

Abundance Status

A—Abundant: numerous, readily seen
 C—Common: fair numbers, should be seen
 U—Uncommon: present, may be seen
 R—Rare: seldom seen
 O—Occasional: not seen every year

Seasons

Spring (Sp): March 1-May 31
 Summer (Su): June 1-July 31
 Fall (Fa): August 1- November 30
 Winter (Wi): December 1-February 28

An * denotes a known nesting species.

LOON & GREBES**Sp Su Fa Wi**

___ Common Loon U ... C ... U ... -
 ___ Horned Grebe C ... C ... C ... -
 ___ Pied-billed Grebe A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Red-necked Grebe C ... R ... C ... -
 ___ Eared Grebe A ... A ... C ... -
 ___ Western Grebe A ... C ... A ...

PELICANS

___ Am. White Pelican A ... A ... A ... -

CORMORANTS

___ Dbl-crested Cormorant. A ... A ... A ... -

WADING BIRDS

___ American Bittern A ... C ... A ... -
 ___ Great Blue Heron A ... C ... A ... -
 ___ Great Egret R ... R ... R ... -
 ___ Snowy Egret R ... R ... R ... -
 ___ Little Blue Heron R ... R ... R ... -
 ___ Cattle Egret R ... R ... R ... -
 ___ Black-crowned
 ___ Night Heron A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ White-faced Ibis R ... R ... R ... -

NEW WORLD VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture C ... C ... C ... -

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS

___ Canada Goose* A ... A ... A ... A
 ___ Tundra Swan C ... - ... A ... -
 ___ Gr. wht-fronted Goose .. A ... R ... A ... -
 ___ Snow Goose C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Blue Goose C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Wood Duck C ... C ... C ... -

Sp Su Fa Wi

___ Gadwall A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ American Wigeon A ... A ... A ... U
 ___ American Black Duck .. R ... - ... R ... -
 ___ Mallard A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Blue-winged Teal A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Northern Shoveler A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Northern Pintail A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Green-winged Teal A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Canvasback A ... A ... A ... U
 ___ Redhead A ... A ... A ... U
 ___ Ring-necked Duck A ... - ... A ... -
 ___ Greater Scaup A ... A ... A ... U
 ___ Lesser Scaup A ... A ... A ... U
 ___ Bufflehead A ... C ... A ... U
 ___ Common Goldeneye A ... - ... A ... C
 ___ Barrow's Goldeneye - ... - ... R ... -
 ___ Hooded Merganser C ... - ... C ... R
 ___ Common Merganser C ... - ... C ... C
 ___ Red-brsted Merganser . R ... - ... R ... R
 ___ Ruddy Duck A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Oldsquaw - ... - ... R ... R
 ___ White-winged Scoter - ... - ... C ... R
 ___ Harlequin Duck - ... - ... A ... R

HAWKS, EAGLES & ALLIES

___ Osprey U ... U ... U ... -
 ___ Bald Eagle C ... U ... C ... C
 ___ Northern Harrier A ... A ... A ... U
 ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Cooper's Hawk R ... - ... C ... R
 ___ Northern Goshawk R ... - ... C ... U
 ___ Swainson's Hawk C ... C ... C ... -
 ___ Red-tailed Hawk C ... C ... C ... U
 ___ Golden Eagle C ... R ... C ... U
 ___ Rough-legged Hawk C ... - ... C ... U

FALCONS

___ American Kestrel A ... R ... A ... U
 ___ Merlin C ... R ... C ... R
 ___ Peregrin Falcon R ... - ... R ... R
 ___ Gryfalcon - ... - ... - ... C
 ___ Peregrin Falcon R ... - ... R ... R
 ___ Prairie Falcon C ... R ... C ... R

PARTRIDGES & PHEASANTS

___ Gray Partridge C ... C ... C ... C
 ___ Ring-necked Pheasant* A ... A ... A ... A
 ___ Sharp-tailed Grouse* ... A ... A ... A ... A

TURKEYS**Sp Su Fa Wi**

___ Wild Turkey C ... C ... C ... C

RAILS, COOTS & CRANES

___ Yellow Rail C ... C ... C ... -
 ___ King Rail C ... C ... C ... -
 ___ Virginia Rail C ... C ... C ... -
 ___ Sora A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ American Coot A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Sandhill Crane A ... R ... A ... -
 ___ Whooping Crane R ... - ... R ... -

PLOVERS

___ Black-bellied Plover R ... - ... R ... -
 ___ Lesser Golden Plover .. C ... - ... R ... -
 ___ Semipalmated Plover ... C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Piping Plover* - ... R ... - ... -
 ___ Killdeer* A ... A ... A ... -

SANDPIPERS & ALLIES

___ American Avocet A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Greater Yellowlegs C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Lesser Yellowlegs A ... C ... A ... -
 ___ Solitary Sandpiper C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Upland Sandpiper A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Spotted Sandpiper A ... A ... C ... -
 ___ Willet A ... A ... C ... -
 ___ Hudsonian Godwit R ... - ... - ... -
 ___ Marbled Godwit A ... A ... C ... -
 ___ Ruddy Turnstone C ... - ... R ... -
 ___ Sanderling A ... - ... A ... -
 ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper A ... - ... A ... -
 ___ Least Sandpiper A ... - ... A ... -
 ___ White-rumped Sandpiper A ... C ... C ... -
 ___ Baird's Sandpiper C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Pectoral Sandpiper C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Dunlin C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Stilt Sandpiper A ... - ... A ... -
 ___ Black-necked Stilt R ... - ... - ... -
 ___ Long-billed Curlew R ... - ... - ... -
 ___ Long-billed Dowitcher ... A ... - ... A ... -
 ___ Short-billed Dowitcher .. C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ Common Snipe A ... C ... A ... -
 ___ Wilson's Phalarope A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Red-necked Phalarope C ... - ... C ... -
 ___ American Avocet - ... R ... - ... -

GULLS & TERNS

___ Franklin's Gull C ... C ... C ... -
 ___ Bonaparte's Gull C ... - ... C ... -

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___ Ring-billed Gull A ... A ... A ... R
 ___ California Gull A ... A ... A ... R
 ___ Herring Gull C ... C ... C ... C
 ___ Thayers Gull - ... - ... - ... U
 ___ Glaucous Gull - ... - ... - ... U
 ___ Little Gull - ... - ... - ... O
 ___ Black-legged Kittiwake .. - ... - ... - ... R
 ___ Caspian Tern R ... R ... - ... -
 ___ Common Tern A ... A ... A ... -
 ___ Forrester's Tern C ... C ... C ... -
 ___ Least Tern R ... R ... - ... -
 ___ Black Tern C ... C ... C ... -

DOVES

___ Rock Dove A ... A ... A ... A
 ___ Mourning Dove* A ... A ... A ... R

CUCKOOS

___ Black-billed Cuckoo C ... C ... C ... -

TYPICAL OWLS

___ Eastern Screech-Owl ... R ... R ... R ... R
 ___ Great Horned Owl* A ... A ... A ... A
 ___ Snowy Owl C ... - ... C ... C
 ___ Burrowing Owl C ... R ... R ... -
 ___ Long-eared Owl R ... - ... R ... R
 ___ Short-eared Owl A ... A ... A ... R
 ___ Boreal Owl - ... - ... - ... O

GOATSUCKERS

___ Common Nighthawk C ... R ... C ... -

SWIFTS

___ Chimney Swift R ... R ... R ... -

HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Rby-thrtd Hummingbird C ... R ... C ... -

KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher C ... C ... C ... -

WOODPECKERS

___ Red-headed
 ___ Woodpecker C ... C ... C ... C
 ___ Yellow-bellied
 ___ Sapsucker C ... C ... C ... C
 ___ Downy Woodpecker* ... A ... A ... A ... A
 ___ Hairy Woodpecker* A ... A ... A ... A
 ___ Northern Flicker* A ... A ... A ... U

Bird Checklist



Great-horned Owl

This checklist contains the names and abundances of 237 species of birds observed in and around Lake Sakakawea State Park. Nomenclature and taxonomic order follow the 7th edition of the American Ornithologists' Union (A.O.U.) Checklist of North American Birds (June 1998). Checklist resources include: Park employees & visitors, area Christmas bird counts, Audubon Wildlife Refuge Bird list.

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TYRANT FLYCATCHERS Sp Su Fa Wi

- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee .. C ... - - - - -
- ___ Least Flycatcher C ... C ... R ... -
- ___ Eastern Phoebe C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Say's Phoebe C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Western Kingbird* A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Eastern Kingbird* A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Dickcissel C ... C ... C ... -

SHRIKES

- ___ Northern Shrike C ... - ... C ... C
- ___ Loggerhead Shrike C ... C ... C ... -

VIREOS

- ___ Solitary Vireo C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Warbling Vireo C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo C ... C ... C ... -

JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS

- ___ Blue Jay C ... C ... C .. R
- ___ Black-billed Magpie C ... C ... C .. C
- ___ American Crow A ... C ... A .. C

LARKS

- ___ Horned Lark A ... A ... A .. A

SWALLOWS

- ___ Purple Martin C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Tree Swallow* A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Bank Swallow* A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Cliff Swallow C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Barn Swallow* A ... A ... A ... -

CHICKADEES AND NUTHATCHES

- ___ Blk-capped Chickadee* A ... A ... A .. A
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch C ... - ... C .. U
- ___ Wht-breasted Nuthatch* A ... A ... A .. A

CREEPERS

- ___ Brown Creeper C ... - ... C ... -

WRENS

- ___ House Wren* A ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Sedge Wren A ... A ... C ... -
- ___ Marsh Wren C ... C ... C ... -

KINGLETS

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet R ... - ... C .. R
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet .. R ... - ... C ... -

THRUSHES Sp Su Fa Wi

- ___ Eastern Bluebird* C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Mountain Bluebird* A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Swainson's Thrush* C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ American Robin* A ... A ... A .. C

MIMIDS

- ___ Gray Catbird C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Brown Thrasher* A ... A ... C ... -
- ___ Northern Mockingbird ... - ... R ... - ... -

PIPITS

- ___ American Pipit C ... - ... C ... -

STARLINGS

- ___ European Starling C ... C ... C .. C

WAXWINGS

- ___ Bohemian Waxwing C ... - ... C .. C
- ___ Cedar Waxwing* A ... A ... A .. A

WOOD-WARBLERS

- ___ Tennessee Warbler C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Orange-crowned Wrblr. C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Yellow Warbler A ... A ... C ... -
- ___ Magnolia Warbler C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Cape May Warbler R ... - ... - ... -
- ___ Yellow-rumped Wrblr ... C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler ... C ... - ... - ... -
- ___ Palm Warbler C ... - ... - ... -
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Black-and-white-Wrblr. C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat ... C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ American Redstart C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Ovenbird C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Northern Waterthrush .. C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Common Yellowthroat .. A ... A ... A ... -

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- ___ Spotted Towhee C ... C ... C .. R
- ___ Am. Tree Sparrow A ... A ... A .. C
- ___ Chipping Sparrow* A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow ... A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Brewer's Sparrow R ... - ... - ... -
- ___ Vesper Sparrow C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Lark Sparrow C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Lark Bunting C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Savannah Sparrow A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Baird's Sparrow C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow .. A ... A ... A ... -

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- ___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow C ... C ... C ... -
- ___ Swamp Sparrow C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ White-throated Sparrow C ... - ... U ... -
- ___ Song Sparrow A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Harris's Sparrow A ... A ... A .. U
- ___ Wht-crowned Sparrow .. C ... - ... C ... -
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco A ... - ... A .. A
- ___ McCown's Longspur C ... - ... C .. C
- ___ Lapland Longspur C ... - ... C .. A
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur A ... A ... C ... -
- ___ Snow Bunting C ... - ... C .. C

NEW WORLD GROSBEAKS

- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - ... - ... - ... R
- ___ Dickcissel C ... C ... C ... -

BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS & ORIOLES

- ___ Bobolink A ... A ... C ... -
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird .. A ... A ... A .. R
- ___ Western Meadowlark* .. A ... A ... A .. R
- ___ Yllw-headed Blackbird .. A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Rusty Blackbird U ... - ... U .. R
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird* A ... A ... A .. R
- ___ Common Grackle A ... A ... A .. R
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird A ... A ... A ... -
- ___ Orchard Oriole C ... C ... R ... -

FINCHES

- ___ Pine Grosbeak - ... - ... - ... U
- ___ Purple Finch C ... C ... C .. C
- ___ House Finch C ... C ... C .. U
- ___ Red Crossbill C ... C ... C .. U
- ___ Common Redpoll C ... - ... C .. A
- ___ Hoary Redpoll - ... - ... - ... R
- ___ Pine Siskin C ... - ... C .. C
- ___ American Goldfinch* ... A ... A ... A .. A
- ___ Evening Grosbeak - ... - ... - ... U

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- ___ House Sparrow A ... A ... A ... A