

# KANSAS BIRDS: Species List for Cowley 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  
\_\_\_ Tundra Swan

## DUCKS

\_\_\_ Wood Duck§  
\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal\*  
\_\_\_ Cinnamon 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  
\_\_\_ 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\*

## TURKEY, GROUSE, PHEASANT

\_\_\_ Wild Turkey\*  
\_\_\_ Greater Prairie-Chicken\*  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant\*

## GREBES

\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe  
\_\_\_ Horned Grebe  
\_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe  
\_\_\_ Eared Grebe  
\_\_\_ Western Grebe

## PIGEONS, DOVES

\_\_\_ Rock Pigeon\*  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove\*  
\_\_\_ Inca Dove

\_\_\_ Common Ground-Dove  
\_\_\_ White-winged Dove  
\_\_\_ Mourning Dove\*

## CUCKOOS

\_\_\_ Groove-billed Ani  
\_\_\_ Greater Roadrunner\*  
\_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo\*  
\_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo

## NIGHTJARS

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

## SWIFTS

\_\_\_ Chimney Swift\*  
\_\_\_ White-throated Swift†

## HUMMINGBIRDS

\_\_\_ Rivoli's Hummingbird†  
\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird\*  
\_\_\_ Black-chinned Hummingbird  
\_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird  
\_\_\_ Calliope Hummingbird  
\_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird  
\_\_\_ Broad-tailed Hummingbird

## RAILS, GALLINULES

\_\_\_ King Rail\*  
\_\_\_ Virginia Rail  
\_\_\_ Sora  
\_\_\_ American Coot

## CRANES

\_\_\_ Sandhill Crane  
\_\_\_ Whooping Crane

## STILTS, AVOCETS

\_\_\_ American Avocet

## PLOVERS

\_\_\_ Black-bellied Plover  
\_\_\_ American Golden-Plover  
\_\_\_ Killdeer\*  
\_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover  
\_\_\_ Piping Plover  
\_\_\_ Snowy Plover

## SANDPIPERS

\_\_\_ Upland Sandpiper\*  
\_\_\_ Whimbrel  
\_\_\_ Long-billed Curlew  
\_\_\_ 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

## JAEGERS

\_\_\_ Pomarine Jaeger†

## GULLS

\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_ Red-throated Loon  
\_\_\_ Pacific Loon  
\_\_\_ Common Loon

## CORMORANTS

\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant  
\_\_\_ Neotropic Cormorant

## PELICANS

\_\_\_ American White Pelican

## HERONS

\_\_\_ American Bittern  
\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron\*  
\_\_\_ Great Egret\*  
\_\_\_ Snowy Egret  
\_\_\_ Little Blue Heron§  
\_\_\_ Tricolored Heron  
\_\_\_ Cattle Egret

- \_\_\_ Green Heron§
- \_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron
- \_\_\_ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron\*

#### IBISES

- \_\_\_ White-faced Ibis

#### VULTURES

- \_\_\_ Black Vulture
- \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture\*

#### OSPREY, HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES

- \_\_\_ Osprey
- \_\_\_ Swallow-tailed Kite
- \_\_\_ Golden Eagle
- \_\_\_ Northern Harrier\*
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk\*
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk\*
- \_\_\_ American Goshawk
- \_\_\_ Bald Eagle\*
- \_\_\_ Mississippi Kite\*
- \_\_\_ Harris's Hawk†
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk\*
- \_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Hawk\*
- \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk\*
- \_\_\_ Rough-legged Hawk
- \_\_\_ Ferruginous Hawk

#### BARN OWLS

- \_\_\_ Barn Owl\*

#### OWLS

- \_\_\_ 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

- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher\*
- \_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Least Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe\*
- \_\_\_ Say's Phoebe
- \_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher

#### VIREOS

- \_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo
- \_\_\_ Bell's Vireo\*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo
- \_\_\_ Blue-headed Vireo
- \_\_\_ Philadelphia 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\*
- \_\_\_ Fish Crow\*
- \_\_\_ Chihuahuan Raven

#### CHICKADEES, TITMICE

- \_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee\*
- \_\_\_ Black-capped Chickadee\*
- \_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse\*

#### LARKS

- \_\_\_ Horned Lark\*

#### SWALLOWS

- \_\_\_ Bank Swallow\*
- \_\_\_ Tree Swallow\*
- \_\_\_ N. Rough-winged Swallow\*
- \_\_\_ Purple Martin\*
- \_\_\_ Barn Swallow\*
- \_\_\_ Cliff Swallow\*

#### KINGLETS

- \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet

#### WAXWINGS

- \_\_\_ Bohemian Waxwing
- \_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing\*

#### NUTHATCHES

- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch\*
- \_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch\*

#### CREEPERS

- \_\_\_ Brown Creeper

#### GNATCATCHERS

- \_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher\*

#### WRENS

- \_\_\_ Rock Wren
- \_\_\_ Bewick's Wren\*
- \_\_\_ Carolina Wren\*
- \_\_\_ House Wren\*
- \_\_\_ Winter Wren
- \_\_\_ Sedge Wren
- \_\_\_ Marsh Wren

#### THRASHERS

- \_\_\_ Gray Catbird\*
- \_\_\_ Curve-billed Thrasher
- \_\_\_ Brown Thrasher\*
- \_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird\*

#### STARLINGS

- \_\_\_ European Starling\*

#### THRUSHES

- \_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird\*
- \_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird
- \_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire
- \_\_\_ Veery
- \_\_\_ Gray-checked Thrush
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush
- \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush
- \_\_\_ Wood Thrush§
- \_\_\_ American Robin\*
- \_\_\_ Varied Thrush

#### OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- \_\_\_ House Sparrow\*

#### PIPITS

- \_\_\_ American Pipit
- \_\_\_ Sprague's Pipit

#### FINCHES

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

#### LONGSPURS

- \_\_\_ Lapland Longspur
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- \_\_\_ Smith's Longspur
- \_\_\_ Snow Bunting

#### SPARROWS

- \_\_\_ Grasshopper Sparrow\*
- \_\_\_ Black-throated 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  
 Baird'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\*  
 Baltimore Oriole\*  
 Red-winged Blackbird\*  
 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\*  
 Tennessee Warbler  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville 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 Green Warbler  
 Canada Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler

#### 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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