

Species	Sp	S	F	W
Dark-eyed Junco*				A
Grasshopper Sparrow*	U	U		
Henslow's Sparrow*	O	O		
Vesper Sparrow	U	U		
American tree Sparrow*				A
Chipping Sparrow*	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	M		M	
Field Sparrow*	U	U		
Harris Sparrow	O		O	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
Fox Sparrow	M		M	
Lincoln's Sparrow	M		M	
Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
House Sparrow*	A	A	A	A

To indicate species observed, place a check after species name. Label this brochure with date and time, include weather conditions in the field notes, and save for future reference.



NPS Photo
A red-winged blackbird guards its territory in the tallgrass prairie.

Share Your Observations

Sightings of birds are an important part of monitoring. Visitors are always encouraged to share their observations with the monument staff. When reporting a sighting, please provide the following:

1. Which bird did you see and how many?
2. What was it doing?
3. Where precisely did you see it (location and habitat)?
4. When did you see it (date and time of day?)

Your Field Notes

Observer:

Date: Time:

Weather:

Observations:

Free Land! The Homestead Act of 1862 and Homestead NM of America

On March 16, 1936 Congress created a new unit in the National Monument System on the site of the Daniel Freeman homestead. Three days later, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law and Homestead National Monument of America became "an appropriate monument . . . [to] the hardships and the pioneer life through which the early settlers passed in the settlement, cultivation and civilization of the Great West."

The new Heritage Center



Homestead National Monument of America

<http://www.nps.gov/home/>

or
402-223-3514

Inventory and Monitoring in the Monument

The Heartland Network Inventory and Monitoring Program conducts long-term monitoring of key indicators of change to determine condition of natural resources. This scientific information enables land managers to restore natural resources for the pleasure of this and future generations.



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Homestead National Monument of America
Beatrice, Nebraska

Bird Checklist Homestead National Monument of America



American Goldfinch ©Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

Birds at Homestead NM of America

Birds perch, flutter, nest, hunt, and soar at Homestead. The monument offers excellent habitat in the reconstructed prairie, as well as a natural bur oak forest. Many species nest or take refuge in the monument's vegetation and along Cub Creek.

Bright colors and intricate songs of birds add visible and audible vitality to the monument's historic setting. The presence or absence of grassland birds, such as Grasshopper Sparrows, Northern Bobolinks, and Eastern Meadowlarks, indicates the prairie's overall health. The presence or absence and type of woodland birds indicates the woodland health.

Scientific study of changes in bird populations helps monument managers evaluate landscape restoration efforts, the effectiveness of management methods (such as prescribed fire), and the quality of habitat within the monument.

Checklist key
 Sp = Spring
 S = Summer
 F = Fall
 W = Winter
 * local breeder
 A = Abundant
 C = Common
 U = Uncommon
 O = Occasional

Species	Sp	S	F	W
Great Blue Heron	U	U		
Green-backed Heron		U		
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	M		M	
Canada Goose	O		O	
Snow Goose	C		C	
Mallard	O	O	O	
Blue-winged Teal	C		C	
Northern Shoveler	O		O	
Wood Duck	C	C		
Turkey Vulture		C		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	C	C	
Cooper's Hawk				U
Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C		C
Swainson's Hawk	U	U	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U	U		
Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	U
Northern Harrier	O	O	O	
American Kestrel*	C	C	C	

Species	Sp	S	F	W
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
Northern Bobwhite*	C	C	C	C
Ring-necked Pheasant*	C	C	C	C
Killdeer*	C	C		
Upland Sandpiper	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper		O		
Solitary Sandpiper		O		
Franklin's Gull	M		M	
Ring-billed Gull	M		M	
Rock Dove	U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	
Eurasian Collared Dove				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo		O		
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
Barred Owl*	C	C	C	C
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U		
Short-eared Owl	U	U	U	U
Common Nighthawk*	C	C		
Chimney Swift*	U	U		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*		C		
Belted Kingfisher		U		
Northern Flicker (yellow shafted)*	C	C	C	
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Red-headed Woodpecker*		U		
Hairy Woodpecker	U		U	U
Downy Woodpecker*	C		C	C
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C		
Western Kingbird	U	U		
Great-crested Flycatcher*	O	O		
Eastern Phoebe*	C	C		
Alder Flycatcher	M			
Least Flycatcher	M			

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Eastern Wood-pewee*	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	M			
Willow Flycatcher	O	O		
Horned Lark	U	U	U	U
Barn Swallow*	A	A		
Cliff Swallow	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C		
Purple Martin	U	U		
Blue Jay*	A	A	A	A
American Crow	C	C	C	C
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
White-breasted Nuthatch*	U		U	U
Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O	O
Brown Creeper	O	O		
House Wren*	C	C		
Winter Wren				O
Carolina Wren	O	O		
Marsh Wren	U	U		
Sedge Wren	O	O		
Brown Thrasher*	C	C		
Gray Catbird*	C	C		
Northern Mockingbird	U	U		
American Robin*	A	A		
Hermit Thrush	M			
Swainson's Thrush	M			
Eastern Bluebird	U	U		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		U		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U			
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	
Loggerhead Shrike	O			
European Starling*	A	A	A	A
Red-eye Vireo*	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	M			

Species	Sp	S	F	W
Warbling Vireo	O	O		
Philadelphia Vireo	M			
Black and White Warbler	M			
Orange-crowned Warbler	M			
Tennessee Warbler	M			
Nashville Warbler	M			
Yellow Warbler*	C	C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
Black-throated Green Warbler	M			
Chestnut-sided Warbler	M			
Blackpoll Warbler	M			
Ovenbird		O		
Northern Waterthrush	M			
Mourning Warbler	M			
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	
Wilson's Warbler	M			
American Redstart	O	O		
Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark	O	O		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O	O	
Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	A	
Rusty Blackbird				U
Common Grackle*	A	A	A	
Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C		
Baltimore Oriole*	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	U	U		
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Blue Grosbeak		O		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		O		
Indigo Bunting*		C		
Dickcissel*		C		
Eastern Towhee*	U	U		
Pine Siskin		O		
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C