

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

___ Least Bittern
___ American Bittern
___ Little Blue Heron
___ Tricolored 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
___ 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

___ American 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*
 ___ 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
 ___ 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
 ___ 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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