

KANSAS BIRDS: Species List for Ellsworth County, KS

WHISTLING-DUCKS

___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

GEESE, SWANS

___ Snow Goose
___ Ross's Goose
___ Greater White-fronted Goose
___ Cackling Goose
___ Canada Goose*
___ Trumpeter Swan

DUCKS

___ Wood Duck
___ Blue-winged Teal§
___ Northern Shoveler
___ Gadwall
___ American Wigeon
___ Mallard*
___ American Black Duck
___ Northern Pintail
___ Green-winged Teal
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Ring-necked Duck
___ Greater Scaup
___ Lesser Scaup
___ Surf Scoter
___ Black Scoter
___ Long-tailed Duck
___ Bufflehead
___ Common Goldeneye
___ Barrow's Goldeneye
___ Hooded Merganser
___ Common Merganser
___ Red-breasted Merganser
___ Ruddy Duck

QUAIL

___ Northern Bobwhite*

TURKEY, GROUSE, PHEASANT

___ Wild Turkey§
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken*
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*

GREBES

___ Pied-billed Grebe
___ Horned Grebe
___ Eared Grebe
___ Western Grebe
___ Clark's Grebe

PIGEONS, DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon*
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
___ Inca Dove
___ White-winged Dove*
___ Mourning Dove*

CUCKOOS

___ Greater Roadrunner

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*
___ Black-billed Cuckoo

NIGHTJARS

___ Common Nighthawk*
___ Common Poorwill
___ Chuck-will's-widow
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will

SWIFTS

___ Chimney Swift*

HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
___ Anna's Hummingbird
___ Calliope Hummingbird
___ Rufous Hummingbird
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird

RAILS, GALLINULES

___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ American Coot

CRANES

___ Sandhill Crane
___ Whooping Crane

STILTS, AVOCETS

___ Black-necked Stilt
___ American Avocet

PLOVERS

___ Black-bellied Plover
___ American Golden-Plover
___ Killdeer*
___ Semipalmated Plover

SANDPIPERS

___ Upland Sandpiper*
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Ruddy Turnstone
___ Stilt Sandpiper
___ Sanderling
___ Dunlin
___ Baird's Sandpiper
___ Least Sandpiper
___ White-rumped Sandpiper
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
___ Pectoral Sandpiper
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
___ Western Sandpiper
___ Short-billed Dowitcher
___ Long-billed Dowitcher
___ American Woodcock
___ Wilson's Snipe
___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Solitary Sandpiper
___ Lesser Yellowlegs
___ Willet
___ Greater Yellowlegs

___ Wilson's Phalarope
___ Red-necked Phalarope

GULLS

___ Black-legged Kittiwake
___ Sabine's Gull
___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Laughing Gull
___ Franklin's Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ California Gull
___ Herring Gull
___ Iceland Gull
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull
___ Glaucous Gull
___ Great Black-backed Gull

TERNs

___ Least Tern
___ Caspian Tern
___ Black Tern
___ Common Tern
___ Forster's Tern

LOONS

___ Common Loon

CORMORANTS

___ Double-crested Cormorant

PELICANS

___ American White Pelican
___ Brown Pelican

HERONS

___ American Bittern
___ Little Blue Heron
___ Snowy Egret
___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron
___ Black-crowned Night heron
___ Green Heron
___ Great Egret
___ Western Cattle-Egret
___ Great Blue Heron*

IBISES

___ White-faced Ibis

VULTURES

___ Black Vulture
___ Turkey Vulture*

OSPREY, HAWKS, KITES,

EAGLES

___ Osprey
___ Golden Eagle
___ Northern Harrier*
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
___ Cooper's Hawk§
___ American Goshawk
___ Bald Eagle*
___ Mississippi Kite*
___ Red-shouldered Hawk

- ___ Broad-winged Hawk
- ___ Swainson's Hawk*
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk*
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk
- ___ Ferruginous Hawk

BARN OWLS

- ___ American Barn Owl*

OWLS

- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl*
- ___ Great Horned Owl*
- ___ Snowy Owl
- ___ Barred Owl
- ___ Long-eared Owl*
- ___ Short-eared Owl

KINGFISHERS

- ___ Belted Kingfisher§

WOODPECKERS

- ___ Lewis's Woodpecker
- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker*
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Downy Woodpecker*
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker*
- ___ Northern Flicker*
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker

FALCONS

- ___ American Kestrel*
- ___ Merlin
- ___ Peregrine Falcon
- ___ Prairie Falcon

FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher*
- ___ Western Kingbird*
- ___ Eastern Kingbird*
- ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- ___ Alder Flycatcher
- ___ Willow Flycatcher
- ___ Least Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Phoebe*
- ___ Say's Phoebe*

VIREOS

- ___ Bell's Vireo*
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo
- ___ Blue-headed Vireo
- ___ Warbling Vireo*
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo*

SHRIKES

- ___ Loggerhead Shrike*
- ___ Northern Shrike

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS

- ___ Blue Jay*
- ___ Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay

- ___ Black-billed Magpie*
- ___ American Crow*

CHICKADEES, TITMICE

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee*
- ___ Tufted Titmouse

LARKS

- ___ Horned Lark§

SWALLOWS

- ___ Bank Swallow*
- ___ Tree Swallow
- ___ N. Rough-winged Swallow§
- ___ Purple Martin*
- ___ Barn Swallow*
- ___ Cliff Swallow*
- ___ Cave Swallow

KINGLETS

- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet

WAXWINGS

- ___ Cedar Waxwing

NUTHATCHES

- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch*

CREEPERS

- ___ Brown Creeper

GNATCATCHERS

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher§

WRENS

- ___ Rock Wren*
- ___ Bewick's Wren
- ___ Carolina Wren*
- ___ Northern House Wren*
- ___ Winter Wren
- ___ Sedge Wren
- ___ Marsh Wren

THRASHERS

- ___ Gray Catbird*
- ___ Brown Thrasher*
- ___ Northern Mockingbird§

STARLINGS

- ___ European Starling*

THRUSHES

- ___ Eastern Bluebird*
- ___ Mountain Bluebird
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire
- ___ Veery
- ___ Swainson's Thrush
- ___ Hermit Thrush
- ___ Wood Thrush
- ___ American Robin*

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- ___ House Sparrow*

PIPITS

- ___ American Pipit
- ___ Sprague's Pipit

FINCHES

- ___ Evening Grosbeak
- ___ House Finch*
- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ Redpoll
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ White-winged Crossbill
- ___ Pine Siskin*
- ___ Lesser Goldfinch
- ___ American Goldfinch§

LONGSPURS

- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- ___ Smith's Longspur
- ___ Thick-billed Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting

SPARROWS

- ___ Cassin's Sparrow
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow*
- ___ Lark Sparrow*
- ___ Lark Bunting
- ___ Chipping Sparrow
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow
- ___ Field Sparrow§
- ___ Fox Sparrow
- ___ American Tree Sparrow
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Harris's Sparrow
- ___ White-throated Sparrow
- ___ Vesper Sparrow
- ___ LeConte's Sparrow
- ___ Nelson's Sparrow
- ___ Henslow's Sparrow
- ___ Savannah Sparrow
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow
- ___ Swamp Sparrow
- ___ Spotted Towhee
- ___ Eastern Towhee

CHATS

- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- ___ Bobolink
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark*
- ___ Western Meadowlark*
- ___ Orchard Oriole*
- ___ Bullock's Oriole
- ___ Baltimore Oriole*
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird*
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird*
- ___ Rusty Blackbird

- ___ Brewer's Blackbird
- ___ Common Grackle*
- ___ Great-tailed Grackle*

WARBLERS

- ___ Ovenbird
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush
- ___ Northern Waterthrush
- ___ Golden-winged Warbler
- ___ Blue-winged Warbler
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler
- ___ Tennessee Warbler
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler
- ___ Nashville Warbler
- ___ Connecticut Warbler
- ___ Mourning Warbler
- ___ Common Yellowthroat§
- ___ Hooded Warbler
- ___ American Redstart
- ___ Cape May Warbler
- ___ Northern Parula
- ___ Magnolia Warbler
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler
- ___ Yellow Warbler
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler
- ___ Palm Warbler
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ___ Prairie Warbler
- ___ Black-throated Green Warbler
- ___ Canada Warbler
- ___ Wilson's Warbler
- ___ Painted Redstart†

GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS

- ___ Summer Tanager
- ___ Scarlet Tanager
- ___ Western Tanager
- ___ Northern Cardinal*
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak§
- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak§
- ___ Lazuli Bunting
- ___ Indigo Bunting*
- ___ Painted Bunting
- ___ Dickcissel*

† Fewer than ten Kansas records

[] Hypothetical species

§ Probable breeding species

* Confirmed breeding species

Probable and confirmed breeding species as defined by the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas Project.

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