

a checklist:

BIRDS
of the
LAKE
McCONAUGHY
AREA



Bald Eagle

The
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DISTRICT

Lake McConaughy

Lake McConaughy, Nebraska's largest lake, is 22 miles long, three miles wide near the dam and covers almost 35,000 surface acres.

Located on the North Platte River along the south edge of the Nebraska Sandhills, the reservoir provides such a variety of habitat types that it is home to one of the largest and most diverse bird populations documented in the state.

This folder lists 313 species that have been identified on or near the shores of Lake McConaughy and/or Lake Ogallala. The species list is in accordance with the Sixth American Ornithologists' Union Checklist and was reproduced from Richard Rosche's *Birds of the Lake McConaughy Area and the North Platte River Valley* (1994). The list was updated in 1998 with the assistance of Stephen J. Dinsmore of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union.

Months of occurrence are in parentheses, "all" indicates the species has occurred in every month.

* - Species has bred in area.

LOON - GREBES

- ___ Red-throated Loon (5)
- ___ Common Loon (1,3-12)
- ___ Pacific Loon (1,5-8,11,12)
- ___ Yellow-billed Loon (8-10)
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe (all)*
- ___ Horned Grebe (1-5,10-12)
- ___ Red-necked Grebe (1,11,12)
- ___ Eared Grebe (1,3-12)
- ___ Western Grebe (all)*
- ___ Clark's Grebe (1,3-12)*



Common Loon

PELICAN - CORMORANT

- ___ American White Pelican (1,3-12)
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant (1,3-12)*

BITTERNS - HERONS - IBIS - VULTURE

- ___ American Bittern (4,5,7,9,10)
- ___ Least Bittern (5,8)
- ___ Great Blue Heron (all)*
- ___ Great Egret (4,5,7-10)
- ___ Snowy Egret (4,5,7-9)
- ___ Little Blue Heron (5,8,9)
- ___ Cattle Egret (4-11)*
- ___ Green Heron (5-9)
- ___ Black-crowned Night Heron (1,4,5,7-10)
- ___ White-faced Ibis (4-6,8,9)
- ___ Turkey Vulture (3-10)*

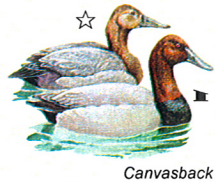


Green Heron

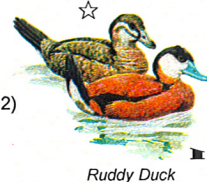
GEESE - SWANS - DUCKS

- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose (1-3,7,8,10-12)
- ___ Snow Goose (1-5,10-12)

- ___ Ross's Goose (1-5,11,12)
- ___ Brant (11,12)
- ___ Canada Goose (all)*
- ___ Trumpeter Swan (1-4,11,12)
- ___ Tundra Swan (11,12)
- ___ Wood Duck (all)*
- ___ Gadwall (all)
- ___ Eurasian Wigeon (5)
- ___ American Wigeon (all)
- ___ Mallard (all)*
- ___ Blue-winged Teal (3-11)*
- ___ Cinnamon Teal (3-6)
- ___ Northern Shoveler (all)
- ___ Northern Pintail (all)
- ___ Green-winged Teal (all)
- ___ Canvasback (1-6,8-12)
- ___ Redhead (all)
- ___ Ring-necked Duck (1-5,10-12)
- ___ Greater Scaup (1-4,11,12)
- ___ Lesser Scaup (all)
- ___ Surf Scoter (4,5,10-12)
- ___ White-winged Scoter (1-5,11,12)
- ___ Black Scoter (1,10-12)
- ___ Oldsquaw (1-4,11,12)
- ___ Bufflehead (1-5,7,10-12)
- ___ Common Goldeneye (1-6,8-12)
- ___ Barrow's Goldeneye (1-4,11,12)
- ___ Hooded Merganser (1-6,10-12)
- ___ Common Merganser (all)
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser (1-5,11,12)
- ___ Ruddy Duck (all)*



Canvasback



Ruddy Duck

HAWKS - FALCONS

- ___ Osprey (4-6,8-10)
- ___ Bald Eagle (1-5,8-12)
- ___ Northern Harrier (all)*
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk (1-5,9-12)
- ___ Cooper's Hawk (1-5,9-12)
- ___ Northern Goshawk (1-4,12)
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk (4,5,9)
- ___ Swainson's Hawk (4-10)*
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk (all)*
- ___ Ferruginous Hawk (1-5,7,10-12)
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk (1-4,10-12)
- ___ Golden Eagle (1-6,9-12)*
- ___ American Kestrel (all)*
- ___ Merlin (1-4,8-12)
- ___ Prairie Falcon (all)
- ___ Peregrine Falcon (4,5,8-10)
- ___ Gyrfalcon (1)



Sharp-shinned Hawk

PHEASANT - QUAIL - TURKEY

- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant (all)*
- ___ Sharp-tailed Grouse (all)*
- ___ Greater Prairie-Chicken (all)*
- ___ Wild Turkey (all)*
- ___ Northern Bobwhite (all)*



Northern Bobwhite

RAILS - COOT - CRANES

- ___ King Rail (4-6,9,12)
- ___ Virginia Rail (all)*
- ___ Sora (4-11)*
- ___ American Coot (all)*
- ___ Sandhill Crane (2-6,10-12)
- ___ Whooping Crane (4,5,10,11)



Sora

PLOVERS - SANDPIPERS

- ___ Black-bellied Plover (5-11)
- ___ American Golden Plover (4,9,10)
- ___ Snowy Plover (6-8)
- ___ Semipalmated Plover (4,5,7-10)
- ___ Piping Plover (4-8)*
- ___ Killdeer (all)*
- ___ Black-necked Stilt (5)
- ___ American Avocet (4-12)
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs (3-5,7-12)
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs (3-11)
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper (4,5,7-9)
- ___ Willet (4-8)
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper (4-10)*
- ___ Upland Sandpiper (4-8)*
- ___ Whimbrel (5)
- ___ Long-billed Curlew (3-9)*
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit (4,5)
- ___ Marbled Godwit (4-10)
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone (5)
- ___ Red Knot (5,8)
- ___ Sanderling (4-11)
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper (4,5,7-11)
- ___ Western Sandpiper (4,5,7-10)
- ___ Least Sandpiper (4,5,7-12)
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper (5,6)
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper (3-5,7-12)
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper (4,5,7-10)
- ___ Dunlin (4,5)
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper (4,5,7-10)
- ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper (5,8,9)
- ___ Short-billed Dowitcher (7-9)
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher (3,5,7-11)
- ___ Common Snipe (all)
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope (4-9)
- ___ Red-necked Phalarope (5,8,9)



Piping Plover



Marbled Godwit



Ruddy Turnstone

GULLS - TERNS

- ___ Long-tailed Jaeger (10)
- ___ Parasitic Jaeger (10)
- ___ Laughing Gull (6)
- ___ Franklin's Gull (1,3-12)
- ___ Little Gull (4,9)
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull (1,3-5,9-12)
- ___ Mew Gull (2-5)
- ___ Ring-billed Gull (all)
- ___ California Gull (all)
- ___ Herring Gull (all)
- ___ Thayer's Gull (1-4,11,12)
- ___ Iceland Gull (1-4)
- ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull (1-4,8)



Ring-billed Gull

- ___ Glaucous Gull (1-4,12)
- ___ Glaucous-winged Gull (4)
- ___ Great Black-backed Gull (2,4,8)
- ___ Black-legged Kittiwake (5)
- ___ Sabine's Gull (9,10)
- ___ Caspian Tern (4-10)
- ___ Common Tern (5,7-9)
- ___ Forster's Tern (4-10)
- ___ Least Tern (5-8)*
- ___ Black Tern (4-10)



Least Tern

DOVES - CUCKOOS - OWLS - SWIFTS - KINGFISHER

- ___ Rock Dove (all)*
- ___ Mourning Dove (all)*
- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo (6-8)*
- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo (5-9)*
- ___ Barn Owl (3-10)*
- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl (all)*
- ___ Great Horned Owl (all)*
- ___ Burrowing Owl (4-10)*
- ___ Long-eared Owl (2,5)
- ___ Short-eared Owl (1,2,12)
- ___ Northern Saw-whet Owl (5)
- ___ Common Nighthawk (5-9)*
- ___ Common Poorwill (4-10)*
- ___ Chimney Swift (4-9)*
- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird (5)
- ___ Belted Kingfisher (all)*



Northern Saw-whet Owl

WOODPECKERS - FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker (4-10)*
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker (1-4,6,9-12)
- ___ Downy Woodpecker (all)*
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker (all)*
- ___ Northern Flicker (all)*
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher (5,8,9)
- ___ Western Wood-Pewee (5-8)*
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee (5-8)
- ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (5,6)
- ___ Willow Flycatcher (5-7)*
- ___ Least Flycatcher (5-8)
- ___ Eastern Phoebe (3-8)*
- ___ Say's Phoebe (3-9)*
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher (5-9)*
- ___ Cassin's Kingbird (5,7)
- ___ Western Kingbird (4-9)*
- ___ Eastern Kingbird (4-9)*
- ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (5,6,8-10)



Hairy Woodpecker

SHRIKES - VIREOS

- ___ Loggerhead Shrike (3-9)*
- ___ Northern Shrike (1-4,9-12)
- ___ White-eyed Vireo (5)
- ___ Bell's Vireo (5-9)*
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo (5)
- ___ Blue-headed Vireo (5,10)
- ___ Warbling Vireo (5-9)*
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo (5,7-9)



Red-eyed Vireo

JAYS - CROW - LARK - SWALLOWS

- ___ Blue Jay (all)*
- ___ Pinyon Jay (11)
- ___ Clark's Nutcracker (11)
- ___ Black-billed Magpie (all)*
- ___ American Crow (all)*
- ___ Horned Lark (all)*
- ___ Purple Martin (4-8)*
- ___ Tree Swallow (3-10)*
- ___ Violet-green Swallow (4,5,7,8)
- ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow (4-9)*
- ___ Bank Swallow (4-9)*
- ___ Cliff Swallow (4-9)*
- ___ Cave Swallow (5,6)
- ___ Barn Swallow (4-10)*



Horned Lark

CHICKADEE - NUTHATCHES - WRENS

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee (all)*
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch (1-5,9-12)
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch (1-3,6-8,10-12)
- ___ Brown Creeper (1-4,10-12)
- ___ Rock Wren (4-9)*
- ___ House Wren (4-10)*
- ___ Winter Wren (2,11,12)
- ___ Marsh Wren (all)*



Black-capped Chickadee

KINGLETS - THRUSHES - THRASHERS

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet (1-4,10-12)
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3-5,9-12)
- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (5,6)
- ___ Eastern Bluebird (all)*
- ___ Mountain Bluebird (1-3,10-12)
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire (1-5,9-12)
- ___ Veery (5,6)
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush (5)
- ___ Swainson's Thrush (5,6,9)
- ___ Wood Thrush (5,6)
- ___ American Robin (all)*
- ___ Gray Catbird (5-11)*
- ___ Northern Mockingbird (4-7,12)*
- ___ Brown Thrasher (4-11)*



Gray Catbird

STARLINGS - PIPITS - WAXWINGS

- ___ European Starling (all)*
- ___ American Pipit (3-5,8-12)
- ___ Sprague's Pipit (4)
- ___ Bohemian Waxwing (1-3,11,12)
- ___ Cedar Waxwing (all)*



Cedar Waxwing

WOOD WARBLERS

- ___ Blue-winged Warbler (5)
- ___ Golden-winged Warbler (5,6)
- ___ Tennessee Warbler (5)
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler (4,5,9,10)
- ___ Nashville Warbler (5,10)
- ___ Northern Parula (5)
- ___ Yellow Warbler (5-9)*
- ___ Magnolia Warbler (5)



Magnolia Warbler

- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler (5,6,8)
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler (5)
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler (1,2,4,5,9-12)
- ___ Townsend's Warbler (5)
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler (5,10)
- ___ Pine Warbler (5)
- ___ Prairie Warbler (5)
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler (5)
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler (5,6)
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler (5,6)
- ___ American Redstart (5-9)
- ___ Prothonotary Warbler (5)
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler (7)
- ___ Ovenbird (5-9)
- ___ Northern Waterthrush (5,8)
- ___ Connecticut Warbler (6)
- ___ Mourning Warbler (5)
- ___ MacGillivray's Warbler (5,6,9)
- ___ Common Yellowthroat (4-10)*
- ___ Hooded Warbler (5)
- ___ Wilson's Warbler (5,8,9)
- ___ Canada Warbler (5)
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat (5-9)*



Northern Waterthrush

TANAGERS - SPARROWS - GROSBEAKS

- ___ Scarlet Tanager (5,7)
- ___ Western Tanager (5,9)
- ___ Spotted Towhee (4-11)*
- ___ Cassin's Sparrow (5-7)*
- ___ American Tree Sparrow (1-4,10-12)
- ___ Chipping Sparrow (4-10)
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow (4,5,7-10)
- ___ Brewer's Sparrow (4)
- ___ Field Sparrow (4-10)*
- ___ Vesper Sparrow (3-5,8-10)
- ___ Lark Sparrow (4-9)*
- ___ Black-throated Sparrow (5)
- ___ Lark Bunting (5-9)
- ___ Savannah Sparrow (1,4,5,8-10)
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow (4-9)*
- ___ Baird's Sparrow (5)
- ___ Fox Sparrow (10)
- ___ Song Sparrow (1-5,8-12)
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow (4,5,9,10)
- ___ Swamp Sparrow (5-10,12)*
- ___ White-throated Sparrow (5,10,11)
- ___ Harris' Sparrow (1-5,10-12)
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow (1-5,9-12)
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco (1-5,9-12)
- ___ McCown's Longspur (10)
- ___ Lapland Longspur (1-3,10-12)
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur (3-5,9)
- ___ Snow Bunting (2,12)
- ___ Northern Cardinal (all)*
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak (5,8,9)
- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak (5-9)*
- ___ Blue Grosbeak (5-9)*
- ___ Lazuli Bunting (5,7,9,10)
- ___ Indigo Bunting (5-9)*
- ___ Dickcissel (5-7)*



White-crowned Sparrow



Western Tanager



Indigo Bunting

BLACKBIRDS - FINCHES

- ___ Bobolink (5-8)*
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird (all)*
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark (3-9)*
- ___ Western Meadowlark (all)*
- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird (3-11)*
- ___ Rusty Blackbird (4,10-12)
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird (3-5,7,9-11)
- ___ Common Grackle (all)*
- ___ Great-tailed Grackle (4,5)
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird (3-10)*
- ___ Orchard Oriole (5-8)*
- ___ Baltimore Oriole (5-9)*
- ___ Bullock's Oriole (5-9)
- ___ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch (2)
- ___ Purple Finch (1-4,11,12)
- ___ House Finch (all)*
- ___ Red Crossbill (1,3-5,10-12)
- ___ Common Redpoll (1,2,12)
- ___ Pine Siskin (all)
- ___ American Goldfinch (all)*
- ___ Evening Grosbeak (1-5,11,12)
- ___ House Sparrow (all)*



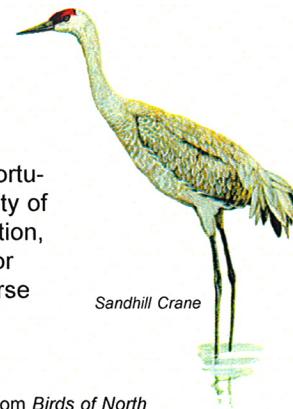
Orchard Oriole



Evening Grosbeak

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, owner and operator of Lake McConaughy, Kingsley Dam and Kingsley Hydro, provides direct surface water irrigation to more than 112,000 acres in south-central Nebraska, supplemental irrigation water to another 110,000 acres, and groundwater recharge benefits to more than 310,000 acres irrigated from wells.

Central's four hydroelectric plants can produce more than 104,000 kilowatts of clean, efficient hydroelectric power. At the same time, the hydro-irrigation project's lakes and canals provide opportunity for a wide variety of water-based recreation, as well as habitat for numerous and diverse species of wildlife.



Sandhill Crane

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