

Horicon Marsh Bird Checklist

Status and Seasonal Distribution

Made possible by the Horicon Marsh Bird Club

Seasons

SP: Spring – Mar. – May

S: Summer – June – Aug.

F: Fall – Sept. – Nov.

W: Winter – Dec. – Feb.

Probable Abundance

(in suitable habitats and proper times)

A Abundant - Hard to miss – should be able to find on every trip

C Common - Should see – should find on 75% of field trips

U Uncommon - May see – present every year but in lesser numbers

R Rare - Lucky to find – infrequent, few or identification problems

H Accidental - Not Expected – sporadic reports or historical records

* **Nesting** – Underlined Species indicates Neotropical Migrants

Observer(s): _____

Date: _____ Weather: _____

This list includes 288 species of birds that have been sighted on Horicon Marsh. Horicon Marsh is predominantly cattail marsh, managed primarily for waterfowl. However, due to the wide variety of habitat and that Horicon Marsh is over 32000 acres in size, it attracts an abundant diversity of bird species throughout the year. It should be noted that some migrants might be present for only two weeks or so. Birdwatching is encouraged. Please obey all signs and check at the State DNR and National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters for current information.

	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
___ Common Loon	R	R	H	
Grebes				
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	C	C	C	R
___ Horned Grebe	R		R	
___ Red-necked Grebe*	R	R	R	
___ Eared Grebe	R	R	R	
Pelicans				
___ American White Pelican*	C	C	C	
Cormorants				
___ Double-crested Cormorant*	C	C	C	R
Bitterns, Herons				
___ American Bittern*	U	U	U	R
___ Least Bittern*	U	U	U	
___ Great Blue Heron*	A	A	A	R
___ Great Egret*	C	C	C	
___ Snowy Egret	R	R	R	
___ Little Blue Heron	R	R	R	
___ Cattle Egret	R	R	R	
___ Green Heron*	U	U	U	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	C	C	C	R
American Vultures				
___ Turkey Vulture*	U	U	R	
Swans, Geese and Ducks				
___ Gr. White-fronted Goose	R		R	R
___ Snow Goose	U		U	U
___ Ross's Goose	R		R	
___ Canada Goose*	A	A	A	U
___ Mute Swan	R	R	R	R
___ Trumpeter Swan	R	R	R	R
___ Tundra Swan	U	U	U	R
___ Wood Duck*	C	C	C	R
___ Gadwall*	U	U	U	R
___ American Wigeon*	C	U	C	R
___ American Black Duck	U	U	U	R
___ Mallard*	A	A	A	R
___ Blue-winged Teal*	C	C	C	
___ Northern Shoveler*	C	U	C	R
___ Northern Pintail	U	U	U	R
___ Green-winged Teal*	C	C	A	R
___ Canvasback	U	R	U	R
___ Redhead*	C	C	C	R
___ Ring-necked Duck	C	U	C	R
___ Greater Scaup	R		R	R
___ Lesser Scaup	C	U	C	R
___ Bufflehead	U	U	U	R
___ Common Goldeneye	C	U	C	R
___ Hooded Merganser*	U	U	U	R
___ Common Merganser	U	R	U	R
___ Red-breasted Merganser	R		R	R
___ Ruddy Duck*	A	C	A	R
Eagles, Hawks and Allies				
___ Osprey	U	U	U	
___ Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	R

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Harrier*	C	C	C	U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	R	U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk*	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Goshawk	R	H	R	R
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	R	R	R	R
___ <u>Broad-winged Hawk</u>	U		U	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
___ Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U
Falcons				
___ American Kestrel*	C	C	C	C
___ Merlin	R		R	R
___ <u>Peregrine Falcon</u>	R	R	R	
Partridges, Grouse				
___ Gray Partridge*	U	U	U	U
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	C	C	C	C
___ Wild Turkey*	U	U	U	U
Rails, Gallinules, Coots				
___ Yellow Rail	R	R	R	
___ King Rail*	U	U	U	
___ <u>Virginia Rail*</u>	C	C	C	R
___ Sora*	C	C	C	
___ Common Moorhen*	C	C	C	
___ American Coot*	A	A	A	R
Cranes				
___ Whooping Crane	H	H	H	
___ Sandhill Crane*	C	C	C	H
Plovers				
___ Black-bellied Plover	U		U	
___ American Golden-Plover	U		U	
___ <u>Semipalmated Plover</u>	C		C	
___ Killdeer*	A	A	A	R
Stilts, Avocets				
___ Black-necked Stilt*	R	R	R	
___ American Avocet	R	R	R	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies				
___ <u>Greater Yellowlegs</u>	C	U	C	
___ <u>Lesser Yellowlegs</u>	C	U	C	
___ <u>Solitary Sandpiper</u>	C	U	C	
___ <u>Willet</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Spotted Sandpiper*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Hudsonian Godwit</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Marbled Godwit</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Ruddy Turnstone</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Red Knot</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Sanderling</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Semipalmated Sandpiper</u>	C	U	C	
___ <u>Least Sandpiper</u>	C	U	C	
___ <u>White-rumped Sandpiper</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Baird's Sandpiper</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Pectoral Sandpiper</u>	C	U	C	
___ Dunlin	C	U	C	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	U	U	U	
___ <u>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</u>	R	R	R	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ <u>Short-billed Dowitcher</u>	C	U	C	
___ <u>Long-billed Dowitcher</u>	U	U	C	
___ <u>Wilson's Snipe*</u>	C	U	C	R
___ <u>American Woodcock*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Wilson's Phalarope*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Red-necked Phalarope</u>	R	U	R	
Gulls, and Terns				
___ <u>Bonaparte's Gull</u>	U		U	
___ <u>Ring-billed Gull</u>	A	U	A	R
___ <u>Herring Gull</u>	U	R	U	R
___ <u>Caspian Tern</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Common Tern</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Forster's Tern*</u>	C	C	U	
___ <u>Black Tern*</u>	C	C	U	
Pigeons, Doves				
___ <u>Rock Pigeon*</u>	C	C	C	C
___ <u>Mourning Dove*</u>	A	A	A	A
Cuckoos				
___ <u>Black-billed Cuckoo*</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo*</u>	R	R	R	
Owls				
___ <u>Eastern Screech-Owl*</u>	U	U	U	U
___ <u>Great Horned Owl*</u>	C	C	C	C
___ <u>Snowy Owl</u>	R		R	R
___ <u>Barred Owl</u>	C	C	C	C
___ <u>Long-eared Owl</u>	R	R	R	R
___ <u>Short-eared Owl</u>	U	U	U	U
Goatsuckers				
___ <u>Common Nighthawk*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Whip-poor-will</u>	H	H	H	
Swifts				
___ <u>Chimney Swift*</u>	C	C	C	
Hummingbirds				
___ <u>Ruby-throated*</u>	U	U	U	
Kingfishers				
___ <u>Belted Kingfisher*</u>	C	C	C	R
Woodpeckers				
___ <u>Red-headed*</u>	R	R	R	R
___ <u>Red-bellied*</u>	C	C	C	C
___ <u>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</u>	C		U	R
___ <u>Downy*</u>	C	C	C	C
___ <u>Hairy*</u>	C	C	C	C
___ <u>Northern Flicker*</u>	C	C	C	R
Flycatchers				
___ <u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	U		U	
___ <u>Eastern Wood-Pewee*</u>	C	C	C	
___ <u>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</u>	U		U	
___ <u>Acadian Flycatcher*</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Alder Flycatcher</u>	R		R	
___ <u>Willow Flycatcher*</u>	C	C	C	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ <u>Least Flycatcher*</u>	C	C	C	
___ <u>Eastern Phoebe*</u>	C	C	C	
___ <u>Great Crested Flycatcher*</u>	C	C	C	
___ <u>Eastern Kingbird*</u>	C	C	C	
Shrikes				
___ Northern Shrike	R		R	U
Vireos				
___ <u>Yellow-throated Vireo*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Blue-headed Vireo</u>	U		U	
___ <u>Warbling Vireo*</u>	C	A	C	
___ <u>Philadelphia Vireo</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Red-eyed Vireo*</u>	C	C	C	
Jays, Crows				
___ Blue Jay*	A	A	A	A
___ American Crow*	A	A	A	A
Larks				
___ Horned Lark*	U	U	U	U
Swallows				
___ <u>Purple Martin*</u>	C	C	C	
___ <u>Tree Swallow*</u>	A	A	A	
___ <u>N. Rough-winged Swallow*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Bank Swallow*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Cliff Swallow*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Barn Swallow*</u>	C	C	C	
Titmice				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	A	A	A	A
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted	U	U	U	U
___ White-breasted*	C	C	C	C
Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper*	U	U	U	U
Wrens				
___ Carolina Wren	H			H
___ <u>House Wren*</u>	A	A	A	
___ Winter Wren	U		U	R
___ Sedge Wren*	C	C	C	
___ Marsh Wren*	A	A	A	R
Kinglets				
___ Golden-crowned	C		C	R
___ Ruby-crowned	C		C	R
Gnatcatchers				
___ <u>Blue-gray*</u>	C	U	C	
Thrushes				
___ Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	R
___ <u>Veery*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Gray-cheeked Thrush</u>	U		U	
___ <u>Swainson's Thrush</u>	U		U	
___ Hermit Thrush	C		C	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ <u>Wood Thrush*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>American Robin*</u>	A	A	A	R
Mockingbirds, Thrashers				
___ <u>Gray Catbird*</u>	A	A	U	
___ <u>Northern Mockingbird</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Brown Thrasher*</u>	U	U	U	R
Starlings				
___ <u>European Starling*</u>	A	A	A	C
Pipits				
___ <u>American Pipit</u>	R		R	
Waxwings				
___ <u>Cedar Waxwing*</u>	U	C	C	R
Warblers				
___ <u>Blue-winged</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Golden-winged*</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Tennessee</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Orange-crowned</u>	U		U	
___ <u>Nashville</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Northern Parula</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Yellow*</u>	A	A	C	
___ <u>Chestnut-sidedr*</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Magnolia</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Cape May</u>	U		U	
___ <u>Black-throated Blue</u>	R		R	
___ <u>Yellow-rumped</u>	A		A	
___ <u>Black-throated Green</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Blackburnian</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Pine</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Palm</u>	C	R	C	
___ <u>Bay-breasted</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Blackpoll</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Cerulean</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Black-and-white</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>American Redstart*</u>	C	U	C	
___ <u>Prothonotary*</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Ovenbird*</u>	U	U	U	
___ <u>Northern Waterthrush*</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Connecticut</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Mourning*</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Common Yellowthroat*</u>	A	A	C	
___ <u>Hooded</u>	H	H	H	
___ <u>Wilson's</u>	U	R	U	
___ <u>Yellow-breasted Chat</u>	H	H	H	
___ <u>Canada</u>	R	R	R	
Tanagers				
___ <u>Summer Tanager</u>	R	R		
___ <u>Scarlet Tanager*</u>	U	U	U	
Sparrows				
___ <u>Eastern Towhee*</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>American Tree Sparrow</u>	C		C	A
___ <u>Chipping Sparrow*</u>	C	C	U	
___ <u>Clay-colored Sparrow*</u>	R	R	R	
___ <u>Field Sparrow*</u>	U	U	U	R

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Vesper Sparrow*	U	U	U	
___ Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	C	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	R	R	R	
___ Henslow's Sparrow*	R	R	R	H
___ Fox Sparrow	U		U	R
___ Song Sparrow*	A	A	A	U
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
___ Swamp Sparrow*	A	A	A	R
___ White-throated Sparrow	C	R	C	R
___ White-crowned Sparrow	U	R	U	H
___ Dark-eyed Junco	A		C	A
___ Lapland Longspur	R	H	R	R
___ Snow Bunting	U		U	U
Cardinal and Allies				
___ Northern Cardinal*	A	A	A	A
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	C	C	C	
___ Indigo Bunting*	C	C	C	
___ Dickcissel*	R	R	R	
Blackbirds				
___ Bobolink*	C	C	U	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	A	U
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	R
___ Western Meadowlark*	R	R	R	H
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird*	C	C	C	R
___ Rusty Blackbird	C	U	C	R
___ Brewer's Blackbird	C	R	C	R
___ Common Grackle*	A	A	A	U
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	U
___ Orchard Oriole*	R	R	R	
___ Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	C	
Finches				
___ Purple Finch	R		R	U
___ House Finch*	A	A	A	A
___ Common Redpoll	R			
___ Pine Siskin	R		R	U
___ American Goldfinch*	A	A	A	C
Old World Sparrows				
___ House Sparrow*	A	A	A	A

While the following bird species have been seen on Horicon Marsh, they are reported very sporadically or appear in Historical Records:

Western Grebe, Tricolored Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Brant, Eurasian Wigeon, White-faced Ibis, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Cinnamon Teal, White-wing Scoter, Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Swainson's Hawk, Golden Eagle, Ruffed Grouse, Northern Bobwhite, Purple Gallinule, Ruff, Upland Sandpiper, Pomarine, Jaeger, Glaucous Gull, Barn Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Great Gray Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, Loggerhead Shrike, White-eyed Vireo, Bell's Vireo, Black-billed Magpie, Bohemian Waxwing, Worm-eating Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Lark Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Pine Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill, Evening Grosbeak

These bird species have been sighted in Dodge County and more than likely occur on Horicon Marsh, but have yet to be observed or reported:

Surf Scoter, Gyrfalcon, Piping Plover, Whimbrel, Long-billed Curlew, Western Sandpiper, Curlew, Sandpiper, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sabine's Gull, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Bewick's Wren, Townsend's Solitaire, Lark Bunting, Red Crossbill

Checklist observations and data were compiled using information from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Horicon, National Wildlife Refuge: Horicon, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Wisconsin Birdlife by Samuel D. Robbins, Jr. and individual reports.

The Horicon Marsh Bird Club is dedicated to the study and enjoyment of Wisconsin Birdlife. We are interested in ALL bird sightings. Send a copy of your checklist to Horicon Marsh Bird Club N7725 Hwy. 28 Horicon, WI 53032.

**For information about the Horicon Marsh Bird Club and the Horicon Marsh Bird Festival
Please visit our Web Site at: www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com**

Thank you, for visiting Horicon Marsh. We hope your experience here was an enjoyable one. No one trip to Horicon Marsh is ever enough, as each season brings with it a different birding adventure. The Horicon Marsh Bird Club welcomes you back for a return visit to Horicon, a
"Wetland of International Importance".

