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SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS		BITTERNS & HERONS		AMERICAN		SPECIES		SPECIES		SPECIES	
Greater White-fronted Goose	U U R	American Bittern	U U	Forster's Tern	C C	Eastern Phoebe	C C C	Townsend's Solitaire**	X		
Snow Goose	U U U	Least Bittern	U U	Golden-Plover	U U	Great Crested Flycatcher	C C C	Veery	C U C		
Ross's Goose	R R R	Great Blue Heron	A A A C	Semipalmated Plover	U U	Western Kingbird**	X X	Gray-cheeked Thrush	U U		
Cackling Goose	U C C	Great Egret	C C C	Plover	U U	Eastern Kingbird	C C C	Swainson's Thrush	C C		
Canada Goose	A A A A	Snowy Egret*	R R	Piping Plover**	X	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**	X	Hermit Thrush	C C U		
Brant**	X	Little Blue Heron*	R	Killdeer	A A A U			Wood Thrush	C C C		
Mute Swan (i)*	R R	Cattle Egret	R O	AVOCET		Eurasian Collared Dove (i)	R R	American Robin	A A A U		
Trumpeter Swan (r)	R R	Green Heron	C C C X	American Avocet	R R			Varied Thrush*	R		
Tundra Swan	O O	Black-crowned Night-Heron	U U U	SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, & ALLIES		CUCKOOS		LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	R R R		
Wood Duck	C C C R	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	O R O	Spotted Sandpiper	C U C	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C C C	Northern Shrike	U U		
Gadwall	C C U	IBISES		Solitary Sandpiper	C C	Black-billed Cuckoo	U U U	VIREOS			
American Wigeon	C C U	Glossy Ibis† (1975)	X	Greater Yellowlegs	C C	BARN OWL		White-eyed Vireo	U U U		
American Black Duck	C C U	White-faced Ibis† (2000)	X	Willet*	O	Barn Owl**	R R R X	Bell's Vireo	O O O		
Mallard	A A A A	VULTURE, KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES & ALLIES		Lesser Yellowlegs	C C	TYPICAL OWLS		Yellow-throated Vireo	C C C		
Blue-winged Teal	A C A U	Turkey Vulture	A A A O	Upland Sandpiper*	O R R	Eastern Screech-Owl	C C C C	Blue-headed Vireo	U U		
Northern Shoveler	C C U	Osprey	C C	Hudsonian Godwit*	R	Great Horned Owl	C C C C	Warbling Vireo	C C C		
Northern Pintail	U U R	Swallow-tailed Kite† (1982, 1991)	X	Marbled Godwit**	R	Snowy Owl**	R	Philadelphia Vireo	U U		
Green-winged Teal	C C U	Mississippi Kite*	R R R	Ruddy Turnstone*	R	Northern Hawk Owl† (1950)	X	Red-eyed Vireo	A A A		
Canvasback	U U O	Bald Eagle	U U U C	Red Knot**	X	Barred Owl	C C C C	JAY & CROW			
Redhead	C C U	Northern Harrier	C C C	Sanderling*	R R	Long-eared Owl	U	Blue Jay	A A A A		
Ring-necked Duck	C C U	Sharp-shinned Hawk	C C U	Semipalmated Sandpiper	C C	Short-eared Owl	O U U	Black-billed Magpie† (1992)	X		
Greater Scaup	U U U	Cooper's Hawk	C C C C	Sandpiper	R R	Boreal Owl† (1997)	X	American Crow	A A A A		
Lesser Scaup	C C U	Northern Goshawk*	O	Baird's Sandpiper	R U	Northern Saw-whet Owl	U U	LARK			
Surf Scoter	R R	Red-shouldered Hawk	U U U U	Pectoral Sandpiper	C C	GOATSUCKERS		Horned Lark	C C C A		
White-winged Scoter	R	Broad-winged Hawk	C U C	Purple Sandpiper† (1997)	X	Common Nighthawk	U U C	SWALLOWS			
Black Scoter	R	Swainson's Hawk**	R X R	Dunlin	U U	Chuck-will's-widow**	X X	Purple Martin	U U U		
Long-tailed Duck	R O	Red-tailed Hawk	A A A A	Stilt Sandpiper	U U	Whip-poor-will	U U	Tree Swallow	A A A		
Bufflehead	C C U	Harlan's **	R	Buff-breasted Sandpiper*	R	Chimney Swift	A A A	Violet-green Swallow† (1994)	X X		
Common Goldeneye	C X C U	Krider's*	R	Sandpiper*	R	HUMMINGBIRD		Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C C C		
Barrow's Goldeneye† (1951)	X	Rough-legged Hawk	U U C	Pectoral Sandpiper	C C	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C C C	Bank Swallow	C C C		
Hooded Merganser	C C C U	Golden Eagle*	R R	Short-billed Dowitcher	C C	KINGFISHER		Cliff Swallow	C C C		
Common Merganser	U U U	FALCONS		Long-billed Dowitcher*	R O	Belted Kingfisher	C C C U	Barn Swallow	A A A		
Red-breasted Merganser	U U U	American Kestrel	C C C C	Wilson's Snipe	C R U	WOODPECKERS		SWIFT			
Merganser	U U U	Mertin	U U U	American Woodcock	C C R	Red-headed Woodpecker	U U U U	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Ruddy Duck	C C U	Gyr Falcon† (1983)	X	Wilson's Phalarope	O R	Woodpecker	U U U U	HUMMINGBIRD			
PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEY & QUAIL		Peregrine Falcon	U U R	Red-necked Phalarope*	R R	Red-bellied Woodpecker	A A A A	RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD			
Gray Partridge (i)	R R R R	Prairie Falcon**	X	GULLS & TERNS		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C R C	KINGFISHER			
Ring-necked Pheasant (i)	C C C C	RAILS, MOORHEN & COOT		Black-legged Kittiwake† (2007)	X	Downy Woodpecker	A A A A	SWIFT			
Wild Turkey	C C C C	Yellow Rail†	X X	Franklin's Gull*	R R	Hairy Woodpecker	C C C C	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Northern Bobwhite	O O O O	Black Rail† (1949, 57)	X	Bonaparte's Gull	U U	Black-backed Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
LOON & GREBES		King Rail	R R R	Ring-billed Gull	C C A A	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Common Loon	C C U	Virginia Rail	C C C	Herring Gull	U C C	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Pied-billed Grebe	C C U	Sora	C C C	Thayer's Gull	R R R	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Horned Grebe	U U U	Purple Gallinule† (1999)	X	Laughing Gull**	X	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Red-necked Grebe*	R	Common Moorhen*	R R	Lesser Black-backed Gull	R R	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Eared Grebe*	R R	American Coot	A C C	Gull	R R	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Western Grebe† (1978)	X	CRANES		Glaucous Gull*	R	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
PELICAN		Sandhill Crane	C C C U	Caspian Tern	U U	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
American White Pelican	R X R	Whooping Crane (r)	R R	Common Tern	U U	Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
CORMORANT		PLOVERS				Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		
Double-crested Cormorant	C U C R	Black-bellied Plover	C C			Black-bellied Woodpecker† (1970)	X	Chimney Swift	A A A		

SPECIES	S S F W
Swainson's Warbler**	X
Ovenbird	C U C
Northern Waterthrush	C C
Louisiana Waterthrush	C U
Kentucky Warbler	C U U
Connecticut Warbler	O O
Mourning Warbler	U U
Common Yellowthroat	A C C
Hooded Warbler	C U O
Wilson's Warbler	C C
Canada Warbler	C C
Yellow-breasted Chat	U U U

TANAGERS	
Summer Tanager	U
Scarlet Tanager	C C C
Western Tanager†	X

TOWHEES	
Green-tailed Towhee†	X
(1960)	
Spotted Towhee**	X X
Eastern Towhee	C C C R

SPARROWS	
American Tree Sparrow	C C A
Chipping Sparrow	A A A R
Clay-colored Sparrow	U U U
Field Sparrow	C C C R
Vesper Sparrow	C C C
Lark Sparrow	U U U
Black-throated Sparrow† (1980)	X
Lark Bunting† (1949)	X
Savannah Sparrow	C C C O
Grasshopper Sparrow	C C C
Henslow's Sparrow	U U U
Le Conte's Sparrow*	O O
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	O O
Fox Sparrow	A A
Song Sparrow	A A A C
Lincoln's Sparrow	C C
Swamp Sparrow	C U C U
White-throated Sparrow	A R A U
Harris's Sparrow	R R R
White-crowned Sparrow	C C U
Dark-eyed Junco	C R C A
Lapland Longspur	R U U
Snow Bunting	R U U

CARDINAL & GROSBEAKS	
Northern Cardinal	A A A A
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C U C R
Black-headed Grosbeak**	X
Blue Grosbeak*	O

SPECIES	S S F W
Lazuli Bunting†	X
(2007)	
Indigo Bunting	C C C
Painted Bunting†	X
(2008)	
Dickcissel	C C C
BLACKBIRDS	
Bobolink	U U U X
Red-winged Blackbird	A A A U
Eastern Meadowlark	C C C R
Western Meadowlark	U U U R
Yellow-headed Blackbird	R X
Rusty Blackbird	U O R
Brewer's Blackbird	R R R
Common Grackle	A A A U
Brown-headed Cowbird	C C C U
Orchard Oriole	U U
Baltimore Oriole	C C C

FINCHES	
Pine Grosbeak**	R
Purple Finch	U U U
House Finch	C C C C
Red Crossbill	R O O
White-winged Crossbill**	R
Common Redpoll	O O O
Hoary Redpoll† (1978)	X
Pine Siskin	R U U
American Goldfinch	A A A A
Evening Grosbeak*	R R

OLD WORLD SPARROWS	
House Sparrow (i)	A A A A
Eurasian Tree Sparrow (i)† (2007-08)	X

HYPOTHETICAL/QUESTIONABLE ORIGIN	
Barnacle Goose (1983)	
Pacific Loon (1917-18)	
Magnificent Frigatebird (1961)	
Black-necked Stilt (1940)	
Ivory Gull (1989)	

Winnebago County offers some of the best birding in Illinois because of its location and diversity of habitats. Dominated by agricultural, urban and suburban land, Winnebago County lies at the confluence of four forested river systems, each with distinctive habitats and bird species.

Residents have preserved more than 18,000 acres — 10,000 acres in the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, 4,400 acres in the Rockford Park District, and 4,000 acres of state property including Rock Cut State Park.

Best birding is found at Rock Cut, forest preserves along the Sugar, Kishwaukee, and Pecatonica Rivers, Severson Dells Forest Preserve, and Anna Page Park.

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NCIOS provides local and regional field trips throughout the year and programs ranging from identification tips to trip reports to ways to improve your birding.

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Key	
A	ABUNDANT
C	COMMON
U	UNCOMMON
O	OCCASIONAL
R	RARE
X	EXTREMELY RARE
BOLD	NESTING

*	IRREGULAR: 4-7 years of 10-year period
**	CASUAL: 1-3 years of 10-year period
†	ACCIDENTAL/HISTORICAL
	<i>Please provide documentation, with photos if possible, for sightings of any species found outside of expected season or marked with an asterisk or dagger.</i>
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(i)	Introduced to North America
(r)	Reintroduced



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Locations _____

Total Species Seen _____

Notes _____
