

Marshes, grasslands, farmlands and low sandhills of the Great Plains produce an unusually interesting variety of eastern and western bird species on Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

Waterfowl numbers begin to build-up in early October and continue at high levels into November. Some birds stay and some go further south. Then in spring, waterfowl return and are numerous in February and March.

If you visit the refuge during November, December or January watch for Bald Eagles around the Little Salt Marsh area. You may drive through the refuge and along its boundaries. The best viewing is along the scenic tour route and the Wildlife Drive. See the general refuge leaflet for a map and more information.

Birds which nest on the refuge are noted with a •. Endangered species in the United States stand out in **Reverse Print**.

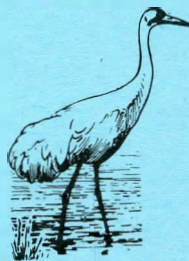
This list of 253 birds is coded by season and abundance as follows:

Season

- S — March-May
 S — June-August
 F — September-November
 W — December-February

Abundance

- a—abundant (a common species which is numerous)
 c—common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
 u—uncommon (present, but not certain to be seen)
 o—occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
 r—rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)



Species names are in accordance with the Sixth A.O.U. Checklist.

	S	S	F	W
Common Loon	r	r	r	
• Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	o
Horned Grebe	u	r	r	
• Eared Grebe	u	u	u	
Western Grebe	r	r		
American White Pelican	a	u	a	
Double-crested Cormorant	a	c	c	
• American Bittern	c	a	c	r
• Least Bittern	u	u	u	
• Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	o

	S	S	F	W
Great Egret	c	c	c	
Snowy Egret	c	c	c	
Little Blue Heron	o	u	u	
Tricolored Heron	r	r		
Cattle Egret	o	o	u	
• Green-backed Heron	u	u	u	
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	c	a	c	r
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	
• White-faced Ibis	u	u	u	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		r		
Tundra Swan	r	r	r	
Greater White-fronted Goose	a	a	c	
Snow Goose	u	u	u	
Ross' Goose	r	r		
• Canada Goose	a	u	a	a
• Wood Duck	u	u	o	
• Green-winged Teal	a	u	a	c
American Black Duck	u	o	u	u
• Mallard	a	c	a	a
• Northern Pintail	a	u	a	c
• Blue-winged Teal	a	c	a	r
Cinnamon Teal	o	r	r	
• Northern Shoveler	a	c	a	c
Gadwall	a	u	a	u
• American Wigeon	a	u	a	c
• Canvasback	c	u	c	r
• Redhead	a	c	a	r
Ring-necked Duck	c	r	c	r
• Lesser Scaup	a	u	a	r
Common Goldeneye			u	c
Bufflehead	c	c	c	
Hooded Merganser	u	u		
Common Merganser	c	c	c	
Red-breasted Merganser	o	o		
Ruddy Duck	c	u	c	u
Turkey Vulture	u	o	u	
Osprey	u	u		
• Mississippi Kite	c	c	c	
Bald Eagle	c	c	c	a
• Northern Harrier	c	c	a	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	u	
• Cooper's Hawk	c	c	c	u
Northern Goshawk				r
Red-shouldered Hawk	o	o		
Broad-winged Hawk	u	u		
• Swainson's Hawk	c	c	c	
• Red-tailed Hawk	c	u	c	c
Ferruginous Hawk	u	r	o	
Rough-legged Hawk	c	c		
Golden Eagle	u	u	u	
American Kestrel	a	o	a	o
Merlin	r	r	r	

	S	S	F	W
— Peregrine Falcon	u		u	o
— Prairie Falcon	u	r	u	c
— • Ring-necked Pheasant	a	a	a	a
— • Greater Prairie Chicken	o	o	o	o
— • Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
— • Northern Bobwhite	c	c	c	c
— Black Rail	r	o	r	
— • King Rail	u	u	u	
— • Virginia Rail	u	u	u	
— • Sora	u	u	c	
— • Common Moorhen	o	o		
— • American Coot	c	c	a	r
— Sandhill Crane	a		a	r
— Whopping Crane	o		o	
— Black-bellied Plover	c	r	c	
— Lesser Golden Plover	u	r	u	
— • Snowy Plover	c	c	u	
— Semipalmated Plover	c	o	c	
— Piping Plover	o	r	c	
— • Killdeer	c	c	c	u
— • Black-necked Stilt	o	o	o	
— • American Avocet	c	c	c	
— Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	c	r
— Lesser Yellowlegs	a	u	a	
— Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	
— Willet	u	o	u	
— Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	
— • Upland Sandpiper	c	c	c	
— Long-billed Curlew	o	o	o	
— Hudsonian Godwit	u	o	u	
— Marbled Godwit	o	r	u	
— Ruddy Turnstone	o	r	o	
— Red Knot	r	r	r	
— Sanderling	o	u	o	
— Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	u	c	
— Least Sandpiper	c	o	c	
— White-rumped Sandpiper	a	u	a	
— Baird's Sandpiper	a	u	a	
— Pectoral Sandpiper	c	u	c	
— Dunlin	o	r	r	
— Stilt Sandpiper	o	u	o	
— Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r	r	r	
— Short-billed Dowitcher	r	r	r	
— Long-billed Dowitcher	c	u	a	
— Common Snipe	c	u	c	o
— • Wilson's Phalarope	a	u	c	
— Red-necked Phalarope	o	o	o	
— Franklin's Gull	a	c	a	
— Bonaparte's Gull	o	o	o	
— Ring-billed Gull	c	o	c	c
— Herring Gull	u	r	u	o
— Caspian Tern	r	r	r	

	S	S	F	W
— Common Tern	r	r	r	
— • Forster's Tern	c	c	c	
— • Least Tern	c	c	o	
— • Black Tern	c	c	c	
— • Mourning Dove	a	a	a	u
— Black-billed Cuckoo	o	o	o	
— • Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	c	
— Common Barn-Owl	r	r	r	r
— Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
— • Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
— Snowy Owl				r
— • Burrowing Owl	c	c	c	
— Barred Owl	r	r	r	r
— Long-eared Owl				o
— Short-eared Owl	u		u	c
— • Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	
— Common Poorwill	o	o		
— Chuck-will's-widow	o	o	o	
— • Chimney Swift	u	u	u	
— Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	c	
— Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	o
— • Red-headed Woodpecker	c	c	o	
— • Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	u
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	u	u	o
— • Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
— Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
— • Northern Flicker	c	a	a	c
— Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
— Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	o		o	
— Willow Flycatcher	o	o	o	
— Least Flycatcher	o	o	o	
— Eastern Phoebe	o	o	o	
— Say's Phoebe	o	o	o	
— Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u	
— • Western Kingbird	c	a	c	
— • Eastern Kingbird	c	a	c	
— • Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	c	c	c	
— • Horned Lark	c	u	c	o
— • Purple Martin	u	u	u	
— Tree Swallow	c	o	c	
— Violet-green Swallow			r	
— Northern Rough-winged Swallow	a	o	a	
— • Bank Swallow	a	u	a	
— • Cliff Swallow	a	e	a	
— • Barn Swallow	a	c	a	
— • Blue Jay	c	e	a	c
— Black-billed Magpie	o	o	o	u
— • American Crow	a	c	a	a
— • Black-capped Chickadee	c	u	c	c

	S	S	F	W
— Carolina Chickadee	o		o	o
— Tufted Titmouse	o	o	o	o
— Red-breasted Nuthatch	o			o
— White-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o	o
— Brown Creeper	o		o	o
— Carolina Wren	u	u	u	o
— Bewick's Wren	u	u	u	u
— • House Wren	u	u	u	
— Winter Wren				o
— Sedge Wren				u
— • Marsh Wren	o	o	o	u
— Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	
— Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	o	o	o	
— Eastern Bluebird	o	o	o	f
— Mountain Bluebird				f
— Swainson's Thrush	r	f	f	
— • American Robin	a	e	a	e
— Gray Catbird	u	u	u	
— • Northern Mockingbird	c	c	u	
— • Brown Thrasher	c	c	u	f
— Water Pipit	o		o	
— Sprague's Pipit	r		f	
— Bohemian Waxwing				f
— Cedar Waxwing	o		o	o
— • Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	e
— Northern Shrike			o	o
— • European Starling	c	a	a	a
— • Bell's Vireo	u	c	c	
— Warbling Vireo	o	c	u	
— Red-eyed Vireo	o	u	u	
— Tennessee Warbler	r			
— Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	
— Nashville Warbler	u		u	
— Yellow Warbler	c	e	c	
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a	
— Blackpoll Warbler	r		o	
— Prothonotary Warbler	o	u	u	
— Mourning Warbler	r		f	
— • Common Yellowthroat	u	u	u	
— Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
— Canada Warbler	r			
— • Yellow-breasted Chat		o		
— Summer Tanager	u	u	u	
— • Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
— Blue Grosbeak	u	u	u	
— Lazuli Bunting	r	o	o	
— Indigo Bunting	u		u	
— Painted Bunting	u	u	u	
— • Dickcissel	c	a	c	

	S	S	F	W
— Rufous-sided Towhee	u			u
— American Tree Sparrow	a		a	a
— Chipping Sparrow	c	o	c	
— Clay-colored Sparrow	c		e	
— Field Sparrow	u	u	u	u
— Vesper Sparrow	c		u	
— • Lark Sparrow	c	c	c	
— Lark Bunting	u	u	u	
— Savannah Sparrow	c	c	c	u
— Grasshopper Sparrow	c	u	c	
— Henslow's Sparrow	r			
— Le Conte's Sparrow	u	f	u	r
— Fox Sparrow				o
— Song Sparrow	c		c	e
— Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	o
— Swamp Sparrow	r		f	
— White-throated Sparrow	u		u	u
— White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	e
— Harris Sparrow	c		c	e
— Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	a
— Lapland Longspur	u		c	c
— Chestnut-collared Longspur	u		u	c
— Snow Bunting				f
— • Bobolink	u	u	o	
— • Red-winged Blackbird	a	c	a	a
— • Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	e	c
— • Western Meadowlark	a	a	a	a
— • Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	c	c	o
— Rusty Blackbird	u		u	o
— Brewer's Blackbird	c		c	o
— Great-tailed Grackle	u	o	u	o
— • Common Grackle	c	c	c	o
— • Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	u
— • Orchard Oriole	c	c	c	
— • Northern Oriole	a	a	c	
— Purple Finch	u		u	u
— • American Goldfinch	c	c	c	o
— • House Sparrow	c	c	e	c

The following species have been observed only once or twice on the refuge and are considered accidental:

Least Grebe
White Ibis
Greater Scaup
Oldsquaw
Gyr Falcon
Whimbrel
Western Sandpiper
American Woodcock
Parasitic Jaeger
California Gull

Greater Roadrunner
Scrub Jay
Clark's Nutcracker
Western Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Golden-winged Warbler
Black-headed Grosbeak
Baird's Sparrow
Pine Siskin
Evening Grosbeak