

Birds of Cheyenne Bottoms



The Cheyenne Bottoms ecosystem was historically a 41,000-acre wetland basin consisting of prairie freshwater marshes, wet meadows, grasslands, shelterbelts, riparian areas and agricultural lands. Currently, the State of Kansas and The Nature Conservancy owns and manages over 28,000-acres of this ecosystem. This management consists of the manipulation of the habitat for many birds and other wildlife species, vegetation control, agricultural and ranching practices and water level control.

Cheyenne Bottoms is one of the most important ecosystems in Kansas and the Central Flyway region. It is recognized as a Wetland of International Importance, a Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Site and a Globally Important Bird Area. It is a popular destination for hunters and bird watchers, and serves as a host for many other wildlife-related opportunities.

At least 356 of the 482 species of birds currently known to occur in Kansas have been recorded at Cheyenne Bottoms. There are over 130 species that breed and nest on the area, 148 species that may winter here and nearly 70 species that may occur year-round.

Nearly 40 species of waterfowl and over 40 species of shorebirds have been reported at Cheyenne Bottoms. Tens of thousands of geese, ducks and shorebirds can be observed when habitat conditions are favorable during spring and fall migration. It also serves as an overwintering location for many waterfowl species.



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VIREOS				
___ White-eyed Vireo	r			
___ Yellow-throated Vireo			accidental	
___ Bell's Vireo*	r	r	r	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u		o	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	r			
___ Warbling Vireo*	u	u	u	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	u	u	u	
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS				
___ Blue Jay*	u	u	u	u
___ Clark's Nutcracker			accidental	
___ Black-billed Magpie*			accidental	
___ American Crow*	u	u	u	u
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark*	a	u	a	a
SWALLOWS				
___ Bank Swallow	c	o	c	
___ Tree Swallow*	c	u	c	
___ Violet-green Swallow			accidental	
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow*	c	c	c	
___ Purple Martin*	u	u	u	
___ Barn Swallow*	a	c	a	
___ Cliff Swallow*	a	a	a	
___ Cave Swallow*	r	r	r	
CHICKADEES, TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	o	o	o	o
___ Tufted Titmouse	r	r	r	
NUTHATCHES				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	o	u	u
CREEPERS				
___ Brown Creeper	r		r	r
WRENS				
___ Rock Wren			accidental	
___ House Wren*	u	u	u	
___ Winter Wren			r	r
___ Sedge Wren*	o	r	o	
___ Marsh Wren*	u	o	u	u
___ Carolina Wren	o	o	o	o
___ Bewick's Wren	r		r	
GNATCATCHERS				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	u	r	u	
KINGLETS				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	r
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird*	u	o	u	o
___ Mountain Bluebird	r		r	r
___ Townsend's Solitaire			accidental	
___ Veery			accidental	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
___ Swainson's Thrush	u		o	
___ Hermit Thrush	r		r	
___ American Robin*	c	o	c	u
THRASHERS				
___ Gray Catbird*	u	u	u	
___ Curve-billed Thrasher			accidental	
___ Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	
___ Northern Mockingbird*	u	u	u	o
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling*	a	c	a	a

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WAXWINGS				
___ Bohemian Waxwing			accidental	
___ Cedar Waxwing	u	r	u	u
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
___ House Sparrow*	u	u	u	u
PIPITS				
___ American Pipit	u		u	
___ Sprague's Pipit	r		r	
FINCHES				
___ Evening Grosbeak			accidental	
___ House Finch*	u	u	u	u
___ Purple Finch			r	r
___ Common Redpoll			accidental	
___ Red Crossbill				r
___ White-winged Crossbill			accidental	
___ Pine Siskin	o		o	o
___ American Goldfinch*	c	u	c	c
LONGSPURS				
___ McCown's Longspur			accidental	
___ Lapland Longspur	u		u	c
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	r		r	r
___ Snow Bunting			r	r
SPARROWS				
___ Cassin's Sparrow	r	r	r	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	c	c	u	
___ Lark Sparrow*	u	c	u	
___ Lark Bunting*	r	r	r	
___ Chipping Sparrow	c		c	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	c		c	
___ Field Sparrow	u		u	o
___ Fox Sparrow	o		u	u
___ American Tree Sparrow	c		c	a
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
___ White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	u
___ Harris's Sparrow	c		c	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	u		u	r
___ Vesper Sparrow	u		u	
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	o		r	
___ Nelson's Sparrow			accidental	
___ Baird's Sparrow			accidental	
___ Henslow's Sparrow			accidental	
___ Savannah Sparrow	u		u	o
___ Song Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Spotted Towhee	u		u	u
___ Eastern Towhee			r	r
CHATS				
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	o	o	o	
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES				
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird*	c	c	c	o
___ Bobolink*	r		r	
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	u
___ Western Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole*	u	u	u	
___ Baltimore Oriole*	u	u	u	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	a	c
___ Rusty Blackbird	r		r	r
___ Brewer's Blackbird	u		u	u
___ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	u
___ Great-tailed Grackle*	c	u	c	o
WARBLERS				
___ Ovenbird			accidental	
___ Worm-eating Warbler			accidental	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush			accidental	

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___ Northern Waterthrush	r			
___ Golden-winged Warbler			accidental	
___ Black-and-White Warbler	o		o	
___ Prothonotary Warbler			accidental	
___ Tennessee Warbler	o		r	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	
___ Nashville Warbler	u		u	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler			accidental	
___ Mourning Warbler	r		r	
___ Kentucky Warbler			accidental	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
___ Hooded Warbler			accidental	
___ American Redstart	o		o	
___ Northern Parula			accidental	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler			accidental	
___ Blackburnian Warbler			accidental	
___ Yellow Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r		r	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	o		r	
___ Palm Warbler	r		r	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	u		u	o
___ Yellow-throated Warbler			accidental	
___ Prairie Warbler			accidental	
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler			accidental	
___ Townsend's Warbler			accidental	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	r			
___ Canada Warbler			accidental	
___ Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS				
___ Summer Tanager			accidental	
___ Northern Cardinal*	u	u	u	u
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o	o	o	
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	r	r	r	
___ Blue Grosbeak*	o	o	o	
___ Lazuli Bunting			accidental	
___ Indigo Bunting*	o	u	r	
___ Dickcissel*	c	c	c	
Date: _____ Time: _____				
Weather: _____				
Observations: _____				
SEASON CODES				
(S) Spring = MARCH - MAY				
(S) Summer = JUNE - AUGUST				
(F) Fall = SEPT - NOV				
(W) Winter = DEC - FEB				
ABUNDANCE CODES				
a-abundant : common, numerous birds can be seen daily				
c-common : certain to be seen in suitable habitat				
u-uncommon : present, but not always seen				
o-occasional : seen a few times per season				
r-rare : seen in 2-5 year intervals				
accidental : very few records exist				
(*) Documented breeding species, meeting the requirements for a Probable or Confirmed Breeder.				

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WHISTLING-DUCKS
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*
Fulvous 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*
Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon*
Mallard*
American Black Duck*
Mottled Duck*
Northern Pintail*
Green-winged Teal*
Canvasback*
Redhead*
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup*
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*

PHEASANT

Ring-necked Pheasant*

GROUSE

Greater Prairie-Chicken*

TURKEY

Wild Turkey*

GREBES

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

PIGEONS, DOVES

Rock Pigeon*
Eurasian Collared-Dove*
White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove*

CUCKOOS

Greater Roadrunner*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*
Black-billed Cuckoo

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NIGHTJARS
Common Nighthawk*
Common Poorwill
Chuck-will's-widow
Eastern Whip-poor-will

SWIFTS

Chimney Swift*

HUMMINGBIRDS

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

RAILS, GALLINULES

Yellow Rail
Black Rail*
King Rail*
Virginia Rail*
Sora*
Purple Gallinule
Common Gallinule*
American Coot*

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*
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Ruff
Stilt Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Sanderling
Dunlin
Baird's Sandpiper
Little Stint
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Spotted Sandpiper*
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Wilson's Phalarope*

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Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope

JAEGERS

Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger

ALCIDS

Long-billed Murrelet

GULLS

Black-legged Kittiwake
Sabine's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Black-headed Gull
Little Gull
Laughing Gull
Franklin's Gull*
Mew Gull
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull

TERNs

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

SKIMMERS

Black Skimmer

LOONS

Common Loon

STORKS

Wood Stork

CORMORANTS

Neotropic Cormorant*
Double-crested Cormorant*

DARTERS

Anhinga

PELICANS

American White Pelican
Brown Pelican

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

White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis*

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Roseate Spoonbill

VULTURES

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture*

OSPREY, HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES

Osprey
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*
Red-tailed Hawk*
Rough-legged Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk

BARN OWLS

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
Downy Woodpecker*
Hairy Woodpecker*
Northern Flicker*

FALCONS

American Kestrel*
Merlin
Gyr Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon

FLYCATCHERS

Ash-throated Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher*
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird*
Eastern Kingbird*
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe*
Say's Phoebe*

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike*
Northern Shrike