

# 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 197-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	<b>BOBWHITE THROUGH TURKEY</b>
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  
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