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Dippers:	
_____ Dipper	u u
Wrens:	
_____ House Wren●	c c c
_____ Long-billed Marsh Wren	r c r
_____ Rock Wren	c u c
Mockingbirds, Thrashers:	
_____ Mockingbird	f
_____ Gray Catbird●	c c c
_____ Brown Thrasher●	c c c
_____ Sage Thrasher	c c c
Thrushes, Bluebirds:	
_____ American Robin●	c a c o
_____ Hermit Thrush	o u
_____ Swainson's Thrush	o u
_____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o o
_____ Veery	f
_____ Eastern Bluebird●	f
_____ Mountain Bluebird●	c a c
_____ Townsend's Solitaire	o o o
Gnatcatchers, Kinglets:	
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	f
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	o o
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	o o
Pipits:	
_____ Water Pipit	o o
_____ Sprague's Pipit	c c o
Waxwings:	
_____ Bohemian Waxwing	c c a
_____ Cedar Waxwing●	c u u o
Shrikes:	
_____ Northern Shrike	o o u
_____ Loggerhead Shrike●	c c c
Starlings:	
_____ Starling●	c c c o
Vireos:	
_____ Red-eyed Vireo	u o
_____ Warbling Vireo	c c o
Wood Warblers:	
_____ Tennessee Warbler	f
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler	f
_____ Yellow Warbler●	c c c
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	u u
_____ Bay-breasted Warbler	r
_____ Blackpoll Warbler	o o
_____ Palm Warbler	o o
_____ Prairie Warbler	r
_____ Ovenbird	u u
_____ Northern Waterthrush	o o
_____ MacGillivray's Warbler	f
_____ Common Yellowthroat	c c c
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat	u u u
_____ Wilson's Warbler	u c
_____ American Redstart	u u
Weaver Finches:	
_____ House Sparrow●	a a a a
Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, Orioles:	
_____ Bobolink	c c
_____ Western Meadowlark●	a a a o
_____ Yellow-headed Blackbird●	c a c
_____ Red-winged Blackbird●	c a c o
_____ Orchard Oriole●	o o

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_____ Northern Oriole●	c c c
_____ Rusty Blackbird	r r
_____ Brewer's Blackbird●	c a c
_____ Common Grackle●	o c o
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird●	c c c
Tanagers:	
_____ Western Tanager	c c
Grosbeaks, Finches, Sparrows, Buntings:	
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak●	u u u
_____ Black-headed Grosbeak	u u u
_____ Indigo Bunting	r
_____ Lazuli Bunting●	f u r
_____ Evening Grosbeak	u
_____ Pine Grosbeak	u u
_____ Hoary Redpoll	r r
_____ Common Redpoll	u u
_____ Pine Siskin	c o o o
_____ American Goldfinch●	c a c
_____ Red Crossbill	u c u
_____ Rufous-sided Towhee	c c c
_____ Lark Bunting●	a a
_____ Savannah Sparrow	u o u
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow	u
_____ Vesper Sparrow●	u c u
_____ Lark Sparrow●	u c u
_____ Dark-eyed Junco	c u
_____ Gray-headed Junco	r
_____ Tree Sparrow	c c o
_____ Chipping Sparrow●	c a c
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow●	c c u
_____ Brewer's Sparrow	r r
_____ Field Sparrow●	u c u
_____ Harris' Sparrow	c c
_____ White-crowned Sparrow	c c
_____ White-throated Sparrow	o o
_____ Fox Sparrow	r
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow	r
_____ Song Sparrow	c c c
_____ McCowns Longspur	o o
_____ Lapland Longspur	c c c
_____ Chestnut-collared Longspur	c
_____ Snow Bunting	u



Chestnut-collared longspur.

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The Department works to assure the wisest choice in managing all our resources so each will make its full contribution to a better United States—now and in the future.

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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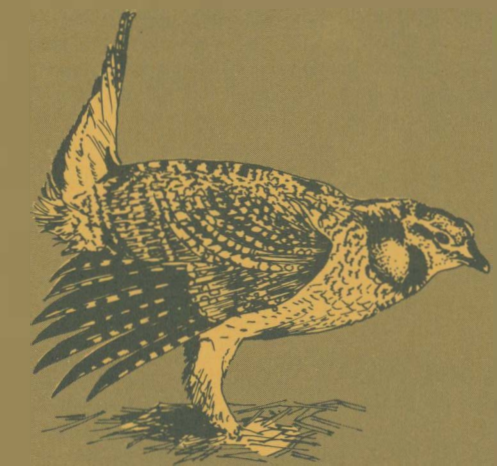


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Birds of the



CHARLES M. RUSSELL National Wildlife Refuge, Montana



Clark's nutcracker.

During spring a medley of cries, calls and wingbeats fill 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:

Seasons:

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

Birds nesting locally are preceded by an •

Endangered species are followed by an (E)

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.

	S	S	F	W
Loons:				
Common Loon		c	u	u
Grebes:				
Red-necked Grebe		r		
Horned Grebe		u	u	o
Eared Grebe		c	c	c
Western Grebe		c	c	c
Pied-billed Grebe		c	c	c
Pelicans, Cormorants:				
White Pelican		o	c	c
Double-crested Cormorant		c	c	c
Hérons, Bitterns:				
Great Blue Heron		c	c	c
Green Heron		r	c	c
Great Egret		o		
Snowy Egret		r		
Black-crowned Night Heron		c		o
Least Bittern		r		
American Bittern		u	u	u
Swans, Geese, Ducks:				
Whistling Swan		o		o
Canada Goose		c	c	c
Brant		r		
White-fronted Goose		o		o
Snow Goose		u		u
Ross' Goose			r	
Mallard		a	c	a
Black Duck			r	r
Gadwall		c	c	c
Pintail		a	c	o
Green-winged Teal		c	c	c
Blue-winged Teal		c	a	c
Cinnamon Teal		r	r	
European Wigeon		r		
American Wigeon		c	c	c
Northern Shoveler		c	c	c
Wood Duck		r		
Redhead		c	u	c
Ring-necked Duck		o		o
Canvasback		c	u	c
Lesser Scaup		c	u	c
Common Goldeneye		c	u	c
Barrow's Goldeneye		o		o
Bufflehead		c	u	o
Oldsquaw		r		
White-winged Scoter		r		
Surf Scoter		r		
Ruddy Duck		c	u	c
Hooded Merganser		r		
Common Merganser		c	u	c
Red-breasted Merganser		c	o	o
Vultures, Hawks, Eagles, Falcons:				
Turkey Vulture			o	
Goshawk		o		o
Sharp-shinned Hawk		c	c	c
Cooper's Hawk		o	o	o
Red-tailed Hawk		a	c	a
Broad-winged Hawk		r		
Swainson's Hawk		c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk		c	c	c
Ferruginous Hawk		o	u	o
Golden Eagle		c	c	c
Bald Eagle (E)		c	u	c

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Marsh Hawk		c	a	c
Osprey		c	c	u
Gyr Falcon		r		
Prairie Falcon		u	u	o
Peregrine Falcon (E)		o	o	o
Merlin		u	r	u
American Kestrel		c	a	c
Grouse, Pheasants, Partridges, Turkeys:				
Sharp-tailed Grouse		c	c	c
Sage Grouse		c	c	c
Ring-necked Pheasant		c	c	c
Gray Partridge		c	c	c
Turkey		u	u	u
Cranes, Rails:				
Sandhill Crane		c		c
Virginia Rail		r		
Sora		r		
American Coot		c	c	o
Shorebirds, Gulls, Terns:				
Semipalmated Plover		c		c
Piping Plover		u	u	u
Snowy Plover		r		
Killdeer		c	a	c
Mountain Plover		u	u	u
American Golden Plover		r		
Black-bellied Plover		r		
Ruddy Turnstone		r		
Common Snipe		c	c	c
Long-billed Curlew		u	u	u
Whimbrel		r		
Upland Sandpiper		u	o	u
Spotted Sandpiper		c	c	c
Solitary Sandpiper		c	c	c
Willet		c	u	c
Greater Yellowlegs		c	c	c
Lesser Yellowlegs		c	c	c
Pectoral Sandpiper		r		
White-rumped Sandpiper		r		
Baird's Sandpiper		c		c
Least Sandpiper		c		c
Dunlin		c		c
Long-billed Dowitcher		c		c
Stilt Sandpiper		r		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		r		
Western Sandpiper		r		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		r		
Marbled Godwit		u	u	u
Sanderling		u	u	
American Avocet		u	u	u
Wilson's Phalarope		c	c	c
Northern Phalarope		u		u
Pomarine Jaeger		r		
Great Black-backed Gull		r		
Glaucous Gull		r		
Herring Gull		u	r	u
California Gull		c	a	o
Ring-billed Gull		c	a	c
Mew Gull		r		
Franklin's Gull		u	c	u
Bonaparte's Gull		u		o
Ivory Gull		r		
Forster's Tern		c	c	
Common Tern		c	c	

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Caspian Tern				o
Black Tern		u	u	u
Doves, Pigeons:				
Rock Dove		o	o	o
Mourning Dove		a	a	a
Cuckoos:				
Black-billed Cuckoo			u	u
Owls:				
Great Horned Owl		c	c	c
Snowy Owl				o
Burrowing Owl		c	c	c
Long-eared Owl		c	c	c
Short-eared Owl		c	c	c
Saw-whet Owl		u	u	u
Goatsuckers:				
Poor-Will		c	a	c
Common Nighthawk		u	a	a
Swifts, Hummingbirds:				
Chimney Swift		o	u	
White-throated Swift			u	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		r	r	r
Kingfishers:				
Belted Kingfisher		c	o	c
Woodpeckers:				
Common Flicker		c	c	c
Red-headed Woodpecker		c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		r		
Hairy Woodpecker		c	c	c
Downy Woodpecker		c	c	c
Flycatchers:				
Eastern Kingbird		c	a	
Western Kingbird		c	o	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		r		
Says Phoebe		c	c	c
Willow Flycatcher		o	o	
Least Flycatcher		c	c	
Western Flycatcher		o	o	
Western Wood Pewee		c	c	u
Larks:				
Horned Lark		a	a	a
Swallows:				
Violet-green Swallow		u	u	u
Tree Swallow		c	u	c
Bank Swallow		c	a	c
Rough-winged Swallow		u	u	u
Barn Swallow		c	c	c
Cliff Swallow		c	c	c
Jays, Magpies, Crows:				
Blue Jay		u	o	u
Pinon Jay		c	a	c
Black-billed Magpie		c	a	a
Common Raven			o	
Common Crow		c	c	c
Clark's Nutcracker		r	r	r
Chickadees:				
Black-capped Chickadee		c	c	c
Mountain Chickadee		o	o	o
Nuthatches:				
White-breasted Nuthatch		o	o	r
Red-breasted Nuthatch		c	c	c
Creepers:				
Brown Creeper		o		