

Revised Checklist of North Dakota Birds

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Standards

A species will be included on the valid list of North Dakota birds when both of the following criteria are satisfied:

1. Its occurrence in the State is free of doubt as determined by fulfillment of at least one of the following:
 1. One or more clearly identifiable photographs is presented
 2. A correctly identified specimen is preserved and maintained in a museum or collection
 3. A fully audible voice reproduction is presented
 4. Three or more observations are obtained; each such observation or sight record must be supported by a completed documentation form submitted to the North Dakota Ornithological Records Committee (NDORC). No more than two of the sight records may be made by the same individual, and these must be separated in time and space. When three documented sight records acceptable and approved by NDORC have been reviewed, the species can then be added to the valid list based on sight records alone.
2. The bird(s) occurred in the State as wild and free-flying, and there is no evidence to indicate it occurred as an escape or as a release from captivity.

A species will be placed on the hypothetical list when less than three acceptable sight records have accumulated, and none of the other criteria for the valid list has been met.

All observations of species not on the valid list in North Dakota will be reviewed by the NDORC. Supporting documentation is to be submitted by the observer on a standardized form. These completed forms are submitted at the end of each reporting period to the appropriate compiler of North Dakota records for American Birds. Observations of casual, extra-limital, out-of-season, or other unusual occurrences will be reviewed by NDORC to determine their appropriateness as acceptable records.

Acceptance of a record that is classified under criteria 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 above (primarily for first State records) will be made by a unanimous decision of the NDORC. Records classified under criteria 1.4 above (including subsequent State records, unusual dates, or out-of-range birds) will be accepted or rejected by a simple majority vote of the Committee.

Summary

This current list includes 365 species of which 353 are considered valid and 12 are hypothetical. A breakdown of this list includes 207 species that nest or have nested, 95 that occur as migrants, 28 accidental, 21 occasional, 2 extirpated, and 1 extinct species. Species that have nested at least once in the State are indicated with an asterisk (*) in the list. An additional 16 species that are either summer residents, casual, or primarily migrants are considered to be inferred nesting

species, based on observations of territorial behavior in the proper habitat during normal breeding periods. These species are indicated by (i) before their name in the list. Including those with inferred breeding status, at least 223 species can now be considered components of the breeding avifauna of North Dakota.

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FAMILY GAVIIDAE

Red-throated loon (*Gavia stellata*)

*Common loon (*Gavia immer*)

FAMILY PODICIPEDIDAE

*Pied-billed grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

*Horned grebe (*Podiceps auritus*)

*Red-necked grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*)

*Eared grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

*Western grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*)

FAMILY PELECANIDAE

*American white pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)

Brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

FAMILY PHALACROCORACIDAE

*Double-crested cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)

FAMILY ARDEIDAE

*American bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*)

*Least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)

*Great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*)

Great egret (*Casmerodius albus*)

Snowy egret (*Egretta thula*)

*Little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

- *Tricolored heron (*Egretta tricolor*)
- *Cattle egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)
- *Green heron (*Butorides striatus*)
- *Black-crowned night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
- Yellow-crowned night-heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

FAMILY THRESKIORNITHIDAE

- White ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)
- *White-faced ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)

FAMILY CICONIIDAE

- Wood stork (*Mycteria americana*)

FAMILY ANATIDAE

- Fulvous whistling-duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)
- Tundra swan (*Cygnus columbianus*)
- *Trumpeter swan (*Cygnus buccinator*)
- Greater white-fronted goose (*Anser albifrons*)
- *Snow goose (*Chen caerulescens*)
- Ross' goose (*Chen rossii*)
- Brant (*Branta bernicla*)
- *Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*)
- *Wood duck (*Aix sponsa*)
- *Green-winged teal (*Anas crecca*)
- *American black duck (*Anas rubripes*)
- *Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
- *Northern pintail (*Anas acuta*)
- *Blue-winged teal (*Anas discors*)
- *Cinnamon teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)
- *Northern shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)
- *Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)
- Eurasian wigeon (*Anas penelope*)
- *American wigeon (*Anas americana*)
- *Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*)
- *Redhead (*Aythya americana*)
- *Ring-necked duck (*Aythya collaris*)
- Greater scaup (*Aythya marila*)
- *Lesser scaup (*Aythya affinis*)
- Common eider (*Somateria mollissima*)
- Harlequin duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)
- Oldsquaw (*Clangula hyemalis*)
- Black scoter (*Melanitta nigra*)
- Surf scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)
- *White-winged scoter (*Melanitta fusca*)
- *Common goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*)
- Barrow's goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)
- *Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*)
- *Hooded merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*)
- *Common merganser (*Mergus merganser*)
- Red-breasted merganser (*Mergus serrator*)
- *Ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

FAMILY CATHARTIDAE

- *Turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

FAMILY ACCIPITRIDAE

Subfamily Pandioninae

- *Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Subfamily Accipitrinae

- American swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)
- *Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

- *Northern harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)
- *Sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)
- *Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)
- *Northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)
- Red-shouldered hawk (*Buteo lineatus*)
- *Broad-winged hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)
- *Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)
- *Red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
- *Ferruginous hawk (*Buteo regalis*)
- Rough-legged hawk (*Buteo lagopus*)
- *Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)

FAMILY FALCONIDAE

- *American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
- *Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)
- *Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)
- Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*)
- *Prairie falcon (*Falco mexicanus*)

FAMILY PHASIANIDAE

Subfamily Phasianinae

- *Gray partridge (*Perdix perdix*)
- *Ring-necked pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*)

Subfamily Tetraoninae

- Willow ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus*)
- *Ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*)
- *Sage grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*)
- *Greater prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*)
- *Sharp-tailed grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianellus*)

Subfamily Meleagridinae

- *Wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*)

FAMILY RALLIDAE

- *Yellow rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*)
- (i) King rail (*Rallus elegans*)
- *Virginia rail (*Rallus limicola*)
- *Sora (*Porzana carolina*)
- *American coot (*Fulica americana*)

FAMILY GRUIDAE

- *Sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis*)
- *Whooping crane (*Grus americana*)

FAMILY CHARADRIIDAE

- Black-bellied plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)
- American golden plover (*Pluvialis dominica*)
- Semipalmated plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)
- *Piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*)
- *Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)
- *Mountain plover (*Charadrius montanus*)

FAMILY RECURVIROSTRIDAE

- Black-necked stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)
- *American avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*)

FAMILY SCOLOPACIDAE

Subfamily Scolopacinae

- Greater yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)
- Lesser yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)
- Solitary sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)
- *Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)
- *Spotted sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)
- *Upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*)

Eskimo curlew (*Numenius borealis*)
 Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)
 *Long-billed curlew (*Numenius americanus*)
 Hudsonian godwit (*Limosa haemastica*)
 *Marbled godwit (*Limosa fedoa*)
 Ruddy turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)
 Red knot (*Calidris canutus*)
 Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)
 Semipalmated sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*)
 Western sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)
 Least sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)
 White-rumped sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*)
 Baird's sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*)
 Pectoral sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*)
 Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)
 Curlew sandpiper (*Calidris feruginea*)
 Stilt sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*)
 Buff-breasted sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*)
 Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)
 Short-billed dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*)
 Long-billed dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*)
 *Common snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)
 *American woodcock (*Scolopax minor*)
 Subfamily Phalaropinae
 *Wilson's phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*)
 Red-necked phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)
 Red phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*)
 FAMILY LARIDAE
 Subfamily Stercorarinae
 Parasitic jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)
 Long-tailed jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)
 Subfamily Larinae
 *Franklin's gull (*Larus pipixcan*)
 Bonaparte's gull (*Larus philadelphia*)
 *Ring-billed gull (*Larus delawarensis*)
 *California gull (*Larus californicus*)
 Herring gull (*Larus argentatus*)
 Thayer's gull (*Larus thayeri*)
 Glaucous gull (*Larus hyperboreus*)
 Black-legged kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)
 Sabine's gull (*Xema sabini*)
 Subfamily Sterninae
 *Caspian tern (*Sterna caspia*)
 *Common tern (*Sterna hirundo*)
 *Forster's tern (*Sterna forsteri*)
 *Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)
 *Black tern (*Chlidonias niger*)
 FAMILY COLUMBIDAE
 *Rock dove (*Columba livia*)
 *Mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*)
 *Passenger pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*): EXTINCT
 FAMILY CUCULIDAE
 *Black-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*)
 *Yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*)
 FAMILY TYTONIDAE
 *Barn owl (*Tyto alba*)

FAMILY STRIGIDAE

- *Eastern screech-owl (*Otus asio*)
- *Great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*)
- Snowy owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*)
- Northern hawk owl (*Surnia ulula*)
- *Burrowing owl (*Speotyto cunicularia*)
- (i)Barred owl (*Strix varia*)
- Great gray owl (*Strix nebulosa*)
- *Long-eared owl (*Asio otus*)
- *Short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*)
- Boreal owl (*Aegolius funereus*)
- (i)Northern saw-whet owl (*Aegolius acadicus*)

FAMILY CAPRIMULGIDAE

Subfamily Chordelinae

- *Common nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*)

Subfamily Caprimulginae

- (i)Common poorwill (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*)
- (i)Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*)

FAMILY APODIDAE

- *Chimney swift (*Chaetura pelagica*)

FAMILY TROCHILIDAE

- *Ruby-throated hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*)

FAMILY ALCEDINIDAE

- *Belted kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*)

FAMILY PICIDAE

- Lewis' woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*)
- *Red-headed woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*)
- *Red-bellied woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*)
- *Yellow-bellied sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*)
- *Downy woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*)
- *Hairy woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*)
- Black-backed woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*)
- *Northern flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)
- *Pileated woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)

FAMILY TYRANNIDAE

Subfamily Fluvicolinae

- Olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus borealis*)
- (i)Western wood-pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)
- *Eastern wood-pewee (*Contopus virens*)
- Yellow-bellied flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*)
- *Alder flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*)
- *Willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*)
- *Least flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*)
- *Eastern phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*)
- *Say's phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)

Subfamily Tyranninae

- *Great crested flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*)
- *Western kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*)
- *Eastern kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)
- Scissor-tailed flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)

FAMILY ALAUDIDAE

- *Horned lark (*Eremophila alpestris*)

FAMILY HIRUNDINIDAE

- *Purple martin (*Progne subis*)
- *Tree swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)
- (i)Violet-green swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)

*Northern rough-winged swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

*Bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*)

*Cliff swallow (*Hirundo pyrrhonota*)

*Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

FAMILY CORVIDAE

Gray jay (*Perisoreus canadensis*)

*Blue jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*)

Pinyon jay (*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*)

Clark's nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*)

*Black-billed magpie (*Pica pica*)

*American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)

*Common raven (*Corvus corax*)

FAMILY PARIDAE

*Black-capped chickadee (*Parus atricapillus*)

Boreal chickadee (*Parus hudsonicus*)

FAMILY SITTIDAE

*Red-breasted nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*)

*White-breasted nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*)

FAMILY CERTHIIDAE

(i) Brown creeper (*Certhia americana*)

FAMILY TROGLODYTIDAE

*Rock wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*)

*House wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)

Winter wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*)

*Sedge wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)

*Marsh wren (*Cistothorus palustris*)

FAMILY MUSCICAPIDAE

Subfamily Sylviinae

Golden-crowned kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*)

Ruby-crowned kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)

Blue-gray gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*)

Subfamily Turdinae

*Eastern bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)

*Mountain bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*)

Townsend's solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*)

*Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*)

Gray-cheeked thrush (*Catharus minimus*)

(i) Swainson's thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)

Hermit thrush (*Catharus guttatus*)

*Wood thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*)

*American robin (*Turdus migratorius*)

Varied thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*)

FAMILY MIMIDAE

*Gray catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)

*Northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)

(i) Sage thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*)

*Brown thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*)

FAMILY MOTACILLIDAE

American pipit (*Anthus rubescens*)

*Sprague's pipit (*Anthus spragueii*)

FAMILY BOMBYCILLIDAE

Bohemian waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*)

*Cedar waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)

FAMILY LANIIDAE

Northern shrike (*Lanius excubitor*)

*Loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

FAMILY STURNIDAE

*European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

FAMILY VIREONIDAE

White-eyed vireo (*Vireo griseus*)

*Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii*)

(i)Solitary vireo (*Vireo solitarius*)

*Yellow-throated vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)

*Warbling vireo (*Vireo gilvus*)

*Philadelphia vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*)

*Red-eyed vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*)

FAMILY EMBERIZIDAE

Subfamily Parulinae

Blue-winged warbler (*Vermivora pinus*)

*Golden-winged warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*)

(i)Tennessee warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*)

(i)Orange-crowned warbler (*Vermivora celata*)

Nashville warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*)

(i)Northern parula (*Parula americana*)

*Yellow warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)

*Chestnut-sided warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*)

Magnolia warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*)

Cape May warbler (*Dendroica tigrina*)

Black-throated blue warbler (*Dendroica caerulescens*)

*Yellow-rumped warbler (*Dendroica coronata*)

Townsend's warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*)

Black-throated green warbler (*Dendroica virens*)

Blackburnian warbler (*Dendroica fusca*)

Pine warbler (*Dendroica pinus*)

Palm warbler (*Dendroica palmarum*)

Bay-breasted warbler (*Dendroica castanea*)

Blackpoll warbler (*Dendroica striata*)

(i)Cerulean warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*)

*Black-and-white warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)

*American redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

Prothonotary warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*)

Worm-eating warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorus*)

*Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapillus*)

*Northern waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*)

Louisiana waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*)

Connecticut warbler (*Oporornis agilis*)

*Mourning warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*)

MacGillivray's warbler (*Oporornis tolmiei*)

*Common yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)

Hooded warbler (*Wilsonia citrina*)

Wilson's warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*)

(i)Canada warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*)

*Yellow-breasted chat (*Icteria virens*)

Subfamily Thraupinae

Summer tanager (*Piranga rubra*)

*Scarlet tanager (*Piranga olivacea*)

(i)Western tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

Subfamily Cardinalinae

*Northern cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)

*Rose-breasted grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)

*Black-headed grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)

*Blue grosbeak (*Guiraca caerulea*)

*Lazuli bunting (*Passerina amoena*)

*Indigo bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)

*Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*)

Subfamily Emberizinae

Green-tailed towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*)

*Rufous-sided towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*)

American tree sparrow (*Spizella arborea*)

*Chipping sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)

*Clay-colored sparrow (*Spizella pallida*)

*Brewer's sparrow (*Spizella breweri*)

*Field sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*)

*Vesper sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*)

*Lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)

*Lark bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*)

*Savannah sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*)

*Baird's sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii*)

*Grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*)

Henslow's sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*)

*Le Conte's sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*)

*Sharp-tailed sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*)

Fox sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*)

*Song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)

Lincoln's sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*)

*Swamp sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*)

*White-throated sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*)

Golden-crowned sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*)

White-crowned sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)

Harris' sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*)

Dark-eyed junco (*Junco hyemalis*)

*McCown's longspur (*Calcarius mccownii*)

Lapland longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*)

Smith's longspur (*Calcarius pictus*)

*Chestnut-collared longspur (*Calcarius ornatus*)

Snow bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*)

Subfamily Icterinae

*Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*)

*Red-winged blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

Eastern meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)

*Western meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*)

*Yellow-headed blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)

Rusty blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*)

*Brewer's blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*)

*Common grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*)

*Brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*)

*Orchard oriole (*Icterus spurius*)

*Northern oriole (*Icterus galbula*)

FAMILY FRINGILLIDAE

Subfamily Fringillinae

Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*)

Subfamily Carduelinae

Grey-crowned rosy-finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*)

Pine grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)

*Purple finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*)

House finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*)

*Red crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*)

(i) White-winged crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*)

Common redpoll (*Carduelis flammea*)
Hoary redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*)
*Pine siskin (*Carduelis pinus*)
*Lesser goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*)
*American goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*)
Evening grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*)
FAMILY PASSERIDAE
*House sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

Hypothetical Species:

Arctic loon (*Gavia arctica*)
Northern gannet (*Morus bassanus*)
Black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*)
Common moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Laughing gull (*Larus atricilla*)
Iceland gull (*Larus glaucoides*)
Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)
Band-tailed pigeon (*Columba fasciata*)
Vermilion flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)
Western bluebird (*Sialia mexicana*)
Black-throated gray warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*)
Kentucky warbler (*Oporornis formosus*)

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