

Birds of the Indiana Dunes A Seasonal Checklist

Common names conform with the A.O.U. Check List of North American Birds (7th edition 2000)
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The symbols used in the list

S - Spring (March - May)
S - Summer (June - August)
F - Fall (September - November)
W - Winter (December - February)
a - abundant, almost always seen or heard in habitat
c - common, often seen or heard in habitat
u - uncommon, sometimes seen or heard in habitat
r - rare, at least one individual present
x - accidental, not present every year
i - irregular, presence varies widely
* - breeds within area

The habitat types

l - lake
b - beach
d - dune
f - fields
p - ponds
m - marsh
w - woods
we - wooded edges
lw - lakefront woods
h - harbor
blanks - Where no habitat is given, the species is usually seen in flight.

	S	S	F	W	Habitat		S	S	F	W	Habitat
LOONS						SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS					
Red-throated Loon	r		u		l	Snow Goose			u	x	
Common Loon	u	x	c	r	l	Canada Goose*	a	a	a	c	l,m,p
						Brant			x	x	l,p
GREBES						Mute Swan	c	c	c	u	l,p
Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	r	m,p	Tundra Swan			r	x	l,p
Horned Grebe	u		c	r	l,h	Wood Duck*	c	c	c	r	m
Red-necked Grebe			x		l	Gadwall	u		c	r	m,p
Eared Grebe			x	x	l,h	American Wigeon	c		c	r	m,p
Western Grebe			x	x	l,h	American Black Duck	c	x	c	u	l,m
						Mallard*	c	c	c	c	m,h,p
PELICANS, CORMORANTS						Blue-winged Teal*	c	u	c		m,p
American White Pelican			x	x	l,h	Northern Shoveler	u		u	x	m,p
Double-crested Cormorant	c		a	r	l	Northern Pintail	u		u	r	m,p
						Green-winged Teal	u		u	r	m,p
BITTERNS, HERONS						Canvasback	u		r	u	m,h,p
American Bittern	r	x	x		m	Redhead	c		u	r	l,h,p
Least Bittern*	r	r	r		m	Ring-necked Duck	c		c	r	m,h,p
Great Blue Heron*	a	a	a	r	m,p	Greater Scaup	u		u	c	l,h,p
Great Egret	u	r	u		m	Lesser Scaup	c		c	u	l,h,p
Snowy Egret	x	x	x		m,h	King Eider			x	x	l,h
Little Blue Heron	r	x	x		m	Harlequin Duck				r	h
Cattle Egret	r	x	r		f,p	Surf Scoter	x		u	r	l
Green Heron*	c	c	c		m,p	White-winged Scoter	r		u	r	l
Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u		m	Black Scoter	x		u	r	l
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	x	x	x		m	Long-tailed Duck				r	l
						Bufflehead	c		c	a	l,h
VULTURES						Common Goldeneye	c		c	a	l,h
Turkey Vulture	c	c	u			Hooded Merganser	u		u	r	m
						Common Merganser	u		u	c	l
						Red-breasted Merganser	a		c	u	l,p
						Ruddy Duck	u	x	u	r	l,h,p

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RAPTORS					
Osprey	u	u			
Bald Eagle	r	r	x		
Northern Harrier	u	r	u	r	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	c	u	r		
Cooper's Hawk	u	r	r	r	
Northern Goshawk	r	x	x		
Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	r	u	r	
Broad-winged Hawk*	u	r	u		
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c	
Rough-legged Hawk	u	u	u		
Golden Eagle	x	x			
American Kestrel*	c	u	c	u	
Merlin	r	r			
Peregrine Falcon	u	u	u	r	

**PHEASANT,
TURKEY,QUAIL**

Ring-necked Pheasant*	u	u	u	u	f
Wild Turkey*	r	r	r	r	w
Northern Bobwhite*	r	r	r	r	w,f

RAILS, COOTS

Yellow Rail	x				m
King Rail*	x	x	x		m
Virginia Rail*	c	u	u	r	m
Sora*	c	u	u		m
Common Moorhen*	r	r	r		m
American Coot*	a	c	a	r	m,p,h

CRANES

Sandhill Crane	c	u			
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PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover	u	r	u		b,p
American Golden-Plover	u	r			f,p
Semipalmated Plover	c	r	c		b,p
Piping Plover	x	x	x		b
Killdeer*	c	c	c	r	m,d

AVOCETS

American Avocet	x	r	r		b
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SANDPIPERS

Greater Yellowlegs	u	r	r		m,p
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u		m,p
Solitary Sandpiper	c	u	u		m
Willet	r	u	r		b
Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	u		m
Upland Sandpiper	r				f
Whimbrel	x	x	r		b
Hudsonian Godwit	x	x			l,m
Marbled Godwit	x				b,f
Ruddy Turnstone	u	r	u		b,h
Red Knot	r	r			b

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Sanderling	r	c	c	x	b
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	r	c		b,h,p
Western Sandpiper	x	x			b,h,p
Least Sandpiper	c	u	c		b,p
White-rumped Sandpiper	u	x			b,p
Baird's Sandpiper		r			b,p
Pectoral Sandpiper	c	r	u		m,p
Purple Sandpiper		r	r		h
Dunlin	u	c			b,p
Stilt Sandpiper	r	u			b,p
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		r			b,p,f
Short-billed Dowitcher	r	u	r		p
Long-billed Dowitcher		x			p
Common Snipe	c	r	u	r	m,p
American Woodcock*	c	c	u		m,w
Wilson's Phalarope	x	x	x		p
Red-necked Phalarope		x			l,p
Red Phalarope		r	x		l,h

JAEGERS

Pomarine Jaeger		x	x		l
Parasitic Jaeger		r			l
Long-tailed Jaeger		x			l

GULLS, TERNS

Laughing Gull	u	r	r		l,b,h
Franklin's Gull	x	r	u		l,b,h
Little Gull		x	x		l,b,h
Bonaparte's Gull	c	r	c	u	l,b,h
Ring-billed Gull*	a	c	a	c	l,b,h
California Gull		x			l,b,h
Herring Gull	a	u	a	c	l,b,h
Thayer's Gull	r		r		l,b,h
Iceland Gull	r	x	r		l,b,h
Lesser Black-backed Gull	r	x	u	u	l,b,h
Glaucous Gull	r	x	r		l,b,h
Great Black-backed Gull	u	r	r	u	l,b,h
Sabine's Gull		r			l,b,h
Black-legged Kittiwake	x	r	x		l,b,h
Caspian Tern	c	u	u		l,b,h
Common Tern	u	u	c		l,b,h
Forster's Tern	u	r	c		l,b,h
Black Tern*	x	x	r		m,l

DOVES

Rock Dove*	c	c	c	c	urban
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	w,f

CUCKOOS

Black-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u		w
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u		w

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OWLS					
Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u	w
Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	w
Snowy Owl		r	r		d
Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u	w
Long-eared Owl	r		r		w
Short-eared Owl	r	r			d
Northern Saw-whet Owl	x	x	x		we
GOATSUCKERS, SWIFTS					
Common Nighthawk*	u	u	c		
Chuck-will's-widow	x				lw,d
Whip-poor-will*	u	u	u		w
Chimney Swift*	c	c	c		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	c		w
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	u	m,p
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	c	c	u	w
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	u	c	u	w
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c	c	r		w
Downy Woodpecker*	a	a	a	a	w,we
Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	w
Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	r	w
Pileated Woodpecker*	r	r	r	r	w
FLYCATCHERS					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	u			m
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c		w
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	u	r			lw,w
Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	r		w
Alder Flycatcher	u	u	r		m
Willow Flycatcher*	c	u	r		m
Least Flycatcher	c	r	c		w,we
Eastern Phoebe*	c	r	c		f,w,we
Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u		w
Western Kingbird			x		lw
Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	u		f,m
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike	r	x			we,f
Northern Shrike			r		we,m
VIREOS					
White-eyed Vireo*	u	r	u		w
Bell's Vireo	x				w,f
Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	u	u		w
Blue-headed Vireo	u	u			w
Warbling Vireo*	c	u	u		we
Philadelphia Vireo	u	u			w

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Red-eyed Vireo*	a	a	c		w
JAYS, CROWS, LARKS					
Blue Jay*	a	a	a	a	w
American Crow*	c	c	c	c	all
Horned Lark*	u	u	u	u	f,b
SWALLOWS					
Purple Martin*	c	c	c		
Tree Swallow*	c	c	c		m
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u		m
Bank Swallow*	c	c	c		b,d
Cliff Swallow	u	r	r		f
Barn Swallow*	c	c	c		f
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c	w
Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c	w
NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	r		w
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c	w
Brown Creeper	c	c	u		w
WRENS, KINGLETS					
Carolina Wren	u	u	u	u	w
House Wren*	c	c	c		w
Winter Wren	u	x	u	x	w,lw
Sedge Wren*	u	r	r		m,lw
Marsh Wren*	c	c	c		m,lw
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	c	r		w,lw
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	c	x		w,lw
GNATCATCHERS, THRUSHES					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	u	r		w
Eastern Bluebird*	c	u	u	r	f,we
Veery*	c	c	c		w
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	u			w
Swainson's Thrush	c	c			w
Hermit Thrush	c	c	r		w
Wood Thrush*	c	c	u		w
American Robin*	a	a	a	u	w,f
Varied Thrush				x	w
MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS					
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c		we
Northern Mockingbird	r	r	r	x	d,m
Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	r	we
STARLINGS					
European Starling*	a	a	a	a	all

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PIPITS, WAXWINGS					
American Pipit	r	r		b,f,p	
Bohemian Waxwing			x	w,d	
Cedar Waxwing*	c	u	c	u	w,m

WOOD WARBLERS					
Blue-winged Warbler*	c	u	u		we
Golden-winged Warbler*	u	r	u		we
Tennessee Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Orange-crowned Warbler	u	u			w,lw
Nashville Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Northern Parula	u	r			w,lw
Yellow Warbler*	c	c	r		we,m
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	r	u		we,lw
Magnolia Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Cape May Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	u			w,lw
Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	a	x		w,m
Black-throated Green Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Blackburnian Warbler*	c	r	u		w,lw
Yellow-throated Warbler	r				we
Pine Warbler	r	r			we, lw
Prairie Warbler*	u	u	x		d,m
Palm Warbler	c	c			we,m
Bay-breasted Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Blackpoll Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Cerulean Warbler*	c	c			w
Black-and-white Warbler*	c	r	c		w,lw
American Redstart*	c	u	c		w,lw
Prothonotary Warbler	r	x			m
Worm-eating Warbler	r				w
Ovenbird*	c	c	u		w,lw
Northern Waterthrush	c	c			w,m
Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u			we,m
Kentucky Warbler	r	r			m
Connecticut Warbler	r	r			we,lw
Mourning Warbler*	u	x	u		we,lw
Common Yellowthroat*	a	a	c		m
Hooded Warbler*	u	r	r		m
Wilson's Warbler	c	c			w,lw
Canada Warbler*	u	r	u		w,lw
Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	r	r		m,we

TANGERS					
Summer Tanager	x	r			w,d
Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	u		w

SPARROWS					
Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	r	we
American Tree Sparrow	c	c	a		we,f,d
Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c		we,f,d
Clay-colored Sparrow	r	r			we,lw
Field Sparrow*	c	c	u	r	f,d,m
Vesper Sparrow*	u	u	u		f,d,m

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Lark Sparrow	x				lw
Savannah Sparrow*	u	u			f,d
Grasshopper Sparrow	x	x	x		lw,f
Henslow's Sparrow	x	x			lw
Le Conte's Sparrow	r	r			lw,m
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	r	r			lw,m
Fox Sparrow	c	c	x		lw,we
Song Sparrow*	a	a	c	u	m,we
Lincoln's Sparrow	u	u			lw,w
Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	c	u	lw,m
White-throated Sparrow	a	a	r		lw,we
Harris's Sparrow	x	r			lw,w
White-crowned Sparrow	u	u	r		lw,we
Dark-eyed Junco	c	c	a		lw,we
Lapland Longspur	r	r	r		b
Smith's Longspur	x				b,f
Snow Bunting		u	u		f,b

CARDINALS					
Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c	w

BUNTINGS					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c		w
Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c		w
Dickcissel	i	i			f

BOBOLINK					
Bobolink*	c	u	r		f

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	r	m
Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	x	f
Western Meadowlark	r	r			f
Yellow-headed Blackbird	x				m
Rusty Blackbird	c	c	x		m
Brewer's Blackbird	r	x	x		f
Common Grackle*	a	a	a	r	m,f
Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	r	w
Orchard Oriole	r	x	x		we
Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	u		w

FINCHES					
Purple Finch	c	c	u		w
House Finch*	c	c	c	c	urban
Red Crossbill	i	i	i	i	w
White-winged Crossbill		i	i		w
Common Redpoll		i	i		we,d
Pine Siskin	i	i	i		w
American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c	we,f
Evening Grosbeak	i	i	i		we

OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow*	a	a	a	a	urban