

# KANSAS BIRDS: Species List for McPherson County, KS

## WHISTLING-DUCKS

\_\_\_ Black-bellied 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\*  
\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal  
\_\_\_ Cinnamon Teal  
\_\_\_ Northern Shoveler  
\_\_\_ Gadwall  
\_\_\_ American Wigeon  
\_\_\_ Mallard\*  
\_\_\_ Northern Pintail  
\_\_\_ Green-winged Teal  
\_\_\_ Canvasback  
\_\_\_ Redhead  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck  
\_\_\_ Greater Scaup  
\_\_\_ Lesser Scaup  
\_\_\_ Long-tailed Duck  
\_\_\_ Bufflehead  
\_\_\_ Common Goldeneye  
\_\_\_ Hooded Merganser  
\_\_\_ Common 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

## PIGEONS, DOVES

\_\_\_ Rock Pigeon\*  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove  
\_\_\_ Inca Dove  
\_\_\_ Common Ground-Dove  
\_\_\_ White-winged Dove\*  
\_\_\_ Mourning Dove\*

## CUCKOOS

\_\_\_ 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

## RAILS, GALLINULES

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

## CRANES

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

## STILTS, AVOCETS

\_\_\_ Black-necked Stilt  
\_\_\_ 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

## GULLS

\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull  
\_\_\_ Franklin's Gull  
\_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull  
\_\_\_ Herring Gull  
\_\_\_ Iceland Gull

## TERNs

\_\_\_ Least Tern  
\_\_\_ Caspian Tern  
\_\_\_ Black Tern  
\_\_\_ Common Tern  
\_\_\_ Forster's Tern

## LOONS

\_\_\_ Common Loon

## STORKS

\_\_\_ Wood Stork

## CORMORANTS

\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant

## PELICANS

\_\_\_ American White Pelican

## HERONS

\_\_\_ American Bittern  
\_\_\_ Least 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  
\_\_\_ Roseate Spoonbill

## VULTURES

\_\_\_ 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**

\_\_\_ Barn Owl

**OWLS**

\_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl\*

\_\_\_ Great Horned Owl\*

\_\_\_ Snowy Owl

\_\_\_ Burrowing Owl

\_\_\_ Barred 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\*

\_\_\_ Great Kiskadee†

\_\_\_ Western Kingbird\*

\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird\*

\_\_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher\*

\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher

\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee\*

\_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher

\_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher

\_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher

\_\_\_ Least Flycatcher

\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe\*

\_\_\_ Say's Phoebe

**VIREOS**

\_\_\_ 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\*

\_\_\_ Black-billed Magpie

\_\_\_ American Crow\*

\_\_\_ Fish 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\*

**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\*

\_\_\_ Brown Thrasher\*

\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird\*

**STARLINGS**

\_\_\_ European Starling\*

**THRUSHES**

\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird\*

\_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird

\_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire

\_\_\_ Veery

\_\_\_ Gray-cheeked 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

\_\_\_ Pine Grosbeak

\_\_\_ House Finch\*

\_\_\_ Purple Finch

\_\_\_ Common Redpoll

\_\_\_ Red Crossbill

\_\_\_ White-winged Crossbill

\_\_\_ Pine Siskin\*

\_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch

\_\_\_ American Goldfinch\*

**LONGSPURS**

\_\_\_ Lapland Longspur

\_\_\_ Smith's Longspur

**SPARROWS**

\_\_\_ Grasshopper Sparrow\*

\_\_\_ Lark Sparrow\*

\_\_\_ Lark Bunting

\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow

\_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow

\_\_\_ Field Sparrow§

\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow

\_\_\_ American Tree Sparrow

\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco

\_\_\_ White-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

\_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee

\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush

\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush

- \_\_\_\_\_ Golden-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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Parula
- \_\_\_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Palm Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pine Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canada Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler

**GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 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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More information on reporting rare birds can be found at the KBRC home page on the Kansas Ornithological Society's Web site at: <https://ksbirds.org>

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