

Northeast District Meeting  
5/20/2021  
Lewis & Clark SRA

The meeting started with District Birding Day. One party went out at 6 a.m. and were joined by others forming two parties at 9 a.m. Areas birded included the Weigand, Miller Creek, and South Shore areas of Lewis & Clark SRA as well as Lake Yankton. As a group, we ended up with 102 species.

Following the compilation of bird lists, president Josh Kounovsky called the meeting to order.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Josh Kounovsky, Grove Lake WMA

Tim Rice, Mount Marty University

Cody Baker, PF, Neligh

Kyle Schumacher, NPLT, Grove Lake

Russ Hamer, Oak Valley WMA

Matthew Pfeifer, Oak Valley WMA

Ross Curry, Oak Valley WMA

Nathan Wieseler, Oak Valley WMA

Jen Corman, NPLT, Bassett

Logan Pierce, Grove Lake WMA

John Bauer, Law Enforcement, Holt/Boyd Counties

Lucas Negus, Norfolk

Jeff Jones, Law Enforcement, Cedar/Knox counties

Jonathan Voelker, Lewis & Clark SRA

Cole Beyke, Northeast Horticulturalist

Alexander McCarty, Grove Lake

Chris Wood, NPLT, Ponca SP

Jason Thiele, Norfolk

Individual reports were given by the following:

Josh Kounovsky

- Had a great spring burn season; moving to weed control season
- New toilet has been installed at Verdel Landing
- Several fencing projects coming up
- Fully staffed again

Jen Corman

- Got about 3000 acres burned in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021
- Several tree removal projects going on as well as some native prairie restoration
- Will be conducting American burying beetle surveys this summer; contact Jen if you'd like to help
- Butterfly surveys during the summer

Jon Voelker

- Parks Centennial event on June 5 - dueling pianos; had lots of donations to make it happen and sold out all tickets on first day; may consider doing this or a similar event again if it goes well
- Marina Day June 19

- Crofton Dam Race July 31; expecting around 200 participants
- Lighted boat parade on Labor Day weekend

#### Cody Baker

- Both prescribed burn associations in his coverage area completed all of their scheduled burns
- Currently doing weed checks and status reviews on CRP
- Not sure where things stand with current CRP sign-up, but interest has increased since USDA released a memo suggesting higher rental rates

#### Russ Hamer

- Getting a very good burn crew put together in the Northeast District with increasing equipment and training/experience among Wildlife and Parks staff
- Trying to do more “off-season” burns (e.g., fall woodland burning) and bigger units; might be reaching out for help
- Reminder: be aware if you’re feeling rushed to get more and more burns accomplished – most accidents happen when people are in a hurry

#### Jeff Jones

- The district now has two subdistricts for law enforcement – Jeff Jones is sergeant for the western subdistrict and Cory Krause is sergeant for the eastern counties
- Law enforcement has several new hires and others in training this summer
- John Baeur is the new C.O for Holt and Boyd counties; his family will be moving to O’Neill in June
- Hoping that Northeast District staff won’t have to spend as much time at Lake McConaughy this summer (maybe just holiday weekends)
- New equipment: thermal scopes (could be made available to other staff for burns or other uses), boats, defibrillators

#### Cole Beyke

- Parks have been doing more burning and are building up a good supply cache; have several new UTV sprayers and will soon have four pumper units in the Northeast region by end of fall
- Have been doing tree plantings at park entrances and hazard tree removal
- Will be focusing on vegetation management at Niobrara SP and Dead Timber SRA this year
  - Fire break project at Niobrara SP to get more and larger burns (got about 380 acres done this year)
  - Hack-and-squirt project at Dead Timber; hope to improve overlook area
- Dead Timber revamp project is still under consideration
  - Plan to create new campground on ridge and abandon the existing campground in river bottom

#### Dr. Tim Rice (Mount Marty University)

- Has backpack electrofishing unit, minnow traps, small mammal traps, etc. and applicable collection permits
- Also has several students looking for volunteer experiences
- Contact him at [timoth.rice@mountmarty.edu](mailto:timoth.rice@mountmarty.edu)

#### Kyle Schumacher

- Good burn season; getting more multi-landowner burns covering several hundred acres
- Two large burns in Willow Creek Prairies BUL this spring; planning a habitat tour this summer to demonstrate to other area landowners
- Doing some fish sampling in Bazile Creek this summer
- Looking for multi-landowner habitat restoration projects

#### Chris Wood

- Like others, had a very successful spring burn season; most burning ever at Ponca SP including about 600 acres of oak woods plus 200 acres in the North Addition and the backwater area (lots of flood debris from 2011 flood to burn up); 380 acres at Niobrara SP with plans to burn about 1/3 of that park each year
- Working on getting more Parks staff burn boss qualified
- Currently working on invasive species control – garlic mustard, leafy spurge, thistles, etc.
- Nebraska Natural Legacy Centennial Event at Ponca SP on August 21

#### Logan Pierce

- CDL training and testing next week
- Fencing projects

#### Lucas Negus

- With increasing size of equipment, more staff need a Class A CDL for towing trailers; have begun a program with Northeast Community College to get training and certification for staff
- Depredation expected to be a hot issue this summer with higher commodity prices
  - Two new depredation biologists recently hired in Alliance and North Platte areas and a Depredation program manager in Lincoln, but the Northeast will continue to operation much as we have in the past
  - Already taken complaints about damage (from turkeys and geese; deer complaints will start picking up soon
  - New refrigerated trailers will be available to landowners who receive “kill permits” – will allow for deer that are killed during the summer months to be more easily utilized for meat
- Sam Wilson has a new technician in Valentine for mountain lion research – planning to put collars on lions in the Niobrara River and Loup River valleys
- New “earn-an-elk” tag may be available to landowners (not approved yet) – they receive points toward a free bull tag for allowing cow elk harvest on their property
- New three-day landowner deer season begins this fall (Saturday-Monday prior to traditional firearm deer season)
- Wolves
  - Wolves recently killed near Bassett and Uhling; DNA testing confirmed they were from the Great Lakes population (WI/MN)
  - No longer a protected species in NE due to changes at federal level; remains unclear whether pelts can be sold
- Expecting a trapping season for river otters this fall
  - Would have a quota and check-in system similar to mountain lion season

- Will be multiple application windows for big game permits this year to avoid issues with the system crashing
- New process for unsold draw unit permits; instead of being offered first-come, first-served, they will be offered to the next applicants on the preference point list
- Planning for in-person deer check stations in the fall

Jason Thiele

- Lots of burns this last fall and this spring, particularly for management on CRP that was postponed due to COVID plus some woodland and rangeland burns
- Currently spending lots of time on Open Fields and Waters signup; deadline is in June, so please pass along any landowners who may be interested
- “Berggren Pheasant Plan 2.0” is underway; changes to the Northeast Pheasant Opportunity Area - have dropped Holt County and added Madison, Stanton, and Pierce counties; will be pushing for more public access in these areas and offering additional incentives
- Private lands Biologist II position for the western part of the district has been filled; Bryon O’Connor will be starting next month
- Grouse surveys were completed
- Assisted with woodcock surveys and capture of two woodcock at Wood Duck WMA; these birds are being tracked by GPS transmitters
- Pilot year of UNL pheasant study in progress; wildlife staff, conservation officers, and PF Farm Bill biologists have been running crow counts; doing some cover mapping
- Farm Bill Biologist position in Stanton is currently vacant; Jason and Scott have been picking up some of the workload in the interim period; hoping to have someone by late summer
- Will be doing butterfly surveys and Breeding Bird Survey routes in June

Request for Help:

- Danish Alps SRA is having a “Great No Wake Weekend” event on June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for help with timekeeping for kayak races
- Contact Lynn Mellick ([lynn.mellick@nebraska.gov](mailto:lynn.mellick@nebraska.gov); 402-755-2284) to volunteer

Next meeting date/location are TBD; likely in late summer

Minutes submitted by Jason Thiele



# NE District Birding Day 2021

## NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Nebraska - 465 Species

This checklist is provided as a service of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union

Date 5-20-2021 Time 06:00-13:00 Locality L.C. SRA, Lake Yankton Sky Overcast Wind 5-10 SW Temp 65°

Observers NE District Staff and Friends (20 total participants) Total Species 102 Total Individuals -

### Swans, Geese, and Ducks

☐ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
☐ Fulvous Whistling-Duck  
☐ Emperor Goose  
☐ Snow Goose  
☐ Ross's Goose  
☐ Greater White-fronted Goose  
☐ Taiga Bean-Goose  
☐ Brant  
☐ Cackling Goose  
☒ Canada Goose  
☐ Mute Swan  
☐ Trumpeter Swan  
☐ Tundra Swan  
☒ 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

### Partridges, Grouse, and

#### Turkeys

☒ Wild Turkey  
☐ Ruffed Grouse  
☐ Greater Sage-Grouse  
☐ Sharp-tailed Grouse  
☒ Greater Prairie-Chicken  
☐ Lesser Prairie-Chicken  
☐ Gray Partridge  
☒ Ring-necked Pheasant

#### Grebes

☐ Pied-billed Grebe  
☐ Horned Grebe  
☐ Red-necked Grebe  
☐ Eared Grebe  
☐ Western Grebe  
☐ Clark's Grebe

#### Pigeons and Doves

☒ Rock Pigeon  
☐ Band-tailed Pigeon  
☒ Eurasian Collared-Dove  
☐ Passenger Pigeon  
☐ Inca Dove  
☐ Common Ground Dove

#### White-winged Dove

☒ Mourning Dove

#### Cuckoos and Anis

☐ Groove-billed Ani  
☒ Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
☐ Black-billed Cuckoo

#### Goatsuckers

☒ Common Nighthawk  
☐ Common Poorwill  
☐ Chuck-will's-widow  
☐ Eastern Whip-poor-will

#### Swifts

☒ Chimney Swift  
☐ White-throated Swift

#### Hummingbirds

☒ Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
☐ Black-chinned Hummingbird  
☐ Anna's Hummingbird  
☐ Costa's Hummingbird  
☐ Calliope Hummingbird  
☐ Rufous Hummingbird  
☐ Broad-tailed Hummingbird

#### Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

☐ Clapper Rail

### King Rail

☐ Virginia Rail  
☐ Sora  
☐ Common Gallinule  
☒ American Coot  
☐ Purple Gallinule  
☐ Yellow Rail  
☐ Black Rail

### Cranes

☐ Sandhill Crane  
☐ Common Crane  
☐ Whooping Crane  
☐ Hooded Crane

### Stilts and Avocets

☐ Black-necked Stilt  
☒ American Avocet

### Plovers

☐ Black-bellied Plover  
☐ American Golden-Plover  
☒ Killdeer  
☐ Semipalmated Plover  
☐ Piping Plover  
☐ Mountain Plover  
☐ Snowy Plover

### Sandpipers and Phalaropes

☒ Upland Sandpiper  
☐ Whimbrel  
☐ Eskimo Curlew  
☐ Long-billed Curlew  
☐ Hudsonian Godwit  
☐ Marbled Godwit  
☐ Ruddy Turnstone  
☐ Red Knot  
☐ Ruff  
☐ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
☐ Stilt Sandpiper  
☐ Curlew 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  
☐ Red-necked Phalarope  
☐ Red Phalarope

### Jaegers

☐ Pomarine Jaeger  
☐ Parasitic Jaeger  
☐ Long-tailed Jaeger

### Auks, Murres, and Allies

☐ Ancient Murrelet

### Gulls and Terns

☐ 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  
☐ Least Tern  
☐ Caspian Tern  
☐ Black Tern  
☐ Common Tern  
☐ Arctic Tern  
☒ Forster's Tern  
☐ Royal Tern

### Loons

☐ Red-throated Loon  
☐ Pacific Loon  
☐ Common Loon  
☐ Yellow-billed Loon

### Storks

☐ Wood Stork

### Frigatebirds

☐ Magnificent Frigatebird

### Boobies and Gannets

☐ Brown Booby

### Darters

☐ Anhinga

### Cormorants

☒ Double-crested Cormorant  
☐ Neotropic Cormorant

### Pelicans

☒ American White Pelican  
☐ Brown Pelican

### Bitterns and 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 and Spoonbills

☐ White Ibis  
☐ Glossy Ibis  
☐ White-faced Ibis  
☐ Roseate Spoonbill

### American Vultures

☐ Black Vulture  
☒ Turkey Vulture

### Osprey

☒ Osprey

### Kites, Hawks, Eagles, and Allies

☐ 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  
☐ Red-shouldered Hawk

### Broad-winged Hawk

☒ Swainson's Hawk  
☐ Zone-tailed Hawk  
☒ Red-tailed Hawk  
☐ Rough-legged Hawk  
☐ Ferruginous Hawk

### Barn Owls

☐ Barn Owl

### Typical Owls

☐ Eastern Screech-Owl  
☐ Great Horned Owl  
☐ Snowy Owl  
☐ Northern Hawk Owl  
☐ Burrowing Owl  
☐ Barred Owl  
☐ Great Gray Owl  
☐ Long-eared Owl  
☐ Short-eared Owl  
☐ Boreal Owl  
☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl

### Kingfishers

☒ Belted Kingfisher

### Woodpeckers

☐ Lewis's Woodpecker  
☒ Red-headed Woodpecker  
☐ Acorn Woodpecker  
☒ Red-bellied Woodpecker  
☐ Williamson's Sapsucker  
☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
☐ Red-naped Sapsucker  
☐ American Three-toed

### Woodpecker

☒ Downy Woodpecker  
☒ Hairy Woodpecker  
☒ Northern Flicker  
☐ Pileated Woodpecker

### Falcons

☐ Crested Caracara  
☒ American Kestrel  
☐ Merlin  
☐ Gyrfalcon  
☐ Peregrine Falcon  
☐ Prairie Falcon

### Parrots

☐ Carolina Parakeet

### Tyrant Flycatchers

☒ Olive-sided Flycatcher  
☐ Western Wood-Pewee

☒ Eastern Wood-Pewee  
☐ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
☐ Acadian Flycatcher  
☒ Alder Flycatcher  
☐ Willow Flycatcher  
☐ Hammond's Flycatcher  
☐ Gray Flycatcher  
☐ Dusky Flycatcher  
☐ Cordilleran Flycatcher  
☒ Least Flycatcher  
☐ Black Phoebe  
☒ Eastern Phoebe  
☐ Say's Phoebe  
☐ Vermilion Flycatcher  
☐ Ash-throated Flycatcher  
☒ Great Crested Flycatcher  
☐ Great Kiskadee  
☐ Cassin's Kingbird  
☐ Western Kingbird  
☒ Eastern Kingbird  
☐ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

#### Shrikes

☐ Loggerhead Shrike  
☐ Northern Shrike

#### Vireos

☐ Black-capped Vireo  
☐ White-eyed Vireo  
☒ Bell's Vireo  
☒ Yellow-throated Vireo  
☐ Cassin's Vireo  
☐ Blue-headed Vireo  
☐ Plumbeous Vireo  
☐ Philadelphia Vireo  
☒ Warbling Vireo  
☒ Red-eyed Vireo

#### Jays, Magpies, and Crows

☐ Canada Jay  
☐ Pinyon Jay  
☐ Steller's Jay  
☒ Blue Jay  
☐ Clark's Nutcracker  
☐ Black-billed Magpie  
☒ American Crow  
☐ Fish Crow  
☐ Chihuahuan Raven  
☐ Common Raven

#### Larks

☒ Horned Lark

#### Swallows

☒ Bank Swallow  
☒ Tree Swallow  
☐ Violet-green Swallow  
☒ Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
☐ Purple Martin  
☒ Barn Swallow  
☒ Cliff Swallow  
☐ Cave Swallow

#### Titmice

☒ Black-capped Chickadee

☐ Mountain Chickadee  
☐ Tufted Titmouse

#### 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

#### Dippers

☐ American Dipper

#### Kinglets

☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet  
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

#### Thrushes and Allies

☒ Eastern Bluebird  
☐ Mountain Bluebird  
☐ Townsend's Solitaire  
☐ Veery  
☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush  
☐ Swainson's Thrush  
☐ Hermit Thrush  
☐ Wood Thrush

☒ American Robin

☐ Varied Thrush

#### Mockingbirds and 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  
☐ Eurasian Tree Sparrow

#### Pipits

☐ American Pipit  
☐ Sprague's Pipit

#### Finches

☐ Brambling  
☐ Evening Grosbeak  
☐ Pine Grosbeak  
☐ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch  
☐ Black Rosy-Finch  
☒ House Finch  
☐ Purple Finch  
☐ Cassin's Finch  
☐ Common Redpoll  
☐ Hoary Redpoll  
☐ Red Crossbill  
☐ White-winged Crossbill

☒ Pine Siskin

☐ Lesser Goldfinch

☒ American Goldfinch

#### Longspurs and Snow Bunting

☐ Lapland Longspur  
☐ Chestnut-collared Longspur  
☐ Smith's Longspur  
☐ Thick-billed Longspur  
☐ Snow Bunting

#### Towhees, Sparrows

☐ Cassin's Sparrow  
☒ Grasshopper Sparrow  
☐ Black-throated Sparrow  
☒ Lark Sparrow  
☐ Lark Bunting  
☒ Chipping Sparrow  
☐ Clay-colored Sparrow  
☒ Field Sparrow  
☐ Brewer's Sparrow  
☐ Fox Sparrow  
☐ American Tree Sparrow  
☐ Dark-eyed Junco  
☐ White-crowned Sparrow  
☐ Golden-crowned Sparrow  
☐ Harris's Sparrow  
☐ White-throated Sparrow  
☐ Sagebrush 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

#### Yellow-breasted Chat

☐ Yellow-breasted Chat

#### Meadowlarks, Blackbirds,

Orioles, and Allies

☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird  
☐ Bobolink  
☐ Eastern Meadowlark  
☒ Western Meadowlark

☒ Orchard Oriole  
☐ Hooded Oriole  
☐ Bullock's Oriole  
☒ Baltimore Oriole  
☐ Scott's Oriole  
☒ Red-winged Blackbird  
☒ Brown-headed Cowbird  
☐ Rusty Blackbird  
☐ Brewer's Blackbird  
☒ Common Grackle  
☐ Great-tailed Grackle

#### Wood 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

☐ Grace's Warbler

☐ Black-throated Gray Warbler

☐ Townsend's Warbler

☐ Hermit Warbler

☐ Black-throated Green Warbler

☐ Canada Warbler

☐ Wilson's Warbler

#### Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, and Allies

☐ Hepatic Tanager  
☐ Summer Tanager  
☒ Scarlet Tanager

☐ Western Tanager  
☒ Northern Cardinal  
☒ Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
☐ Black-headed Grosbeak  
☐ Blue Grosbeak  
☐ Lazuli Bunting  
☒ Indigo Bunting  
☐ Painted Bunting  
☒ Dickcissel

The taxonomic sequence and nomenclature used in this list follow the Checklist of North American Birds, 7th Edition, American Ornithologists' Union, 1998, updated through the 54th Supplement, 2013 (Auk 130(3):558-571, 2013).

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