

Checklist of Sandsage Counties Birds

Proven regional breeders are shown in **Bold**, probable breeders are underlined; breeding counties are not specified. County occurrence data courtesy Steven Dinsmore, Robin Harding and D. J. Walker. List assembled by Paul Johnsgard

County Abbreviations (non-bold):

- C: Reported from Chase County
- D: Reported from Dundy County
- H: Reported from Hayes County
- P: Reported from Perkins County

Abundance Abbreviations (in boldface):

- A: Abundant**
- C: Common**
- U: Uncommon**
- O: Occasional**
- R: Rare or Local**
- Ac: Accidental**

Seasonal Abbreviations (in boldface):

- PR: Permanent Resident**
- SR: Summer Resident**
- SV: Summer Visitant (breeding unproven)**
- M: Spring & Fall Migrant**
- SM: Spring Migrant**
- FM: Fall Migrant**
- WM: Wintering Migrant**
- V: Vagrant in Nebraska (varied seasons)**

Anatidae: Swans, Geese, and Ducks

- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons* P; **M**
- ___ Snow Goose, *Chen caerulescens* C, D, H; **UM**
- ___ Ross's Goose, *Chen rossii* H; **M**
- ___ **Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis* C, D, H, P; **USR****
- ___ **Wood Duck, *Aix sponsa* C, D, H, P; **USR****
- ___ **Gadwall, *Anas strepera* D, H, P; **USR****
- ___ American Wigeon, *Anas americana* C, D, P H; **USR**
- ___ **Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos* C, P, D, H; **UPR****
- ___ **Blue-winged Teal, *Anas discors* C, P, D, H; **USR****
- ___ Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata* C, P, D, P, **USR**
- ___ Northern Pintail, *Anas acuta* C, H, P; **SR**
- ___ Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca* C, D, H, P; **USR**
- ___ Redhead, *Aythya americana* D, H; **RM**

- __ Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris* D; **RM**
- __ Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis* C, D, H; **RM**
- __ Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola* C, D, H; **UM**
- __ Common Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula* C, H; **UM**
- __ Hooded Merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus* C, H, P; **UM**
- __ Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser* C, D, P; **UM**
- __ Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura jamaicensis* C, D, H, P; **UM**

Phasianidae: Partridges, Grouse, etc

- __ **Ring-necked Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*** C, H, P, D; **CPR**
- __ **Greater Prairie-Chicken, *Tympanuchus cupido*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**
- __ Sharp-tailed Grouse, *Tympanuchus phasianellus* **PR**
- __ **Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

Odontophoridae: New World Quail

- __ **Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

Gaviidae: Loons

- __ Common Loon, *Gavia immer* C; **RM**

Podicipedidae: Grebes

- __ Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps* C, H, P; **R**
- __ Horned Grebe, *Podiceps auritus* C, D, H; **RM**
- __ Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis* H, C, D; **RM**
- __ Western Grebe, *Aechmophorus occidentalis* C, D, H, P; **RM**
- __ Clark's Grebe, *Aechmophorus clarkii* C; **RM**

Pelecanidae: Pelicans

- __ American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* C, H; **RM**

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

- __ Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus* H, C, D; **UM**

Ardeidae: Bitterns and Herons

- __ American Bittern, *Botaurus lentiginosus* D
- __ **Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*** C, D, H, P; **CSR**
- __ Great Egret, *Ardea alba* C, **SV**
- __ Green Heron, *Butorides virescens* C, H; **USR**
- __ **Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*** **SR**

Threskiornithidae: Ibises, Spoonbills

- __ White-faced Ibis, *Plegadis chihi* C, P.

Cathartidae: American Vultures

- __ Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura* C, H, D, P; **USR**

Accipitridae: Kites, Hawks, Eagles

- __ Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus* D, **UM**
- __ Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* C, D; **M**
- __ **Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*** C, P, D, H; **UPR**
- __ Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus* H, P; **RPR**
- __ Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii* P, D, H; **RPR**
- __ Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus*
- __ **Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni*** C, H, D, P; **CSR**

___ **Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis*** C, D, H, P; **CPR**

___ **Ferruginous Hawk, *Buteo regalis*** D, C, H; **RPR**

___ Rough-legged Hawk, *Buteo lagopus* C, D, H, P; **UWM**,

___ **Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*** D; **PR**

Falconidae: Falcons

___ **American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*** C, D, H, P; **CPR**

___ Merlin, *Falco columbarius* C, D, H, P; **RM**

___ Prairie Falcon, *Falco mexicanus* C, D, H, P; **R**

Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules, Coots

___ Virginia Rail, *Rallus limicola* C, D, H; **RSR**

___ Sora, *Porzana carolina* D,

___ American Coot, *Fulica americana* H, P; **M**

Gruidae: Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis* H, P; **M**

Charadriidae:

___ Piping Plover, *Charadrius melodus* C; **M**

___ **Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferus*** C, D, H, P; **CSR**

Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets

___ American Avocet, *Recurvirostra americana* C, D, H, P; **SR**

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers, Phalaropes

___ Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca* D, H, P; **UM**

___ Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes* C, H, P, **UM**

___ Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria* D, H, P; **UM**

___ Willet, *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* C; **M**

___ Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularia* C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ **Upland Sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ Marbled Godwit, *Limosa fedoa* C, H; **M**

___ Sanderling, *Calidris alba* C; **RM**

___ Semipalmated Sandpiper, *Calidris pusilla* C, D, H; **M**

___ Western Sandpiper, *Calidris mauri* D, P, **M**

___ Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla* C, D, H, P, **M**

___ White-rumped Sandpiper, *Calidris fuscicollis* C, H, P; **UM**

___ Baird's Sandpiper, *Calidris bairdii* D, H, P, **M**

___ Pectoral Sandpiper, *Calidris melanotos* C, H; **UM**

___ Stilt Sandpiper, *Calidris himantopus* C, H; **M**

___ Long-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus scolopaceus* C, H, P, **M**

___ Wilson's Snipe, *Gallinago delicata* C, P, **SR**

___ Wilson's Phalarope, *Phalaropus tricolor* C, D, H, P; **UM**

___ Red-necked Phalarope, *Phalaropus lobatus* P, **RM**

Laridae: Gulls and Terns

___ Franklin's Gull, *Larus pipixcan* C, D, H; **UM**

___ Bonaparte's Gull, *Larus philadelphia* C; **OM**

___ Ring-billed Gull, *Larus delawarensis* C, D, H, P; **RSR**

___ California Gull, *Larus californicus* C, **OM**

__ Herring Gull, *Larus argentatus* C; **UM**

__ Forster's Tern, *Sterna forsteri* C; **M**

__ Black Tern, *Chlidonias niger* C, D, H, P; **UM**

Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

__ **Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia*** C, P, D, H; **UPR**

__ Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto* C, D, P, **PR**

__ **Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Anis

__ Black-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* **SR**

__ **Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*** C, H, D; **RSR**

Tytonidae: Barn Owls

__ **Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*** C; **PR**

Strigidae: Typical Owls

__ **Eastern Screech-Owl, *Otus asio*** **PR**

__ **Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

__ **Burrowing Owl, *Athene cunicularia*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers

__ **Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*** C, D, P, **SR**

Apodidae: Swifts

__ Chimney Swift, *Chaetura pelagica* C, D, H, P; **RSR**

Alcedinidae: Kingfishers

__ **Belted Kingfisher, *Ceryle alcyon*** C, D, H; **USR**

Picidae: Woodpeckers

__ **Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

__ **Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Melanerpes carolinus*** C, D, H, P; **RPR**

__ **Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

__ **Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

__ **Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers

__ Western Wood-Pewee, *Contopus sordidulus* D, **SR**

__ Willow Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii* C, D; **SR**

__ **Least Flycatcher, *Empidonax minimus*** D, H; **M**

__ **Eastern Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe*** C, D, H; **USR**

__ **Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya*** C, D, H; **USR**

__ **Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus*** C, D, H; **USR**

__ **Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*** C, D, P,

__ **Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus*** C, H, D, P,

Laniidae: Shrikes

__ **Northern Shrike, *Lanius excubitor*** C, D, H, P; **UWM**

__ **Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

Vireonidae: Vireos

__ **Bell's Vireo, *Vireo bellii*** C, H, D; **CSR**

__ **Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons*** D, **RM**

__ **Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

__ *Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus** C, H; **RSR**

Corvidae: Jays, Magpies, and Crows

__ **Blue Jay, *Cyanocitta cristata*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

__ **Black-billed Magpie, *Pica pica*** D, P, C; **UPR**

__ **American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

__ **Chihuahuan Raven, *Corvus cryptoleucus*** (historic breeder)

Alaudidae: Larks

__ **Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris*** C, D, H, P; **CPR**

Hirundinidae: Swallows

__ **Purple Martin, *Progne subis***

__ **Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor*** H, C; **USR**

__ **N Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

__ *Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia** H, P,

__ **Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*** C, D, H, P; **CSR**

__ **Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

Paridae: Titmice

__ **Black-capped Chickadee, *Poecile atricapillus*** C, D, H; **UPR**

Sittidae: Nuthatches

__ **Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis*** H, **WM**

__ **White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis*** C, D, H; **UPR**

Certhiidae: Creepers

__ **Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana*** C, **PR**

Troglodytidae: Wrens

__ **Rock Wren, *Salpinctes obsoletus*** C, D, H, **USR**

__ **House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*** C, D, H, P; **CSR**

__ **Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris*** D, H; **RSR**

Regulidae: Kinglets

__ **Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa*** C; **WM**

Sylviidae: Gnatcatchers

__ **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Poliptila caerulea*** C, D; **M**

Turdidae: Thrushes and Allies

__ **Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

__ **Mountain Bluebird, *Sialia currucoides*** P, **USR**

__ **Townsend's Solitaire, *Myadestes townsendi*** D, **UM**

__ **Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*** C, D; **UM**

__ **Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*** P, **UM**

__ **American Robin, *Turdus migratorius*** C, D, H, P; **CSR**

Mimidae: Mockingbirds, Thrashers

__ **Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis*** C, D, H; **CSR**

__ **Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*** C, D, P,

__ **Brown Thrasher, *Toxostoma rufum*** C, D, H, P; **CSR**

Sturnidae: Starlings

__ **European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*** C, D, H, P; **APR**

Motacillidae: Pipits

___ American Pipit, *Anthus rubescens* H, P, **UM**

Bombycillidae: Waxwings

___ Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum* C, D, H, P; **USR**

Parulidae: Wood Warblers

___ Orange-crowned Warbler, *Vermivora celata* C, D, H; **UM**

___ Northern Parula, *Parula americana* C; **RM**

___ **Yellow Warbler, *Dendroica petechia*** C, D, H, P, **CSR**

___ Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Dendroica pensylvanica* D, **UM**

___ Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Dendroica coronata* C, D, H, P; **UM**

___ American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla* D; **M**

___ Northern Waterthrush, *Seiurus noveboracensis* C, D; **M**

___ **Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ Wilson's Warbler, *Wilsonia pusilla* D; **OM**

___ **Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens*** C, D, H; **USR**

Emberizidae: Towhees & Sparrows

___ Eastern Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* C; **SR**

___ Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus* C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ Cassin's Sparrow, *Aimophila cassinii* C, D, P, **SR**

___ American Tree Sparrow, *Spizella arborea* C, D, P; **CWM**

___ *Chipping Sparrow, *Spizella passerina** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ Clay-colored Sparrow, *Spizella pallida* C, D, H, P; **CM**

___ Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla* C, H, P; **CSR**

___ Vesper Sparrow, *Poocetes gramineus* C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ **Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus*** C, H, D, P; **CSR**

___ **Lark Bunting, *Calamospiza melanocorys*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis* H, P, **UM**

___ **Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*** C, D, H, P; **ASR**

___ Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia* D, H, P; **UPR**

___ Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolni* C, D, H; **UM**

___ Swamp Sparrow, *Melospiza georgiana* P, **UM**

___ White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis* C, D, **WM**

___ Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula* C, H, P, **WM**

___ White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys* C, D, H, P; **CWM**

___ Golden-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia atricapilla*

___ Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis* C, D, H, P; **CWM**

___ Lapland Longspur, *Calcarius lapponicus* P, **WM**

Cardinalidae: Cardinals & Grosbeaks

___ **Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*** C, D, H, P; **UPR**

___ **Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus*** C, D, H; **USR**

___ Blue Grosbeak, *Passerina caerulea* C, D, H, P; **CSR**

___ Lazuli Bunting, *Passerina amoena* C, **USR**

___ Indigo Bunting, *Passerina cyanea* C, H, **USR**

___ Dickcissel, *Spiza americana* C, H, P; **USR**

Icteridae: Blackbirds, Orioles, etc

___ Bobolink, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* C, **SR**

___ **Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna* D, P, **USR**

___ **Western Meadowlark, *Sturnella neglecta*** C, D, H, P; **APR**

___ Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* C, H, P; **USR**

___ **Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ Great-tailed Grackle, *Quiscalus mexicanus* C, P; **SR**

___ **Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molothrus ater*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ **Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius*** C, D, H, P; **CSR**

___ **Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus galbula*** C, D, H, P; **USR**

___ **Bullock's Oriole, *Icterus bullockii*** C, D, H, **SR**

Fringillidae: Finches

___ **House Finch, *Carpodacus mexicanus*** C, D, H, P, **CPR**

___ Pine Siskin, *Carduelis pinus* D, H, P, **UWM**

___ American Goldfinch, *Carduelis tristis* C, D, H, P, **PR**

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

___ **House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*** C, D, H, P; **APR**