Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site

Observer(s) _____

Date _____ Time _____

Weather _____

Total Number of Species _____

Field Notes _____

181 bird species have been recorded at Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site. Of these, 50 are known to breed here. 17 species have been identified from archeofauna and diaries from the 1840s.

Key to the Checklist

c - common
u - uncommon
r - rare
s - casual, present some years, absent others.
a - accidental
e - extirpated

R - resident
M - migrant
N - breeding
§- documented in 1840s

Missing codes indicate a lack of documentation.

The list is arraged according to the A.O.U. 46th supplement checklist. The park appreciates receiving details of any new sightings.

GEESE, DUCKS
- ❍ Snow Goose cM
- ❍ Canada Goose cM §
- ❍ Wood Duck uN
- ❍ Gadwall cM
- ❍ American Wigeon uM
- ❍ Mallard cN
- ❍ Blue-winged Teal cN
- ❍ Cinnamon Teal cN
- ❍ Northern Shoveler cR
- ❍ Northern Pintail uM
- ❍ Green-winged Teal uM §
- ❍ Redhead uM
- ❍ Ring-necked Duck uM
- ❍ Lesser Scaup sR
- ❍ Bufflehead uM
- ❍ Common Merganser uM
- ❍ Ruddy Duck rR

PHEASANTS, TURKEYS
- ❍ Ring-necked Pheasant cN
- ❍ Wild Turkey cN §

QUAIL
- ❍ Scaled Quail sR
- ❍ Northern Bobwhite cN §

GREBES
- ❍ Pied-billed Grebe sM

HERONS
- ❍ American Bittern uR
- ❍ Great Blue Heron cM §
- ❍ Great Egret sM
- ❍ Snowy Egret
- ❍ Green Heron rM
- ❍ Black-crowned Night-Heron uR

IBIS
- ❍ White-faced Ibis cM

VULTURES
- ❍ Turkey Vulture uR §

HAWKS, EAGLES
- ❍ Osprey sM
- ❍ Mississippi Kite uR
- ❍ Bald Eagle uR §
- ❍ Northern Harrier uN
- ❍ Sharp-shinned Hawk uM
- ❍ Cooper's Hawk uR
- ❍ Northern Goshawk sM
- ❍ Swainson's Hawk cN
- ❍ Red-tailed Hawk cN §
- ❍ Ferruginous Hawk uR
- ❍ Rough-legged Hawk rR
- ❍ Golden Eagle rM

FALCONS
- ❍ American Kestrel cN
- ❍ Merlin cR
- ❍ Prairie Falcon rM

RAILS
- ❍ Black Rail uN
- ❍ Virginia Rail uN
- ❍ Sora uN
- ❍ American Coot cN

CRANES
- ❍ Sandhill Crane rM §

PLOVERS
- ❍ Killdeer cN §

AVOCETS
- ❍ Black-necked Stilt sM
- ❍ American Avocet sN

SANDPIPERS
- ❍ Greater Yellowlegs cM
- ❍ Lesser Yellowlegs cM
- ❍ Solitary Sandpiper sM
- ❍ Willet uM
- ❍ Spotted Sandpiper uM
- ❍ Long-billed Curlew rM
- ❍ Marbled Godwit uM
- ❍ Western Sandpiper sM
- ❍ Least Sandpiper uM
- ❍ Wilson's Snipe sR
- ❍ Wilson's Phalarope sM

GULLS, TERNS
- ❍ Franklin's Gull uM
- ❍ Ring-billed Gull cM
- ❍ California Gull rR
- ❍ Forster's Tern uM
- ❍ Black Tern uM

DOVES
- ❍ Rock Pigeon cR
- ❍ Eurasian Collared-dove cR
- ❍ Mourning Dove cR

ROADRUNNERS, CUCKOOS
- ❍ Yellow-billed Cuckoo rR
- ❍ Greater Roadrunner e §

OWLS
- ❍ Barn Owl rM
- ❍ Western Screech-Owl
- ❍ Great Horned Owl cN
- ❍ Burrowing Owl e §
- ❍ Long-eared Owl sM
- ❍ Short-eared Owl uN

NIGHTJARS
- ❍ Common Nighthawk cN

HUMMINGBIRDS
- ❍ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- ❍ Rufous Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS
- ❍ Belted Kingfisher sR

WOODPECKERS
- ❍ Lewis's Woodpecker uR
- ❍ Red-headed Woodpecker cN
- ❍ Red-naped Sapsucker uM
- ❍ Downy Woodpecker uN
- ❍ Hairy Woodpecker uR
- ❍ Northern Flicker cN §

FLYCATCHERS
- ❍ Western Wood-Pewee uR
- ❍ Least Flycatcher
- ❍ Dusky Flycatcher
- ❍ Say's Phoebe uN
- ❍ Ash-throated Flycatcher rM
- ❍ Cassin's Kingbird rM
- ❍ Western Kingbird cN
- ❍ Eastern Kingbird cN

SHRIKES, VIREOS
- ❍ Loggerhead Shrike cM
- ❍ Northern Shrike rR
- ❍ Plumbeous Vireo sM
- ❍ Warbling Vireo uN
- ❍ Red-eyed Vireo sM

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS
- ❍ Blue Jay uN
- ❍ Black-billed Magpie uN §
- ❍ American Crow uR
- ❍ Chihuahuan Raven uR
- ❍ Common Raven rM §

LARKS
- ❍ Horned Lark uR

SWALLOWS
- ❍ Tree Swallow uR
- ❍ N. Rough-winged Swallow uN
- ❍ Bank Swallow
- ❍ Cliff Swallow sR
- ❍ Barn Swallow cN
- ❍ Violet-green swallow uM

CHICKADEES
- ❍ Black-capped Chickadee uR

NUTHATCHES
- ❍ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ❍ White-breasted Nuthatch sM

WRENS
- ❍ Rock Wren sN
- ❍ Bewick's Wren
- ❍ House Wren cN
- ❍ Marsh Wren rR

THRUSHES
- ❍ Eastern Bluebird uM
- ❍ Western Bluebird rM
- ❍ Mountain Bluebird rM
- ❍ Townsend's Solitaire
- ❍ Swainson's Thrush uM
- ❍ Hermit Thrush cM
- ❍ American Robin cN §

THRASHERS
- ❍ Gray Catbird uM
- ❍ Northern Mockingbird cN §
- ❍ Sage Thrasher
- ❍ Brown Thrasher cN

STARLINGS
- ❍ European Starling cN

WARBLERS
- ❍ Orange-crowned Warbler aM
- ❍ Yellow Warbler cN
- ❍ Yellow-rumped Warbler sM
- ❍ Blackpoll Warbler sM
- ❍ MacGillivray's Warbler sM
- ❍ Common Yellowthroat cN
- ❍ Wilson's Warbler sM
- ❍ Yellow-breasted Chat cN

TANAGERS
- ❍ Western Tanager rM

TOWHEES, SPARROWS
- ❍ Green-tailed Towhee uM
- ❍ Spotted Towhee uM
- ❍ Cassin's Sparrow uN
- ❍ American Tree Sparrow cR
- ❍ Chipping Sparrow cM
- ❍ Clay-colored Sparrow cM
- ❍ Brewer's Sparrow uM
- ❍ Field Sparrow uM
- ❍ Vesper Sparrow uM
- ❍ Lark Sparrow cN
- ❍ Lark Bunting uR
- ❍ Savannah Sparrow uM
- ❍ Grasshopper Sparrow uR
- ❍ Song Sparrow cR
- ❍ Lincoln's Sparrow uM
- ❍ Swamp Sparrow uM
- ❍ White-crowned Sparrow cR
- ❍ Dark-eyed Junco rM

GROSBEAKS
- ❍ Black-headed Grosbeak cN
- ❍ Blue Grosbeak cN
- ❍ Lazuli Bunting cN
- ❍ Indigo Bunting rM
- ❍ Dickcissel uN

BLACKBIRDS
- ❍ Red-winged Blackbird cN
- ❍ Western Meadowlark cN §
- ❍ Yellow-headed Blackbird cN §
- ❍ Rusty Blackbird sM
- ❍ Brewer's Blackbird uM
- ❍ Common Grackle aN
- ❍ Great-tailed Grackle cN
- ❍ Brown-headed Cowbird cN §
- ❍ Orchard Oriole uN
- ❍ Bullock's Oriole cN

FINCHES
- ❍ House Finch cM
- ❍ Pine Siskin sM
- ❍ Lesser Goldfinch sR
- ❍ American Goldfinch uR

OLD WORLD SPARROWS
- ❍ House Sparrow aR

Mis-stan-stur — Owl Woman

Little is known about Owl Woman, daughter of White Thunder, Cheyenne keeper of the sacred arrows, and wife of William Bent, Indian trader. "Mis-stan-stur" was sketched by Lt. J. W. Abert as she sat on the billiard table at Bent's Fort. In his 1845 journal he describes:

"In the evening I got a fine sketch of 'Mis-stan-stur,' (Owl Woman), a Cheyenne squaw, who although she has been married several years and has two children, yet shows signs of having been a remarkably handsome woman. Having a white man for her husband, she has not been obliged to work, therefore her hands are in all their native beauty, small, delicately formed, and with tapering fingers; her wavy hair, unlike the Indians generally, was fine and of silken softness. She put on her handsomest dress in order to sit for me. Her cape and under garment were bordered with bands of beads, and her beautiful leggins, which extended only to the knee, were so nicely joined with the moccasin that the connection could not be perceived, and looked as neat as the stocking of our eastern belles, and the modest attitude in which she sits is characteristic, but will be best conceived by the sketch."

The drawings of Lt. Abert have been adapted for this brochure.

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