

Goose Pond Sanctuary's BIRD SPECIES LIST

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Birds are at the heart of our work. Madison Audubon's Goose Pond Sanctuary was established in 1968, originally to protect the waterfowl that flocked to the resource-rich prairie pothole for which the sanctuary is named. Since then, we have expanded our work and vision to include conservation of many species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and plants.

Laura Erickson (former Madison Audubon board member) took the lead on creating the first Goose Pond Sanctuary bird checklist in 1978, with assistance from Madison Audubon and Wisconsin Society for Ornithology members and records. They documented a stunning 223 species. To celebrate the sanctuary's 50th anniversary in 2018, Mark Martin and Susan Foote-Martin, again with Madison Audubon and WSO members and records, and eBird documentation found 39 new species between 1978 and 2018, and another two species in old records from the 1950s. Habitat restoration at Goose Pond Sanctuary, along with bird conservation done more broadly, have helped increase the number of birds on the checklist to 270. Additions made since 2018 are denoted with an asterisk (*), and 1950s records marked with a double asterisk (**). The checklist nomenclature and sequence follow the 59th supplement of the Checklist of North American Birds published by the American Ornithological Society.

You're invited to explore the sanctuary. How many species will you find?

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GEESE AND SWANS

Fulvous Whistling-Duck *
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose *
Greater White-fronted Goose
Brant *
Cackling Goose *

Canada Goose
Mute Swan *
Trumpeter Swan *
Tundra Swan

DUCKS

Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal

Cinnamon Teal *
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon
Mallard
American Black Duck
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup *
Lesser Scaup
Harlequin Duck *
White-winged Scoter *
Black Scoter *
Long-tailed Duck *
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck

BOBWHITE THROUGH TURKEY

Northern Bobwhite
Gray Partridge
Ring-necked Pheasant
Ruffed Grouse *
Wild Turkey *

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove *
Mourning Dove

CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo *
Black-billed Cuckoo

NIGHTJARS AND SWIFT

Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

RAILS THROUGH CRANES

Yellow Rail
King Rail
Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Whooping Crane *

SHOREBIRDS

Black-necked Stilt *
American Avocet
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Piping Plover
Killdeer
Upland Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Ruff *
Stilt Sandpiper
Sanderling
Dunlin
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper

Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
American Woodcock
Wilson's Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull
Little Gull *
Laughing Gull
Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Black Tern
Common Tern
Forster's Tern

LOONS

Red-throated Loon *
Common Loon

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant *

PELICANS

American White Pelican *

BITTERNS THROUGH HERONS

American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Little Blue Heron
Cattle Egret
Green Heron *
Black-crowned Night-Heron

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *
White-faced Ibis *

RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Golden Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk

OWLS

Barn Owl **
Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Great Gray Owl *
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl *

KINGFISHER

Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker *

FALCONS

American Kestrel
Merlin *
Gyr Falcon *
Peregrine Falcon

FLYCATCHERS

Great Crested Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike *
Northern Shrike

VIREOS

Yellow-throated Vireo *
Philadelphia Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo

JAYS THROUGH HORNED LARK

Blue Jay
American Crow
Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

CHICKADEES THROUGH

BROWN CREEPER

Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse *
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper

WRENS

House Wren
Winter Wren *
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHER

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin

GRAY CATBIRD THROUGH

STARLING

Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird *
European Starling

WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing **
Cedar Waxwing

WEAVER FINCHES

House Sparrow

PIPIT

American Pipit

FINCHES

Evening Grosbeak
Pine Grosbeak
House Finch *
Purple Finch

Common Redpoll
White-winged Crossbill *
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch

LONGSPURS AND SNOW

BUNTING

Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting

TOWHEES AND SPARROWS

Eastern Towhee
American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow *
Le Conte's Sparrow
Nelson's Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow *
White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco

BLACKBIRDS

Yellow-headed Blackbird
Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Western Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole *
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle

WARBLERS

Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Golden-winged Warbler
Blue-winged Warbler *
Black-and-white Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Palm Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler *
Black-throated Green Warbler
Wilson's Warbler

TANAGERS THROUGH

DICKCISSEL

Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Dickcissel



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