

Birds

of the

Pawnee National Grassland



AMERICAN AVOCETS

WRENS	S	s	F	W
Rock Wren	u	u	u	
Bewick's Wren	x		x	
House Wren	c	c	c	
Winter Wren	r		r	
Marsh Wren	u	u	u	
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		fc	u
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	r
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	fc		fc	
SOLITAIRES & THRUSHES				
Eastern Bluebird	u	r	u	
Western Bluebird	u		u	
Mountain Bluebird	a		c	r
Townsend's Solitaire	u		fc	u
Veery	r		r	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
Swainson's Thrush	a		c	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	r
Wood Thrush	x			
American Robin	c	c	c	fc
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS				
Gray Catbird	u	u	u	
Northern Mockingbird	fc	fc	u	r
Sage Thrasher	u	u	u	
Brown Thrasher	fc	fc	fc	r
Curve-billed Thrasher		r		
STARLINGS				
European Starling	c	c	c	c
PIPITS				
American Pipit	u		u	
Sprague's Pipit			x	
WAXWINGS				
Bohemian Waxwing	r			r
Cedar Waxwing	u	u	u	u
WOOD WARBLERS				
Golden-winged Warbler	r			
Tennessee Warbler	u		u	
Orange-crowned Warbler	a		a	
Nashville Warbler	r		r	
Virginia's Warbler	u		u	
Northern Parula	r			
Yellow Warbler	c	c	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	r			
Magnolia Warbler	r		r	
Cape May Warbler	r			
Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	a		a	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	a		a	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	r			
Black-throated Green Warbler	r		r	
Townsend's Warbler	u		fc	
Blackburnian Warbler	r		r	
Prairie Warbler	x			
Palm Warbler	r		r	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r		r	
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	

	S	s	F	W
American Redstart	u		u	
Prothonotary Warbler	r			
Worm-eating Warbler	r			
Ovenbird	r		r	
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
Kentucky Warbler	r			
Mourning Warbler	r			
MacGillivray's Warbler	u		u	
Common Yellowthroat	fc	u	fc	r
Hooded Warbler	r			
Wilson's Warbler	fc		a	
Canada Warbler	x			
Yellow-breasted Chat	u	r	u	
TANAGERS				
Summer Tanager	r			
Scarlet Tanager	r			
Western Tanager	u		u	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS & LONGSPURS				
Green-tailed Towhee	fc		fc	
Spotted Towhee	fc	u	fc	
Cassin's Sparrow	u	u		
American Tree Sparrow	u			c
Chipping Sparrow	a		a	
Clay-colored Sparrow	fc		fc	
Brewer's Sparrow	c	fc	c	
Field Sparrow	r		r	
Vesper Sparrow	a		c	
Lark Sparrow	fc	fc	fc	
Black-throated Sparrow	r			
Sage Sparrow	r			
Lark Bunting	a	a	fc	
Savannah Sparrow	u	u	u	
Grasshopper Sparrow	u	fc	u	
Baird's Sparrow	r		r	
Fox Sparrow	r			
Song Sparrow	fc	fc	fc	fc
Lincoln's Sparrow	fc		fc	
Swamp Sparrow	r		r	
White-throated Sparrow	u		u	
Harris' Sparrow	r		r	r
White-crowned Sparrow	c		a	fc
Dark-eyed Junco	fc		c	c
White-winged	r	r	r	r
Slate-colored	u		fc	u
Oregon	c		c	c
Gray-headed	u		u	u
McCown's Longspur	c	a	u	
Lapland Longspur	u		u	fc
Chestnut-collared Longspur	fc	c	c	
Snow Bunting				r
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	r	r	
Black-headed Grosbeak	fc		fc	
Northern Cardinal	x			
Blue Grosbeak	u	u	u	
Lazuli Bunting	u	r	u	
Indigo Bunting	r			

	S	s	F	W
Dickcissel	r	r		
BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES				
Bobolink	u	u	r	
Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	u
Western Meadowlark	c	c	c	u
Yellow-headed Blackbird	u	u	u	r
Brewer's Blackbird	u	u	u	r
Common Grackle	c	c	c	r
Great-tailed Grackle	u			
Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	
Orchard Oriole	fc	fc	u	
Baltimore Oriole	r	r		
Bullock's Oriole	c	c	u	
FINCHES				
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch				u
Black Rosy Finch				r
Brown-capped Rosy Finch				r
Pine Grosbeak				r
Cassin's Finch				r
House Finch	c	c	c	c
Red Crossbill	r			r
White-winged Crossbill				r
Common Redpoll				r
Pine Siskin	u	u	u	u
Lesser Goldfinch	r	r		
American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c
Evening Grosbeak	r			r
WEAVER FINCHES				
House Sparrow	a	a	a	a

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The Pawnee National Grassland is located in northeast Colorado within Weld County. The 193,060 acres of public, native short grass prairie is interspersed with private pastures and cultivated fields. Buffalo Grass and Blue Grama are the predominant grasses on the Pawnee. With an average annual rainfall of 12-13 inches, even in wet years the grass will rarely reach your boot tops.

Many people are surprised to learn that the short-grass prairie supports great numbers of birds of many species, especially during the breeding season. A compilation of sightings by observers since 1962 has resulted in a list of 301 species.

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SEASON

S - SPRING March - May
s - SUMMER June - August
F - FALL September - November
W - WINTER December - February

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE (in suitable habitat)

a - **ABUNDANT**- May be seen daily in relatively large numbers.
c - **COMMON** - Usually seen in proper habitat.
fc - **FAIRLY COMMON** - Usually seen in small numbers.
u - **UNCOMMON** - Few found during the season.
r - **RARE** - Seen only once or twice every few years. (includes irregular/irruptive species. Present in some numbers some years; scarce others)
x - **ACCIDENTAL**- One or two records; out of normal range.

	S	s	F	W
Greater Scaup	r		r	
Lesser Scaup	c		c	u
Surf Scoter	r		r	
Bufflehead	fc		fc	
Common Goldeneye	fc		fc	fc
Common Merganser	u		u	c
Red-breasted Merganser	u		u	
Ruddy Duck	u	u	u	

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture	u	u	u	
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KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

Osprey	r			
Mississippi Kite	r			
Northern Harrier	fc	fc	fc	fc
Cooper's Hawk	u		u	r
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk	r			
Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
Red-tailed Hawk	fc	fc	fc	fc
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's)	r		r	r
Swainson's Hawk	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	c
Ferruginous Hawk	fc	fc	fc	fc
Golden Eagle	fc	fc	fc	fc
Bald Eagle	r			u

FALCONS

Gyrfalcon				r
Prairie Falcon	fc	fc	fc	fc
Peregrine Falcon	r		r	
Merlin	u		u	fc
American Kestrel	c	c	c	c

GROUSE, QUAIL & PHEASANTS

Sharp-tailed Grouse	r	r	r	r
Northern Bobwhite	r	r	r	r
Ring-necked Pheasant	u	u	u	u

RAILS & COOTS

Sora	u		u	
Virginia Rail	u		u	
American Coot	fc	fc	fc	r

CRANES

Sandhill Crane	fc		fc	
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PLOVERS, STILTS & AVOCETS

Black-bellied Plover	r		r	
Snowy Plover	r		r	
Semipalmated Plover	r		r	
Killdeer	c	c	u	
Mountain Plover	fc	fc		
American Avocet	fc	fc	u	

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs	fc		fc	
Lesser Yellowlegs	fc		fc	
Solitary Sandpiper	u		u	
Willet	fc	r	fc	
Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	
Upland Sandpiper	r	r		
Whimbrel	r		r	

S s F W

Long-billed Curlew	u	r	u	
Hudsonian Godwit	r		r	
Marbled Godwit	fc		fc	
Sanderling	r		r	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u		u	
Western Sandpiper	u		u	
Least Sandpiper	fc		fc	
White-rumped Sandpiper	u			
Baird's Sandpiper	fc		fc	
Pectoral Sandpiper	u		u	
Stilt Sandpiper	u		u	
Long-billed Dowitcher	fc		fc	
Short-billed Dowitcher	r		r	
Common Snipe	u	u	u	u
Wilson's Phalarope	fc	fc	fc	
Red-necked Phalarope	u		u	

GULLS & TERNS

Franklin's Gull	a		c	
Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	c
California Gull	fc	fc	fc	
Common Tern	r		r	
Forster's Tern	u	u	u	
Least Tern	r		r	
Black Tern	u	u	u	

PIGEONS & DOVES

Rock Dove	c	c	c	c
Mourning Dove	a	a	u	u
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x			
White-winged Dove	r			

CUCKOOS

Black-billed Cuckoo	r	r		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u		

OWLS

Barn Owl	u	u		
Eastern Screech Owl	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
Snowy Owl				r
Burrowing Owl	fc	fc	fc	
Long-eared Owl	u	u	u	u
Short-eared Owl	r		u	r
Northern Saw-whet Owl	r			r

GOATSUCKERS

Common Poorwill	u	r	u	
Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	

SWIFTS

Chimney Swift	r	r		
White-throated Swift	u	fc		

HUMMINGBIRDS

Calliope Hummingbird		r		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	u	u	u	
Rufous Hummingbird		u	r	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		?		

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	
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WOODPECKERS

Lewis' Woodpecker	r		r	
Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	

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Williamson's Sapsucker	r		r	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				r
Red-naped Sapsucker	u		u	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	x			
Downy Woodpecker	fc	fc	fc	
Hairy Woodpecker				u
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	c	c	c	c

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	u	fc	
Western Wood-Pewee	c	c	fc	
Willow Flycatcher	r	r	u	
Least Flycatcher	u	r	u	
Hammond's Flycatcher	u		u	
Dusky Flycatcher	u		u	
Cordilleran Flycatcher	u		u	
Say's Phoebe	fc	fc	fc	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	r	r	r	
Great-crested Flycatcher	r		r	
Cassin's Kingbird	r	r	r	
Western Kingbird	c	c	c	
Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	x	x		

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike	fc	fc	c	
Northern Shrike			u	fc

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo	r	r		
Yellow-throated Vireo	r			
Blue-headed Vireo	r		r	
Pumbeous Vireo	fc		u	
Cassin's Vireo	r		r	
Warbling Vireo	fc	u	fc	
Red-eyed Vireo	u	r	u	

JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS

Blue Jay	fc	fc	fc	fc
Pinyon Jay	x			
Clark's Nutcracker	r	x		r
Black-billed Magpie	c	c	c	c
American Crow	fc	fc	fc	fc
Common Raven	r			r

LARKS

Horned Lark	a	a	a	a
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SWALLOWS

Purple Martin	r			
Tree Swallow	u		u	
Violet-green Swallow	u		u	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	fc	fc	u	
Bank Swallow	u	u	u	
Cliff Swallow	fc	fc	c	
Barn Swallow	c	c	c	

CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS

Black-capped Chickadee	u	r	u	u
Mountain Chickadee	u		u	u
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		fc	u
White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
Brown Creeper	u		u	u

LOONS	S	s	F	W
Common Loon	r			r

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe	u	u	u	
Horned Grebe	u		u	r
Eared Grebe	u		u	
Western Grebe	u		u	
Clark's Grebe	r		r	

PELICANS & CORMORANTS

American White Pelican	u	u	u	
Double-crested Cormorant	u	u	u	

BITTERNS & HERONS

American Bittern	r		r	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	r
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	r	r		
Green Heron	r	r		
Snowy Egret	r	r	r	
Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	r

IBISES & SPOONBILLS

White-faced Ibis	fc	u	u	
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SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

Greater White-fronted Goose	r		r	r
Snow Goose	u		u	u
Ross' Goose	u		u	u
Canada Goose	u	u	u	c
Brant	r			
Wood Duck	r	r	r	r
Gadwall	fc	fc	fc	fc
American Wigeon	u	u	u	u
Mallard	c	c	c	u
Blue-winged Teal	fc	fc	fc	
Cinnamon Teal	fc	fc	fc	
Northern Shoveler	u	u	u	
Northern Pintail	fc	u	fc	r
Green-winged Teal	c		c	u
Canvasback	u		u	r
Redhead	u	u	u	r
Ring-necked Duck	u		u	u