

Fair Meadow Sanctuary's BIRD SPECIES LIST

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Birds are at the heart of our work. Fair Meadows was created in 1985, expanded in 1992, designated a State Natural Area in 2005, and became a Madison Audubon sanctuary in 2023. The property is rich in habitats, and is teeming with biodiversity! From woodlands to prairies, wetlands to savannas, there is a wide range of bird species to observe at Fair Meadows. The property is owned by Madison Audubon, and maintained by resident managers Penny and Gary Shackelford and land steward Chris Kaplan. This 196-species bird list are all species that have been observed by the Shackelfords since the 1980s.

Fair Meadows is closed to visitors unless permission is acquired or unless you're attending a field trip there. You are invited to bring this bird list with you to field trips coordinated at Fair Meadows, and see how many species you can find!

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GEESE, SWANS, AND DUCKS

Snow Goose	Green-winged Teal
Greater White-fronted Goose	Canvasback
Cackling Goose	Redhead
Canada Goose	Ring-necked Duck
Mute Swan	Lesser Scaup
Trumpeter Swan	Bufflehead
Tundra Swan	Common Goldeneye
Wood Duck	Hooded Merganser
Blue-winged Teal	Common Merganser
Northern Shoveler	Red-breasted Merganser
Gadwall	
American Wigeon	BOBWHITE THROUGH TURKEY
Mallard	Northern Bobwhite
American Black Duck	Wild Turkey
Northern Pintail	Ring-necked Pheasant

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove

CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo

NIGHTJARS AND SWIFT

Common Nighthawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

RAILS THROUGH CRANES

Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Sandhill Crane

SHOREBIRDS

Killdeer
American Woodcock
Wilson's Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Greater Yellowlegs

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Black Tern
Forster's Tern

LOONS

Common Loon

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant

PELICANS

American White Pelican

BITTERNS THROUGH HERONS

American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron

RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk

OWLS

Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl

KINGFISHER

Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker

FALCONS

American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon

FLYCATCHERS

Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike

VIREOS

Blue-headed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo

JAYS AND CROWS

Blue Jay
American Crow

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

CHICKADEES THROUGH BROWN CREEPER

Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper

WRENS

Carolina Wren
 House Wren
 Winter Wren
 Sedge Wren
 Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Golden-crowned Kinglet

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush
 Hermit Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 American Robin

GRAY CATBIRD THROUGH**STARLINGS**

Gray Catbird
 Brown Thrasher
 European Starling

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow

PIPITS

American Pipit

FINCHES

House Finch
 Purple Finch
 Common Redpoll
 Red Crossbill
 White-winged Crossbill
 Pine Siskin
 American Goldfinch

TOWHEES AND SPARROWS

Chipping Sparrow
 Clay-colored Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 American Tree Sparrow
 Dark-eyed Junco
 White-crowned Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
 Savannah Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 Swamp Sparrow
 Eastern Towhee

BLACKBIRDS

Yellow-headed Blackbird
 Bobolink
 Eastern Meadowlark
 Orchard Oriole
 Baltimore Oriole
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Rusty Blackbird
 Brewer's Blackbird
 Common Grackle

WOOD-WARBBLERS

Ovenbird
 Northern Waterthrush
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Blue-winged Warbler
 Black-and-white Warbler
 Prothonotary Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Nashville Warbler
 Mourning Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 American Redstart
 Cape May Warbler
 Cerulean Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Magnolia Warbler
 Bay-breasted Warbler
 Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Blackpoll Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 Wilson's Warbler
 Yellow-breasted Chat

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Scarlet Tanager
 Northern Cardinal
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 Indigo Bunting
 Dickcissel



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