Bird Checklist of Douglas/Sarpy Counties

Based mainly on lists for Fontenelle Forest, Neale Woods, plus observations by Neal Ratzlaff, and Babs & Loren Padelford. Proven breeders shown in **Bold**, probable breeders shown in *italics*; historic breeders are not considered. For seasonality see Niobrara Valley checklist Compiled by Paul Johnsgard.

Abundance Abbreviations:

A: Abundant
C: Common (certain to be seen in suitable habitats)
Uncommon (Present but not certain to be seen)
O: Occasional (Seen a few times each year)
R: Rare (seen at 2-5 year intervals)
Vagrant (seen less often)

Seasonal Abbreviations:

PR: Permanent Resident
SR: Summer Resident
SV: Summer Visitant (breeding unproven)
M: Spring & Fall Migrant
SM: Spring Migrant
WM: Wintering Migrant

Anatidae: Swans, Geese, and Ducks

__ Greater White-fronted Goose, Anser albifrons UM
__ Snow Goose, Chen caerulescens CM
__ Ross's Goose, Chen rossii CM
__ Cackling Goose, Branta hutchinsii ?
__ Canada Goose, Branta canadensis CPR
__ Trumpeter Swan, Cygnus buccinator OM
__ Tundra Swan, Cygnus columbianus OM
__ Wood Duck, Aix sponsa CSR
__ Gadwall, Anas strepera CM
__ Eurasian Wigeon, Anas penelope V
__ American Wigeon, Anas americana CM
__ American Black Duck, Anas rubripes RM
__ Mallard, Anas platyrhynchos CSR
__ Blue-winged Teal Anas discors USR
__ Cinnamon Teal Anas cyanoptera OM
__ Northern Shoveler, Anas clypeata CM,
__ Northern Pintail, Anas acuta CM,
__ Green-winged Teal Anas crecca CM,
__ Canvasback, Aythya valisineria CM
__ Redhead, Aythya americana CM
__ Ring-necked Duck, Aythya collaris CM
__ Greater Scaup, Aythya marila OM
__ Lesser Scaup, Aythya affinis CM
__ Surf Scoter, Melanitta perspicillata OM

__ White-winged Scoter, Melanitta fusca OM
__ Black Scoter, Melanitta nigra OM
__ Long-tailed Duck, Clangula hyemalis OM
__ Bufflehead, Bucephala albeola CM
__ Common Goldeneye, Bucephala clangula CWM
__ Barrow's Goldeneye, Bucephala islandica V
__ Hooded Merganser, Lophodytes cucullatus CM,
__ Red-breasted Merganser, Mergus serrator CM
__ Common Merganser, Mergus merganser CWM
__ Ruddy Duck, Oxyura jamaicensis CM

Phasianidae: Partridges, Grouse, etc

__ Gray Partridge, Perdix perdix V
__ Ring-necked Pheasant, Phasianus colchicus CPR
__ Greater Prairie-Chicken, Tympanuchus cupido EXTIRPATED
__ Wild Turkey, Meleagris gallopavo CPR

Odontophoridae: New World Quail

__ Northern Bobwhite, Colinus virginianus OPR

Gaviidae: Loons

__ Red-throated Loon, Gavia stellata RM
__ Pacific Loon, Gavia pacifica RM
__ Common Loon, Gavia immer UM

Podicipedidae: Grebes

__ Pied-billed Grebe, Podilymbus podiceps CSR
__ Horned Grebe, Podiceps auritus OM
__ Red-necked Grebe, Podiceps grisegena OM
__ Eared Grebe, Podiceps nigricollis OM
__ Western Grebe, Aechmophorus occidentalis OM

Pelecanidae: Pelicans

__ American White Pelican, Pelecanus erythrorhynchos CM

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

__ Double-crested Cormorant, Phalacrocorax auritus CM

Ardeidae: Bitterns and Herons

__ American Bittern, Botaurus lentiginosus OM
__ Least Bittern, Ixobrychus exilis RSR
__ Great Blue Heron, Ardea herodias CSR
__ Great Egret, Ardea alba UM, RSR
__ Snowy Egret, Egretta thula UM
__ Little Blue Heron, Egretta caerulea UM
__ Cattle Egret, Bubulcus ibis UM
__ Green Heron, Butorides virescens CSR
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron, Nycticorax nycticorax UM
__ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Nyctanassa violacea UM

Threskiornithidae: Ibises, Spoonbills

__ White-faced Ibis, Plegadis chihi V

Cathartidae: American Vultures

__ Turkey Vulture, Cathartes aura CM, CSR

Accipitridae: Kites, Hawks, Eagles

__ Osprey, Pandion haliaetus UM

__ Mississippi Kite, Ictinia mississippiensis OM
__ Bald Eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus UM
__ Northern Harrier, Circus cyaneus UM
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk, Accipiter striatus CWM
__ Cooper's Hawk, Accipiter cooperii UPR
__ Northern Goshawk, Accipiter gentilis RWM
__ Red-shouldered Hawk, Buteo lineatus RPR
__ Broad-winged Hawk, Buteo platypterus UM, RSR
__ Swainson's Hawk, Buteo swainsoni OM
__ Red-tailed Hawk, Buteo jamaicensis CPR
__ Ferruginous Hawk, Buteo regalis OM
__ Rough-legged Hawk, Buteo lagopus UWM
__ Golden Eagle, Aquila chrysaetos V

Falconidae: Falcons

__ American Kestrel, Falco sparverius CPR
__ Merlin, Falco columbarius UM
__ Prairie Falcon, Falco mexicanus RM
__ Peregrine Falcon, Falco peregrinus RSR (urban breeder)

Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules, Coots

__ King Rail, Rallus elegans RSR?
__ Virginia Rail, Rallus limicola UM
__ Sora, Porzana carolina UM
__ Common Moorhen, Gallinula chloropus RSR
__ American Coot, Fulica americana CM, OSR

Gruidae: Cranes

__ Sandhill Crane, Grus canadensis RM

Charadriidae: Plovers and Sandpipers

__ Black-bellied Plover, Pluvialis squatarola UM
__ American Golden-Plover, Pluvialis dominica UM
__ Semipalmated Plover, Charadrius semipalmatus UM
__ Piping Plover, Charadrius melodus USR
__ 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 CM
__ Solitary Sandpiper, Tringa solitaria UM
__ Willet, Catoptrophorus semipalmatus OM
__ Spotted Sandpiper, Actitis macularia CM, USR
__ Upland Sandpiper, Bartramia longicauda UM
__ Hudsonian Godwit, Limosa haemastica OM
__ Ruddy Turnstone, Arenaria interpres RM
__ Red Knot, Calidris canutus V
__ Sanderling, Calidris alba OM
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper, Calidris pusilla CM
__ Western Sandpiper, Calidris mauri RM
__ Least Sandpiper, Calidris minutilla CM

__ White-rumped Sandpiper, Calidris fuscicollis USM
__ Baird's Sandpiper, Calidris bairdii CM
__ Pectoral Sandpiper, Calidris melanotos CM
__ Dunlin, Calidris alpina RM
__ Stilt Sandpiper, Calidris himantopus UM
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Tryngites subruficollis UM
__ Short-billed Dowitcher, Limnodromus griseus RM
__ Long-billed Dowitcher, Limnodromus scolopaceus UM
__ Wilson's Snipe, Gallinago delicata UM
__ American Woodcock, Scolopax minor USR
__ Wilson's Phalarope, Phalaropus tricolor UM
__ Red-necked Phalarope, Phalaropus lobatus V

Laridae: Gulls and Terns

__ Franklin's Gull, Larus pipixcan CM
__ Little Gull, Larus minutus V
__ Bonaparte's Gull, Larus philadelphia UM
__ Mew Gull, Larus canus V
__ Ring-billed Gull, Larus delawarensis CM
__ California Gull, Larus californicus V
__ Herring Gull, Larus argentatus UM
__ Thayer's Gull, Larus thayeri V
__ Iceland Gull, Larus glaucoides V
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull, Larus fuscus V
__ Glaucous Gull, Larus hyperboreus V
__ Great Black-backed Gull, Larus marinus V
__ Sabine's Gull, Xema sabini V
__ Caspian Tern, Sterna caspia OM
__ Common Tern, Sterna hirundo RM
__ Forster's Tern, Sterna forsteri CM
__ Least Tern, Sterna antillarum USR
__ Black Tern, Chlidonias niger RM

Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

__ Rock Pigeon, Columba livia APR
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove, Streptopelia decaocto OPR
__ Mourning Dove, Zenaida macroura APR

Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Anis

__ Black-billed Cuckoo, Coccyzus erythropthalmus OSR
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Coccyzus americanus CSR

Strigidae: Typical Owls

__ Eastern Screech-Owl, Otus asio UPR
__ Great Horned Owl, Bubo virginianus UPR
__ Snowy Owl, Nyctea scandiaca V
__ Burrowing Owl, Athene cunicularia V
__ Barred Owl, Strix varia UPR
__ Long-eared Owl, Asio otus RWM
__ Short-eared Owl, Asio flammeus V?
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl, Aegolius acadicus RWM

Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers
__ Common Nighthawk, Chordeiles minor CSR
__ Whip-poor-will, Caprimulgus vociferus USR
Apodidae: Swifts
__ Chimney Swift, Chaetura pelagica CSR
Trochilidae: Hummingbirds
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Archilochus colubris CM, USR
__ Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Selasphorus platycercus V
__ Rufous Hummingbird, Selasphorus rufus V
Alcedinidae: Kingfishers
__ Belted Kingfisher, Ceryle alcyon CPR
Picidae: Woodpeckers
__ Red-headed Woodpecker, Melanerpes erythrocephalus CSR, UPR
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker, Melanerpes carolinus CPR
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Sphyrapicus varius UWM
__ Downy Woodpecker, Picoides pubescens CPR
__ Hairy Woodpecker, Picoides villosus CPR
__ Northern Flicker, Colaptes auratus CPR
__ Pileated Woodpecker, Dryocopus pileatus RPR
Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher, Contopus cooperi UM
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee, Contopus virens CSR
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Empidonax flaviventris OM
__ Acadian Flycatcher, Empidonax virescens OM, RSR
__ Alder Flycatcher, Empidonax alnorum UM
__ Willow Flycatcher, Empidonax traillii OSR
__ Least Flycatcher, Empidonax minimus UM
__ Eastern Phoebe, Sayornis phoebe CSR
__ Great Crested Flycatcher, Myiarchus crinitus CSR
__ Western Kingbird, Tyrannus verticalis USR
__ Eastern Kingbird, Tyrannus tyrannus CSR
__ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Tyrannus forficatus V
Laniidae: Shrikes
__ Northern Shrike, Lanius excubitor RWM
__ Loggerhead Shrike, Lanius ludovicianus RSR
Vireonidae: Vireos
__ White-eyed Vireo, Vireo griseus OM
__ Bell's Vireo, Vireo bellii USR
__ Blue-headed Vireo, Vireo solitarius UM
__ Yellow-throated Vireo, Vireo flavifrons SCR
__ Warbling Vireo, Vireo gilvus CSR
__ Philadelphia Vireo, Vireo philadelphicus OM
__ Red-eyed Vireo, Vireo olivaceus CSR
Corvidae: Jays, Magpies, and Crows
__ Blue Jay, Cyanocitta cristata CPR
__ American Crow, Corvus brachyrhynchos CPR
Alaudidae: Larks
__ Horned Lark, Eremophila alpestris UPR, UM

Hirundinidae: Swallows
__ Purple Martin, Progne subis USR
__ Tree Swallow, Tachycineta bicolor CSR
__ N Rough-winged Swallow, Stelgidopteryx serripennis CSR
__ Bank Swallow, Riparia riparia USR
__ Barn Swallow, Hirundo rustica CSR
__ Cliff Swallow, Petrochelidon pyrrhonota CSR
Paridae: Titmice
__ Black-capped Chickadee, Poecile atricapillus CPR
__ Tufted Titmouse, Baeolophus bicolor CPR
Sittidae: Nuthatches
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch, Sitta canadensis UWM
__ White-breasted Nuthatch, Sitta carolinensis CPR
Certhiidae: Creepers
__ Brown Creeper, Certhia americana UPR
Troglodytidae: Wrens
__ Rock Wren, Salpinctes obsoletus V
__ Canyon Wren, Catherpes mexicanus;
__ Carolina Wren, Thryothorus ludovicianus UPR
__ House Wren, Troglodytes aedon ASR
__ Winter Wren, Troglodytes troglodytes UWM
__ Sedge Wren, Cistothorus platensis USR
__ Marsh Wren, Cistothorus palustris UM
Regulidae: Kinglets
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet, Regulus satrapa OWM
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Regulus calendula CM
Sylviidae: Gnatcatchers
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Polioptila caerulea USR
Turdidae: Thrushes and Allies
__ Eastern Bluebird, Sialia sialis CSR
__ Mountain Bluebird, Sialia currucoides
__ Townsend's Solitaire, Myadestes townsendi RWM
__ Veery, Catharus fuscescens RM
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush, Catharus minimus UM
__ Swainson's Thrush, Catharus ustulatus CM
__ Hermit Thrush, Catharus guttatus UM
__ Wood Thrush, Hylocichla mustelina USR
__ American Robin, Turdus migratorius CSR
__ Varied Thrush, Ixoreus naevius V
Mimidae: Mockingbirds, Thrashers
__ Gray Catbird, Dumetella carolinensis CSR
__ Northern Mockingbird, Mimus polyglottos RM
__ Brown Thrasher, Toxostoma rufum CSR
Sturnidae: Starlings
__ European Starling, Sturnus vulgaris APR
Motacillidae: Pipits
__ American Pipit, Anthus rubescens UM
__ Sprague's Pipit, Anthus spragueii RM

Bombycillidae: Waxwings
__ Bohemian Waxwing, Bombycilla garrulus V
__ Cedar Waxwing, Bombycilla cedrorum USR
Parulidae: Wood Warblers
__ Blue-winged Warbler, Vermivora pinus RM
__ Golden-winged Warbler, Vermivora chrysoptera UM
__ Tennessee Warbler, Vermivora peregrina CM
__ Orange-crowned Warbler, Vermivora celata CM
__ Nashville Warbler, Vermivora ruficapilla CM
__ Northern Parula, Parula americana USR
__ Yellow Warbler, Dendroica petechia CSR
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler, Dendroica pensylvanica UM
__ Magnolia Warbler, Dendroica magnolia UM
__ Cape May Warbler, Dendroica tigrina OM
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler, Dendroica caerulescens OM
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler, Dendroica coronata CM
__ Black-throated Green-Warbler, Dendroica virens UM
__ Blackburnian Warbler, Dendroica fusca UM
__ Yellow-throated Warbler, Dendroica dominica USR
__ Pine Warbler, Dendroica pinus OM
__ Palm Warbler, Dendroica palmarum UM
__ Bay-breasted Warbler, Dendroica castanea UM
__ Blackpoll Warbler, Dendroica striata UM
__ Cerulean Warbler, Dendroica cerulea RSR
__ Black-and-white Warbler, Mniotilta varia UM
__ American Redstart, Setophaga ruticilla CSR
__ Prothonotary Warbler, Protonotaria citrea RSR
__ Worm-eating Warbler, Helmitheros vermivorus RM
__ Ovenbird, Seiurus aurocapillus OSR
__ Northern Waterthrush, Seiurus noveboracensis UM
__ Louisiana Waterthrush, Seiurus motacilla USR
__ Kentucky Warbler, Oporornis formosus USR
__ Connecticut Warbler, Oporornis agilis OM
__ Mourning Warbler, Oporornis philadelphia UM
__ Common Yellowthroat, Geothlypis trichas CSR
__ Hooded Warbler, Wilsonia citrina RM
__ Wilson's Warbler, Wilsonia pusilla UM
__ Canada Warbler, Wilsonia canadensis OM
__ Yellow-breasted Chat, Icteria virens V
Thraupidae: Tanagers
__ Summer Tanager, Piranga rubra OSR
__ Scarlet Tanager, Piranga olivacea USR
__ Western Tanager, Piranga ludoviciana V
Emberizidae: Towhees & Sparrows
__ Eastern Towhee, Pipilo erythrophthalmus CSR
__ Spotted Towhee, Pipilo maculatus UWM
__ American Tree Sparrow, Spizella arborea CWM
__ Chipping Sparrow, Spizella passerina CSR

__ Clay-colored Sparrow, Spizella pallida UM
__ Field Sparrow, Spizella pusilla USR
__ Vesper Sparrow, Pooecetes gramineus OSR
__ Lark Sparrow, Chondestes grammacus RSR
__ Savannah Sparrow, Passerculus sandwichensis UM
__ Grasshopper Sparrow, Ammodramus savannarum USR
__ Henslow's Sparrow, Ammodramus henslowii USR
__ Le Conte's Sparrow, Ammodramus leconteii UM
__ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Ammodramus nelsoni RM
__ Fox Sparrow, Passerella iliaca UM
__ Song Sparrow, Melospiza melodia CPR
__ Lincoln's Sparrow, Melospiza lincolnii CM
__ Swamp Sparrow, Melospiza georgiana OM
__ White-throated Sparrow, Zonotrichia albicollis CM, OWM
__ Harris's Sparrow, Zonotrichia querula UM, UWM
__ White-crowned Sparrow, Zonotrichia leucophrys CM
__ Dark-eyed Junco, Junco hyemalis CWM
__ Lapland Longspur, Calcarius lapponicus OWM
__ Smith's Longspur, Calcarius pictus RM
__ Chestnut-collared Longspur, Calcarius ornatus V
__ Snow Bunting, Plectrophenax nivalis V

Cardinalidae: Cardinals & Grosbeaks

__ Northern Cardinal Cardinalis cardinalis CPR
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Pheucticus ludovicianus CSR
__ Blue Grosbeak, Passerina caerulea OSR
__ Lazuli Bunting, Passerina amoena V
__ Indigo Bunting, Passerina cyanea CSR
__ Dickcissel, Spiza americana CSR

Icteridae: Blackbirds, Orioles, etc

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

Fringillidae: Finches

__ Pine Grosbeak, Pinicola enucleator V
__ Purple Finch, Carpodacus purpureus UWM
__ House Finch, Carpodacus mexicanus CPR
__ Red Crossbill, Loxia curvirostra RM
___White-winged Crossbill, Loxia leucoptera RWM

__ Common Redpoll, Carduelis flammea RWM
__ Pine Siskin, Carduelis pinus UWM, RSR
__ American Goldfinch, Carduelis tristis CPR
__ Evening Grosbeak, Coccothraustes vespertinus V
Passeridae: Old World Sparrows
__ House Sparrow, Passer domesticus APR