional - Seen only a few  
..... times during the season

R ..... Rare - Seen at intervals of 2-5  
..... years

\* Denotes species nesting on the  
refuge

## Common Name

Sp S F W

### Swans, Geese and Ducks

___ Greater White-fronted Goose .....	r			r
___ Snow Goose.....	o			o
___ Canada Goose* .....	a	c	a	r
___ Trumpeter Swan* .....	u	u	u	r
___ Tundra Swan.....	u			u
___ Wood Duck* .....	a	c	a	
___ Gadwall.....	u	u	u	
___ American Wigeon.....	u	u	u	
___ American Black Duck.....	u	r	u	
___ Mallard* .....	a	c	a	
___ Blue-winged Teal* .....	a	c	a	
___ Northern Shoveler.....	u	r	o	
___ Northern Pintail .....	o	r	u	
___ Green-winged Teal* .....	u	o	u	
___ Canvasback* .....	u	r	u	
___ Redhead .....	u	r	u	
___ Ring-necked Duck* .....	a	c	a	
___ Greater Scaup .....	r			r
___ Lesser Scaup* .....	c	r	c	
___ Black Scoter .....				r
___ Oldsquaw.....				r
___ Bufflehead* .....	u	r	c	
___ Common Goldeneye* .....	u	u	u	
___ Hooded Merganser* .....	c	u	c	
___ Common Merganser.....	u			u
___ Red-breasted Merganser.....	u			u
___ Ruddy Duck.....	o	r	o	

### Grouse and Turkeys

___ Gray Partridge .....	r	r	r	r
___ Ring-necked Pheasant .....	r	o		r
___ Ruffed Grouse* .....	c	u	c	u
___ Wild Turkey* .....	c	c	c	u

### Loons

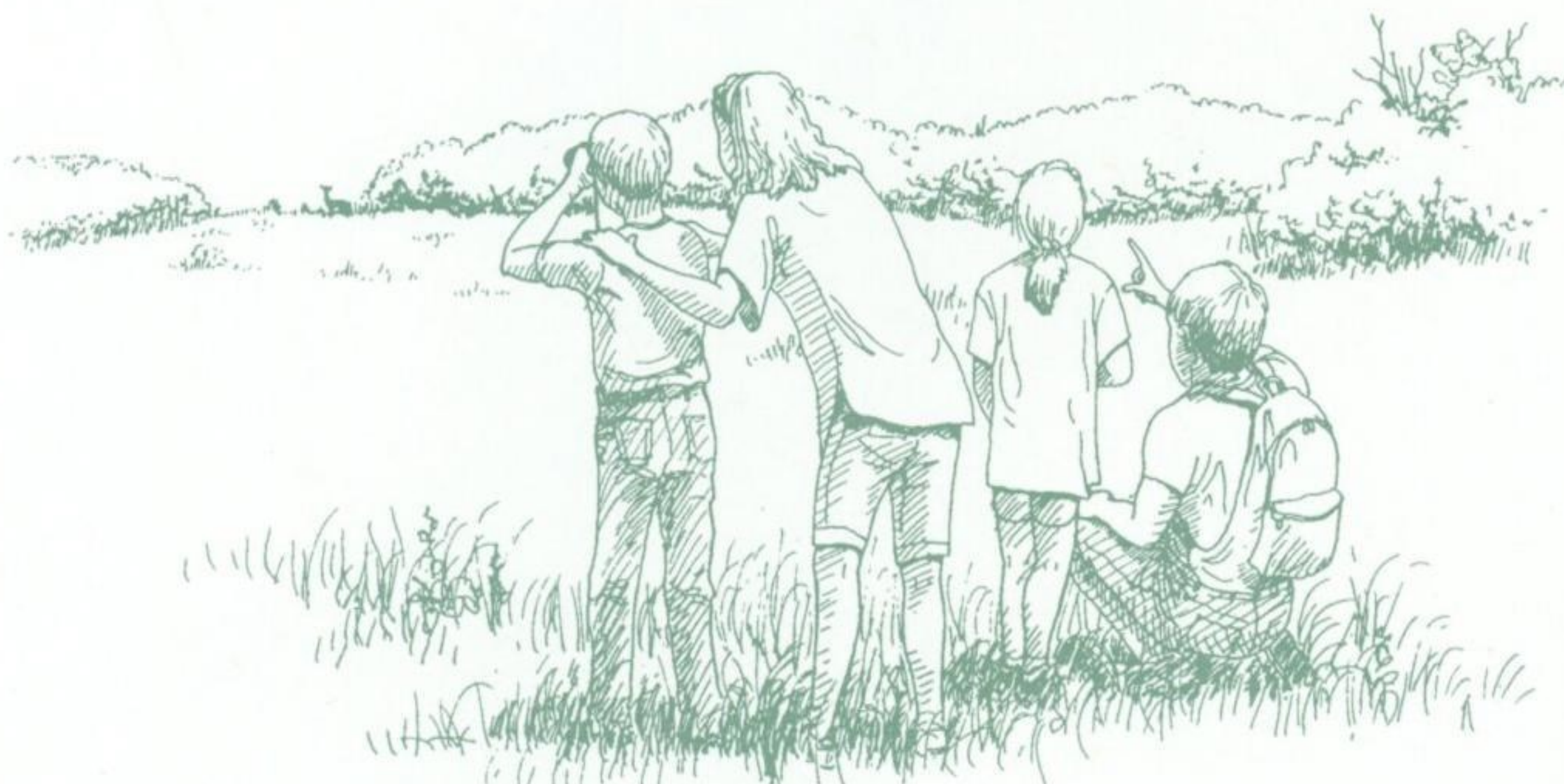
___ Common Loon*	c	c	c	
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### Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe* .....	c	c	a	
___ Horned Grebe .....	o			o
___ Red-necked Grebe* .....	c	c	c	
___ Eared Grebe .....	r			r
___ Western Grebe .....	r	r	r	

### Pelicans

___ American White Pelican.....	u	u	u	
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### Cormorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant .....	c	u	u	
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### Hérons and Bitterns

___ American Bittern* .....	u	u	u	
___ Least Bittern .....	r	r	r	
___ Great Blue Heron* .....	a	a	a	
___ Great Egret .....	r	r	r	
___ Cattle Egret .....	r	r	r	
___ Green Heron* .....	u	u	u	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron .....	r	r	r	

### Vultures

___ Turkey Vulture .....	u	u	u	
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### Hawks and Eagles

___ Osprey* .....	u	u	u	
___ Bald Eagle* .....	c	c	c	r
___ Northern Harrier* .....	u	u	u	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk* .....	u	u	u	
___ Cooper's Hawk* .....	u	o	o	r
___ Northern Goshawk .....	r	r	r	o
___ Red-shouldered Hawk* .....	u	u	o	
___ Broad-winged Hawk* .....	c	u	c	
___ Swainson's Hawk .....	r		r	
___ Red-tailed Hawk* .....	c	u	c	
___ Rough-legged Hawk .....	u		u	r
___ Golden Eagle .....	r		r	r

### Falcons

___ American Kestrel* .....	c	u	c	
___ Merlin .....	r		r	
___ Peregrine Falcon .....	o		o	
___ Prairie Falcon .....	r		r	

### Rails and Coots

___ Yellow Rail .....	o	o	o	
___ Virginia Rail* .....	u	u	u	
___ Sora* .....	u	u	u	
___ American Coot* .....	c	o	a	

### Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane .....	r		r	
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### Plovers

___ Black-bellied Plover .....	r		r	
___ American Golden Plover .....	r		r	
___ Semipalmated Plover .....	r		r	
___ Killdeer* .....	c	u	c	

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### Sandpipers

___ Spotted Sandpiper .....	c	o	r	
___ Solitary Sandpiper .....	c	o	r	
___ Greater Yellowlegs .....	r		r	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs .....	r		r	
___ Upland Sandpiper .....	r		r	
___ Hudsonian Godwit .....	r		r	
___ Marbled Godwit .....	r		r	
___ Ruddy Turnstone .....	r		r	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper .....	r		r	
___ Least Sandpiper .....	o	r	o	
___ Baird's Sandpiper .....	r		r	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper .....	r		r	
___ Dunlin .....	r		r	
___ Stilt Sandpiper .....	r		r	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher .....	r		r	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher .....	r		r	
___ Common Snipe* .....	c	u	u	
___ American Woodcock* .....	c	u	c	
___ Wilson's Phalarope .....	r		r	
___ Red-necked Phalarope .....	r		r	

### Gulls and Terns

___ Franklin's Gull .....	o		o	
___ Bonaparte's Gull .....	o		o	
___ Ring-billed Gull .....	c	c	c	
___ Herring Gull .....	u	o	u	
___ Caspian Tern .....	u	o	u	
___ Common Tern .....	o	r	u	
___ Forster's Tern* .....	u	u	u	
___ Black Tern* .....	c	c	u	

### Doves

___ Mourning Dove* .....	c	c	c	
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### Cuckoos

___ Black-billed Cuckoo* .....	u	u	o	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo .....	o	o	r	

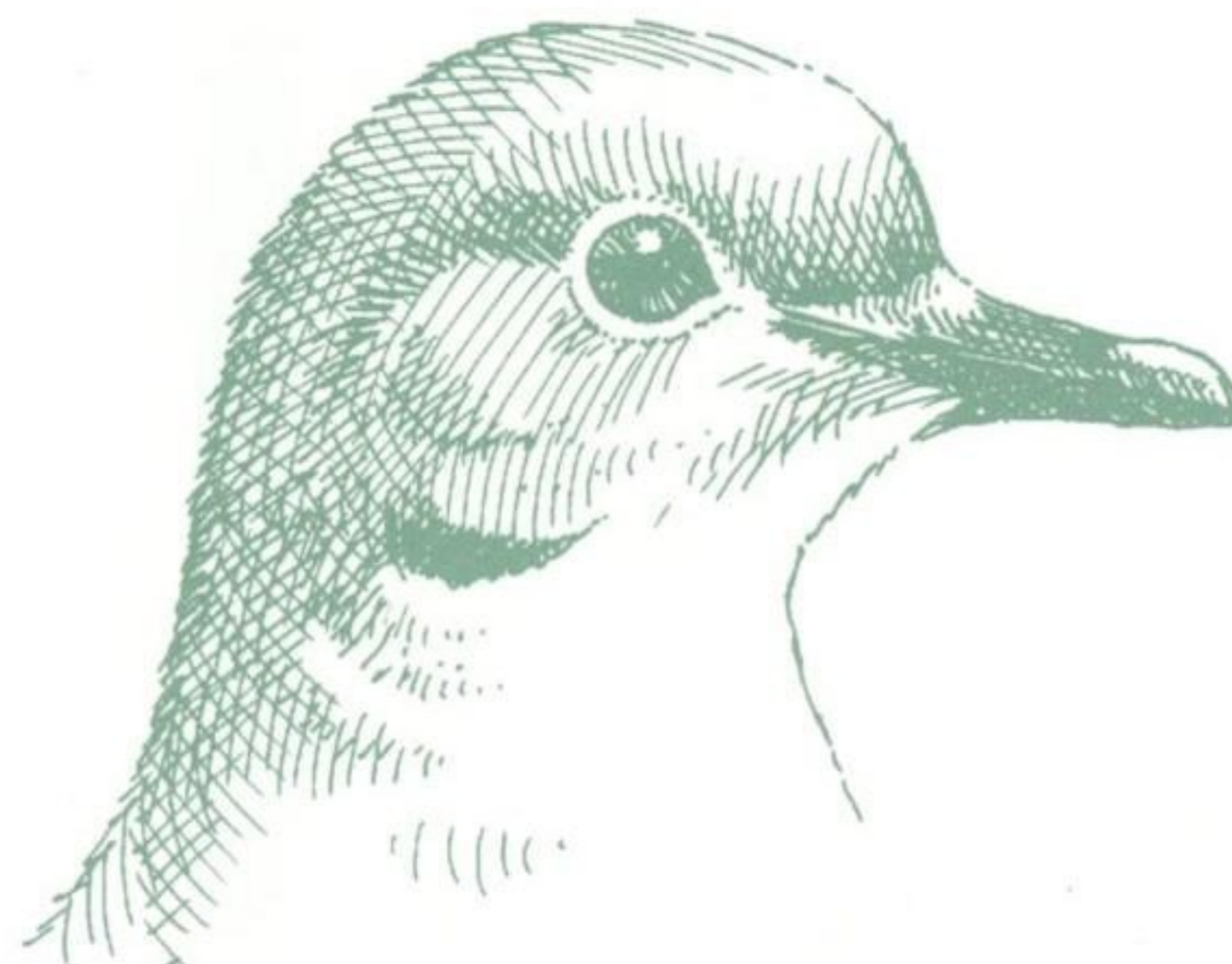
### Owls

___ Eastern Screech-Owl .....	r	r	r	r
___ Great Horned Owl* .....	u	u	u	u
___ Snowy Owl .....	r		r	r
___ Barred Owl* .....	u	u	u	u
___ Great Gray Owl .....	r		r	r
___ Long-eared Owl .....	r	r	r	
___ Short-eared Owl .....	r	r	r	
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl* .....	u	u	u	



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<b>Nightjars</b>				
— Common Nighthawk .....	u	u		
— Whip-poor-will.....	r	r	r	
<b>Swifts</b>				
— Chimney Swift* .....	u	u	u	
<b>Humingbirds</b>				
— Ruby-throated Hummingbird* .....	c	c	c	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
— Belted Kingfisher* .....	c	u	u	
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
— Red-headed Woodpecker .....	o	o	o	r
— Red-bellied Woodpecker .....	u	u	u	u
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker* .....	c	u	u	
— Downy Woodpecker* .....	c	c	c	c
— Hairy Woodpecker* .....	u	u	u	u
— Three-toed Woodpecker.....	r			r
— Black-backed Woodpecker.....	r			r
— Northern Flicker* .....	a	c	a	r
— Pileated Woodpecker* .....	u	u	u	u
<b>Flycatchers</b>				
— Olive-sided Flycatcher .....	o	o	o	
— Eastern Wood-Pewee* .....	c	c	c	
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	r		r	
— Alder Flycatcher* .....	u	u	r	
— Willow Flycatcher.....	r	r	r	
— Least Flycatcher* .....	c	c	c	
— Eastern Phoebe* .....	c	c	c	
— Great Crested Flycatcher*.....	c	c	c	
— Western Kingbird .....	r	r	r	
— Eastern Kingbird* .....	c	c	c	
<b>Shrikes</b>				
— Loggerhead Shrike.....	r		r	
— Northern Shrike .....	u	u	u	u
<b>Vireos</b>				
— Yellow-throated Vireo* .....	u	u	u	
— Blue-headed Vireo .....	u		u	
— Warbling Vireo* .....	c	u	c	
— Philadelphia Vireo .....	u		u	
— Red-eyed Vireo* .....	c	a	c	

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<b>Jays and Crows</b>				
— Gray Jay.....	r		r	r
— Blue Jay* .....	c	u	c	c
— Black-billed Magpie.....	o		o	o
— American Crow* .....	a	c	a	u
— Common Raven.....	r		r	u
<b>Larks</b>				
— Horned Lark .....	u	o	u	r
<b>Swallows</b>				
— Purple Martin* .....	c	c	u	
— Tree Swallow* .....	c	c	c	
— Northern Rough-winged Swallow* .....	u	u	u	
— Bank Swallow .....	u	u	u	
— Cliff Swallow* .....	u	u	u	
— Barn Swallow* .....	c	c	c	
<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>				
— Black-capped Chickadee* .....	c	c	c	a
— Boreal Chickadee.....	r		r	r
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
— Red-breasted Nuthatch* .....	u	u	u	u
— White-breasted Nuthatch* .....	c	c	c	a
<b>Creepers</b>				
— Brown Creeper.....	u	u	u	u
<b>Wrens</b>				
— House Wren* .....	u	u	u	
— Winter Wren* .....	u	u	u	
— Sedge Wren* .....	c	c	c	
— Marsh Wren* .....	c	c	c	
<b>Kinglets and Gnatcatchers</b>				
— Golden-crowned Kinglet .....	c		c	r
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c		c	
— Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	u		u	





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### Thrushes

— Eastern Bluebird*	c	c		
— Townsend's Solitaire			r	r
— Veery*	c	c	c	
— Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
— Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
— Hermit Thrush*	u	u	u	
— Wood Thrush*	u	u	u	
— American Robin*	a	a	u	r
— Varied Thrush				r

### Thrashers

— Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	
— Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	

### Starlings

— European Starling	o	o	o	o
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### Pipits

— American Pipit			u	
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### Waxwings

— Bohemian Waxwing	u		o	o
— Cedar Waxwing	u	u	c	o

### Wood Warblers

— Blue-winged Warbler	o	o	o	
— Golden-winged Warbler*	u	u	u	
— Tennessee Warbler	c	r	c	
— Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	
— Nashville Warbler*	c	u	c	
— Northern Parula*	u	o	u	
— Yellow Warbler*	c	c	u	
— Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	c	c	
— Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
— Cape May Warbler	u		u	
— Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r	
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	r	a	
— Black-throated Green Warbler*	u	u	u	
— Blackburnian Warbler*	u	o	u	
— Pine Warbler*	c	u	c	
— Palm Warbler	c		c	
— Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
— Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
— Cerulean Warbler	o	r	o	
— Black-and-white Warbler*	c	u	c	
— American Redstart*	c	c	c	
— Ovenbird*	c	c	c	

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— Northern Waterthrush	u			u
— Connecticut Warbler	o	r	o	
— Mourning Warbler*	u	u	u	
— Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
— Wilson's Warbler	u			u
— Canada Warbler	u	r		u

### Tanagers

— Scarlet Tanager*	u	u		u
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### Sparrows

— Spotted Towhee	r			r
— Eastern Towhee*	u	u		u
— American Tree Sparrow	c			c
— Chipping Sparrow*	c	c		c
— Clay-colored Sparrow*	c	c		c
— Field Sparrow*	u	u		u
— Vesper Sparrow*	u	u		u
— Lark Sparrow*	u	o		o
— Savannah Sparrow	u	u		u
— Grasshopper Sparrow	u	u		r
— Henslow's Sparrow	r	r		r
— Le Conte's Sparrow	u	u		u
— Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r			r
— Fox Sparrow	c			c
— Song Sparrow*	a	a		c
— Lincoln's Sparrow	u			u
— Swamp Sparrow*	c	c		u
— White-throated Sparrow*	c	u		c
— Harris's Sparrow	u			u
— White-crowned Sparrow	u			u
— Dark-eyed Junco	c			c
— Lapland Longspur	o			o
— Snow Bunting	o			o

### Grosbeaks and Buntings

— Northern Cardinal	r	r		r
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	u	u		u
— Indigo Bunting*	c	c		u

### Blackbirds and Orioles

— Bobolink*	u	u		u
— Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a		a
— Eastern Meadowlark	r	r		r
— Western Meadowlark	u	o		u
— Yellow-headed Blackbird*	u	u		u
— Rusty Blackbird	u			u
— Brewer's Blackbird*	u	o		u



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— Common Grackle* .....	c	c	c	
— Brown-headed Cowbird* .....	c	c	c	
— Orchard Oriole .....	r	r		
— Baltimore Oriole* .....	c	u	u	

### Finches

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

### Old World Sparrows

— House Sparrow .....	u	o	o	o
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### Casual Species

Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
 Mute Swan  
 Gyrfalcon  
 Greater Prairie Chicken  
 Sharp-tailed Grouse  
 American Avocet  
 Rock Dove  
 Boreal Owl  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
 Tufted Titmouse  
 Mountain Bluebird  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Prothonotary Warbler  
 Dickcissel

**Birdwatching is encouraged.**  
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