

# Arrowwood

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

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### *Bird List*



## Welcome



*This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.*

Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established by Executive Order in 1935 as a Refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. This 15,934-acre Refuge straddles the James River and encompasses a diversity of habitats – lakes, marshes, grasslands, wooded coulees, and cultivated fields. As the James River meanders through the Refuge, it passes through four main water areas – Arrowwood, Mud, and Jim Lakes, and DePuy Marsh. Water levels within the three naturally occurring riverine lakes and the DePuy Marsh are controlled by structures at their outlets.

Arrowwood NWR is managed primarily to attract migrating waterfowl during spring and fall migrations. The Refuge also has excellent nesting habitat for ducks, geese, grebes, shorebirds, and numerous upland songbirds.

Canada geese usually arrive in mid-March. Mallards and northern pintails follow shortly thereafter, while flights of snow geese usually reach their peak in mid-April.

Western grebes can be observed on lakes doing their mating dance in late May and early June. Extensive beds of sago pondweed in the lakes attract large numbers of swans and diving ducks, especially canvasbacks, during the fall migration. Visitors can also enjoy migrating shorebirds as well as resident species of wildlife, such as sharp-tailed grouse, in a natural setting.

**eBird  
TrailTracker**

We invite you to use the e-Bird Trail Tracker located in the visitor center. You can check out the birds that other visitors have seen and where the birds were observed. You can also check the recent sightings on the Refuge website at <http://www.fws.gov/arrowwood>.

## How to Use Your Checklist

The following list includes 295 birds. The 133 species that nest on the Refuge are noted with a (●). Most of the species listed here are seen on the Refuge. All species names are in accordance with and follow the format of the *American Ornithologists' Union's Seventh Edition Check-list*, including changes through the 51st supplement.

### *Seasons of Occurrence:*

Since many birds are migratory, their seasonal occurrence and relative abundance are noted as follows:

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

### *Seasonal Abundance:*

- a abundant - occurring in large numbers, over 600 birds per season
- c common - certain to be seen in suitable habitat, potentially 25 to 125 birds per season.
- u uncommon - present, but not certain to be seen, potentially 5 to 25 birds per season.
- o occasional - seen only a few times during the season, small numbers per season.
- r rare - seen at intervals of 2 - 5 years.
- x accidental – seen infrequently, not to be expected.
- e extirpated – once nested on Refuge; species may be present accidentally.
- denotes a confirmed or strong evidence of nesting.

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Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Ducks, Swans, and Geese</b>				
Greater White-fronted Goose	c	x	c	
• Snow Goose	a	r	a	r
Ross's Goose	u		u	
Brant	x		x	
Cackling Goose	c	r	c	r
• Canada Goose	a	a	a	o
Trumpeter Swan	x			
Tundra Swan	a		a	
• Wood Duck	u	u	u	r
• Gadwall	a	a	a	o
• American Wigeon	c	u	c	o
• American Black Duck	o	o	o	
• Mallard	a	a	a	u
• Blue-winged Teal	a	a	a	o
Cinnamon Teal	o	o	o	
• Northern Shoveler	a	a	a	o
• Northern Pintail	a	a	a	o
• Green-winged Teal	c	u	c	o
• Canvasback	c	u	c	x
• Redhead	a	a	a	o
• Ring-necked Duck	c	u	u	
Greater Scaup	u		r	
• Lesser Scaup	a	c	a	o
Surf Scoter			o	
White-winged Scoter	x		o	
Long-tailed Duck		x	o	
Bufflehead	c	u	c	
Common Goldeneye	c		c	o
Barrow's Goldeneye	x			
• Hooded Merganser	c	c	c	
Common Merganser	u		u	o
Red-breasted Merganser	o		o	
• Ruddy Duck	a	a	a	
<b>Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys</b>				
• Gray Partridge	u	u	u	u
• Ring-necked Pheasant	c	c	c	c
• Sharp-tailed Grouse	a	a	a	a
e Greater Prairie-Chicken	x	x	x	x
• Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
<b>Loons</b>				
Common Loon	r	o	r	
<b>Grebes</b>				
• Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	x
• Horned Grebe	u	r	u	
• Red-necked Grebe	u	r	u	

Common Bird Name	Sp	S	F	W
• Eared Grebe	a	a	a	
• Western Grebe	a	a	a	
• Clark's Grebe	r	r	r	
<b>Pelicans</b>				
American White Pelican	a	a	a	x
<b>Cormorants</b>				
• Double-crested Cormorant	a	a	a	
<b>Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets</b>				
• American Bittern	u	u	u	x
• Least Bittern	x	x	x	
• Great Blue Heron	u	u	c	o
Great Egret	u	u	c	
Snowy Egret	o	o	u	
Little Blue Heron	x	x	x	
Cattle Egret	u	u	u	
• Green Heron	r	o	r	
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	c	c	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		x		
<b>Ibises and Spoonbills</b>				
White-faced Ibis	u	r	u	x
<b>New World Vultures</b>				
• Turkey Vulture	u	u	u	
<b>Hawks, Kites, and Eagles</b>				
Osprey	r	o	r	
Bald Eagle	c	u	u	u
• Northern Harrier	c	c	c	r
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	u	r
• Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
• Swainson's Hawk	c	c	c	
• Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	r
• Ferruginous Hawk	r	r	r	x
Rough-legged Hawk	u	x	u	u
Golden Eagle	u	o	u	u
<b>Caracaras and Falcons</b>				
• American Kestrel	u	u	u	r
Merlin	u	o	u	r
Gyr Falcon	r		o	r
Peregrine Falcon	r	r	r	o
Prairie Falcon	r	o	r	r

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<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</b>				
• Yellow Rail	x	x	x	
King rail	x	x	x	
• Virginia Rail	u	u	u	
• Sora	c	c	c	
Common Moorhen	x			
• American Coot	a	a	a	
<b>Cranes</b>				
Sandhill Crane	a	o	a	
Whooping Crane	o		o	
<b>Lapwings and Plovers</b>				
Black-bellied Plover	u	u	u	
American Golden-Plover	u	r	u	
Semipalmated Plover	u	u	u	
• Piping Plover	r	r	r	
• Killdeer	a	a	a	x
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>				
• American Avocet	c	c	c	
<b>Sandpipers and Phalaropes</b>				
• Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	u	
• Willet	u	u	u	
Lesser Yellowlegs	a	c	a	
• Upland Sandpiper	u	u	r	
Hudsonian Godwit	u	o	u	
• Marbled Godwit	c	c	u	
Ruddy Turnstone	r	r	o	
Sanderling	u	u	u	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	a	a	a	
Western Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Least Sandpiper	a	c	c	
White-rumped Sandpiper	a	u	o	
Baird's Sandpiper	a	a	a	
Pectoral Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Dunlin	u	r	r	
Stilt Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	u	u	r	
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	u	
Long-billed Dowitcher	c	c	a	
• Wilson's Snipe	u	u	u	
American Woodcock	x	x		
• Wilson's Phalarope	a	c	a	
Red-necked Phalarope	u	u	u	
Red Phalarope	x	x		

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<b>Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers</b>				
Bonaparte's Gull	u	o	u	
Franklin's Gull	c	c	c	
Ring-billed Gull	a	a	a	r
California Gull	u	u	u	
Herring Gull	u	o	u	
Great Black-backed Gull		x		
Caspian Tern	r	r	r	
• Black Tern	a	a	a	
Common Tern	u	u	u	
• Forster's Tern	u	u	u	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
• Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c
Eurasian Collared-Dove	o	o	o	o
• Mourning Dove	a	a	a	o
<b>Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis</b>				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	r			
• Black-billed Cuckoo	o	o	o	
<b>Barn Owls</b>				
• Barn Owl	x	x	x	
<b>Typical Owls</b>				
• Eastern Screech-Owl	o	o	o	o
• Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
Snowy Owl	r		r	r
Northern Hawk-Owl				x
Burrowing Owl	o	o	o	
Barred Owl				x
• Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	o
• Short-eared Owl	u	u	u	u
Northern Saw-whet Owl	o		o	o
<b>Nighthawks and Nightjars</b>				
• Common Nighthawk	u	u	u	
Whip-poor-will	x			
<b>Swifts</b>				
Chimney Swift	u	u	u	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
• Ruby-throated Hummingbird	r	r	u	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		x		
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
• Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	r

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<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
• Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	x	x	x	x
• Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	o	o	
• Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
• Northern Flicker	u	u	c	r
Pileated Woodpecker	x			x
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	o	r	
• Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r			
Alder Flycatcher	o			
• Willow Flycatcher	c	c	u	
• Least Flycatcher	c	c	u	
• Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	
• Say's Phoebe	r	r	r	
• Great Crested Flycatcher	r	r	r	
• Western Kingbird	a	a	c	
• Eastern Kingbird	a	a	c	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		x		
<b>Shrikes</b>				
• Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	x
Northern Shrike	r		r	r
<b>Vireos</b>				
Yellow-throated Vireo	r	o	r	
Blue-headed Vireo	u	o	r	
• Warbling Vireo	c	c	u	
Philadelphia Vireo	r		o	
• Red-eyed Vireo	c	u	u	
<b>Crows, Jays, and Magpies</b>				
• Blue Jay	u	u	u	u
• Black-billed Magpie	u	u	u	u
• American Crow	a	c	c	c
<b>Larks</b>				
• Horned Lark	a	c	a	a
<b>Swallows</b>				
• Purple Martin	c	c	u	
• Tree Swallow	c	c	a	
• Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	r	r	
• Bank Swallow	a	a	a	
• Cliff Swallow	a	a	a	
• Barn Swallow	a	a	a	



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<b>Titmice and Chickadees</b>				
• Black-capped Chickadee	u	u	u	u
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	r	r	u
• White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
<b>Creepers</b>				
Brown Creeper	r		r	r
<b>Wrens</b>				
• House Wren	c	c	c	
Winter Wren	o			
• Sedge Wren	c	c	c	
• Marsh Wren	c	c	c	
<b>Kinglets</b>				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	r	u	o
<b>Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers</b>				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	o	x	o	
<b>Thrushes</b>				
• Eastern Bluebird	u	u	u	
Mountain Bluebird	u		r	
Townsend's Solitaire	r			r
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	u	r	
Swainson's Thrush	c	u	u	
Hermit Thrush	r		r	
• American Robin	a	c	a	u
Varied Thrush	x		x	x
<b>Mimic Thrushes</b>				
• Gray Catbird	u	u	u	
• Northern Mockingbird	o	o	o	o
• Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	o
<b>Starlings</b>				
• European Starling	c	u	c	u
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>				
American ( <i>Water</i> ) Pipit	u		r	
• Sprague's Pipit	x	x	x	
<b>Waxwings</b>				
Bohemian Waxwing	u		u	u
• Cedar Waxwing	a	u	c	u

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<b>Wood Warblers</b>				
Blue-winged Warbler	r			
Golden-winged Warbler	r			
Tennessee Warbler	c	r	u	
Orange-crowned Warbler	c	r	c	
Nashville Warbler	u	r	u	
Northern Parula	r		o	
• Yellow Warbler	a	a	a	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		r	
Magnolia Warbler	u		r	
Cape May Warbler	u		r	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	x			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	r	a	
Black-throated Green Warbler	r		o	
Blackburnian Warbler	r		o	
Pine Warbler	x	x		
Palm Warbler	u		u	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r		o	
Blackpoll Warbler	c		u	
Black-and-white Warbler	u	r	u	
American Redstart	u	r	u	
Ovenbird	u	u	u	
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
Connecticut Warbler	r			
Mourning Warbler	u	r	r	
• Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	
Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
Canada Warbler	r		o	
Yellow-breasted Chat	r		r	
<b>Sparrows and Towhees</b>				
Spotted Towhee	r		r	x
Eastern Towhee	r	r	r	x
American Tree Sparrow	a		a	u
• Chipping Sparrow	a	a	u	
• Clay-colored Sparrow	a	a	u	
Field Sparrow	r	r	r	
• Vesper Sparrow	c	c	a	
• Lark Sparrow	r	r	r	
Black-throated Sparrow	x			
• Lark Bunting	o	o	o	
• Savannah Sparrow	a	a	a	
• Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c	u	
• Baird's Sparrow	o	o	o	
Henslow's Sparrow		o		
• Le Conte's Sparrow	u	u	u	
• Nelson's Sparrow	u	u	u	
Fox Sparrow	u		u	o
• Song Sparrow	c	c	c	o
Lincoln's Sparrow	u	u	u	

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Swamp Sparrow	u	u	u	
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	o
Harris's Sparrow	c		c	r
White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	o
Dark-eyed Junco	a		a	u
Lapland Longspur	a	o	a	c
Smith's Longspur	u		u	
• Chestnut-collared Longspur	u	u	u	
Snow Bunting	c		c	a
<b>Tanagers</b>				
Scarlet Tanager	r	r	r	
<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</b>				
Northern Cardinal	x	x		x
• Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	r	u	
Black-headed Grosbeak	r		r	
Lazuli Bunting	o			
Indigo Bunting	o	o	o	
• Dickcissel	o	r	o	
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
• Bobolink	a	a	a	
• Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	u
• Western Meadowlark	a	a	a	o
• Yellow-headed Blackbird	a	a	a	o
Rusty Blackbird	u		u	r
• Brewer's Blackbird	c	u	c	o
• Common Grackle	a	a	a	u
• Brown-headed Cowbird	a	a	a	
• Orchard Oriole	c	u	r	
Bullock's Oriole	o	o		
Baltimore Oriole	u	u	u	
<b>Finches</b>				
Pine Grosbeak	o		o	o
Purple Finch	r		r	r
• House Finch	u	u	u	u
Red Crossbill	o		o	o
White-winged Crossbill	o		o	r
Common Redpoll	c		u	a
Hoary Redpoll	r		r	r
• Pine Siskin	u	u	u	u
• American Goldfinch	c	c	c	u
Evening Grosbeak	o		o	o
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
• House Sparrow	a	a	a	a

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