

Listed in this brochure are birds most likely to be found in Winnebago County. They are grouped according to the order established by the American Ornithological Union (AOU). Some birds may be found year-round while others appear only in migration or during certain seasons of the year. Seasonal occurrence is indicated by the following symbols:

- Sp = Spring
- Su = Summer
- F = Fall
- W = Winter

Beyond that, your chances of seeing a particular species is indicated by:

- a = abundant (hard to miss)
- c = common (should see)
- o = occasional (may see)
- u = unusual (lucky to find)

An * is used to indicate birds known to breed in the county.

Winnebago County Specialties

Red-necked Grebe

Known to breed in Rush Lake.

Ruddy Turnstone

One of the best locations to see Ruddy Turnstones in the state is Menominee Park in Oshkosh during the lake fly season in early May.

Forster's Tern & Sedge Wren

The county is host to breeding populations of these species.



CHECKLIST of BIRDS of Winnebago County Wisconsin

Checklist of Birds

	Sp	Su	F	W
Geese				
c Canada Goose*	aSp	aSu	aF	cW
c Snow Goose	oSp	uSu	oF	uW
Swans				
c Mute Swan	uSp	-	uF	uW
c Trumpeter Swan	-	-	uF	uW
c Tundra Swan	cSp	-	cF	-
Ducks				
c American Black Duck*	cSp	oSu	cF	aW
c American Wigeon	cSp	uSu	cF	uW
c Blue-winged Teal*	aSp	cSu	cF	-
c Bufflehead	aSp	-	cF	uW
c Canvasback*	oSp	uSu	oF	uW
c Common Goldeneye	aSp	-	cF	aW
c Northern Pintail*	cSp	oSu	oF	uW
c Gadwall*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Greater Scaup	cSp	-	cF	uW
c Green-winged Teal	aSp	oSu	cF	-
c Lesser Scaup*	aSp	uSu	cF	uW
c Mallard*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
c Northern Shoveler*	cSp	oSu	cF	uW
c Redhead*	cSp	cSu	oF	uW
c Ring-necked Duck*	cSp	uSu	cF	uW
c Ruddy Duck*	cSp	cSu	cF	uW
c Wood Duck*	aSp	aSu	aF	oW
c Common Merganser	aSp	-	cF	aW
c Hooded Merganser*	cSp	uSu	oF	uW
c Red-breasted Merganser	aSp	-	oF	uW
Partridge				
c Gray Partridge	uSp	uSu	uF	oW
Pheasant				
c Ring-necked Pheasant*	oSp	oSu	oF	oW
Grouse				
c Ruffed Grouse*	oSp	oSu	oF	oW
Turkey				
c Wild Turkey	oSp	oSu	oF	oW
Loons				
c Common Loon	cSp	-	oF	-
Grebes				
c Horned Grebe	oSp	-	oF	-
c Pied-billed Grebe*	aSp	aSu	cF	-
c Red-necked Grebe*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Western Grebe	uSp	uSu	-	-
Pelican				
c American White Pelican	oSp	uSu	-	-
Cormorant				
c Double-crested Cormorant	cSp	cSu	cF	uW
Bitterns, Herons				
c American Bittern*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Least Bittern*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Black-crowned Night-heron*	cSp	cSu	cF	-
c Cattle Egret	uSp	uSu	-	-
c Great Blue Heron*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
c Great Egret	cSp	cSu	cF	-
c Green Heron*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
Vultures				
c Turkey Vulture	cSp	oSu	cF	-
Hawks				
c American Kestrel*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
c Bald Eagle*	cSp	oSu	cF	cW
c Broad-winged Hawk	aSp	-	aF	-
c Cooper's Hawk*	cSp	cSu	cF	cW
c Merlin	oSp	-	oF	-
c Northern Goshawk	-	-	oF	oW
c Northern Harrier*	cSp	cSu	cF	cW
c Osprey	oSp	uSu	oF	-
c Peregrine Falcon	oSp	-	oF	-
c Red-shouldered Hawk	oSp	-	oF	uW
c Red-tailed Hawk*	aSp	cSu	aF	aW
c Rough-legged Hawk	oSp	-	oF	cW
c Sharp-shinned Hawk*	cSp	uSu	cF	oW
Rails, Gallinules				
c King Rail*	uSp	uSu	-	-
c Sora*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Virginia Rail*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Yellow Rail	uSp	oSu	oF	-
c American Coot*	aSp	cSu	aF	uW
c Common Moorhen*	cSp	cSu	uF	-
Crane				
c Sandhill Crane*	aSp	cSu	aF	-
Plovers				
c American Golden Plover	oSp	-	oF	-
c Black-bellied Plover	oSp	-	oF	-
c Killdeer*	aSp	aSu	aF	uW
c Semipalmated Plover	cSp	-	oF	-
Sandpipers				
c American Woodcock*	aSp	cSu	cF	-
c Dunlin	cSp	-	oF	-
c Greater Yellowlegs	aSp	oSu	cF	-
c Hudsonian Godwit	uSp	-	-	-
c Least Sandpiper	cSp	-	cF	-
c Lesser Yellowlegs	aSp	oSu	cF	-
c Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	oF	-
c Marbled Godwit	uSp	-	-	-
c Pectoral Sandpiper	cSp	-	oF	-
c Red Knot	uSp	-	uF	-
c Ruddy Turnstone	cSp	uSu	-	-
c Sanderling	cSp	-	uF	-
c Semipalmated Sandpiper	cSp	-	cF	-
c Short-billed Dowitcher	oSp	-	oF	-
c Solitary Sandpiper	cSp	-	cF	-
c Spotted Sandpiper*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Upland Sandpiper*	oSp	oSu	oF	-
c White-rumped Sandpiper	uSp	-	-	-
c Wilson's Phalarope*	cSp	uSu	oF	-
c Wilson's Snipe*	aSp	cSu	cF	-
Gulls				
c Bonaparte's Gull	cSp	uSu	cF	-
c Herring Gull*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
c Ring-billed Gull*	aSp	aSu	aF	cW
Terns				
c Black Tern*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Caspian Tern	oSp	oSu	oF	-
c Common Tern*	oSp	oSu	oF	-
c Forster's Tern*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
Doves				
c Mourning Dove*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
c Rock Pigeon*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
Cuckoos				
c Black-billed Cuckoo	oSp	uSu	oF	-
c Yellow-billed Cuckoo	oSp	uSu	oF	-
Owls				
c Barred Owl*	oSp	oSu	oF	oW
c Eastern Screech Owl*	cSp	cSu	cF	cW
c Great Horned Owl*	cSp	cSu	cF	cW
c Long-eared Owl	uSp	-	uF	oW
c Northern Saw-whet Owl	uSp	-	uF	uW
c Short-eared Owl*	uSp	-	uF	uW
c Snowy Owl	oSp	-	oF	cW
Goatsuckers				
c Common Nighthawk*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
c Whip-poor-Will	uSp	-	uF	-
Swift				
c Chimney Swift*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
Hummingbird				
c Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	cSp	oSu	cF	-
Kingfisher				
c Belted Kingfisher*	oSp	oSu	oF	uW
Woodpeckers				
c Downy Woodpecker*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
c Hairy Woodpecker*	cSp	cSu	cF	cW
c Northern Flicker*	aSp	aSu	aF	oW
c Pileated Woodpecker	uSp	uSu	uF	uW
c Red-bellied Woodpecker*	cSp	cSu	cF	cW
c Red-headed Woodpecker*	oSp	oSu	oF	uW
c Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	cSp	-	oF	-
Flycatchers				
c Alder Flycatcher	oSp	oSu	oF	-
c Eastern Kingbird*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
c Eastern Phoebe*	cSp	cSu	cF	-
c Eastern Wood Pewee*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
c Great Crested Flycatcher*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
c Least Flycatcher*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
c Olive-sided Flycatcher	oSp	-	oF	-
c Willow Flycatcher*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
c Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	uSu	uF	-
Shrike				
c Northern Shrike	-	-	-	uW
Vireos				
c Blue-headed Vireo	oSp	-	oF	-
c Philadelphia Vireo	oSp	-	oF	-
c Red-eyed Vireo*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
c Warbling Vireo*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
c Yellow-throated Vireo*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
Jay, Crow				
c Blue Jay*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
c American Crow*	-	-	-	-
Lark				
c Horned Lark*	aSp	cSu	cF	aW
Swallows				
c Bank Swallow*	cSp	cSu	cF	-
c Barn Swallow*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
c Cliff Swallow*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
c Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	uSp	uSu	uF	-
c Purple Martin*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
c Tree Swallow*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
Chickadee				
c Black-capped Chickadee*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
Nuthatches				
c Red-breasted Nuthatch*	cSp	uSu	cF	cW
c White-breasted Nuthatch*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
Creepers				
c Brown Creeper	oSp	uSu	oF	cW
Wrens				
c Marsh Wren*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
c House Wren*	aSp	aSu	aF	-
c Sedge Wren*	aSp	aSu	cF	-
c Winter Wren*	oSp	uSu	oF	-
Kinglets				
c Golden-crowned Kinglet	cSp	-	cF	oW
c Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	cSp	-	cF	uW
Gnatcatcher				
c Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
Thrushes				
c American Robin*	aSp	aSu	aF	oW
c Eastern Bluebird*	cSp	cSu	cF	uW
c Gray-cheeked Thrush	oSp	-	oF	-
c Hermit Thrush	cSp	-	oF	-
c Swainson's Thrush	cSp	-	oF	-
c Veery*	cSp	oSu	oF	-
c Wood Thrush*	cSp	oSu	oF	-
Catbird				
c Gray Catbird*	aSp	aSu	cF	-
Thrasher				
c Brown Thrasher*	cSp	cSu	cF	-
Starling				
c European Starling*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
Waxwing				
c Cedar Waxwing*	cSp	cSu	cF	oW
Warblers				
c American Redstart*	cSp	oSu	cF	-
c Bay-breasted Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Black-and-white Warbler	cSp	-	oF	-
c Blackburnian Warbler	cSp	-	oF	-
c Blackpoll Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Black-throated Blue Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Black-throated Green Warbler	cSp	-	oF	-
c Blue-winged Warbler*	oSp	uSu	oF	-
c Canada Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Cape May Warbler	cSp	-	oF	-
c Chestnut-sided Warbler	cSp	uSu	oF	-
Warblers continued				
c Common Yellowthroat*	aSp	aSu	cF	-
c Golden-winged Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Magnolia Warbler	cSp	-	oF	-
c Mourning Warbler*	oSp	uSu	oF	-
c Nashville Warbler	cSp	-	cF	-
c Northern Parula	cSp	-	oF	-
c Northern Waterthrush	cSp	-	oF	-
c Orange-crowned Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Ovenbird*	cSp	oSu	oF	-
c Palm Warbler	cSp	-	cF	-
c Pine Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Tennessee Warbler	aSp	-	cF	-
c Wilson's Warbler	oSp	-	oF	-
c Yellow-rumped Warbler	aSp	-	aF	-
c Yellow Warbler*	aSp	aSu	oF	-
Tanager				
c Scarlet Tanager*	cSp	oSu	oF	-
Towhee				
c Eastern Towhee*	cSp	cSu	oF	uW
Sparrows				
c American Tree Sparrow	oSp	-	oF	cW
c Chipping Sparrow*	aSp	aSu	cF	-
c Clay-colored Sparrow*	oSp	oSu	-	-
c Dark-eyed Junco	cSp	-	cF	cW
c Field Sparrow	oSp	oSu	-	-
c Fox Sparrow	cSp	-	oF	-
c Grasshopper Sparrow	uSp	uSu	-	-
c Henslow's Sparrow	uSp	uSu	-	-
c Le Conte's Sparrow	uSp	uSu	-	-
c Lincoln's Sparrow	oSp	-	oF	-
c Savannah Sparrow*	aSp	aSu	cF	-
c Song Sparrow*	aSp	aSu	aF	oW
c Swamp Sparrow*	aSp	aSu	aF	uW
c Vesper Sparrow*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c White-crowned Sparrow	oSp	-	oF	-
c White-throated Sparrow	aSp	-	aF	uW
c Lapland Longspur	oSp	-	oF	cW
c Snow Bunting	oSp	-	oF	cW
Cardinals				
c Dickcissel*	-	oSu	-	-
c Indigo Bunting*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Northern Cardinal*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW
c Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
Blackbirds				
c Bobolink*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Brewer's Blackbird*	cSp	oSu	cF	uW
c Brown-headed Cowbird*	aSp	cSu	cF	oW
c Common Grackle*	aSp	aSu	aF	oW
c Eastern Meadowlark*	cSp	cSu	cF	uW
c Baltimore Oriole*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
c Red-winged Blackbird*	aSp	aSu	aF	oW
c Rusty Blackbird	cSp	-	cF	-
c Western Meadowlark*	oSp	oSu	oF	uW
c Yellow-headed Blackbird*	cSp	cSu	oF	-
Finches				
c American Goldfinch*	cSp	cSu	cF	cW
c Common Redpoll	uSp	-	uF	oW
c Evening Grosbeak	-	-	-	uW
c House Finch*	aSp	aSu	cF	cW
c Pine Grosbeak	-	-	-	uW
c Pine Siskin*	oSp	oSu	oF	cW
c Purple Finch	oSp	-	oF	oW
Old World Sparrow				
c House Sparrow*	aSp	aSu	aF	aW

