
LAKE RED ROCK

A

FEATHER

MAGNET

**A Check list of Birds at
Lake Red Rock**

Marion County, Iowa

Lake Red Rock serves as a Feather Magnet, attracting a wide variety of bird species each year. The lake and surrounding land provide a wide variety of habitats including the river valley, lake, marshes, woodlands, prairies, and more. All of these ecological niches connect like a jigsaw puzzle to form a 60,000 acre "Bird Haven."

Lake Red Rock is located on the Des Moines River between Knoxville and Pella, Iowa. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the lake for flood control, low flow augmentation, and recreation. The Corps also practices "Restoration Ecology" to provide woodlands, prairies, wetlands, and food plots--all necessary ingredients for a successful "Feather Magnet."

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Bird Check List

Lake Red Rock

This list contains 314 species of birds that have been seen at Lake Red Rock since 1969. On this list the species are arranged taxonomically, and information about their habitat, residency statistics, and an abbreviated calendar of presence and abundances is included. Use this check list to record birds you see with each project visit. Compare the numbers and kinds of birds with the season and the time of day of each trip.

Key:

1. Wooded - Brushy areas
 2. Wet Areas - streams, lakes, marsh
 3. Open Areas - farmland, roadsides, grasslands
 4. Beaches, sandy areas
 5. Cities, towns
- P - Permanent resident
W - Winter resident
M - Migrant
N - Nests (Summer)
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- Sp - Spring March - May
S - Summer June - August
F - Fall September - November
W - Winter December - February
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- C - Common a common species which is seen for
2 or more months out of the season
U - Uncommon present, but not certain to be seen
O - Occasional seen only a few times during a
season
R - Rare seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years
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NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
___ Common 2 M	U	R	U	R

Grebes

___ Pied-billed 2 M, N C U C R
 ___ Horned 2 M U R U R
 ___ Eared 2 M U R U R
 ___ Western 2 M R R R

Pelicans

___ American White 2 M C R C R

Cormorants

___ Double-crested 2 M C R C R

Bitterns, Herons

___ American Bittern 2 M U R U
 ___ Least Bittern 2 M U R U
 ___ Great Blue Heron 2 M, N C U C R
 ___ Great Egret 2 M C U C
 ___ Snowy Egret 2 M R
 ___ Little Blue Heron 2 M R R R
 ___ Cattle Egret 3 M R R R
 ___ Green-backed Heron 2 M, N C C U
 ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron 2 M U U U
 ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 2 M R R R

Swans, Geese, Ducks

___ Tundra Swan 2 M R R
 ___ Great White-fronted Goose 2 M U R U R
 ___ Snow Goose 2, 3 M C C O
 ___ Ross' Goose 2 M R R
 ___ Canada Goose 2, 3 M, N C C C C
 ___ Wood Duck 2 M, N C C C R
 ___ Green-winged Teal 2 M C R C O
 ___ American Black Duck 2 M R R O
 ___ Mallard 2 P, M C C C C
 ___ Northern Pintail 2 M C U C O
 ___ Blue-winged Teal 2 M C C C
 ___ Cinnamon Teal 2 M R R
 ___ Northern shoveler 2 M C R C R
 ___ Gadwall 2 M C R C O
 ___ American Wigeon 2 M C R C O
 ___ Canvasback 2 M C C O
 ___ Redhead 2 M C C O
 ___ Ring-necked Duck 2 M C C O
 ___ Greater Scaup 2 M O O
 ___ Lesser Scaup 2 M C R C O
 ___ Oldsquaw 2 M R O R
 ___ Black Scoter 2 M R R
 ___ Surf Scoter 2 M R R

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
___ White-winged Scoter 2 M	R		R	
___ Common Goldeneye 2 M	C	U	C	U
___ Bufflehead 2 M	C		C	R
___ Hooded Merganser 2 M	U	O	U	O
___ Common Merganser 2 M	C		C	U
___ Red-breasted Merganser 2 M	U		U	R
___ Ruddy Duck 2 M	C		C	R
Vultures				
___ Turkey Vulture 1, 3 M, N	C	C	C	
Hawks				
___ Osprey 2 M	O	R	O	
___ Bald Eagle 2, 3 M	U		U	C
___ Northern Harrier 2, 3 M	U	R	U	O
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, 3 M	U		U	O
___ Cooper's Hawk 1, 3 M	U	R	U	O
___ Northern Goshawk 1, 3 M	R		R	R
___ Red-shouldered Hawk 1, 3 M	R		R	R
___ Broad-winged Hawk 1, 3 M	U		U	
___ Swainson's Hawk 1, 3 M	R		R	
___ Red-tailed Hawk 1, 3 P, M	C	C	C	C
___ Rough-legged Hawk 1, 3 W, M	U		U	U
___ Golden Eagle 2, 3 M			R	
Falcons				
___ Am. Kestrel 1, 3 P, M	C	U	C	U
___ Merlin 1, 2, 3 M	R		R	
___ Peregrine Falcon 3 M	R		O	
___ Prairie Falcon 3 M			R	
Partridge, Pheasants, Quails, Turkeys				
___ Gray Partridge 3 P	R	R	R	R
___ Ring-necked Pheasant 1, 3 P	C	C	C	C
___ Wild Turkey 1, 3 P	O	O	O	O
___ Northern Bobwhite 1, 3 P	U	U	U	U
Rails, Gallinules, Coots				
___ Yellow Rail 2 M	R		R	
___ King Rail 2 M	R	R	R	
___ Virginia Rail 2 M	R	R	R	
___ Sora 2 M, N	O	R	O	
___ Common Moorhen 2 M	R		R	
___ American Coot 2 M, N	C	O	C	R
Plovers				
___ Black-bellied 2 M	U	U	U	
___ Lesser Golden 2, 3 M	U	O	U	
___ Semipalmated 2, 4 M	U	U	U	
___ Piping 4 M	R		R	
___ Killdeer 2, 3, 4 M, N	C	C	C	R

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
Avocet				
___ American Avocet 2 M	R			R
Sandpipers, Phalaropes				
___ Greater Yellowlegs 2 M	C	O	C	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs 2 M	C	O	C	
___ Solitary Sandpiper 2 M	C	O	C	
___ Willet 2 M	R	R	R	
___ Spotted Sandpiper 2 M	C	O	C	
___ Upland Sandpiper 2, 3 M	O	O	R	
___ Hudsonian Godwit 2 M	O	O	O	
___ Marbled Godwit 2 M	O		O	
___ Ruddy Turnstone 2 M	O		O	
___ Sanderling 2 M	O		O	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper 2 M	C	U	C	
___ Western Sandpiper 2 M	O	O	O	
___ Least Sandpiper 2 M	C	U	C	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper 2 M	U	R	R	
___ Baird's Sandpiper 2 M	U	U	U	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper 2 M	C	U	C	
___ Dunlin 2 M	O	O	O	
___ Stilt Sandpiper 2 M	U	O	U	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper 2 M	O	O	O	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher 2 M	U	O	U	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher 2 M	U	O	U	
___ Common Snipe 2 M	U	O	U	R
___ American Woodcock 1, 2 M, N	U	O	U	
___ Wilson's Phalarope 2 M	U	O	U	
___ Red-necked Phalarope 2 M	R			R
Gulls, Terns				
___ Franklin's Gull 2, 3 M	U	O	U	
___ Bonaparte's Gull 2, 3 M	U		U	
___ Ring-billed Gull 2, 3 P, M	C	U	C	U
___ Herring Gull 2, 3 P, M	O	U	C	U
___ Thayer's Gull 2 M	R		O	O
___ Glaucous Gull 2 M	R		O	O
___ Black-legged Kittiwake 2 W, M			R	O
___ Caspian Tern 2 M	U	O	U	
___ Common Tern 2 M	O	R	O	
___ Forster's Tern 2 M	U		U	
___ Least Tern 2 M	R		R	
___ Black Tern 2 M	U	O	U	
Pigeons, Doves				
___ Rock Dove 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ Mourning Dove 3, 5 P, M	C	C	C	O

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
Cuckoos				
___ Black-billed 1 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Yellow-billed 1M, N	U	U	U	
Barn Owl				
___ Barn Owl 3 P	R	R	R	R
Owls				
___ Screech 1, 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ Great Horned 1, 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ Snowy 3 M				R
___ Barred 1, 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ Long-eared 1 W.	R		R	O
___ Short-eared 3 P	R		R	O
___ Saw-whet 1 W	R		R	R
Goatsuckers, Swifts				
___ C. Nighthawk 3, 5 M, N	U	C	O	
___ Whip-poor-will 1 M, N	U	U	U	
Swift				
___ Chimney Swift 5 M, N	O	C	O	
Hummingbirds				
___ Ruby-throated 3 M, N	U	C	U	
Kingfishers				
___ Belted Kingfisher 2 P	C	C	C	U
Woodpeckers				
___ Red-headed 1, 3 P	C	C	C	U
___ Red-bellied 1, 3 P	C	C	C	C
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1, 3 M	U	R	U	R
___ Downy 1, 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ Hairy 1, 3 P	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Flicker 1, 3 P	C	C	C	U
___ Pileated Woodpecker 1 M	R	R	R	R
Tyrant Flycatchers				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher 1 M	U	U	U	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee 1 M, N	C	C	C	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 1 M	U	U	U	
___ Acadian Flycatcher 1, 2 M	R	R	R	
___ Alder Flycatcher 2 M	O	R	O	
___ Willow Flycatcher 2 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Least Flycatcher 3 M, N	U	O	U	
___ Eastern Phoebe 1, 2, 3 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher 1 M, N	U	C	U	
___ Eastern Kingbird 3 M, N	U	C	U	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, 3 M	R	R		
Larks				
___ Horned Lark 3 P	U	U	U	U

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
Martins, Swallows				
___ Purple Martin 5 M, N	C	C	C	
___ Tree Swallow 2, 3 M, N	U	C	C	
___ Rough-winged Swallow 2, 3 M, N .	U	C	C	
___ Bank Swallow 3 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Cliff Swallow 2, 3 M, N	U	C	C	
___ Barn Swallow 2, 3 M, N	U	C	C	
Jays, Crows				
___ Blue Jay 1, 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ American Crow 1- 5 P	C	C	C	C
Titmice				
___ Black-capped Chickadee 1, 3, 5 P .	C	C	C	C
___ Tufted Titmouse 1 P	U	U	U	U
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch 1,5 W, M .	O		O	O
___ White-breasted Nuthatch 1 P	C	C	C	C
Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper 1 W, M	U		U	O
Wrens				
___ Carolina 1, 2 P	O	O	O	O
___ House 1, 3, 5 M, N	U	C	U	
___ Winter 1, 2 W, M	R		R	R
___ Sedge 2 M, N	O	O	O	
___ Marsh 2 M, N	O	U	O	
Kinglets, Gnatcatchers, Thrushes				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet 1 W, M . .	U		U	R
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1 M	U	R	U	
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1 M, N . .	U	C	O	
___ Eastern Bluebird 3 M, N	C	C	C	
___ Veery 1 M	U	R	U	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush 1 M	U		R	
___ Swainson's Thrush 1 M	U		U	
___ Hermit Thrush 1 M	U		O	R
___ Wood Thrush 1 M, N	U	U	U	
___ American Robin 3 P, M	C	C	C	O
___ Varied Thrush 1 M	R		R	
Mockingbirds, Thrashers				
___ Gray Catbird 1, 3 M, N	U	C	U	
___ Northern Mockingbird 1, 3, 5 P . .	O	O	O	R
___ Brown Thrasher 1 N	C	C	U	R
Pipits				
___ Water Pipit 2, 3 M	U		U	
Waxwings				
___ Bohemian Waxwing 1, 3 W, M . . .				R
___ Cedar Waxwing 1, 3 M, N	C	U	C	O

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
Shrikes				
___ Northern 3 W, M	R		R	R
___ Loggerhead 3 M, N	U	U	U	U
Starlings				
___ European Starling 1, 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
Vireos				
___ White-eyed Vireo 1, 2 M	R	R	R	
___ Bell's 2, 3 M, N	R	O	R	
___ Solitary 1 M	U		U	
___ Yellow-throated 1 M, N	U	C	U	
___ Warbling 1, 3, 5 M, N	U	C	U	
___ Philadelphia 1 M	O		O	
___ Red-eyed 1, 3, 5 M, N	U	C	U	
Wood Warblers				
___ Blue-winged 1 M, N	R	R	R	
___ Golden-winged 1 M	R	R	R	
___ Tennessee 1 M	U		U	
___ Orange-crowned 1 M	U		U	
___ Nashville 1 M	U		U	
___ Northern Parula 1 M, N	U	U		
___ Yellow 1, 3, 5 M, N	U	C	U	
___ Chestnut-sided 1 M	U		U	
___ Magnolia 1 M	O		O	
___ Cape May 1 M	R		R	
___ Black-throated Blue 1, 3 M	R		R	
___ Yellow-rumped 1 M	C		C	
___ Black-throated Green 1, 3 M	O		O	
___ Blackburnian 1 M	U		U	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler 1 M, N	R	R	R	
___ Pine Warbler 1 M	R	R	R	
___ Prairie Warbler 1 M	R	R	R	
___ Palm 1 M	O		O	
___ Bay-breasted 1 M	R		U	
___ Blackpoll 1 M	C		U	
___ Cerulean 1 M, N	O	O		
___ Black-and-white 1 M	U	R	U	
___ American Redstart 1 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Prothonotary 2 M	R	R		
___ Worm-eating Warbler 1 M	R	R		
___ Ovenbird 1 M, N	U	O	U	
___ Northern Waterthrush 2 M	U		U	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush 2 M	U	R	R	
___ Kentucky 1 M	O	O		
___ Connecticut 1 M	R		R	

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
___ Mourning 1 M	O		O	
___ Common Yellowthroat 1, 2 M, N . . .	U	C	U	
___ Hooded Warbler 1 M	R	R		
___ Wilson's 1, 2 M	U		U	
___ Canada 1 M	O		O	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat 1, 2 M, N . . .	R	R	R	
Tanagers				
___ Summer 1 M, N	O	O	O	
___ Scarlet 1 M, N	U	U	U	
Grosbeaks, Buntings, Dickcissel				
___ Northern Cardinal 1, 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ Rose-breasted GroM, N	O	C	O	
___ Indigo Bunting 1,3N.	O	C	O	
___ Dickcissel 3 M, N	U	C	O	
Sparrows, Longspur				
___ Rufous-sided Towhee 1 W, N	O	U	O	R
___ American Tree Sparrow 3 W, M	U		U	C
___ Chipping Sparrow 3 M, N	O	C	C	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow 3 M	O		O	
___ Field Sparrow 3 M, N	C	C	C	
___ Vesper Sparrow 2, 3 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Lark Sparrow 3 M, N	U	O	O	
___ Savannah Sparrow 3 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow 3 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Henslow's Sparrow 2, 3 M	R	R	R	
___ Le Conte's Sparrow 2, 3 M	U		U	
___ Fox Sparrow 1 M	U		U	
___ Song Sparrow 1, 3 N, W	C	C	C	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow 1 M	U		U	
___ Swamp Sparrow 1 M	U		U	
___ White-throated Sp. 1 M	U		C	O
___ White-crowned Sp. 1, 3 M, W	O		O	O
___ Harris' Sparrow 1, 3 M, W	U		U	O
___ Dark-eyed Junco 1, 3, 5 M, W	U		U	C
___ Lapland Longspur 3 M, W	O		O	R
___ Snow Bunting 3 M, W			R	O
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow 2 M	R		R	
Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, Orioles				
___ Bobolink 3 M, N	O	U	U	
___ Red-winged Blackbird 2,3,5 P	C	C	C	O
___ Eastern Meadowlark 3 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Western Meadowlark 3 M, N	C	C	U	U
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird 2, 3 N	R	R	R	
___ Rusty Blackbird 2 M	O		O	R
___ Brewer's Blackbird 2 M	R		R	R

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
___ Common Grackle 3, 5 P	C	C	C	O
___ Brown-headed Cowbird 3 M, N	C	C	O	R
___ Orchard Oriole 1, 3 M, N	U	U	U	
___ Northern Oriole 1, 3, 5 M, N	U	C	U	
Finches, Crossbill, Redpoll, Siskin				
___ Purple Finch 1 W, M	U		U	C
___ House Finch 3 M, N	O	O	O	O
___ C. Redpoll 1, 3 W, M	R		R	R
___ Pine Siskin 1, 3 W, M	O		O	U
___ American Goldfinch 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C
___ Evening Grosbeak 1 W, M	R		R	R
Weaver Finches				
___ House Sparrow 3, 5 P	C	C	C	C

Casual: Recorded infrequently in the last 10 years,
X = most likely to be seen during this time of the year.

NAME OF BIRD	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red Throated Loon 2 M			X	
___ Pacific Loon 1 M			X	
___ White-faced Ibis 2 M			X	
___ Trumpeter Swan (Introduced) 2 M			X	X
___ Mute Swan 2 M			X	X
___ Sandhill Crane 2, 3 M	X		X	
___ Whimbrel 2 M	X		X	
___ Red Knot 2 M	X		X	
___ Red Phalarope 2 M			X	
___ Laughing Gull 2 M		X	X	
___ Iceland Gull 2 M	X		X	X
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull 2 M			X	X
___ Great Black-backed Gull 2 M			X	X
___ Western Kingbird 1, 3 M	X	X		
___ Bewick's Wren 1 M		X		
___ Blue Grosbeak 1 M		X		
___ White-winged Crossbill 1 M				X

Accidental: Recorded in the past 20 years but not to
be expected.

NAME OF BIRD
___ Magnificent Frigatebird 4
___ Brant 2
___ Mississippi Kite (Hypothetical) 2, 3
___ Ferruginous Hawk (Hypothetical) 3
___ Chukar (Escaped) 1, 3
___ Ross' Gull 2
___ Sabine's Gull 2
___ Mew Gull 2

NAME OF BIRD

- ___ Black Rail 2
- ___ Ivory Gull 2
- ___ Marbled Murrelet 2
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird (Hypothetical) 3
- ___ Clark's Nutcracker 1
- ___ Black-billed Magpie 1 - 5
- ___ Western Tanager 1
- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak 1, 3
- ___ Red Crossbill 1

Field Notes:

Observer(s): _____

Locality: _____

Weather: _____

Date: _____ Total Species: _____

Time: _____

Remarks: _____

For more information, please contact:

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If you see an Unlisted, Accidental, or Rare bird, please contact the Lake Red Rock Visitor Center at the Address/Phone number above.