



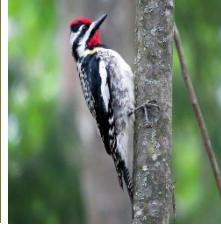
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Welcome to Birding at CRCPRA

The Colfax Red Cedar Preserve and Recreation Area offers a variety of habitats with each called home or a stopover for different bird species. As you walk around the woodland, grassland, pond area or along the river, watch for the variety of birds that differ from one area to the next.

We encourage you to visit the Preserve during all four seasons to enjoy the abundance of birds that migrate through spring and fall, those who stick around to nest in the summer, and those hardy birds who use the pond, river, woodland and grassland during the winter.

For those of you new to birding, a set of binoculars and a good bird guide are all you need to get started. National Geographic Field Guide and Sibley Field Guide are two popular and easy to understand guidebooks. Look at a variety of guides to see which seems to be the most user friendly for you. Many people with smart phones are using bird identification apps that are easy to use in the field such as Merlin, Audubon, and Sibley. You will notice that several birds are secretive, hidden in foliage, or so active it is hard to get a clear visual identification. That's when it is good to bird with your ears. Most smart phone apps include song and call recordings of many North American bird species that will help you identify by ear rather than sight.

Included on the back page are a variety of the birds you might see on the property. Some will stop here on their migration route and some will nest or winter here. We encourage you to keep the list and mark the ones you have seen while visiting here. We also would appreciate your letting us know about your birding experience at CRCPRA and if you have seen some species that are not listed.

Pond area:

- Red-winged Blackbird
- Bufflehead Duck
- Common Goldeneye Duck
- Lesser Scaup Duck
- Mallard Duck
- Ring-necked Duck
- Wood Duck
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Great Blue Heron
- Green Heron
- Eastern Kingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Common Merganser
- Northern Shoveler
- Common snipe
- Blue-winged Teal

River:

- Bald Eagle
- Canada Goose
- Osprey
- Tundra Swan

Woods and shrub area:

- Eastern Bluebird
- Indigo Bunting
- Northern Cardinal
- Gray Catbird

- Black capped Chickadee
- Brown Creeper
- Mourning Dove
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Purple Finch
- American Goldfinch
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Blue Jay
- Eastern Wood Pewee
- Eastern Phoebe
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Baltimore Oriole
- Orchard Oriole
- Eastern Phoebe
- Common Redpoll
- American Redstart
- American Robin
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Pine Siskin
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Tree Sparrow
- Tree Swallow
- Tufted Titmouse
- Eastern Towhee
- Warbling Vireo
- Blackburnian Warbler

- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Cedar Waxwing
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker

Open Grassland:

- American Crow
- American Kestrel
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Northern Flicker
- Northern Harrier
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Killdeer
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Common Nighthawk
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay colored Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- White throated Sparrow
- Wild Turkey
- Turkey Vulture

