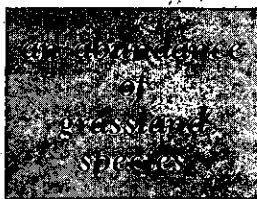




Birds of the Prairie Parklands

The Prairie Parklands, 239 square miles in size, is located in Northeastern Illinois, south of Joliet in Grundy and Will Counties. Its significant natural features include prairies, wetlands, and streams. State endangered/threatened species of note include: the largest concentration of Upland Sandpipers in the state and largest population of Loggerhead Shrikes in northern Illinois at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and Henslow Sparrow, King Rail, and American Bittern at Goose Lake



Prairie. Heideke Lake Fish and Wildlife Area and other wetlands serve as important stopovers for migratory waterfowl.

Vast open fields provide habitat for an abundance of grassland species. The area is under the management of the U.S. Forest Service, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, and Will County Forest Preserve as well as private landowners and corporations.

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Symbols giving status of each species

A - Abundant Observed each day.	PR - Permanent Resident
C - Common Observed several times a week	WR - Winter Resident
U - Uncommon Observed a few times a year	SR - Summer Resident
R - Rare Observed once or twice	M - Migrant
	★ - Confirmed or suspect breeder
	E - Federally endangered
	T - Federally threatened
	e - State endangered
	t - State threatened

Common Name | Status

LOON - GREBES

___ Common Loon	M-U
___ Pied-billed Grebe ★ t	SR-U
___ Horned Grebe	M-U

CORMORANT

___ Double-crested Cormorant, e	SR-C
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BITTERNS - HERONS

___ American Bittern ★ e	SR-R
___ Least Bittern ★ t	SR-U
___ Great Blue Heron ★	SR-A
___ Great Egret	SR-C
___ Little Blue Heron, e	M-R
___ Cattle Egret	M-U
___ Green-backed Heron ★	SR-C
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron, e	SR-U

SWANS - GEESE - DUCKS

___ Mute Swan	M-U
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	M-U
___ Snow Goose	M-U
___ Canada Goose ★	PR-A
___ Wood Duck ★	SR-C
___ Green-winged Teal	M-C, SR-U
___ Cinnamon Teal	M-R
___ American Black Duck	M-C
___ Mallard ★	PR-A
___ Northern Pintail	M-U
___ Blue-winged Teal ★	SR-C
___ Northern Shoveler	M-C
___ Gadwall	M-C
___ American Wigeon	M-C
___ Canvasback	M-U
___ Redhead	M-U

Common Name	Status
___ Lark Sparrow ★	SR-R
___ Savannah Sparrow ★	SR-C
___ Grasshopper Sparrow ★	SR-C
___ Henslow's Sparrow ★ e	SR-U
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	M-R
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	M-R
___ Fox Sparrow	M-U
___ Song Sparrow ★	PR-A
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	M-U
___ Swamp Sparrow ★	M-U
___ White-throated Sparrow	M-C
___ White-crowned Sparrow	M-C
___ Dark-eyed Junco	WR-A
___ Lapland Longspur	M-U
___ Snow Bunting	M-U
BLACKBIRDS - FINCHES	
___ Bobolink ★	SR-C
___ Red-winged Blackbird ★	SR-A
___ Eastern Meadowlark ★	SR-A
___ Western Meadowlark	SR-U
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird, e	M-R
___ Rusty Blackbird	M-C
___ Brewer's Blackbird	M-U
___ Common Grackle ★	SR-A
___ Brown-headed Cowbird ★	SR-A
___ Orchard Oriole ★	SR-C
___ Baltimore Oriole ★	SR-C
___ Purple Finch	M-U
___ House Finch ★	PR-A
___ Common-Redpoll	M-U
___ Pine Siskin	M-U
___ American Goldfinch ★	SR-A
___ House Sparrow ★	PR-A

Common names of birds are in accordance with the A.O.U. checklist, updated (1997).

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Common Name	Status
___ Ring-necked Duck	M-C
___ Greater Scaup	M-R
___ Lesser Scaup	M-C
___ Harlequin Duck	M-R
___ Oldsquaw	M-R
___ Black Scoter	M-R
___ Surf Scoter	M-R
___ White-winged Scoter	M-R
___ Common Goldeneye	M-C
___ Bufflehead	M-C
___ Hooded Merganser ★	SR-R, M-C
___ Common Merganser	M-C
___ Red-breasted Merganser	M-U
___ Ruddy Duck	M-C

VULTURE - HAWKS - FALCONS

___ Turkey Vulture ★	SR-C
___ Osprey, e	M-U
___ Bald Eagle, t, T	M-U
___ Northern Harrier ★ e	WR-C, SR-U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	M-C
___ Cooper's Hawk ★	PR-U
___ Northern Goshawk	M-R
___ Red-shouldered Hawk ★ t	M-U
___ Broad-winged Hawk	M-C
___ Swainson's Hawk, e	M-R
___ Red-tailed Hawk ★	PR-A
___ Rough-legged Hawk	WR-U
___ American Kestrel ★	PR-C
___ Merlin	M-U
___ Peregrine Falcon, e, E	M-R

PHEASANT - QUAIL - TURKEY

___ Ringed-necked Pheasant ★	PR-C
___ Wild Turkey ★	PR-U
___ Northern Bobwhite ★	PR-U

RAILS - COOT - CRANE

___ King Rail ★ e	SR-R
___ Virginia Rail ★	SR-U
___ Sora ★	SR-C
___ Common Moorhen ★ t	SR-R
___ American Coot ★	SR-U, M-C
___ Sandhill Crane, t	M-U

PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS

___ Black-bellied Plover	M-U
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Common Name	Status
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___ Nashville Warbler	M-C
___ Northern Parula	M-U
___ Yellow Warbler ★	SR-U
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	M-C
___ Magnolia Warbler	M-C
___ Cape May Warbler	M-U
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	M-U
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	M-A
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	M-U
___ Blackburnian Warbler	M-C
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	M-U
___ Pine Warbler	M-U
___ Prairie Warbler	M-U
___ Palm Warbler	M-C
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	M-U
___ Blackpoll Warbler	M-U
___ Cerulean Warbler ★	M-U
___ Black-and-white Warbler	M-C
___ American Redstart ★	SR-U
___ Prothonotary Warbler ★	SR-U
___ Worm-eating Warbler	M-R
___ Ovenbird ★	SR-U
___ Northern Waterthrush	M-C
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	M-U
___ Kentucky Warbler	M-U
___ Connecticut Warbler	M-U
___ Mourning Warbler	M-U
___ Common Yellowthroat ★	SR-C
___ Wilson's Warbler	M-U
___ Canada Warbler	M-U
___ Yellow-breasted Chat ★	SR-U

TANAGERS - SPARROWS

___ Summer Tanager	M-U
___ Scarlet Tanager ★	SR-U
___ Northern Cardinal ★	PR-A
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak ★	SR-U
___ Blue Grosbeak ★	M-U, SR-U
___ Indigo Bunting ★	SR-C
___ Dickcissel ★	SR-C
___ Eastern Towhee ★	SR-U
___ American Tree Sparrow	WR-C
___ Chipping Sparrow ★	SR-C
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	M-U
___ Field Sparrow ★	SR-A
___ Vesper Sparrow ★	SR-C

Common Name	Status
___ Lesser Golden-Plover	M-U
___ Semipalmated Plover	M-U
___ Killdeer ★	SR-A
___ Black-necked Stilt	M-R
___ American Avocet	M-R
___ Greater Yellowlegs	M-C
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	M-C
___ Solitary Sandpiper	M-C
___ Willet	M-R
___ Spotted Sandpiper ★	SR-C
___ Upland Sandpiper ★ e	SR-C
___ Hudsonian Godwit	M-R
___ Sanderling	M-R
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	M-C
___ Least Sandpiper	M-C
___ Baird's Sandpiper	M-U
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	M-C
___ Dunlin	M-U
___ Stilt Sandpiper	M-U
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	M-C
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	M-U
___ Common Snipe ★	SR-R
___ American Woodcock ★	SR-C

GULLS - TERNS

___ Laughing Gull	M-R
___ Franklin's Gull	M-R
___ Bonaparte's Gull	M-U
___ Ring-billed Gull ★	PR-A
___ Herring Gull ★	PR-U
___ Thayer's Gull	M-U
___ Iceland Gull	M-U
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	M-U
___ Glaucous Gull	M-U
___ Great Black-backed Gull	M-R
___ Sabine's Gull	M-R
___ Caspian Tern, e	M-U
___ Common Tern, e	M-U
___ Forster's Tern, e	M-C
___ Least Tern, e, E	M-R
___ Black Tern, e	M-U

DOVES - CUCKOOS - OWLS

SWIFT - HUMMINGBIRD - KINGFISHER

___ Rock Dove ★	PR-A
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Common Name Status

TITMICE - NUTHATCHES - CREEPER - WRENS

___ Black-capped Chickadee ★	PR-A
___ Tufted Titmouse ★	PR-C
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	WR-U, M-C
___ White-breasted Nuthatch ★	PR-C
___ Brown Creeper, t	WR-U, M-C
___ Carolina Wren ★	SR-U
___ House Wren ★	SR-A
___ Winter Wren	M-C
___ Sedge Wren ★	SR-C
___ Marsh Wren ★	SR-C

KINGLETS - THRUSHES - THRASHERS - PIPIT

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	M-C
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	M-C
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ★	SR-U
___ Eastern Bluebird ★	SR-C
___ Veery	M-C, SR-R
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	M-U
___ Swainson's Thrush	M-U
___ Hermit Thrush	M-U
___ Wood Thrush ★	SR-U
___ American Robin ★	SR-A
___ Gray Catbird ★	SR-A
___ Northern Mockingbird ★	SR-C
___ Brown Thrasher ★	SR-C
___ American Pipit	M-R

WAXWING - SHRIKES - STARLING

___ Cedar Waxwing ★	SR-C
___ Northern Shrike	WR-U
___ Loggerhead Shrike ★ t	SR-U
___ European Starling ★	PR-A

VIREOS - WOOD WARBLERS

___ White-eyed Vireo ★	SR-U
___ Bell's Vireo ★	SR-U
___ Blue-headed Vireo	M-U
___ Yellow-throated Vireo ★	M-U, SR-U
___ Warbling Vireo ★	SR-C
___ Philadelphia Vireo	M-U
___ Red-eyed Vireo	SR-C
___ Blue-winged Warbler ★	SR-U
___ Golden-winged Warbler	M-U
___ Tennessee Warbler	M-C
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	M-U

Common Name	Status
___ Mourning Dove ★	PR-A
___ Black-billed Cuckoo ★	SR-U
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo ★	PR-U
___ Eastern Screech-Owl ★	PR-U
___ Great Horned Owl ★	PR-C
___ Snowy Owl	M-U
___ Barred Owl	M-U
___ Long-eared Owl	WR-U
___ Short-eared Owl, e	WR-U
___ Common Nighthawk ★	SR-C
___ Whip-poor-will	M-U
___ Chimney Swift ★	SR-C
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird ★	SR-U
___ Belted Kingfisher ★	SR-U, MC

WOODPECKERS - FLYCATCHERS

___ Red-headed Woodpecker ★	PR-U
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker ★	PR-C
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	M-C
___ Downy Woodpecker ★	PR-C
___ Hairy Woodpecker ★	PR-C
___ Northern Flicker ★	PR-C
___ Pileated Woodpecker	M-U
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	M-U
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee ★	SR-C
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	M-U
___ Acadian Flycatcher ★	SR-U
___ Alder Flycatcher	M-U
___ Willow Flycatcher ★	SR-C
___ Least Flycatcher ★	SR-U, M-C
___ Eastern Phoebe ★	SR-C, M-C
___ Great Crested Flycatcher ★	SR-C
___ Eastern Kingbird ★	SR-C

LARK - SWALLOWS - JAY - CROW

___ Horned Lark ★	PR-C
___ Purple Martin ★	SR-U
___ Tree Swallow ★	SR-A
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow ★	SR-A
___ Bank Swallow ★	SR-U
___ Cliff Swallow	SR-R, M-U
___ Barn Swallow ★	SR-A
___ Blue Jay ★	PR-A
___ American Crow ★	PR-A