KANSAS BIRDS: Species List for Kansas

WHISTLING-DUCKS
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck

GEESE, SWANS
___ Snow Goose
___ Ross’s Goose
___ Greater White-fronted Goose
___ Brant
___ Cackling Goose
___ Canada Goose
___ Trumpeter Swan
___ Tundra Swan

DUCKS
___ Wood Duck
___ Garganey†
___ Blue-winged Teal
___ Cinnamon Teal
___ Northern Shoveler
___ Gadwall
___ [Eurasian Wigeon]†
___ American Wigeon
___ Mallard
___ American Black Duck
___ Mottled Duck
___ Northern Pintail
___ Green-winged Teal
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Ring-necked Duck
___ [Tufted Duck]†
___ Greater Scaup
___ Lesser Scaup
___ King Eider†
___ Common Eider†
___ Harlequin Duck†
___ Surf Scoter
___ White-winged Scoter
___ Black Scoter
___ Long-tailed Duck
___ Bufflehead
___ Common Goldeneye
___ Barrow’s Goldeneye
___ Hooded Merganser
___ Common Merganser
___ Red-breasted Merganser
___ Ruddy Duck

QUAIL
___ Northern Bobwhite
___ Scaled Quail

PHEASANT
___ Ring-necked Pheasant

GROUSE
___ Ruffed Grouse
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken
___ Lesser Prairie-Chicken

TURKEY
___ Wild Turkey

FLAMINGOS
___ American Flamingo†

GREBES
___ Pied-billed Grebe
___ Horned Grebe
___ Red-necked Grebe
___ Eared Grebe
___ Western Grebe
___ Clark’s Grebe

PIGEONS, DOVES
___ Rock Pigeon
___ Band-tailed Pigeon†
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
___ Inca Dove
___ Common Ground-Dove
___ White-winged Dove
___ Mourning Dove

CUCKOOS
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
___ Black-billed Cuckoo
___ Greater Roadrunner
___ Groove-billed Ani

NIGHTJARS
___ [Lesser Nighthawk]†
___ Common Nighthawk
___ Common Poorwill
___ Chuck-will’s-widow
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will

SWIFTS
___ Chimney Swift
___ White-throated Swift†

HUMMINGSBIRDS
___ Mexican Violetear†
___ Rivoli’s Hummingbird†
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
___ Anna’s Hummingbird†
___ Costa’s Hummingbird†
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
___ Rufous Hummingbird
___ Allen’s Hummingbird†
___ Calliope Hummingbird
___ Broad-billed Hummingbird†

RAILS, GALLINULES
___ Yellow Rail
___ Black Rail
___ King Rail
___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ Purple Gallinule
___ Common Gallinule
___ American Coot

CRANES
___ Sandhill Crane
___ Common Crane†
___ Whooping Crane

STILTS, AVOCETS
___ Black-necked Stilt
___ American Avocet

PLOVERS
___ Black-bellied Plover
___ American Golden-Plover
___ Snowy Plover
___ [Wilson’s Plover]†
___ Semipalmated Plover
___ Piping Plover
___ Killdeer
___ Mountain Plover

SANDPIPERS
___ Upland Sandpiper
___ Whimbrel
___ Eskimo Curlew
___ Long-billed Curlew
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Ruddy Turnstone
___ Red Knot
___ Ruff
___ Stilt Sandpiper
___ Curlew Sandpiper†
___ Red-necked Stint†
___ Sanderling
___ Dunlin
___ Purple Sandpiper†
___ Baird’s Sandpiper
___ Little Stint†
___ 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 Sandpiper
___ Least Sandpiper
___ Willet
___ Spotted Redshank†
___ Greater Yellowlegs
___ Wilson’s Phalarope
___ Red-necked Phalarope
___ Red Phalarope

JAEGERS
___ Pomarine Jaeger†
___ Parasitic Jaeger
___ Long-tailed Jaeger†
ALCIDS
  — Long-billed Murrelet†

GULLS
  — Black-legged Kittiwake
  — Sabine's Gull
  — Bonaparte's Gull
  — Black-headed Gull
  — Little Gull
  — Ross's Gull†
  — Laughing Gull
  — Franklin's Gull
  — Mew Gull
  — Ring-billed Gull
  — California Gull
  — Herring Gull
  — Iceland Gull
  — Lesser Black-backed Gull
  — [Glaucous-winged Gull]†
  — Glaucous Gull
  — Great Black-backed Gull

TERNS
  — Least Tern
  — Gull-billed Tern†
  — Caspian Tern
  — Black Tern
  — Common Tern
  — [Arctic Tern]†
  — Forster's Tern

SKIMMERS
  — Black Skimmer†

LOONS
  — Red-throated Loon
  — Pacific Loon
  — Common Loon
  — Yellow-billed Loon†

STORKS
  — Wood Stork

FRIGATEBIRDS
  — Magnificent Frigatebird†

BOOBIES
  — Brown Booby†

CORMORANTS
  — Neotropic Cormorant
  — Double-crested Cormorant

DARTERS
  — Anhinga

PELICANS
  — American White Pelican
  — Brown Pelican

HERONS
  — American Bittern
  — Least Bittern
  — Great Blue Heron
  — Great Egret
  — Snowy Egret
  — Little Blue Heron
  — Tricolored Heron
  — Reddish Egret†
  — Cattle Egret
  — Green Heron
  — Black-crowned Night-Heron
  — Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES
  — White Ibis
  — Glossy Ibis
  — White-faced Ibis
  — Roseate Spoonbill

VULTURES
  — Black Vulture
  — Turkey Vulture

OSPREY, HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES
  — Osprey
  — White-tailed Kite†
  — Swallow-tailed Kite
  — Golden Eagle
  — Northern Harrier
  — Sharp-shinned Hawk
  — Cooper's Hawk
  — Northern Goshawk
  — Bald Eagle
  — Mississippi Kite
  — Harris's Hawk†
  — Gray Hawk†
  — Red-shouldered Hawk
  — Broad-winged Hawk
  — Swainson's Hawk
  — Red-tailed Hawk
  — Rough-legged Hawk
  — Ferruginous Hawk

BARN OWLS
  — Barn Owl

OWLS
  — [Flammulated Owl]†
  — Western Screech-Owl†
  — Eastern Screech-Owl
  — Great Horned Owl
  — Snowy Owl
  — Burrowing Owl
  — Barred Owl
  — Long-eared Owl
  — Short-eared Owl
  — Northern Saw-whet Owl

KINGFISHERS
  — Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS
  — Lewis's Woodpecker
  — Red-headed Woodpecker
  — Red-bellied Woodpecker
  — Williamson's Sapsucker†
  — Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
  — Red-naped Sapsucker
  — Amer. Three-toed Woodpecker†
  — Downy Woodpecker
  — Ladder-backed Woodpecker
  — Hairy Woodpecker
  — Northern Flicker
  — Pileated Woodpecker

FALCONS
  — Crested Caracara†
  — American Kestrel
  — Merlin
  — Gyrfalcon†
  — Peregrine Falcon
  — Prairie Falcon

FLYCATCHERS
  — Ash-throated Flycatcher
  — Great Crested Flycatcher
  — Great Kiskadee†
  — Piratic Flycatcher†
  — Cassin's Kingbird
  — Western Kingbird
  — Eastern Kingbird
  — Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
  — [Fork-tailed Flycatcher]†
  — Olive-sided Flycatcher
  — Western Wood-Pewee
  — Eastern Wood-Pewee
  — Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
  — Acadian Flycatcher
  — Alder Flycatcher
  — Willow Flycatcher
  — Least Flycatcher
  — Hammond's Flycatcher
  — Gray Flycatcher
  — Dusky Flycatcher
  — Cordilleran Flycatcher
  — [Black Phoebe]†
  — Eastern Phoebe
  — Say's Phoebe
  — Vermilion Flycatcher

SHRIKES
  — Loggerhead Shrike
  — Northern Shrike

VIREOS
  — Black-capped Vireo†
  — White-eyed Vireo
  — Bell's Vireo
  — Gray Vireo†
  — Yellow-throated Vireo
  — Cassin's Vireo
  — Blue-headed Vireo
  — Plumbeous Vireo
  — Philadelphia Vireo
  — Warbling Vireo
  — Red-eyed Vireo

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS
  — Pinyon Jay
  — Steller's Jay
  — Blue Jay
  — Woodhouse’s Scrub-Jay
  — Mexican Jay†
  — Clark's Nutcracker
  — Black-billed Magpie
___ American Crow
___ Fish Crow
___ Chihuahuan Raven
___ Common Raven

LARKS
___ Horner Lark

SWALLOWS
___ Purple Martin
___ Tree Swallow
___ Violet-green Swallow
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow
___ Bank Swallow
___ Cliff Swallow
___ Cave Swallow
___ Barn Swallow

CHICKADEES, TITMICE
___ Carolina Chickadee
___ Black-capped Chickadee
___ Mountain Chickadee
___ [Juniper Titmouse]†
___ Tufted Titmouse

BUSHTITS
___ Bushtit

NUTHATCHES
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
___ White-breasted Nuthatch
___ Pygmy Nuthatch
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch†

CREEPERS
___ Brown Creeper

WRENS
___ Rock Wren
___ Canyon Wren†
___ House Wren
___ Pacific Wren†
___ Winter Wren
___ Sedge Wren
___ Marsh Wren
___ Carolina Wren
___ Bewick's Wren

GNATCATCHERS
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

KINGLETS
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS
___ [Northern Wheatear]†

THRUSHES
___ Eastern Bluebird
___ Western Bluebird†
___ Mountain Bluebird
___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ Veery
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ Wood Thrush

___ Varied Thrush

THRASHERS
___ Gray Catbird
___ Curve-billed Thrasher
___ Brown Thrasher
___ Sage Thrasher
___ Northern Mockingbird

STARLINGS
___ European Starling

WAXWINGS
___ Bohemian Waxwing
___ Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS
___ Phainopepla†

OLD WORLD SPARROWS
___ House Sparrow

PIPITS
___ American Pipit
___ Sprague's Pipit

FINCHES
___ Brambling†
___ Evening Grosbeak
___ Pine Grosbeak
___ [Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch]†
___ House Finch
___ Purple Finch
___ Cassin's Finch
___ Common Redpoll
___ Red Crossbill
___ White-winged Crossbill
___ Pine Siskin
___ Lesser Goldfinch
___ American Goldfinch

LONGSPURS
___ Lapland Longspur
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
___ Smith's Longspur
___ McCown's Longspur
___ Snow Bunting

SPARROWS
___ Green-tailed Towhee
___ Spotted Towhee
___ Eastern Towhee
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
___ Canyon Towhee†
___ Cassin's Sparrow
___ Bachman's Sparrow†
___ American Tree Sparrow
___ Chipping Sparrow
___ Clay-colored Sparrow
___ Brewer's Sparrow
___ Field Sparrow
___ Vesper Sparrow
___ Lark Sparrow
___ Black-throated Sparrow
___ Sagebrush Sparrow†

___ Lark Bunting
___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Grasshopper Sparrow
___ Baird's Sparrow
___ Henslow's Sparrow
___ LeConte's Sparrow
___ Nelson's Sparrow
___ Fox Sparrow
___ Song Sparrow
___ Lincoln's Sparrow
___ Swamp Sparrow
___ White-throated Sparrow
___ Harris's Sparrow
___ White-crowned Sparrow
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow
___ Dark-eyed Junco

CHATS
___ Yellow-breasted Chat

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
___ Bobolink
___ Eastern Meadowlark
___ Western Meadowlark
___ Orchard Oriole
___ Hooded Oriole†
___ Bullock's Oriole
___ Baltimore Oriole
___ Scott's Oriole†
___ Red-winged Blackbird
___ Bronzed Cowbird†
___ Brown-headed Cowbird
___ Rusty Blackbird
___ Brewer's Blackbird
___ Common Grackle
___ Great-tailed Grackle

WARBLERS
___ Ovenbird
___ Worm-eating Warbler
___ Louisiana Waterthrush
___ Northern Waterthrush
___ Golden-winged Warbler
___ Blue-winged Warbler
___ Black-and-white Warbler
___ Prothonotary Warbler
___ Swainson's Warbler†
___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Nashville Warbler
___ Virginia's Warbler
___ Connecticut Warbler
___ MacGillivray's Warbler
___ Mourning Warbler
___ Kentucky Warbler
___ Common Yellowthroat
___ Hooded Warbler
___ American Redstart
___ Cape May Warbler
___ Cerulean Warbler
___ Northern Parula
___ Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Hermit Warbler†
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Painted Redstart†
Hepatic Tanager†
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† 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.

478 species

Of the 481 species documented to have occurred in Kansas, three species are not included on this list because they no longer occur. The Passenger Pigeon and Carolina Parakeet are extinct, and the Gunnison Sage-Grouse has been extirpated from the state.


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