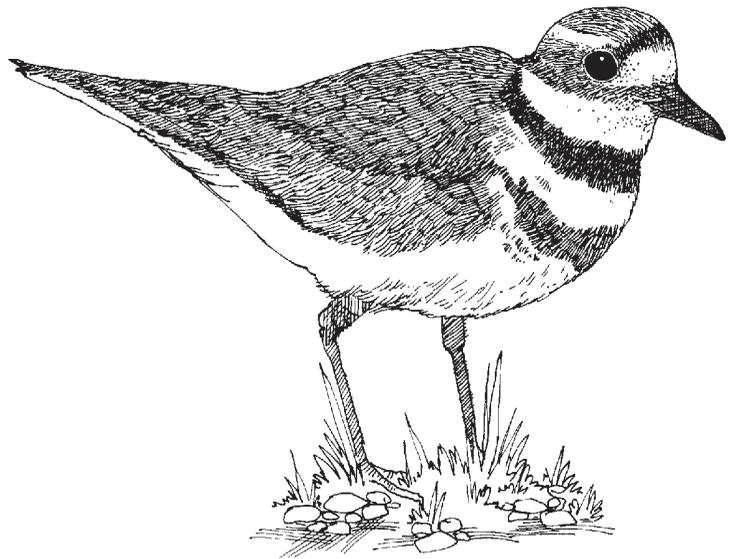


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Species	Most Likely Season(s) of Occurrence			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<b>Songbirds (cont.)</b>				
White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	X
Harris' Sparrow	X		X	X
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Fox Sparrow				X
Le Conte's Sparrow	X			
Cassin's Sparrow	X	X	X	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	X			X
Lapland Longspur				X
Yellow-headed Blackbird	X		X	
<b>Crows</b>				
American Crow	X	X	X	X
<b>Raptors</b>				
Eastern Screech Owl	X	X	X	X
Great Horned Owl	X	X	X	X
Barred Owl	X	X	X	X
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X
American Kestrel	X	X	X	X
Prairie Falcon	X	X	X	X
Northern Harrier	X	X	X	X
Ferruginous Hawk	X		X	X
Cooper's Hawk	X		X	
Swainson's Hawk	X	X	X	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	X		X	X
Bald Eagle				X
Osprey	X		X	
Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
<b>Upland Birds and Game Birds</b>				
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X
Wild Turkey	X	X	X	X
Bobwhite Quail	X	X	X	X
Greater Roadrunner	X	X	X	X
<b>Shorebirds</b>				
Killdeer	X	X	X	
Common Snipe	X		X	
Baird's Sandpiper	X	X	X	

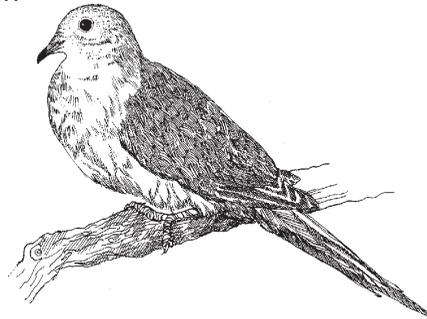
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<b>Shorebirds (cont.)</b>				
Long-billed Dowitcher	X		X	
Greater Yellowlegs	X	X	X	
Least Sandpiper	X		X	
<b>Waterfowl</b>				
Mallard	X	X	X	X
Green-winged Teal	X		X	X
Blue-winged Teal	X		X	X
Northern Pintail	X		X	X
Northern Shoveler	X		X	X
Gadwall	X		X	X
American Wigeon	X		X	X
Canvasback Duck				X
Ring-necked Duck	X	X		X
Lesser Scaup	X		X	
Common Goldeneye	X			X
Bufflehead	X			X
Hooded Merganser				X
Common Merganser				X
Redhead Duck	X		X	
Ruddy Duck	X		X	
Pied-billed Grebe	X		X	X
American Coot	X		X	X
Canada Goose	X		X	
Snow Goose	X		X	
Greater White-fronted Goose	X		X	
American White Pelican	X		X	
Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	X	
<b>Gulls</b>				
Ring-billed Gull	X		X	
Herring Gull	X		X	X
<b>Wading Birds</b>				
Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	X
Great Egret		X	X	
Little Blue Heron	X	X	X	
Green Heron	X	X	X	
Cattle Egret	X	X	X	
Black-crowned Night Heron	X	X	X	



# Welcome to Great Plains State Park

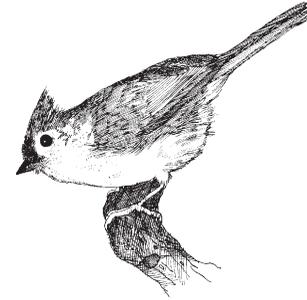
Great Plains State Park is a wonderful place to observe birds. Prairie grasses, shrubs and trees provide bird life with food, shelter and places to raise their young. Tom Steed Reservoir attracts many kinds of waterfowl each winter and wading birds each summer.

This guide identifies bird species that are normally seen here. However, each year brings unexpected arrivals to Great Plains State Park. A good field guide will help you to identify common birds, as well as those that occasionally visit this park and lake.



## Additional Opportunities for Bird Watching

The Great Plains Trail Guide contains information about many other wildlife viewing areas that are located within fairly close proximity to Great Plains State Park.



Species	Most Likely Season(s) of Occurrence			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<b>Songbirds</b>				
Northern Mockingbird	X	X	X	X
Carolina Chickadee	X	X	X	X
Tufted Titmouse	X	X	X	X
Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
American Robin	X	X	X	X
Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	X
Bewick's Wren	X	X	X	X
Rock Wren	X	X	X	X
Canyon Wren	X	X	X	X
Carolina Wren	X	X	X	X
White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	X
Eastern Meadowlark	X	X	X	X
Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	X
Belted Kingfisher	X	X	X	X
Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
Common Grackle	X	X	X	
Great-tailed Grackle	X	X	X	
Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X
Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Red-headed Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Golden-fronted Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
European Starling	X	X	X	
Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	
Dickcissel	X	X		
Loggerhead Shrike	X	X		

Species	Most Likely Season(s) of Occurrence			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<b>Songbirds (cont.)</b>				
Bell's Vireo	X	X		
Black-capped Vireo	X	X		
Red-eyed Vireo	X	X		
Yellow Warbler	X		X	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X	X		
Yellow-breasted Chat	X	X		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X	X		
Brown Thrasher	X	X		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X	X		
Summer Tanager	X	X		
Painted Bunting	X	X		
Indigo Bunting	X	X		
Blue Grosbeak	X	X		
Orchard Oriole	X	X		
Baltimore Oriole	X	X		
Bullock's Oriole	X	X		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X	X		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X	X		
Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
Ash-throated Flycatcher	X	X		
Western Kingbird	X	X		
Horned Lark	X	X	X	X
Field Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Vesper Sparrow	X		X	
Savannah Sparrow	X		X	
White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	
Grasshopper Sparrow	X		X	X
Lark Sparrow	X	X	X	
Song Sparrow	X		X	X
Chuck-will's-widow	X	X		
Common Nighthawk	X	X	X	
Barn Swallow	X	X		
Cliff Swallow	X	X		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X	X	X	
Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	X
American Goldfinch	X		X	X
Pine Siskin	X		X	X
Mountain Bluebird				X

## Things That You Need For Birdwatching

- 1) A field guide to birds.
- 2) A pair of binoculars.
- 3) Patience. Stop, look and listen. Birds can be observed in picnic and campground areas, as well as on park trails. Scan the shoreline and lake for migrating birds that stop here to rest and feed.

## Things Great Plains State Park Does Not Need

- 1) Litter. Please help to keep the park clean.
- 2) Unhappy wildlife. Please don't chase, catch or harm wildlife. Keep pets on a leash. Don't remove wildflowers and other plants; leave them for others to enjoy.