

SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION OF BIRDS AT THE BAKER UNIVERSITY WETLANDS

The Baker University Wetlands Research and Natural Area is a 573-acre area 11 miles northwest of Baldwin and south of Lawrence in the Wakarusa River floodplain. The area contains 45 acres of native wetland prairie. It also includes many acres of restored meadows, marshes, open water, shrubby and secondary growth and mature riparian woodlands.

The area was acquired by Baker University from the federal government in 1968 and is used for education and research on a variety of ecological phenomena and for preservation of the native wetland prairie. The area was identified as a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service in 1969 and a Natural and Scientific Area by the state of Kansas in 1987.

This up-dated checklist includes species occurring on the new restoration site that occurs to the west of Louisiana Street. This new area currently encompasses approximately 210 acres.

KEY:

C= common

U= uncommon

O= occasional

R= rare

*= confirmed nesting

**= probable nesters

†= threatened/endangered species

Winter= Dec.-Feb.

Spring= Mar.-May

Summer= June-Aug.

Fall= Sept.-Nov.

	W	Sp	Su	F
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	-	R	-	-
Greater White-fronted Goose	R	U	-	R
Snow Goose	O	O	-	O
Ross's Goose	R	R	-	-
Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
Cackling Goose	O	O	-	O
Tundra Swan	-	-	-	R
Wood Duck*	O	C	C	C
Gadwall	U	C	O	C
American Wigeon	R	C	O	U
Black Duck	R	-	-	R
Mallard*	C	C	U	C
Blue-winged Teal*	R	C	C	U
Cinnamon Teal	-	R	-	-
Northern Shoveler	O	C	O	O
Northern Pintail	U	U	R	U
Green-winged Teal	R	C	O	U
Redhead	-	O	-	O
Ring-necked Duck	O	O	-	R

	W	Sp	Su	F
Greater Scaup	-	R	-	-
Lesser Scaup	O	O	-	R
Bufflehead	O	O	-	-
Common Goldeneye	O	O	-	R
Hooded Merganser**	O	O	O	R
Common Merganser	U	O	-	-
Red-breasted Merganser	-	R	-	-
Ruddy Duck	-	O	-	R
Ringed-necked Pheasant*	R	R	R	R
Wild Turkey*	U	U	U	U
Northern Bobwhite*	C	C	C	C
Common Loon	-	R	-	-
Pied-billed Grebe*	O	C	U	U
White Pelican	-	R	-	R
Double-crested Cormorant	-	O	-	O
American Bittern**	R	O	-	O
Least Bittern*	-	U	U	R
Great Blue Heron	R	C	C	U
Great Egret	-	C	C	C
Snowy Egret	-	U	O	O
Little Blue Heron	-	C	C	O
Tri-colored Heron	-	R	R	-
Cattle Egret	-	O	O	-
Green Heron*	-	C	C	U
Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	O	O	R
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**	-	U	U	R
White-faced Ibis	-	O	R	R
Turkey Vulture	-	U	U	O
Osprey	R	R	-	R
Mississippi Kite	-	R	O	R
Bald Eagle†	O	O	-	O
Northern Harrier*	C	C	R	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	U	U	U
Cooper's Hawk	O	O	O	O
Northern Goshawk	R	R	-	R
Red-shouldered Hawk	-	R	R	R
Broad-winged Hawk	-	R	-	-
Swainson's Hawk	-	O	-	O
Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
Ferruginous Hawk	R	-	-	-
Rough-legged Hawk	O	R	-	O
Golden Eagle	R	-	-	-
American Kestrel*	U	U	U	U
Merlin	R	R	-	R
Peregrine Falcon†	-	R	-	R
Prairie Falcon	R	R	-	R
Yellow Rail	-	R	-	R
Black Rail	-	O	-	-
King Rail*	-	O	R	-

	W	Sp	Su	F
Virginia Rail*	-	U	O	O
Sora*	-	C	R	U
Common Moorhen*	-	R	R	-
American Coot*	O	C	U	U
Sandhill Crane	R	R	-	R
Black-bellied Plover	-	R	-	-
American Golden Plover	-	R	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	-	R	-	-
Killdeer*	O	C	C	U
American Avocet	-	R	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	-	C	O	O
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	C	O	O
Solitary Sandpiper	-	U	O	U
Willet	-	O	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	-	U	O	-
Upland Sandpiper	-	O	-	R
Hudsonian Godwit	-	R	-	-
Marbled Godwit	-	R	-	-
Sanderling	-	R	-	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	O	R	R
Least Sandpiper	-	O	O	R
White-rumped Sandpiper	-	U	-	-
Baird's Sandpiper	-	U	-	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	U	O	O
Dunlin	-	R	-	-
Stilt Sandpiper	-	U	-	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	-	R	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	O	-	R
Wilson's Snipe	O	C	U	U
American Woodcock*	-	U	-	-
Wilson's Phalarope	-	O	-	-
Franklin's Gull	-	C	R	C
Bonaparte's Gull	-	R	-	-
Ring-billed Gull	O	O	O	O
Forster's Tern	-	U	-	-
Least Tern†	-	R	R	-
Black Tern	-	U	-	-
Rock Pigeon*	U	U	U	U
Eurasian Collared Dove	-	R	R	R
Mourning Dove*	U	C	C	C
Black-billed Cuckoo*	-	O	U	R
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	-	C	C	U
Barn Owl*	R	U	U	R
Eastern Screech-Owl*	U	U	O	U
Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U
Barred Owl*	U	U	U	U
Long-eared Owl	R	-	-	R
Short-eared Owl	R	-	-	R
Common Nighthawk	-	U	U	U

	W	Sp	Su	F
Whip-poor-will	-	O	-	R
Chimney Swift**	-	C	C	C
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	-	U	U	U
Belted Kingfisher*	O	C	C	U
Red-headed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	R	-	R
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	O	U	U	O
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	U	U	R	U
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	R	R	O
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	-	U	U	U
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	R	-	-
Acadian Flycatcher	-	R	R	R
Alder Flycatcher	-	R	-	R
Willow Flycatcher*	-	C	O	O
Least Flycatcher	-	C	U	U
Eastern Phoebe*	R	C	C	O
Great Crested Flycatcher*	-	C	U	U
Western Kingbird*	-	O	O	O
Eastern Kingbird*	-	C	C	U
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	-	U	U	O
Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	O	U
White-eyed Vireo*	-	U	U	O
Bell's Vireo*	-	U	C	C
Yellow-throated Vireo	-	R	R	R
Blue-headed Vireo	-	U	-	O
Warbling Vireo*	-	U	U	U
Philadelphia Vireo	-	R	-	-
Red-eyed Vireo*	-	C	U	U
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Horned Lark*	R	O	R	O
Purple Martin*	-	U	U	O
Tree Swallow*	-	U	C	R
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	-	U	O	U
Bank Swallow	-	U	O	-
Cliff Swallow*	-	U	O	R
Barn Swallow*	-	C	C	C
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch	R	R	-	R
White-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	U
Brown Creeper	U	O	-	O
Carolina Wren*	U	U	U	U
Bewick's Wren	-	R	-	R
House Wren*	-	C	C	U
Winter Wren	O	R	-	O

	W	Sp	Su	F
Sedge Wren*	R	O	C	O
Marsh Wren	O	O	O	O
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U	U	-	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	O	-	O
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher*	-	U	U	O
Eastern Bluebird*	U	U	U	U
Veery	-	R	-	-
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	O	-	-
Swainson's Thrush	-	U	-	R
Hermit Thrush	-	O	-	R
Wood Thrush	-	R	-	-
American Robin*	O	C	C	U
Gray Catbird*	-	U	U	U
Northern Mockingbird*	R	O	O	O
Brown Thrasher*	R	U	U	R
European Starling*	C	C	C	C
American Pipit	R	U	-	U
Cedar Waxwing**	U	U	O	U
Blue-winged Warbler	-	R	-	-
Golden-winged Warbler	-	R	-	-
Tennessee Warbler	-	U	O	O
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	U	O	O
Nashville Warbler	-	U	O	U
Northern Parula*	-	U	U	O
Yellow Warbler*	-	C	U	O
Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	O	-	R
Magnolia Warbler	-	O	-	R
Cape May Warbler	-	R	-	-
Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-	R
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	R	C	O	C
Black-throated Green Warbler	-	R	-	R
Blackburnian Warbler	-	R	-	R
Yellow-throated Warbler	-	R	-	-
Palm Warbler	-	O	-	R
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	R	-	R
Blackpoll Warbler	-	O	-	-
Cerulean Warbler	-	R	-	-
Black-and-white Warbler**	-	O	R	R
American Redstart	-	U	R	O
Prothonotary Warbler*	-	U	O	R
Ovenbird	-	R	-	R
Northern Waterthrush	-	U	O	O
Louisiana Waterthrush**	-	O	R	-
Kentucky Warbler	-	O	-	R
Connecticut Warbler	-	R	-	-
Mourning Warbler	-	O	-	R
Common Yellowthroat*	R	C	C	U
Wilson's Warbler	-	C	R	O
Canada Warbler	-	O	-	R

	W	Sp	Su	F
Yellow-breasted Chat**	-	O	O	R
Summer Tanager*	-	U	U	R
Scarlet Tanager	-	R	-	-
Spotted Towhee	R	R	-	O
Eastern Towhee**	-	O	R	R
American Tree Sparrow	C	U	-	U
Chipping Sparrow*	-	O	-	R
Clay-colored Sparrow	-	R	-	R
Field Sparrow*	R	U	U	U
Vesper Sparrow	-	U	-	O
Lark Sparrow*	-	O	O	-
Savannah Sparrow	R	C	-	C
Grasshopper Sparrow*	-	U	U	-
Henslow's Sparrow*	-	R	R	O
LeConte's Sparrow	R	U	-	U
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	R	-	-	O
Fox Sparrow	O	O	-	O
Song Sparrow**	C	U	O	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	C	-	C
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	-	C
White-throated Sparrow	U	O	-	O
Harris' Sparrow	C	C	-	C
White-crowned Sparrow	C	C	-	C
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	-	C
Lapland Longspur	R	-	-	O
Smith's Longspur	R	R	-	-
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	-	U	O	O
Blue Grosbeak*	-	O	O	-
Lazuli Bunting	-	R	-	-
Indigo Bunting*	-	C	C	U
Dickcissel*	-	C	C	U
Bobolink	-	R	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird*	U	C	C	C
Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark	O	U	-	O
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	U	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	O	O	-	O
Brewer's Blackbird	O	O	-	O
Common Grackle*	O	C	C	C
Great-tailed Grackle*	-	C	C	U
Brown-headed Cowbird*	O	C	C	C
Orchard Oriole*	-	C	C	R
Baltimore Oriole*	-	C	C	U
Purple Finch	O	O	-	R
House Finch**	O	O	O	O
Red Crossbill	R	-	-	-
Common Redpoll	R	-	-	R
Pine Siskin	O	O	-	O

	W	Sp	Su	F
American Goldfinch*	C	U	C	C
House Sparrow*	O	O	O	O

The list has been compiled by Dr. Roger L. Boyd and Dr. Calvin L. Cink of the Baker University Biology Department and other ornithologists in the area. The current list of 266 species has been compiled from records dating from 1968. There are 94 species that have been confirmed as nesting in the area. Your additional sightings are welcome. Documentation may be necessary before a species is added to the list.

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