

KANSAS BIRDS: Species List for Meade 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
___ Mottled Duck
___ Northern Pintail*
___ Green-winged Teal*
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Ring-necked Duck
___ Greater Scaup
___ Lesser Scaup
___ Surf Scoter
___ Long-tailed Duck
___ Bufflehead
___ Common Goldeneye
___ Hooded Merganser
___ Common Merganser
___ Red-breasted Merganser
___ Ruddy Duck§

QUAIL

___ Northern Bobwhite*
___ Scaled Quail

TURKEY, GROUSE, PHEASANT

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

GREBES

___ Pied-billed Grebe*
___ Horned Grebe
___ Eared Grebe
___ Western Grebe

PIGEONS, DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon*
___ Band-tailed 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

SWIFTS

___ Chimney Swift§

HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
___ Calliope Hummingbird
___ Rufous Hummingbird

RAILS, GALLINULES

___ King Rail*
___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora§
___ American Coot*
___ Black 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
___ Mountain Plover
___ Snowy Plover*

SANDPIPERS

___ Upland Sandpiper*
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Whimbrel
___ Long-billed Curlew*
___ 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

___ Parasitic Jaeger

GULLS

___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Franklin's Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Herring Gull
___ Glaucous Gull

TERNs

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

LOONS

___ Pacific Loon
___ Common Loon

FRIGATEBIRDS

___ Magnificent Frigatebird†

DARTERS

___ Anhinga

CORMORANTS

___ Double-crested Cormorant

PELICANS

___ American White Pelican
___ Brown Pelican

HERONS

___ Least Bittern
___ 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
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Mississippi Kite*
- ___ Harris's 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
- ___ Long-eared Owl
- ___ Short-eared Owl

KINGFISHERS

- ___ Belted Kingfisher*

WOODPECKERS

- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker*
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker§
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Red-naped Sapsucker
- ___ Downy Woodpecker§
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker*
- ___ Northern Flicker*

FALCONS

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

FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher*
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher§
- ___ Cassin's Kingbird
- ___ Western Kingbird*
- ___ Eastern Kingbird*
- ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ___ Western Wood-Pewee
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- ___ Willow Flycatcher
- ___ Least Flycatcher
- ___ Hammond's Flycatcher
- ___ Dusky Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Phoebe
- ___ Say's Phoebe*
- ___ Vermilion Flycatcher

VIREOS

- ___ Bell's Vireo§
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo
- ___ Cassin's Vireo

- ___ Blue-headed Vireo
- ___ Philadelphia Vireo
- ___ Warbling Vireo*
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo

SHRIKES

- ___ Loggerhead Shrike*
- ___ Northern Shrike

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS

- ___ Steller's Jay
- ___ Blue Jay*
- ___ Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay
- ___ Clark's Nutcracker
- ___ Black-billed Magpie*
- ___ American Crow*
- ___ Chihuahuan Raven*

CHICKADEES, TITMICE

- ___ Carolina Chickadee*
- ___ Black-capped Chickadee*
- ___ Mountain 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*
- ___ Curve-billed Thrasher
- ___ Brown Thrasher*

- ___ Sage 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

FINCHES

- ___ Evening Grosbeak
- ___ House Finch*
- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ Cassin's Finch
- ___ Redpoll
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ Pine Siskin*
- ___ Lesser Goldfinch
- ___ American Goldfinch*

LONGSPURS

- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- ___ Thick-billed Longspur

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
- ___ Harris's Sparrow
- ___ White-throated Sparrow
- ___ Vesper Sparrow
- ___ LeConte's Sparrow
- ___ Baird's Sparrow
- ___ Savannah Sparrow
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow
- ___ Swamp Sparrow
- ___ Green-tailed Towhee
- ___ Spotted 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*

___ Bronzed Cowbird†

___ Brown-headed Cowbird*

___ Rusty Blackbird

___ Brewer's Blackbird

___ Common Grackle*

___ Great-tailed Grackle*

WARBLERS

___ Ovenbird

___ Louisiana Waterthrush

___ Northern Waterthrush

___ Blue-winged Warbler

___ Black-and-white Warbler

___ Prothonotary Warbler

___ Tennessee Warbler

___ Orange-crowned Warbler

___ Nashville Warbler

___ MacGillivray's Warbler

___ Mourning Warbler

___ Common Yellowthroat§

___ Hooded Warbler

___ American Redstart

___ Northern Parula

___ Magnolia Warbler

___ Blackburnian Warbler

___ Yellow Warbler§

___ Chestnut-sided Warbler

___ Blackpoll Warbler

___ Black-throated Blue Warbler

___ Palm Warbler

___ Pine Warbler

___ Yellow-rumped 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.

This list was compiled from records of the Kansas Ornithological Society, Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas Project, and the Kansas Biological Survey.

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