

# Birds of Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a 70,446.88 acre park composed of three units. A variety of habitats make up the park, including native prairie, badlands topography, hardwood and juniper draws, sagebrush flats, and riparian areas. The current list of birds for Theodore Roosevelt National Park includes 186 species which have been observed in the park plus 22 species that have not yet been observed but are suspected of occurring since they have been seen in the immediate area. This list includes 69 species that are known to have nested in the park, 39 species that are probable breeders, and 16 species whose nesting status is uncertain.

| Seasons |        |                     |
|---------|--------|---------------------|
| S       | Spring | March - May         |
| S       | Summer | June - July         |
| F       | Fall   | August - November   |
| W       | Winter | December - February |

| Code Definitions |                          |   |
|------------------|--------------------------|---|
| C                | Common Species           | Abundant in suitable habitats; habitat is widespread  |
| F                | Fairly common            | Found in most suitable habitats: habitat type is strongly represented                             |
| U                | Uncommon                 | Present but not certain to be seen on each trip   |
| R                | Rare                     | Local occurrence within park, low numbers in area   |
| Ac               | Accidental               | A species out of normal range; very few records   |
| S                | Suspected                | Not yet documented within the park or in that season, but seen in the area and may be present     |
| E                | Extirpated               | Formerly occurred in the park, but no longer found  |
| X                | Nests in park            | Species that are known to have nested in the park. Active nests with eggs or young, adults, etc.  |
| Y                | Suspected to nest        | Species suspected to have nested from observation of pair in suitable habitat, male singing, etc. |
| Z                | Nesting status uncertain |   |

| Common Name                    | Nesting | S | S | F  | W |
|--------------------------------|---------|---|---|----|---|
| <b>Loons and Grebes</b>        |         |   |   |    |   |
| Pied-billed Grebe              |         | O |   | S  |   |
| <b>Pelicans and Cormorants</b> |         |   |   |    |   |
| American White Pelican         |         | U | U | U  |   |
| Double-crested Cormorant       |         | S |   | Ac |   |
| <b>Hérons</b>                  |         |   |   |    |   |
| Great blue heron               | X       | F | F | F  |   |
| Black-crowned night heron      |         |   | O |    |   |
| <b>Waterfowl</b>               |         |   |   |    |   |
| Tundra Swan                    |         | S |   | S  |   |
| Snow Goose                     |         | U |   | S  |   |
| Greater White-fronted Goose    |         | S |   | S  |   |
| Canada Goose                   | X       | F | O | F  | O |
| Wood Duck                      | X       | O | O | S  |   |
| Green-winged Teal              | Y       | U | R | S  |   |
| Mallard                        | X       | F | R | O  | S |
| Northern Pintail               | Z       | U | R | S  |   |
| Blue-winged Teal               | X       | F | R | S  |   |
| Cinnamon Teal                  | Z       | S | S | S  |   |
| Northern Shoveler              |         | U | S | S  |   |
| Gadwall                        | Y       | R | O | S  |   |
| American Wigeon                | Y       | R | O | S  |   |
| Canvasback                     |         | O | S | S  |   |
| Redhead                        |         | S |   | S  |   |
| Ring-necked Duck               |         | S |   | S  |   |
| Lesser Scaup                   |         | O | S | S  |   |
| Common Goldeneye               |         | O |   | S  | S |
| Bufflehead                     |         | S |   | S  |   |
| Common Merganser               |         | O |   | S  |   |
| Ruddy Duck                     |         | S |   | S  |   |
| <b>Vultures and Hawks</b>      |         |   |   |    |   |
| Turkey Vulture                 | Y       | U | U | U  |   |
| Osprey                         |         |   |   | Ac |   |
| Bald Eagle                     |         | R | S | R  | O |
| Northern Harrier               | X       | C | F | C  | O |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk             | X       | U | U | U  | O |
| Cooper's Hawk                  | X       | U | U | U  | O |
| Swainson's Hawk                | Y       | U | U | U  |   |
| Red-tailed Hawk                | X       | C | F | C  | R |
| Ferruginous Hawk               | Z       | R | R | R  |   |
| Rough-legged Hawk              |         | R |   | U  | R |
| Golden Eagle                   | X       | F | F | F  | F |
| American Kestrel               | X       | C | F | C  | O |
| Merlin                         | X       | R | O | R  | O |
| Peregrine Falcon               | Z       | O | O | O  | O |
| Prairie Falcon                 | X       | U | U | U  | O |

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|---|---------|---------|---|---|---|
| <b>Gallinaceous Birds</b>               |         |         |   |   |   |
| Gray Partridge                          | Y       |         |   | O | O |
| Ring-necked Pheasant                    | X       | F       | F | F | F |
| Sage Grouse                             | X       | S       | O | S | S |
| Greater Prairie Chicken                 | Z       | E       | E | E | E |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse                     | X       | F       | F | F | F |
| Wild Turkey                             | X       | F       | F | U | U |
| <b>Cranes and Rails</b>                 |         |         |   |   |   |
| Sora                                    | Z       | O       | S | S |   |
| American Coot                           |         | O       |   | S |   |
| Sandhill Crane                          |         | F       |   | C |   |
| Whooping Crane                          |         | O       |   | O |   |
| <b>Plovers and Turnstones</b>           |         |         |   |   |   |
| Killdeer                                | X       | F       | F | U |   |
| Mountain Plover                         | Y       | E       | E | E |   |
| <b>Snipes, Sandpipers, &amp; Stilts</b> |         |         |   |   |   |
| American Avocet                         |         | O       | O | S |   |
| Greater Yellowlegs                      |         | S       |   | O |   |
| Lesser Yellowlegs                       |         | S       |   | O |   |
| Solitary Sandpiper                      |         | O       |   | S |   |
| Willet                                  |         | O       |   | S |   |
| Spotted Sandpiper                       | Y       | U       | U | U |   |
| Upland Sandpiper                        | X       | U       | U | U |   |
| Eskimo Curlew                           |         | E       |   | E |   |
| Long-billed Curlew                      | Z       | S       | O |   |   |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper                  |         | S       | S | S |   |
| Least Sandpiper                         |         |         | O |   |   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper                      |         | S       |   | S |   |
| Common Snipe                            |         | S       |   | S |   |
| Wilson's Phalarope                      |         | S       |   | S |   |
| <b>Gulls and Terns</b>                  |         |         |   |   |   |
| Franklin's Gull                         |         | O       | S | S |   |
| Ring-billed Gull                        |         | O       | O | S |   |
| California Gull                         |         | S       | S | S |   |
| Common Tern                             |         | S       | S | S |   |
| Forster's Tern                          |         | S       | S | S |   |
| Black Tern                              |         | S       | S | S |   |
| <b>Pigeons and Cuckoos</b>              |         |         |   |   |   |
| Rock Dove                               | Y       | O       | O | O | O |
| Mourning Dove                           | X       | C       | C | C |   |
| Passenger Pigeon                        | Z       | Extinct |   |   |   |
| Black-Billed Cuckoo                     | Y       | U       | U | S |   |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo                    | Y       | S       | O | S |   |

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| <b>Owls</b>               |         |   |    |   |   |
| Barn Owl                  | Y       |   | O  |   |   |
| Eastern Screech-Owl       | Y       | R | R  | R | R |
| Great Horned Owl          | X       | F | F  | F | F |
| Snowy Owl                 |         |   |    | S | O |
| Burrowing Owl             | X       | U | U  | U |   |
| Great Gray Owl            |         |   | Ac |   |   |
| Long-eared Owl            | Y       | R | R  | S |   |
| Short-eared Owl           | Z       | S | O  | S | O |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl     | X       |   | O  | O | O |
| <b>Goatsuckers</b>        |         |   |    |   |   |
| Common Nighthawk          | Y       | F | F  | C |   |
| Poor-will                 | Y       | R | U  | R |   |
| <b>Hummingbirds</b>       |         |   |    |   |   |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird |         | O | O  | O |   |
| <b>Kingfishers</b>        |         |   |    |   |   |
| Belted Kingfisher         | Y       | U | U  | U | O |
| <b>Woodpeckers</b>        |         |   |    |   |   |
| Red-headed Woodpecker     | X       | U | U  | U |   |
| Downy Woodpecker          | X       | F | F  | F | F |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | X       | F | F  | F | F |
| Northern Flicker          | X       | C | C  | C | O |
| <b>Flycatchers</b>        |         |   |    |   |   |
| Western Wood-pewee        | X       | S | O  | S |   |
| Willow Flycatcher         | X       | S | O  | S |   |
| Least Flycatcher          | X       | U | U  | U |   |
| Say's Phoebe              | X       | U | U  | U |   |
| Great-crested Flycatcher  |         | O | O  | S |   |
| Western Kingbird          | X       | F | F  | F |   |
| Eastern Kingbird          | X       | C | C  | C |   |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher |         |   | Ac |   |   |
| <b>Larks</b>              |         |   |    |   |   |
| Horned Lark               | Y       | F | F  | F | U |
| <b>Swallows</b>           |         |   |    |   |   |
| Tree Swallow              | X       | U | U  | U | U |
| Violet-green Swallow      | X       | S | R  | O |   |
| Rough-winged Swallow      | X       | F | F  | F |   |
| Bank Swallow              | X       | F | F  | F |   |
| Cliff Swallow             | X       | F | F  | F |   |
| Barn Swallow              | X       | C | C  | C |   |

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| <b>Jays, Magpies &amp; Crows</b>        |         |   |    |   |   |
| Blue Jay                                | X       | U | U  | U | O |
| Clark's Nutcracker                      |         | S |    | O | O |
| Black-billed Magpie                     | X       | F | C  | C | F |
| American Crow                           | X       | C | F  | C | O |
| Common Raven                            | Z       |   | E  | O | S |
| <b>Chickadees, Nuthatches, Creepers</b> |         |   |    |   |   |
| Black-capped Chickadee                  | X       | C | C  | C | C |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch                   | Z       | S | O  | O | O |
| White-breasted Nuthatch                 | X       | U | F  | U | U |
| Brown Creeper                           |         | S |    | S | O |
| <b>Wrens</b>                            |         |   |    |   |   |
| Rock Wren                               | X       | C | C  | F |   |
| House Wren                              | X       | C | C  | F |   |
| <b>Kinglets</b>                         |         |   |    |   |   |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet                  |         | S |    | O |   |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet                    |         | S |    | O |   |
| <b>Thrushes</b>                         |         |   |    |   |   |
| Eastern Bluebird                        | X       | U | O  | U |   |
| Mountain Bluebird                       | X       | F | F  | F |   |
| Townsend's Solitaire                    |         | S |    | O | R |
| Veery                                   | Y       | O | O  | S |   |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush                     |         | S |    |   |   |
| Swainson's Thrush                       |         | O | O  | S |   |
| American Robin                          | X       | C | C  | C | U |
| <b>Mimids</b>                           |         |   |    |   |   |
| Gray Catbird                            | Y       | U | U  | S |   |
| Brown Thrasher                          | X       | F | F  | U |   |
| Mockingbird                             |         |   | Ac |   |   |
| <b>Pipits and Waxwings</b>              |         |   |    |   |   |
| Sprague's Pipit                         | Y       | U | U  | U |   |
| Bohemian Waxwing                        |         | U |    | U | C |
| Cedar Waxwing                           | X       | U | F  | U | U |
| <b>Shrikes</b>                          |         |   |    |   |   |
| Northern Shrike                         |         |   |    | O | U |
| Loggerhead Shrike                       | Y       | U | F  | U | O |
| <b>Starlings</b>                        |         |   |    |   |   |
| European Starling                       | X       | U | R  | O | R |

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| <b>Vireos and Wood Warblers</b>               |         |    |    |    |   |
| Solitary Vireo                                |         | S  |    | S  |   |
| Yellow-throated Vireo                         |         |    |    | Ac |   |
| Warbling Vireo                                | Y       | U  | F  | U  |   |
| Red-eyed Vireo                                | X       | F  | C  | F  |   |
| Tennessee Warbler                             |         | O  |    | S  |   |
| Orange-crowned Warbler                        |         | O  |    | O  |   |
| Northern Parula                               |         | Ac |    |    |   |
| Yellow Warbler                                | X       | C  | C  | C  |   |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler                   |         |    | Ac |    |   |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler                         |         | F  |    | S  |   |
| Blackpoll Warbler                             |         | U  | O  | S  |   |
| Black and White Warbler                       | Y       | F  | F  | F  |   |
| American Redstart                             | X       | C  | C  | C  |   |
| Ovenbird                                      | X       | F  | F  | F  |   |
| Northern Waterthrush                          |         | S  |    | S  |   |
| Mourning Warbler                              |         | O  |    | S  |   |
| Common Yellowthroat                           | X       | C  | C  | C  |   |
| Wilson's Warbler                              |         | S  |    | O  |   |
| Yellow-breasted Chat                          | X       | F  | F  | F  |   |
| <b>Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Buntings</b>          |         |    |    |    |   |
| Western Tanager                               | Z       | O  | O  |    |   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak                        | Z       | O  | O  | S  |   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak                         | X       | F  | F  | S  |   |
| Lazuli Bunting                                | X       | C  | C  | F  |   |
| Indigo Bunting                                | Y       | S  | O  | S  |   |
| <b>Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, &amp; Orioles</b> |         |    |    |    |   |
| Bobolink                                      | Y       | S  | R  | S  |   |
| Red-winged Blackbird                          | Y       | U  | U  | U  | O |
| Western Meadowlark                            | X       | C  | C  | C  | O |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird                       | Z       | S  | O  | O  |   |
| Rusty Blackbird                               |         | S  |    | S  | O |
| Brewer's Blackbird                            | Y       | U  | R  | U  | O |
| Common Grackle                                | Y       | F  | F  | F  |   |
| Brown-headed Cowbird                          | X       | F  | F  | U  |   |
| Orchard Oriole                                | Y       | R  | U  | U  |   |
| Baltimore Oriole                              | X       | F  | F  | S  |   |
| Bullock's Oriole                              | X       | F  | F  | S  |   |

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| <b>Towhees, Sparrows,<br/>Juncos, Longspurs</b> |         |   |   |   |    |
| Spotted Towhee                                  | X       | C | C | C |    |
| American Tree Sparrow                           |         | F |   | F | R  |
| Chipping Sparrow                                | X       | C | C | C |    |
| Clay-colored Sparrow                            | Y       | C | C | C |    |
| Brewer's Sparrow                                | Z       | S | S | S |    |
| Field Sparrow                                   | X       | C | C | C |    |
| Vesper Sparrow                                  | X       | C | C | C |    |
| Lark Sparrow                                    | Y       | F | F | F |    |
| Lark Bunting                                    | Y       | U | R | U |    |
| Savannah Sparrow                                | Y       | S | R | O |    |
| Baird's Sparrow                                 | Y       | S | R | S |    |
| Grasshopper Sparrow                             | Y       | F | F | U |    |
| Fox Sparrow                                     |         | S |   | S |    |
| Song Sparrow                                    | X       | U | U | U |    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow                               |         | S |   | S |    |
| White-throated Sparrow                          |         | R |   | O | Ac |
| White-crowned Sparrow                           |         | U |   | U |    |
| Harris's Sparrow                                |         | U |   | U | O  |
| Dark-eyed Junco                                 |         | C |   | C | O  |
| McCown's Longspur                               | Z       | S | S | S |    |
| Lapland Longspur                                |         | S |   | S | O  |
| Smith's Longspur                                |         |   |   | O |    |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur                      | Y       | U | U | U |    |
| Snow Bunting                                    |         | S |   | O | O  |
| <b>Grosbeaks, Finches,<br/>Redpolls</b>         |         |   |   |   |    |
| Rosy Finch                                      |         |   |   |   | O  |
| Pine Grosbeak                                   |         |   |   |   | O  |
| Purple Finch                                    |         | O |   | O | O  |
| Red Crossbill                                   |         | O | O | S | O  |
| Common Redpoll                                  |         | S |   |   | F  |
| Hoary Redpoll                                   |         | S |   |   | O  |
| Pine Siskin                                     | X       | O | O |   | O  |
| American Goldfinch                              | Y       | F | F | F | O  |
| Evening Grosbeak                                |         | O |   | S | O  |
| <b>Weaver Finches</b>                           |         |   |   |   |    |
| House Sparrow                                   | Y       | U | U | U | U  |

