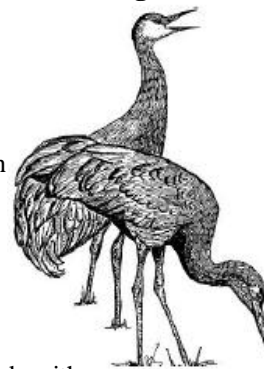


Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

serves as an important stop for many species of migrating birds.

The Refuge protects a large watershed that includes Rice, Skunk and Mud Lakes, along with several tributaries; it harbors one of the largest nesting populations of Greater Sandhill Cranes in Minnesota. Habitats include native tall grass prairie, sedge meadow, oak savanna, and wetlands with stands of wild rice. With a total authorized acquisition boundary of 13,540 acres encompassing this important wetland complex and adjacent uplands, Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge presently exists as scattered parcels totaling about 2,000 acres.



This leaflet lists those species of birds that have been identified on Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge by Refuge personnel and visiting birdwatchers.

Sp – **Spring** (March – May)

S -- **Summer** (June – July)

F -- **Fall** (August – November)

W – **Winter** (December – February)

c – **common**: likely seen or heard in suitable habitat

u – **uncommon**: present, but not certain to be seen

o – **occasional**: seen only few times during season

r – **rare**: seen at intervals of 2-5 years

* - nesting

Loons • Grebes • Pelicans • Cormorants Bitterns • Herons • Swans • Geese • Ducks

Sp S F W

□ Common Loon*	c	c	o	-
□ Red-necked Grebe	o	-	r	-
□ Horned Grebe	r	-	u	-
□ Eared Grebe	r	-	-	-
□ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	-
□ American White Pelican	o	o	o	-
□ Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	-

Sp S F W

□ American Bittern*	o	o	o	-
□ Least Bittern*	o	o	-	-
□ Black-crowned Night Heron	u	u	-	-
□ Green Heron*	c	c	c	-
□ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	-
□ Great Egret	c	c	c	-
□ Tundra Swan	u	-	u	-
□ Trumpeter Swan*	o	o	o	o
□ Greater White-fronted Goose	o	-	-	-
□ Snow Goose	o	-	o	-
□ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	u
□ Cackling Goose	o	-	o	-
□ American Black Duck	u	o	u	-
□ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	o
□ Mallard*	c	c	c	o
□ Northern Pintail	c	o	c	-
□ Green-winged Teal*	c	o	c	o
□ Blue-winged Teal*	c	c	c	-
□ American Wigeon	c	u	c	-
□ Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	-
□ Redhead	o	u	o	-
□ Ring-necked Duck*	c	u	c	-
□ Canvasback	u	o	u	-
□ Lesser Scaup	c	o	c	-
□ Common Goldeneye	c	-	u	-
□ Bufflehead	c	-	u	-
□ Hooded Merganser*	c	c	c	-
□ Common Merganser	c	-	o	-
□ Red-breasted Merganser	u	-	-	-
□ Ruddy Duck	o	o	o	-
□ Gadwall	u	-	-	-

Diurnal Raptors • Gallinaceous Birds

Gruiformes • Shorebirds • Gulls • Terns

□ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	-
□ Osprey	u	u	u	-
□ Northern Harrier	c	c	c	o
□ Bald Eagle*	c	c	c	o
□ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	u	-
□ Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	-
□ Northern Goshawk	-	-	o	o
□ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	u
□ Red-shouldered Hawk*	o	o	o	o
□ Broad-winged Hawk*	o	o	o	-
□ Rough-legged Hawk	u	-	u	u
□ Peregrine Falcon	o	o	o	-
□ Merlin	o	-	o	-
□ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	o

Sp S F W

□ Ring-necked Pheasant*	c	c	c	c
□ Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c
□ Ruffed Grouse*	c	c	c	c
□ American Coot*	c	c	c	-
□ Sandhill Crane*	c	c	c	-
□ Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	-
□ Sora*	u	u	u	-
□ Yellow Rail	r	r	r	-
□ American Golden Plover	-	o	o	-
□ Black-bellied Plover	-	o	o	-
□ Semipalmated Plover	o	o	o	-
□ Killdeer*	c	c	c	-
□ Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	c	-
□ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	c	-
□ Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
□ Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	-
□ White-rumped Sandpiper	o	-	-	-
□ Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
□ Dunlin	o	o	o	-
□ Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
□ Upland Sandpiper*	r	r	-	-
□ Long-billed Dowitcher	o	-	o	-
□ Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o	-	-
□ American Woodcock*	c	c	c	-
□ Wilson's Snipe*	c	u	c	-
□ Wilson's Phalarope	o	-	-	-
□ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	-
□ Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	o	-
□ Herring Gull	u	-	u	-
□ Forster's Tern	c	u	u	-
□ Black Tern*	c	c	c	-
□ Rock Dove (Pigeon)*	c	c	c	c
□ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
□ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	o	-
□ Black-billed Cuckoo	c	c	c	-

Owls • Goat Suckers • Swifts • Hummingbirds

Kingfishers • Woodpeckers • Flycatchers

Shrikes • Vireos • Jays/Crows • Larks

Swallows • Chickadees • Nuthatches • Wrens

□ Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	-
□ Short-eared Owl	r	r	r	-
□ Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
□ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
□ Snowy Owl	-	-	-	r
□ Eastern Screech Owl*	o	o	o	o
□ Northern Saw-whet Owl	o	o	o	o
□ Northern Hawk Owl	-	-	-	u

Sp S F W

□ Common Nighthawk*	o	c	c	-
□ Whip-poor-will*	o	o	-	-
□ Chimney Swift	c	c	c	-
□ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	o	c	o	-
□ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	r
□ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
□ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	u
□ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	c	u	c	-
□ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
□ Eastern Wood-peewee*	c	c	-	-
□ Alder Flycatcher*	u	o	u	-
□ Least Flycatcher*	c	c	u	-
□ Willow Flycatcher*	-	u	-	-
□ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	-
□ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	-
□ Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	o	u	-
□ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	c	u	c	-
□ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	-
□ Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	-
□ Northern Shrike	o	-	o	o
□ Philadelphia Vireo	o	-	o	-
□ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	-
□ Warbling Vireo*	c	c	-	-
□ Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	-	-
□ Blue-headed Vireo	u	-	u	-
□ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
□ American Crow*	c	c	c	c
□ Horned Lark*	c	o	o	c
□ Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	-
□ Purple Martin*	u	c	u	-
□ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	-
□ Cliff Swallow*	c	c	c	-
□ Bank Swallow*	u	o	u	-
□ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	-
□ Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
□ Brown Creeper	u	u	u	u
□ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	u	-	u	o
□ White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
□ House Wren*	c	c	c	-
□ Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	-
□ Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	-

