

# Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Bird List

January 2021

## Season Symbols:

**Sp:** Spring - March, April, May

**S:** Summer - June, July, August

**F:** Fall - September, October, November

**W:** Winter - December, January, February



## Abundance Codes:

**C:** Common = certain to be seen in suitable habitat

**U:** Uncommon = Present but not certain to be seen

**O:** Occasional = Usually seen during a season

**R:** Rare = known to be present but not seen every year

**AC:** Accidental = very few reliable records in a season, a few are single records in the last 25 years.

**N:** Nesting = birds present during nesting-breeding season, including rare confirmed historic nesting.

**X:** Mark your sightings.

COMMON NAME	X	N	Sp	S	F	W
<b>SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS</b>						
Emperor Goose					AC	
Snow Goose			O		O	U
Ross's Goose			R		R	R
Gr. White-fronted Goose			U	R	U	O
Brant			R		R	R
Cackling Goose			C		C	C
Canada Goose		N	C	C	C	C
Trumpeter Swan			O		O	C
Tundra Swan			C	R	C	C
Wood Duck		N	C	C	C	O
Blue-winged Teal		N	U	U	O	R
Cinnamon Teal		N	C	C	C	U
Northern Shoveler		N	C	U	C	C
Gadwall		N	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Wigeon			U	AC	O	U
American Wigeon		N	C	O	C	C
Mallard		N	C	C	C	C
Northern Pintail		N	C	U	C	C
Green-winged Teal			C	U	C	C
Canvasback			O	AC	O	O
Redhead			U	O	R	R
Ring-necked Duck			C	O	U	C
Greater Scaup			O		O	O
Lesser Scaup			C	O	C	C
Surf Scoter			AC		R	
Bufflehead			C	O	C	C
Common Goldeneye			R	AC	R	R
Barrow's Goldeneye			AC		AC	AC
Hooded Merganser		N	C	O	U	C
Common Merganser		N	U	O	U	U
Red-breasted Merganser			AC		AC	AC
Ruddy Duck		N	C	U	C	C
<b>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS</b>						
California Quail			R	R	R	R
Ruffed Grouse			AC			AC
Ring-necked Pheasant			R		R	R
<b>GREBES</b>						
Pied-billed Grebe		N	C	C	C	C
Horned Grebe		N	R	AC	R	R
Red-necked Grebe					AC	AC
Eared Grebe			AC	AC	AC	AC

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Western Grebe				R	R	R
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>						
Rock Pigeon		N	U	U	U	U
Band-tailed Pigeon			O	O	O	O
Eurasian Collared-Dove			U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove		N	U	C	U	U
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>						
Common Nighthawk				AC	AC	
<b>SWIFTS</b>						
Black Swift			AC	R	AC	
Vaux's Swift			U	U	U	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>						
Black-chinned Hummingbird				AC		
Anna's Hummingbird		N	C	C	C	C
Rufous Hummingbird		N	U	U	O	
<b>RAILS, COOTS AND CRANES</b>						
Virginia Rail		N	C	U	U	U
Sora		N	C	U	U	O
American Coot		N	C	C	C	C
Sandhill Crane		N	C	O	C	C
<b>STILTS AND AVOCETS</b>						
Black-necked Stilt			R		R	
American Avocet			AC	AC	AC	
<b>PLOVERS</b>						
Black-bellied Plover			R	R	R	R
American Golden-Plover			AC	AC	AC	
Pacific Golden-Plover				AC	AC	
Killdeer		N	C	C	C	U
Semipalmated Plover			O	O	O	
<b>SANDPIPERS AND PHALAROPES</b>						
Long-billed Curlew			AC			
Whimbrel			AC		AC	
Red Knot			AC			
Ruff			AC		AC	AC
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper					R	
Stilt Sandpiper				AC		
Sanderling				R	AC	
Dunlin			U	R	O	U
Baird's Sandpiper			AC	R	R	
Least Sandpiper			U	C	C	O
Pectoral Sandpiper			AC	O	U	
Semipalmated Sandpiper			R	O	AC	
Western Sandpiper			O	U	U	R

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Short-billed Dowitcher			R	R	O	
Long-billed Dowitcher			U	U	U	O
Wilson's Snipe		N	C	C	U	U
Spotted Sandpiper		N	O	O	O	
Solitary Sandpiper			O	O	O	
Lesser Yellowlegs			O	O	U	R
Greater Yellowlegs			U	C	C	O
Willet					AC	
Wilson's Phalarope		N	R	R	R	
Red-necked Phalarope			R	R		
Red Phalarope					AC	
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>						
Bonaparte's Gull			R	R	AC	
Mew Gull			R		R	R
Ring-billed Gull			R	O	U	U
Western Gull			AC		AC	AC
California Gull			R	O	O	O
Herring Gull			O		O	U
Iceland Gull (Thayer's)			AC			R
Glaucous-winged Gull			U	R	O	U
Glaucous Gull						AC
Caspian Tern			O	O	O	
Black Tern		N	R	R		
Forster's Tern			AC			
<b>LOONS</b>						
Red-throated Loon			R		R	R
Common Loon				AC	R	R
<b>CORMORANTS</b>						
Double-crested Cormorant			C	C	C	C
<b>PELICANS</b>						
American White Pelican			O	O	R	
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, AND IBIS</b>						
American Bittern		N	C	U	U	U
Great Blue Heron		N	C	C	C	C
Great Egret		N	U	U	U	U
Snowy Egret				AC	AC	AC
Green Heron			R	O	O	
Black-crowned Night-Heron			AC	O	R	AC
White-faced Ibis			R		R	AC
<b>AMERICAN VULTURES</b>						
Turkey Vulture			C	C	C	R
<b>OSPREY, KITES, HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>						
Osprey		N	C	C	C	R

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White-tailed Kite					AC	
Golden Eagle			R			R
Northern Harrier		N	C	C	C	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk			O	O	O	O
Cooper's Hawk			O	O	O	O
Northern Goshawk					AC	
Bald Eagle		N	C	U	C	C
Red-shouldered Hawk			O	R	U	U
Swainson's Hawk			AC		AC	
Red-tailed Hawk		N	C	C	C	C
Rough-legged Hawk			O		O	O
Ferruginous Hawk					AC	
<b>OWLS</b>						
Barn Owl		N	U	U	U	U
Western Screech-Owl		N	R	R	R	R
Great Horned Owl		N	U	U	U	U
Snowy Owl						AC
Northern Pygmy-Owl			R		R	R
Barred Owl				AC	AC	AC
Long-eared Owl					AC	AC
Short-eared Owl			O	R	O	O
Northern Saw-whet Owl			Ac		Ac	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>						
Belted Kingfisher		N	U	U	U	O
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>						
Lewis's Woodpecker			R		R	
Red-naped Sapsucker						AC
Red-breasted Sapsucker		N	U	O	O	O
Downy Woodpecker		N	U	U	U	U
Hairy Woodpecker		N	O	O	O	O
Northern Flicker		N	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker		N	O	O	O	O
<b>FALCONS</b>						
American Kestrel		N	C	U	C	C
Merlin			O	R	U	O
Peregrine Falcon			U	U	U	U
Prairie Falcon			AC			
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>						
Olive-sided Flycatcher			U	U	R	
Western Wood-Pewee		N	C	C	U	
Willow Flycatcher		N	U	U	U	

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Hammond's Flycatcher			R	R	AC	
Gray Flycatcher			AC			
Dusky Flycatcher			AC			
Pacific-slope Flycatcher		N	U	U	O	
Black Phoebe		N	U	U	U	U
Say's Phoebe			R		AC	AC
Ash-throated Flycatcher			AC			
Western Kingbird		N	R	R		
Eastern Kingbird		N		R	AC	
Vermilion Flycatcher			AC		AC	AC
<b>SHRIKES</b>						
Loggerhead Shrike			AC			
Northern Shrike			R		O	R
<b>VIREOS</b>						
Hutton's Vireo		N	O	O	O	O
Cassin's Vireo			O	O	R	
Warbling Vireo		N	O	O	O	
Red-eyed Vireo		N	R	R		
<b>JAYS, MAGPIE, CROWS AND RAVENS</b>						
Canada Jay			R			R
Steller's Jay		N	C	C	C	C
California Scrub-Jay		N	C	C	C	C
Black-billed Magpie					AC	
American Crow		N	C	U	C	C
Common Raven			U	U	U	U
<b>LARKS</b>						
Horned Lark			AC		AC	
<b>SWALLOWS</b>						
Bank Swallow		N	O	U	O	
Tree Swallow		N	C	C	U	O
Violet-green Swallow		N	C	U	U	R
No. Rough-winged Swallow		N	U	U	O	
Purple Martin		N	C	C	U	
Barn Swallow		N	C	C	C	R
Cliff Swallow		N	C	C	U	
<b>CHICKADEES</b>						
Black-capped Chickadee		N	C	C	C	C
Chestnut-backed Chickadee		N	U	U	U	U
<b>BUSHTITS</b>						
Bushtit		N	U	U	U	U
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>						
Red-breasted Nuthatch		N	U	U	U	U

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White-breasted Nuthatch		N	C	C	C	C
<b>CREEPERS</b>						
Brown Creeper		N	C	C	C	C
<b>WRENS</b>						
House Wren		N	U	C	U	AC
Pacific Wren		N	U	U	U	C
Marsh Wren		N	C	C	U	U
Bewick's Wren		N	C	C	C	C
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				AC		AC
<b>KINGLETS</b>						
Golden-crowned Kinglet			C	R	C	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			C		C	C
<b>THRUSHES</b>						
Western Bluebird			AC	AC	AC	AC
Mountain Bluebird			AC			AC
Townsend's Solitaire			AC	AC		AC
Swainson's Thrush		N	C	C	U	
Hermit Thrush			O		O	O
American Robin		N	C	C	C	C
Varied Thrush			O		U	U
<b>MIMIDS</b>						
Gray Catbird						AC
Sage Thrasher			AC	AC		
Northern Mockingbird			AC			
<b>STARLINGS</b>						
European Starling		N	C	C	C	C
<b>WAXWINGS</b>						
Cedar Waxwing		N	U	C	C	AC
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>						
House Sparrow		N	U	U	U	U
<b>PIPITS</b>						
American Pipit			O	R	C	U
<b>FINCHES</b>						
Evening Grosbeak			O	R	R	R
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch						AC
House Finch		N	C	C	C	C
Purple Finch		N	U	U	U	U
Common Redpoll					AC	
Red Crossbill			R	R	R	R
Pine Siskin		N	O	R	O	O
Lesser Goldfinch			O	O	R	R
American Goldfinch		N	U	C	C	C

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<b>LONGSPURS &amp; SNOW BUNTINGS</b>						
Lapland Longspur					AC	
Snow Bunting					AC	
<b>NEW WORLD SPARROWS</b>						
Grasshopper Sparrow				AC		
Black-throated Sparrow			AC	AC		
Chipping Sparrow			R	R	R	
Brewer's Sparrow			AC			
Fox Sparrow			U		U	U
American Tree Sparrow					AC	AC
Dark-eyed Junco			C	O	C	C
White-crowned Sparrow		N	U		U	U
Golden-crowned Sparrow			C		C	C
Harris's Sparrow					AC	AC
White-throated Sparrow			R		R	R
Sagebrush Sparrow			AC			AC
Vesper Sparrow			R		AC	
Savannah Sparrow		N	C	C	C	O
Song Sparrow		N	C	C	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow			U		U	U
Swamp Sparrow			R		R	R
Green-tailed Towhee			AC			AC
Spotted Towhee		N	C	C	C	C
<b>ICTERIDAE</b>						
Yellow-breasted Chat		N	O	O	O	
<b>ICTERIDS</b>						
Yellow-headed Blackbird		N	C	C	R	
Bobolink					AC	
Western Meadowlark		N	O	R	U	U
Bullock's Oriole		N	U	U	AC	
Red-winged Blackbird		N	C	C	C	C
Brown-headed Cowbird		N	C	C	U	R
Brewer's Blackbird		N	U	U	U	U
Great-tailed Grackle				AC		
<b>NEW WORLD WARBLERS</b>						
Orange-crowned Warbler		N	C	U	U	R
Nashville Warbler			O	R		
MacGillivray's Warbler		N	R	R	R	
Common Yellowthroat		N	C	C	C	R
Yellow Warbler		N	U	U	O	
Palm Warbler					AC	AC

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Yellow-rumped Warbler			C	O	C	U
Black-throated Gray Warbler			U	O	U	
Townsend's Warbler			O	R	O	R
Hermit Warbler			O	AC		
Wilson's Warbler		N	C	U	O	AC
<b>TANAGERS</b>						
Western Tanager			N	U	U	U
<b>GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS</b>						
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			AC		AC	
Black-headed Grosbeak		N	C	C	O	
Lazuli Bunting		N	O	O	R	

Species Total: 258



**Notes:**

This list was compiled from the previously published

Wildlife Brochure, records from FWS staff and Volunteers who participate in regular bird census activities on the refuge, and e-bird accounts. Although there are some records as early as 1975, most information was from the mid-1990s to present. The list follows the American Ornithological Society's naming convention and current species order, 61<sup>st</sup> Supplement, June 2020.

From time to time, escapees of birds not known to be established in Washington may show up on the refuge. We have seen Black Swans, and Mute Swans along with an odd assortment of domestic and exotic geese and ducks. They are generally

not considered countable for the purposes of this list.

Hybrids of various species can be found on occasion. Notables are hybrid gulls.

A single historical sighting of a species, when well documented, can earn an AC abundance code. If you see a bird not listed here or find one that is marked as accidental (AC), please consider documenting it in e-bird. Photos and descriptions are always a plus and will help us keep this list up to date.

In addition, weekly sightings for the River S unit are published on the FWS website or Friends RNWR website.



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