

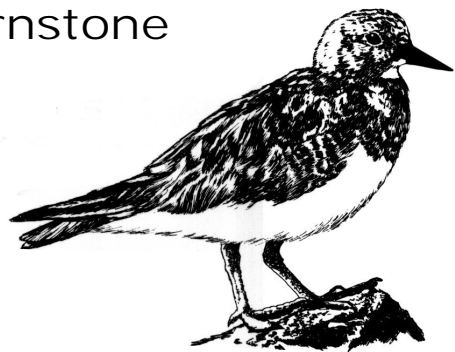
## Birds of Special Interest

### Forster's Tern



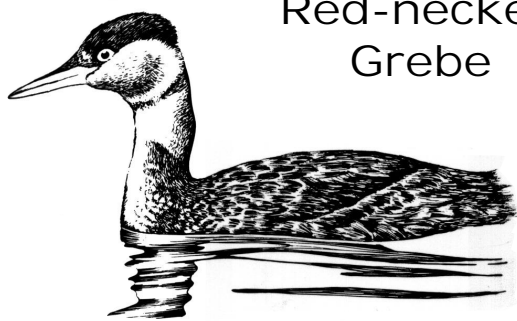
The county is host to breeding populations of Forster's Tern.

### Ruddy Turnstone



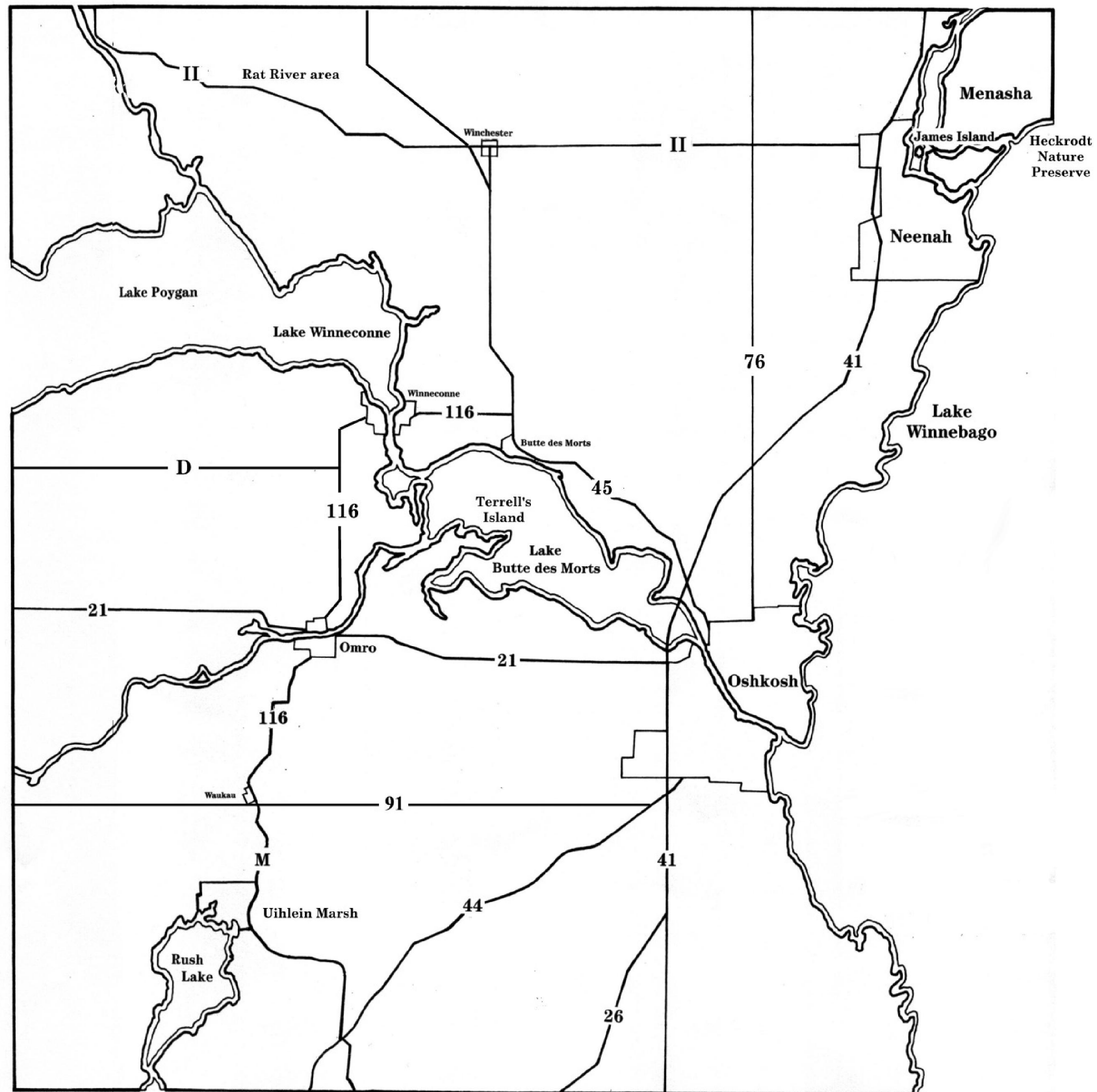
One of the best locations to see Ruddy Turnstones in the state is Menominee Park in Oshkosh during the spring lake fly hatch in early May.

### Red-necked Grebe



Known to breed in Rush Lake.

# Winnebago County



Winnebago County, located in east central Wisconsin, is not only rich in water resources but is blessed with a variety of other bird-rich habitats, the big lakes of Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne and Poygan and the major rivers, the Fox and Wolf, dominate the landscape. Rush Lake, in southwestern Winnebago County, offers a different lake experience as it is a shallow, prairie pothole-type lake that is unique to Wisconsin. With all this water, abundant wetlands including extensive cattail marshes, wet meadows and wet woodlands are scattered throughout the county. Accessible areas include Uihlein marsh, Terrell's Island, Rush Lake area, Rat River area, James Island and Heckrodt Nature Preserve.

Although Winnebago County is primarily agricultural, remnant southern hardwood forests can be found in the south, pine woods in the north and a few remnant prairies, oak openings and grasslands.

With its variety of habitats giving rise to an amazing abundance and diversity of bird life, Winnebago County provides birdwatchers a year round range of birding opportunities and experiences.