

Birds of Cheyenne Bottoms



The Cheyenne Bottoms ecosystem was historically a 41,000-acre wetland basin consisting of prairie freshwater marshes, wet meadows, grasslands, shelterbelts, riparian areas and agricultural lands. Currently, the State of Kansas and The Nature Conservancy owns and manages over 28,000-acres of this ecosystem. This management consists of the manipulation of the habitat for many birds and other wildlife species, vegetation control, agricultural and ranching practices and water level control.

Cheyenne Bottoms is one of the most important ecosystems in Kansas and the Central Flyway region. It is recognized as a Wetland of International Importance, a Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Site and a Globally Important Bird Area. It is a popular destination for hunters and bird watchers, and serves as a host for many other wildlife-related opportunities.

At least 356 of the 482 species of birds currently known to occur in Kansas have been recorded at Cheyenne Bottoms. There are over 130 species that breed and nest on the area, 148 species that may winter here and nearly 70 species that may occur year-round.

Nearly 40 species of waterfowl and over 40 species of shorebirds have been reported at Cheyenne Bottoms. Tens of thousands of geese, ducks and shorebirds can be observed when habitat conditions are favorable during spring and fall migration. It also serves as an overwintering location for many waterfowl species.



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| VIREOS | | | | |
| White-eyed Vireo | r | | | |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | | accidental | | |
| Bell's Vireo* | r | r | r | |
| Blue-headed Vireo | u | | o | |
| Philadelphia Vireo | r | | | |
| Warbling Vireo* | u | u | u | |
| Red-eyed Vireo | u | u | u | |
| JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS | | | | |
| Blue Jay* | u | u | u | u |
| Clark's Nutcracker | | accidental | | |
| Black-billed Magpie* | | accidental | | |
| American Crow* | u | u | u | u |
| LARKS | | | | |
| Horned Lark* | a | u | a | a |
| SWALLOWS | | | | |
| Bank Swallow | c | o | c | |
| Tree Swallow* | c | u | c | |
| Violet-green Swallow | | accidental | | |
| N. Rough-winged Swallow* | c | c | c | |
| Purple Martin* | u | u | u | |
| Barn Swallow* | a | c | a | |
| Cliff Swallow* | a | a | a | |
| Cave Swallow* | r | r | r | |
| CHICKADEES, TITMICE | | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee* | o | o | o | o |
| Tufted Titmouse | r | r | r | |
| NUTHATCHES | | | | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | u | u | u | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch* | u | o | u | u |
| CREEPERS | | | | |
| Brown Creeper | r | r | r | |
| WRENS | | | | |
| Rock Wren | | accidental | | |
| House Wren* | u | u | u | |
| Winter Wren | | r | r | |
| Sedge Wren* | o | r | o | |
| Marsh Wren* | u | o | u | u |
| Carolina Wren | o | o | o | o |
| Bewick's Wren | r | r | | |
| GNATCATCHERS | | | | |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* | u | r | u | |
| KINGLETS | | | | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | u | u | r | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | u | u | r | |
| THRUSHES | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird* | u | o | u | o |
| Mountain Bluebird | r | r | r | |
| Townsend's Solitaire | | accidental | | |
| Veery | | accidental | | |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | r | r | | |
| Swainson's Thrush | u | o | | |
| Hermit Thrush | r | | r | |
| American Robin* | c | o | c | u |
| THRASHERS | | | | |
| Gray Catbird* | u | u | u | |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | | accidental | | |
| Brown Thrasher* | u | u | u | |
| Northern Mockingbird* | u | u | u | o |
| STARLINGS | | | | |
| European Starling* | a | c | a | a |

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| WAXWINGS | | | | |
| Bohemian Waxwing | | accidental | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | u | r | u | u |
| OLD WORLD SPARROWS | | | | |
| House Sparrow* | u | u | u | u |
| PIPITS | | | | |
| American Pipit | | u | u | |
| Sprague's Pipit | r | r | | |
| FINCHES | | | | |
| Evening Grosbeak | | accidental | | |
| House Finch* | u | u | u | u |
| Purple Finch | | | r | r |
| Common Redpoll | | accidental | | |
| Red Crossbill | | | r | |
| White-winged Crossbill | | accidental | | |
| Pine Siskin | o | o | o | o |
| American Goldfinch* | c | u | c | c |
| LONGSPURS | | | | |
| McCown's Longspur | | accidental | | |
| Lapland Longspur | u | u | c | |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur | r | r | r | |
| Snow Bunting | | r | r | |
| SPARROWS | | | | |
| Cassin's Sparrow | r | r | r | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow* | c | c | u | |
| Lark Sparrow* | u | c | u | |
| Lark Bunting* | r | r | r | |
| Chipping Sparrow | c | c | | |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | c | c | | |
| Field Sparrow | u | u | o | |
| Fox Sparrow | o | u | u | |
| American Tree Sparrow | c | c | a | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | c | c | c | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | c | c | u | |
| Harris's Sparrow | c | c | c | |
| White-throated Sparrow | u | u | r | |
| Vesper Sparrow | u | u | | |
| Le Conte's Sparrow | o | r | | |
| Nelson's Sparrow | | accidental | | |
| Baird's Sparrow | | accidental | | |
| Henslow's Sparrow | | accidental | | |
| Savannah Sparrow | u | u | o | |
| Song Sparrow | c | c | c | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | u | u | u | |
| Swamp Sparrow | u | u | u | |
| Spotted Towhee | u | u | u | |
| Eastern Towhee | | r | r | |
| CHATS | | | | |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | o | o | o | |
| BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES | | | | |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird* | c | c | c | o |
| Bobolink* | r | r | | |
| Eastern Meadowlark* | c | c | c | u |
| Western Meadowlark* | c | c | c | c |
| Orchard Oriole* | u | u | u | |
| Baltimore Oriole* | u | u | u | |
| Red-winged Blackbird* | a | a | a | a |
| Brown-headed Cowbird* | c | c | a | c |
| Rusty Blackbird | r | r | r | r |
| Brewer's Blackbird | u | u | u | u |
| Common Grackle* | c | c | c | u |
| Great-tailed Grackle* | c | u | c | o |
| WARBLERS | | | | |
| Ovenbird | | accidental | | |
| Worm-eating Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | | accidental | | |

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| Northern Waterthrush | r | | | |
| Golden-winged Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Black-and-White Warbler | o | o | | |
| Prothonotary Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Tennessee Warbler | o | r | | |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | u | u | u | |
| Nashville Warbler | u | u | | |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Mourning Warbler | r | r | | |
| Kentucky Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Common Yellowthroat* | c | c | c | |
| Hooded Warbler | | accidental | | |
| American Redstart | o | o | | |
| Northern Parula | | accidental | | |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Yellow Warbler* | u | u | u | |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | r | r | r | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | o | r | | |
| Palm Warbler | r | r | r | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | u | u | o | |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Prairie Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Townsend's Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | r | | | |
| Canada Warbler | | accidental | | |
| Wilson's Warbler | o | o | | |
| GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS | | | | |
| Summer Tanager | | accidental | | |
| Northern Cardinal* | u | u | u | u |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | o | o | o | |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | r | r | r | |
| Blue Grosbeak* | o | o | o | |
| Lazuli Bunting | | accidental | | |
| Indigo Bunting* | o | u | r | |
| Dickcissel* | c | c | c | |
| Date: _____ Time: _____ | | | | |
| Weather: _____ | | | | |
| Observations: _____ | | | | |
| SEASON CODES | | | | |
| (S) Spring = MARCH - MAY | | | | |
| (S) Summer = JUNE - AUGUST | | | | |
| (F) Fall = SEPT - NOV | | | | |
| (W) Winter = DEC - FEB | | | | |
| ABUNDANCE CODES | | | | |
| a-abundant : common, numerous birds can be seen daily | | | | |
| c-common : certain to be seen in suitable habitat | | | | |
| u-uncommon : present, but not always seen | | | | |
| o-occasional : seen a few times per season | | | | |
| r-rare : seen in 2-5 year intervals | | | | |
| accidental : very few records exist | | | | |
| (*) Documented breeding species, meeting the requirements for a Probable or Confirmed Breeder. | | | | |
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WHISTLING-DUCKS
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*
Fulvous Whistling-Duck
GEESE, SWANS
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose
Brant
Cackling Goose
Canada Goose*
Trumpeter Swan
Tundra Swan

DUCKS

Wood Duck*
Blue-winged Teal*
Cinnamon Teal*
Northern Shoveler*
Gadwall*
Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon*
Mallard*
American Black Duck*
Mottled Duck*
Northern Pintail*
Green-winged Teal*
Canvasback*
Redhead*
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup*
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser*
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck*

QUAIL

Northern Bobwhite*

PHEASANT

Ring-necked Pheasant*

GROUSE

Greater Prairie-Chicken*

TURKEY

Wild Turkey*

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe*
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe*
Western Grebe*
Clark's Grebe*

PIGEONS, DOVES

Rock Pigeon*
Eurasian Collared-Dove*
White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove*

CUCKOOS

Greater Roadrunner*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*
Black-billed Cuckoo

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NIGHTJARS
Common Nighthawk*
Common Poorwill
Chuck-will's-widow
Eastern Whip-poor-will

SWIFTS

Chimney Swift*

HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Calliope Hummingbird

RAILS, GALLINULES

Yellow Rail
Black Rail*
King Rail*
Virginia Rail*
Sora*
Purple Gallinule
Common Gallinule*
American Coot*

CRANES

Sandhill Crane
Whooping Crane

STILTS, AVOCETS

Black-Necked Stilt*
American Avocet*

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Killdeer*
Semipalmated Plover
Piping Plover
Mountain Plover
Snowy Plover*

SANDPIPERS

Upland Sandpiper*
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Ruff
Stilt Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Sanderling
Dunlin
Baird's Sandpiper
Little Stint
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Spotted Sandpiper*
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Wilson's Phalarope*

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Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope

JAEGERS

Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger

ALCIDS

Long-billed Murrelet

GULLS

Black-legged Kittiwake
Sabine's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Black-headed Gull
Little Gull
Laughing Gull
Franklin's Gull*
Mew Gull
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull

TERNs

Least Tern*
Caspian Tern
Black Tern*
Common Tern
Forster's Tern*

SKIMMERS

Black Skimmer

LOONS

Common Loon

STORKS

Wood Stork

CORMORANTS

Neotropic Cormorant*
Double-crested Cormorant*

DARTERS

Anhinga

PELICANS

American White Pelican
Brown Pelican

HERONS

American Bittern*
Least Bittern*
Great Blue Heron*
Great Egret*
Snowy Egret*
Little Blue Heron*
Tricolored Heron*
Reddish Egret
Cattle Egret*
Green Heron*
Black-crowned Night-Heron*
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*

IBISES

White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis*

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Roseate Spoonbill

VULTURES

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture*

OSPREY, HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES

Osprey
Golden Eagle
Northern Harrier*
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Bald Eagle*
Mississippi Kite*
Harris's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk*
Red-tailed Hawk*
Rough-legged Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk

BARN OWLS

Barn Owl*

OWLS

Eastern Screech-Owl*
Great Horned Owl*
Snowy Owl
Burrowing Owl*
Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher*

WOODPECKERS

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

FALCONS

American Kestrel*
Merlin
Gyr Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon

FLYCATCHERS

Ash-throated Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher*
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird*
Eastern Kingbird*
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe*
Say's Phoebe*

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike*
Northern Shrike