

GREEN CIRCLE TRAIL BIRD CHECKLIST



With its variety of habitats, the 26-mile Green Circle Trail in Stevens Point is an ideal place to observe birds. About 244 species are found along the trail, with 106 known to breed. A helpful accessory to this checklist is the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology's publication, "A Checklist of Wisconsin Birds with Migration Graphs," which describes the habitats and migration periods for all of the state's birds. Visit the Green Circle Birding Trail at GreenCircleTrail.org/birding/ to discover the best places to see birds.

Abundance Codes

- a: Abundant—a common species that 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—known to be present, but not every year

Seasons

- Sp: Spring—March to May
- S: Summer—June to August
- F: Fall—September to November
- W: Winter—December to February

Breeding Status

- * Breeds or has bred along the Green Circle

Ducks, Geese, and Swan

	Sp	S	F	W
Cackling Goose	o		o	r
Canada Goose*	c	c	c	o
Tundra Swan	u		u	r
Wood Duck*	c	c	c	r
Gadwall	o		o	r
American Wigeon	u	r	u	r
American Black Duck*	u	r	u	u
Mallard*	a	a	a	a
Blue-winged Teal	u	o	o	
Northern Shoveler	o		o	
Northern Pintail	o		o	r
Green-winged Teal	o	r	o	
Canvasback	o		o	
Redhead	o		o	
Ring-necked Duck	c		u	r
Greater Scaup	o		r	r
Lesser Scaup	u		u	r
Surf Scoter	r		r	
Long-tailed Duck	r		r	
Bufflehead	c		c	r
Common Goldeneye	c	r	c	c
Hooded Merganser*	c	u	c	r
Common Merganser	c	r	u	u
Red-breasted Merganser	u		o	
Ruddy Duck	o		o	

Grouse and Turkey

	Sp	S	F	W
Ruffed Grouse*	r	r	r	r
Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u

Loon and Grebes

	Sp	S	F	W
Common Loon	u	r	u	
Pied-billed Grebe	c	r	u	r
Horned Grebe	u		u	
Red-necked Grebe	r		r	

Cormorant and Herons

	Sp	S	F	W
Double-crested Cormorant	u	o	u	
Great-blue Heron	c	c	c	
Great Egret	r	r	r	
Green Heron*	c	u	o	

New World Vulture

	Sp	S	F	W
Turkey Vulture	o	o	o	

Eagles, Hawks, and Falcons

	Sp	S	F	W
Osprey*	u	u	u	
Bald Eagle*	u	o	u	o
Northern Harrier*	o	o	o	
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	u	o	u	r
Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	o
Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	u	u	r
Broad-winged Hawk*	u	o	u	
Red-tailed Hawk*	u	u	u	u
Rough-legged Hawk	o		o	o
American Kestrel*	o	o	o	r
Merlin	o		o	r
Peregrine Falcon	o		o	

Rails, Crane, and Plovers

	Sp	S	F	W
Virginia Rail*	o	o	o	
Sora	u	o	o	
American Coot*	u	r	c	r
Sandhill Crane*	u	u	o	
Black-bellied Plover	r	r	r	
American Golden Plover		r	r	
Semipalmated Plover	o	o	o	
Killdeer*	c	c	c	

Sandpipers

	Sp	S	F	W
Greater Yellowlegs	o	o	o	
Lesser Yellowlegs	o	o	o	
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	o	
Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Least Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Baird's Sandpiper			o	
Pectoral Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Dunlin	r		r	
Stilt Sandpiper			r	
Short-billed Dowitcher	r	r	r	
Common Snipe	o	o	o	
Wilson's Phalarope	r			
American Woodcock*	u	o	u	

Gulls and Terns

	Sp	S	F	W
Bonaparte's Gull	o	r	u	
Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	r
Herring Gull	u	r	u	r
Caspian Tern	r	r	r	
Common Tern	o	r		
Forster's Tern	o	r		
Black Tern	r	r		

Doves and Cuckoos

	Sp	S	F	W
Rock Pigeon*	a	a	a	a
Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	c
Black-billed Cuckoo*	o	u	o	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	u	o	

Owls, Nightjars, and Swifts

	Sp	S	F	W
Eastern Screech Owl	r	r	r	r
Great-horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
Long-eared Owl	r		r	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	o		o	
Common Nighthawk*	o	u	u	
Whip-poor-will*	o	u	o	
Chimney Swift*	c	a	c	

Hummingbird

	Sp	S	F	W
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	

Kingfisher and Woodpeckers

	Sp	S	F	W
Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	u	o
Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	o	o	o
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	u	r	u	
Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker*	c	u	c	c
Northern Flicker*	c	u	c	
Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

Flycatchers

	Sp	S	F	W
Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
Eastern Wood Pewee*	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	u		u	
Alder Flycatcher	u		u	
Willow Flycatcher	r		r	
Least Flycatcher	u	o	u	
Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	
Great-crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	o	

Shrike and Vireos

	Sp	S	F	W
Northern Shrike	o		u	u
Blue-headed Vireo	u	r	u	
Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
Warbling Vireo*	u	u	o	
Philadelphia Vireo	u		u	
Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	

Jay, Crow, and Raven

	Sp	S	F	W
Blue Jay*	a	a	a	a
American Crow*	a	a	a	a
Common Raven	r	r	r	r

Lark and Swallows

	Sp	S	F	W
Horned Lark*	u	u	u	u
Purple Martin*	u	u	r	
Tree Swallow*	a	a	o	
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	u	o	r	
Bank Swallow*	u	o	r	
Cliff Swallow*	a	a	u	
Barn Swallow*	c	c	u	

Chickadee, Nuthatches, & Creeper

	Sp	S	F	W
Black-capped Chickadee*	a	a	a	a
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	c	u	c	c
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Brown Creeper*	u	o	u	o

Wrens, Kinglets, & Gnatcatcher

	Sp	S	F	W
House Wren*	c	c	c	
Winter Wren*	u	r	u	r
Sedge Wren	o	o	o	
Marsh Wren*	r	r	r	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	u	o	u	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	

Thrushes and Mimics

	Sp	S	F	W
Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	
Veery	u		o	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
Hermit Thrush*	c	o	c	
Wood Thrush*	o	o	o	
American Robin*	a	a	a	u
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	
Brown Thrasher*	c	u	u	r

Starling

	Sp	S	F	W
European Starling*	a	a	a	a

Waxwings and Pipit

	Sp	S	F	W
American Pipit	r		r	
Bohemian Waxwing	r		r	o
Cedar Waxwing*	u	c	a	u

Wood Warblers

	Sp	S	F	W
Blue-winged Warbler	u		o	
Golden-winged Warbler	u	r	u	
Tennessee Warbler	c	r	a	
Orange-crowned Warbler	o		o	
Nashville Warbler*	c	o	c	
Northern Parula Warbler	u		u	
Yellow Warbler*	u	u	r	
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	o	c	
Magnolia Warbler	c		c	
Cape May Warbler	c		c	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r	
Yellow-rumped Warbler*	a	u	a	
Black-throated Green Warbler	c		c	
Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
Pine Warbler*	u	u	o	
Palm Warbler	c		c	
Bay-breasted Warbler	c		c	
Blackpoll Warbler	c		c	
Black & White Warbler*	c	o	u	
American Redstart*	c	o	c	
Ovenbird*	u	u	u	
Northern Waterthrush	c		u	
Connecticut Warbler	o		o	
Mourning Warbler*	u	o	u	
Common Yellowthroat*	c	a	c	
Wilson's Warbler	c		c	
Canada Warbler	u		o	

Tanager and Towhee

	Sp	S	F	W
Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	u	
Eastern Towhee*	u	u	o	

Sparrows

	Sp	S	F	W
American Tree Sparrow	c		c	c
Chipping Sparrow*	c	a	a	
Clay-colored Sparrow*	o	u	o	
Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Vesper Sparrow*	c	c	c	
Lark Sparrow*	r	r		
Savannah Sparrow*	o	o	o	
Grasshopper Sparrow*	r	o		
Fox Sparrow	c		c	
Song Sparrow*	a	a	a	r
Lincoln's Sparrow	o		u	
Swamp Sparrow*	c	u	c	
White-throated Sparrow	a		a	r
White-crowned Sparrow	o		u	
Dark-eyed Junco	a		a	a

Longspur and Bunting

	Sp	S	F	W
Lapland Longspur	u		u	r
Snow Bunting	u		u	o

Grosbeaks

	Sp	S	F	W
Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
Rose-br. Grosbeak*	c	c	u	
Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
Dickcissel		r		

Blackbirds

	Sp	S	F	W
Bobolink	o	r	r	
Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	r
Eastern Meadowlark	o	r	r	
Western Meadowlark*	u	u	o	
Rusty Blackbird	u		u	
Brewer's Blackbird	o	o	o	
Common Grackle*	a	a	c	
Brown-headed Cowbird*	a	a	o	
Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	c	

Finches

	Sp	S	F	W
Pine Grosbeak	r		r	r
Purple Finch*	u	o	u	u
House Finch*	c	c	c	c
Red Crossbill*	u	r	u	u
White-winged Crossbill	o		o	o
Common Redpoll	u		u	u
Pine Siskin*	c	o	c	c
American Goldfinch*	a	c	a	c
Evening Grosbeak	r		r	r

Weaver Finch

	Sp	S	F	W
House Sparrow*	a	a	a	a

Exceptional Species

The following species are considered to be very rare along the Green Circle. Many have been spotted only once or twice since records were kept.

Pacific Loon	Laughing Gull
Eared Grebe	Lesser Black-backed Gull
American White Pelican	Glaucous Gull
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Snowy Owl
Snow Goose	White-eyed Vireo
Trumpeter Swan	Carolina Wren
White-winged Scoter	"Brewster's Warbler"
Black Scoter	Prairie Warbler
Hudsonian Godwit	Louisiana Waterthrush
Ruddy Turnstone	Hooded Warbler
Sanderling	Yellow-breasted Chat
White-rumped Sandpiper	LeConte's Sparrow
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Harris's Sparrow
Little Gull	Hoary Redpoll

The Green Circle Birding Trail is sponsored by:



the
**Aldo Leopold
Audubon Society**

www.aldoleopoldaudubon.org