

# **Seasonal Checklist of the Birds of Deer Creek Hills Preserve**



**Western Meadowlark**  
(Photo by Tom Roach)

## **KEY TO THE ABUNDANCE CODES**

**C = Common: Almost certain to be seen or heard on nearly every visit**

**FC = Fairly Common: Likely to be seen or heard on most visits**

**U = Uncommon: May be missed on most visits**

**R = Rare: Has been observed but unlikely to be found on any given visit**

**m = Migrant: Passes through area on its way to wintering grounds or summer breeding area**

**acc = Accidental: Completely unexpected occurrence**

**\* Species which breeds on site**

**\*\* Presence may vary from year to year**

## **More about this Checklist**

The information used to prepare this checklist was compiled from on-site surveys done in 2005, 2006 and 2007. The relative abundance is an approximation and is based on birds detected both by sight and by their songs or calls. Therefore, it is dependent on how detectable a particular bird might be in a particular season.

	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
<b><i>WATERFOWL</i></b>				
CANADA GOOSE	FC	FC	FC	FC
CACKLING GOOSE				R
WOOD DUCK*	U	U	U	U
MALLARD*	FC	FC	FC	FC
GADWALL				R
AMERICAN WIGEON				R
COMMON GOLDENEYE				R
COMMON MERGANSER	R, m			
<b><i>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS</i></b>				
CALIFORNIA QUAIL*	U	U	U	U
WILD TURKEY*	U	U	U	U
<b><i>GREBES</i></b>				
PIED-BILLED GREBE*	U	U	U	U
<b><i>PELICANS &amp; CORMORANTS</i></b>				
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	R, m			
<b><i>HERONS</i></b>				
GREAT BLUE HERON	U		U	U
GREAT EGRET	U		U	U
<b><i>VULTURES &amp; RAPTORS</i></b>				
TURKEY VULTURE	C	C	C	C
OSPREY	R			
WHITE-TAILED KITE	U	R	U	U
NORTHERN HARRIER	FC	FC	FC	FC
COOPER'S HAWK				R
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK				R

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RED-SHOULDERED HAWK*	FC	FC	FC	FC
RED-TAILED HAWK*	C	C	C	C
SWAINSON'S HAWK	R			
FERRUGINOUS HAWK				R
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK				R
AMERICAN KESTREL*	FC	FC	FC	FC
PRAIRIE FALCON				FC
GOLDEN EAGLE				R
<b><i>COOTS, RAILS and MOORHENS</i></b>				
AMERICAN COOT*		R	R	R
VIRGINIA RAIL*	U	U	U	U
SORA				R
<b><i>SHOREBIRDS</i></b>				
KILLDEER*	C	C	C	C
GREATER YELLOWLEGS				R
WILSON'S SNIPE				R
<b><i>DOVES</i></b>				
MOURNING DOVE*	C	C	C	C
ROCK PIGEON	U	U	U	U
<b><i>OWLS</i></b>				
BARN OWL	U	U	U	U
GREAT HORNED OWL*	FC	FC	FC	FC
WESTERN SCREECH OWL			U	U
BURROWING OWL			R	R
<b><i>NIGHTJARS</i></b>				
COMMON POORWILL			R, m	

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<b><i>HUMMINGBIRDS</i></b>				
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD*	FC	FC	FC	FC
<b><i>KINGFISHERS</i></b>				
BELTED KINGFISHER			U	U
<b><i>WOODPECKERS</i></b>				
ACORN WOODPECKER*	C	C	C	C
LEWIS'S WOODPECKER			R-C**	R-C**
NUTTALL'S WOODPECKER*	C	C	C	C
DOWNY WOODPECKER				R
NORTHERN FLICKER	FC		FC	FC
RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER				R
<b><i>FLYCATCHERS</i></b>				
WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE	FC,m		FC,m	
HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER	R, m			
PACIFIC SLOPE FLYCATCHER	R, m			
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	R, m		R, m	
BLACK PHOEBE*	FC	FC	FC	FC
SAY'S PHOEBE			U	FC
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER*	C	C		
WESTERN KINGBIRD*	C	C		
<b><i>SHRIKES &amp; VIREOS</i></b>				
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE*	U		U	U
CASSIN'S VIREO	R, m		R, m	
WARBLING VIREO	R, m		R, m	
HUTTON'S VIREO			R	R

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<b><i>CORVIDS</i></b>				
WESTERN SCRUB-JAY*	U	U	U	U
YELLOW-BILLED MAGPIE	R			
AMERICAN CROW*	U	U	U	U
COMMON RAVEN	R		R	R
<b><i>LARKS</i></b>				
HORNED LARK*	C	C	C	C
<b><i>SWALLOWS</i></b>				
TREE SWALLOW*	C	C	C	U
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW*	U	U		
BARN SWALLOW	U	U		
CLIFF SWALLOW	U	U		
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW	U	U		
<b><i>TITMICE &amp; NUTHATCHES</i></b>				
OAK TITMOUSE*	C	C	C	C
BUSHTIT*	FC	FC	FC	FC
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH*	C	C	C	C
<b><i>KINGLETS</i></b>				
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET			C	C
<b><i>WRENS</i></b>				
HOUSE WREN*	C	C	U	
BEWICK'S WREN*	U	U	U	U
MARSH WREN		R	R	
ROCK WREN			U	U
<b><i>THRUSHES &amp; MIMIC THRUSHES</i></b>				
WESTERN BLUEBIRD*	FC	FC	FC	FC

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SWAINSON'S THRUSH	R			
HERMIT THRUSH	R			R
AMERICAN ROBIN*	FC	FC	FC	FC
VARIED THRUSH				R**
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD*	FC	FC	R	R
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
EUROPEAN STARLING*	C	C	C	C
<b>PIPITS</b>				
AMERICAN PIPIT	U			C
<b>SILKY FLYCATCHERS</b>				
PHAINOPEPLA	R			FC
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
YELLOW WARBLER	U, m		U, m	
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER			FC	C
BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER	U, m		U, m	
HERMIT WARBLER	R, m			
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	FC, m		FC, m	R
WILSON'S WARBLER	U, m		U, m	
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT			R, m	
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT	R, m			
<b>TANAGERS</b>				
WESTERN TANAGER	U, m		U, m	
<b>SPARROWS &amp; LONGSPURS</b>				
SPOTTED TOWHEE	U		U	U
CALIFORNIA TOWHEE*	U	U	U	U
DARK-EYED JUNCO				FC

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CASSIN'S SPARROW	acc			
RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW*	U	U	U	U
BREWER'S SPARROW	R, m			
CHIPPING SPARROW	FC, m			
LARK SPARROW*	FC	FC	FC	FC
SAVANNAH SPARROW	C		C	C
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW*	R	R		R
VESPER SPARROW				R
FOX SPARROW				R
SONG SPARROW			U	U
LINCOLN'S SPARROW			U	U
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW				R
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	FC		FC	FC
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	U		U	U
CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR				R
<b><i>GROSBEAKS &amp; BUNTINGS</i></b>				
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK*	FC	FC		
LAZULI BUNTING	U, m			
<b><i>BLACKBIRDS &amp; ORIOLES</i></b>				
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD*	C	C	C	C
TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD	R			
WESTERN MEADOWLARK*	C	C	C	C
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD*	C	C	C	C
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD*	FC	FC	FC	FC
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE*	FC	FC		



<b><i>FINCHES</i></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>Summer</u></b>	<b><u>Fall</u></b>	<b><u>Winter</u></b>
HOUSE FINCH*	FC	FC	FC	FC
LESSER GOLDFINCH*	FC	FC	FC	FC
LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH*	R**	R**		
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH*	FC	FC	FC	FC