### Birds

#### Weavers Finches:
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Western Meadowlark
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Wilson's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler

#### Starlings:
- Warbling Vireo

#### Wood Warblers:
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Wilson's Warbler
- American Redstart

#### Pipits:
- Sage Thrasher
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Veery
- Eastern Bluebird
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

#### Sparrows, Buntings:
- Savannah Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- McCown's Longspur
- Chestnut-collared Longspur
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Tree Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird

#### Tanagers:
- Western Tanager

#### Grosbeaks, Finches, Sparrows, Buntings:
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Lazuli Bunting
- Evening Grosbeak
- Pine Grosbeak
- Hoary Redpoll
- Common Redpoll
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- Red Crossbill
- Rufous-sided Towhee
- Lark Bunting
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Gray-hooded Junco
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Brewer's Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Harris' Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- McCown's Longspur
- Lapland Longspur
- Chestnut-sided Longspur

#### Towhees, Thrushes, Bluebirds:
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Water Pipit
- Long-billed Marsh Wren
- Northern Shrike
- Golden-crowned Kinglet

#### Vireos:
- Tennessee Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo

#### Gnatcatchers, Kinglets:
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

#### Sparrowe:
- American Robin
- Hermit Thrush
- Swainson's Thrush
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Vervet
- Eastern Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird

#### Vultures:
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Bohemian Waxwing
- Cedar Waxwing

#### Nuthatches, Chickadees:
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Black-capped Chickadee

#### Chickadees:
- Carolina Chickadee

#### Cardinals:
- Carolina Cardinal

#### Cardinalis, Finches, Sparrows, Buntings:
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird

#### Gray Catbird

#### House Wren

#### Organization:

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Please Note:
We would appreciate your help! If you observe birds that are listed as rare to the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge or if you notice unusual concentrations or activities of birds on the Refuge, please report the following information by letter or telephone to the Refuge Manager:

- Your name, address
- Date, weather, exact location
- Species, number of birds, distinguishing features and/or activities
- When in doubt as to any refuge regulation, contact a refuge officer.
- Where to write for current regulations and information:
  - Refuge Manager
  - Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge
  - P.O. Box 110
  - Lewistown, MT 59457

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Loons:
- Common Loon
- Swans, Geese, Ducks:
  - Whistling Swan
  - Canada Goose
  - Brant
  - White-fronted Goose
  - Snow Goose
  - Ross' Goose
  - Mallard
  - Black Duck
  - Gadwall
  - Pintail
  - Green-winged Teal
  - Blue-winged Teal
  - Cinnamon Teal
  - European Wigeon
  - American Wigeon
  - Northern Shoveler
  - Wood Duck
  - Redhead
  - Ring-necked Duck
  - Canvasback
  - Lesser Scaup
  - Common Goldeneye
  - Barrow's Goldeneye
  - bufflehead
  - oldsquaw
  - White-winged Scoter
  - Surf Scoter
  - Ruddy Duck
  - Hooded Merganser
  - Common Merganser
  - Red-breasted Merganser

Grbes:
- Red-necked Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Western Grebe
- Red-bridled Grebe
- Pelicans, Cormorants:
  - White Pelican
  - Double-crested Cormorant
- Herons, Bitterns:
  - Great Blue Heron
  - Green Heron
  - Great Egret
  - Snowy Egret
  - Black-crowned Night Heron
  - Least Bittern
  - American Bittern
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  - Canada Goose
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Grouse, Pheasants, Partridges, Turkeys:
- Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Spruce Grouse
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Gray Partridge
- Cranes, Rails:
  - Sandhill Crane
  - Virginia Rail
  - Sora
  - American Coot
- Shorebirds, Gulls, Terns:
  - Semipalmated Plover
  - Piping Plover
  - Snowy Plover
  - Killdeer
  - Mountain Plover
  - American Golden Plover
  - Black-bellied Plover
  - Ruddy Turnstone
  - Common Snipe
  - Long-billed Dowitcher
  - Whimbrel
  - Upland Sandpiper
  - Spotted Sandpiper
  - Solitary Sandpiper
  - Willet
  - Greater Yellowlegs
  - Lesser Yellowlegs
  - Pectoral Sandpiper
  - White-striped Sandpiper
  - Baird's Sandpiper
  - Least Sandpiper
  - Dunlin
  - Long-billed Dowitcher
  - Stilt Sandpiper
  - Semipalmated Sandpiper
  - Western Sandpiper
  - Buff-bellied Sandpiper
  - Marbled Godwit
  - Sanderling
  - American Avocet
  - Wilson's Phalarope
  - Western Willet
  - Common Tern
- Kingfishers:
  - Belted Kingfisher
- Woodpeckers:
  - Common Flicker
  - Vermilion Flycatcher
  - Say's Phoebe
  - Willow Flycatcher
  - Western Flycatcher
  - Western Wood Pewee
- Hawks:
  - Rough-legged Hawk
  - Sharp-shinned Hawk
  - Cooper's Hawk
  - Red-tailed Hawk
  - Northern Harrier
  - Sharp-shinned Hawk
  - Common Merlin

Swallows:
- Violet-green Swallow
- Tree Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Rough-winged Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Jays, Magpies, Crows:
  - Blue Jay
  - Pinon Jay
  - Common Raven
- Chipping Sparrow

Chickadees:
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Mountain Chickadee

Nuthatches:
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Red-breasted Nuthatch

Creeper:
- Brown Creeper

Clarks nutcracker.

During spring a medley of cries, calls and wingbeats fills the air. Meadowlarks and vesper sparrows announce their seasonal territories from the stalks of last year's grass. The loud musical call of an upland sandpiper or long-billed curlew occasionally breaks through the heat of summer. Late June through August, thousands of mourning doves nest in the "breaks" of the Missouri.

Of the 236 species which have been identified on the refuge since 1936, most can be expected to be seen on the refuge at some time during the year in the proper habitat. Mid-April through June is a particularly interesting time to visit the refuge. It is the green-up period and multitudes of bird life are moving northward over the land. Year-long and summer residents begin their courtships and establish territories. Armed with binoculars and bird guide, a visit to the refuge will provide a rewarding experience to the novice and expert birder.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS:
- **S** - March-May
- **W** - December-February
- **V** - June-August
- **F** - September-November
- **V** - December-February

Birds nesting locally are preceded by an *.
- **E** - Endangered species are followed by an (E)
- **O** - Symbols indicative of seasonal abundance of each species are as follows:
  - a - abundant: a common species which is very 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

The following bird list is in accordance with the fifth A.O.U. check list as amended. New names are used in all cases.