

Checklist of Gage County Birds

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Species in larger font size are those reported by Fiala for Gage County.

Abundance Abbreviations:

A: Abundant

C: Common

U: Uncommon

O: Occasional

R: Rare or Local

Ac: Accidental

Seasonal Abbreviations:

PR: Permanent Resident

SR: Summer Resident (Breeding assumed)

SV: Summer Visitant (non-breeding)

M: Spring & Fall Migrant

SM: Spring Migrant

FM: Fall Migrant

WM: Wintering Migrant

V: Vagrant in Nebraska (varied seasons)

Anatidae: Swans, Geese, and Ducks

- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons* OM
- ___ Snow Goose, *Chen caerulescens* UM
- ___ Ross’s Goose, *Chen rossii* UM
- ___ Cackling Goose, *Branta hutchinsii* CM
- ___ Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis* CMSR
- ___ Wood Duck, *Aix sponsa* OMSR
- ___ Gadwall, *Anas strepera* OM
- ___ Eurasian Wigeon, *Anas penelope* UM
- ___ American Wigeon, *Anas americana*
- ___ American Black Duck, *Anas rubripes*
- ___ Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos* UMSR
- ___ Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* UMSR
- ___ Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera* RM
- ___ Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata* IM
- ___ Northern Pintail, *Anas acuta* UM
- ___ Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca* UM
- ___ Canvasback, *Aythya valisineria* OM
- ___ Redhead, *Aythya americana* OM
- ___ Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris* OM

- __ Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis* UM
- __ Long-tailed Duck, *Clangula hyemalis* RM
- __ Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola* OM
- __ Common Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula* RM
- __ Hooded Merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus* OM
- __ Red-breasted Merganser, *Mergus serrator* RM
- __ Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser* OM
- __ Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura jamaicensis* OM

Phasianidae: Partridges, Grouse, etc

- __ Ring-necked Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus* CPR
- __ Greater Prairie-Chicken, *Tympanuchus cupido* RPR?
- __ Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo* Reintroduced PR

Odontophoridae: New World Quail

- __ Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus* CPR

Gaviidae: Loons

- __ Common Loon, *Gavia immer* RM

Podicipedidae: Grebes

- __ Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps* CM
- __ Red-necked Grebe, *Podiceps grisegena* RM
- __ Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis* OM

Pelecanidae: Pelicans

- __ American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* OM

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

- __ Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus* OM

Ardeidae: Bitterns and Herons

- __ Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias* UMSR
- __ Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea* OSV
- __ Green Heron, *Butorides virescens* UMSR
- __ Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax* OM
- __ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, *Nyctanassa violacea* OMSV

Cathartidae: American Vultures

- __ Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura* UMSR

Accipitridae: Kites, Hawks, Eagles

- __ Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus* OM
- __ Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus* UPR
- __ Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus* UVW
- __ Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii* OWM
- __ Northern Goshawk, *Accipiter gentilis* RWM
- __ Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus* RWM
- __ Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus* RM
- __ Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni* OM
- __ Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis* CPR
- __ Ferruginous Hawk, *Buteo regalis* RM
- __ Rough-legged Hawk, *Buteo lagopus* UWM

__ Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos* RWM

Falconidae: Falcons

__ American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius* UPR

__ Merlin, *Falco columbarius* RM

__ Prairie Falcon, *Falco mexicanus* RWM

__ Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus* RWM

Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules, Coots

__ American Coot, *Fulica americana* UM

Gruidae: Cranes

__ Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis* RM

__ Whooping Crane, *Grus americana* EXTIRPATED

Charadriidae:

__ Semipalmated Plover, *Charadrius semipalmatus* OM

__ Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferus* CSR

Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets

__ American Avocet, *Recurvirostra americana* OM

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers, Phalaropes

__ Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca* UM

__ Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes* UM

__ Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria* OM

__ Willet, *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* OM

__ Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularia* UM

__ Upland Sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda* RM

__ Long-billed Curlew, *Numenius americanus* OM

__ Hudsonian Godwit, *Limosa haemastica* OM

__ Sanderling, *Calidris alba* RM

__ Semipalmated Sandpiper, *Calidris pusilla* UM

__ Western Sandpiper, *Calidris mauri* OM

__ Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla* OM

__ White-rumped Sandpiper, *Calidris fuscicollis* OM

__ Baird's Sandpiper, *Calidris bairdii* OM

__ Pectoral Sandpiper, *Calidris melanotos* UM

__ Dunlin, *Calidris alpina* OM

__ Stilt Sandpiper, *Calidris himantopus* RM

__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper, *Tryngites subruficollis* RM

__ Long-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus scolopaceus* RM

__ Wilson's Snipe, *Gallinago delicata* UM

__ American Woodcock, *Scolopax minor* RM

__ Wilson's Phalarope, *Phalaropus tricolor* OM

Laridae: Gulls and Terns

__ Franklin's Gull, *Larus pipixcan* UM

__ Ring-billed Gull, *Larus delawarensis* OM

__ California Gull, *Larus californicus*

__ Sabine's Gull, *Xema sabini* RM

__ Common Tern, *Sterna hirundo* RM

__ Forster's Tern, *Sterna forsteri* OM

__ Least Tern, *Sterna antillarum* RM

__ Black Tern, *Chlidonias niger* RM

Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

__ Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia* CPR

__ Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura* APR

Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Anis

__ Black-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* OSR

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus* USR

Tytonidae: Barn Owls

__ Barn Owl, *Tyto alba* RPR

Strigidae: Typical Owls

__ Eastern Screech-Owl, *Otus asio* UPR

__ Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus* UPR

__ Snowy Owl, *Nyctea scandiaca* RWM

__ Long-eared Owl, *Asio otus* OPR

__ Short-eared Owl, *Asio flammeus* OWM

__ Northern Saw-whet Owl, *Aegolius acadicus* RWM

Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers

__ Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor* CSR

Apodidae: Swifts

__ Chimney Swift, *Chaetura pelagica*

__ White-throated Swift, *Aeronautes saxatalis*

Trochilidae: Hummingbirds

__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird, *Archilochus colubris* UM, RSR

Alcedinidae: Kingfishers

__ Belted Kingfisher, *Ceryle alcyon* UPR

Picidae: Woodpeckers

__ Lewis's Woodpecker, *Melanerpes lewis*

__ Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus* CSR

__ Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Melanerpes carolinus* CPR

__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus varius* RWM

__ Williamson's Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus thyroideus*

__ Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens* CPR

__ Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus* CPR

__ Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus* CPR

__ Pileated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus pileatus*

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers

__ Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus cooperi* RM

__ Eastern Wood-Pewee, *Contopus virens* CSR

__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, *Empidonax flaviventris*

__ Willow Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii* RSR

__ Least Flycatcher, *Empidonax minimus* UM

- __ Eastern Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe* CSR
- __ Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus* CSR
- __ Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis* CSR
- __ Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus* CSR
- __ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus forficatus* OSR

Laniidae: Shrikes

- __ Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus* UM

Vireonidae: Vireos

- __ White-eyed Vireo, *Vireo griseus* OM
- __ Bell's Vireo, *Vireo bellii* USR
- __ Blue-headed Vireo, *Vireo solitarius* RM
- __ Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons* RM
- __ Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus* CSR
- __ Philadelphia Vireo, *Vireo philadelphicus* RM
- __ Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus* CSR

Corvidae: Jays, Magpies, and Crows

- __ Blue Jay, *Cyanocitta cristata* CPR
- __ Black-billed Magpie, *Pica pica* RWM
- __ American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos* CPR

Alaudidae: Larks

- __ Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris* CPR

Hirundinidae: Swallows

- __ Purple Martin, *Progne subis* CSR
- __ Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor* USR
- __ N Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* USR
- __ Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia* USR
- __ Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica* CSR
- __ Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* USR

Paridae: Titmice

- __ Black-capped Chickadee, *Poecile atricapillus* CPR
- __ Tufted Titmouse, *Baeolophus bicolor* UPR

Sittidae: Nuthatches

- __ Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis* UWM
- __ White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis* CPR

Certhiidae: Creepers

- __ Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana* UWM

Troglodytidae: Wrens

- __ Carolina Wren, *Thryothorus ludovicianus* RPR
- __ Bewick's Wren, *Thryomanes bewickii* RSR
- __ House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon* CSR
- __ Winter Wren, *Troglodytes troglodytes* UWM
- __ Sedge Wren, *Cistothorus platensis* RM
- __ Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris* RM

Regulidae: Kinglets

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa* UWM
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula* UM

Sylviidae: Gnatcatchers

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila caerulea* RSR

Turdidae: Thrushes and Allies

- ___ Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis* UPR
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire, *Myadestes townsendi* OWM
- ___ Veery, *Catharus fuscescens* RM
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush, *Catharus minimus* UM
- ___ Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus* CM
- ___ Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus* RM
- ___ Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina* RSR
- ___ American Robin, *Turdus migratorius* APR

Mimidae: Mockingbirds, Thrashers

- ___ Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis* CSR
- ___ Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*; USR
- ___ Sage Thrasher, *Oreoscoptes montanus*
- ___ Brown Thrasher, *Toxostoma rufum* CSR

Sturnidae: Starlings

- ___ European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris* APR

Motacillidae: Pipits

- ___ American Pipit, *Anthus rubescens* OM
- ___ Sprague's Pipit, *Anthus spragueii* OM

Bombycillidae: Waxwings

- ___ Bohemian Waxwing, *Bombycilla garrulus* OWM
- ___ Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum* UWM

Parulidae: Wood Warblers

- ___ Blue-winged Warbler, *Vermivora pinus*
- ___ Golden-winged Warbler, *Vermivora chrysoptera* RM
- ___ Tennessee Warbler, *Vermivora peregrina* CM
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler, *Vermivora celata* CM
- ___ Nashville Warbler, *Vermivora ruficapilla* UM
- ___ Northern Parula, *Parula americana* RM
- ___ Yellow Warbler, *Dendroica petechia* CSR
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Dendroica pensylvanica* OM
- ___ Magnolia Warbler, *Dendroica magnolia* RM
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler, *Dendroica caerulescens* RM
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Dendroica coronata* CM
- ___ Black-throated Green-Warbler, *Dendroica virens* RM
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler, *Dendroica fusca* UM
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler, *Dendroica dominica* RM
- ___ Palm Warbler, *Dendroica palmarum* RM
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler, *Dendroica castanea* OM

- ___ Blackpoll Warbler, *Dendroica striata* UM
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia* RM
- ___ American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla* USR
- ___ Prothonotary Warbler, *Protonotaria citrea* RSR
- ___ Ovenbird, *Seiurus aurocapillus* OSR
- ___ Northern Waterthrush, *Seiurus noveboracensis* UM
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush, *Seiurus motacilla* OM
- ___ Kentucky Warbler, *Oporornis formosus* RM
- ___ Mourning Warbler, *Oporornis philadelphia* RM
- ___ MacGillivray's Warbler, *Oporornis tolmiei*
- ___ Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas* CSR
- ___ Hooded Warbler, *Wilsonia citrina* RM
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens* OSR

Thraupidae: Tanagers

- ___ Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra* OM
- ___ Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga olivacea* RSR?

Emberizidae: Towhees & Sparrows

- ___ Eastern Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* UWM
- ___ Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus* UWM
- ___ American Tree Sparrow, *Spizella arborea* AWM
- ___ Chipping Sparrow, *Spizella passerina* USR
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow, *Spizella pallida* CM
- ___ Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla* USR
- ___ Vesper Sparrow, *Poocetes gramineus* UM
- ___ Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus* USR
- ___ Lark Bunting, *Calamospiza melanocorys* OSR
- ___ Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis* IM
- ___ Baird's Sparrow, *Ammodramus bairdii* RM
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum* CSR
- ___ Henslow's Sparrow, *Ammodramus henslowii* OM, SR?
- ___ Fox Sparrow, *Passerella iliaca* OM
- ___ Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia* CWM
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolni* UM
- ___ Swamp Sparrow, *Melospiza georgiana* RWM
- ___ White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis* CWM
- ___ Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula* CWM
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys* UWM
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis* AWM
- ___ McCown's Longspur, *Calcarius mccownii* OWM
- ___ Lapland Longspur, *Calcarius lapponicus* CWM
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur, *Calcarius ornatus* OWM

Cardinalidae: Cardinals & Grosbeaks

- ___ Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis* CPR
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus* CSR

- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus* OSR
- ___ Blue Grosbeak, *Passerina caerulea* RSR
- ___ Lazuli Bunting, *Passerina amoena* RM
- ___ Indigo Bunting, *Passerina cyanea* CSR
- ___ Dickcissel, *Spiza americana* ASR

Icteridae: Blackbirds, Orioles, etc

- ___ Bobolink, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* OM
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus* ASR
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna* CPR
- ___ Western Meadowlark, *Sturnella neglecta* CPR
- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* UM
- ___ Rusty Blackbird, *Euphagus carolinus* UWM
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus* OWM
- ___ Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula* ASR
- ___ Great-tailed Grackle, *Quiscalus mexicanus* OSR
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molothrus ater* ASR
- ___ Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius* CSR
- ___ Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus galbula* CSR
- ___ Bullock's Oriole, *Icterus bullockii* OSR

Fringillidae: Finches

- ___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, *Leucosticte tephrocotis* AcWM
- ___ Pine Grosbeak, *Pinicola enucleator* RWM
- ___ Purple Finch, *Carpodacus purpureus* OWM
- ___ Cassin's Finch, *Carpodacus cassinii*
- ___ House Finch, *Carpodacus mexicanus* CPR
- ___ Red Crossbill, *Loxia curvirostra* RWM
- ___ Common Redpoll, *Carduelis flammea* RWM
- ___ Pine Siskin, *Carduelis pinus* UWM
- ___ American Goldfinch, *Carduelis tristis* CPR
- ___ Evening Grosbeak, *Coccothraustes vespertinus* OWM

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

- ___ House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus* APR