

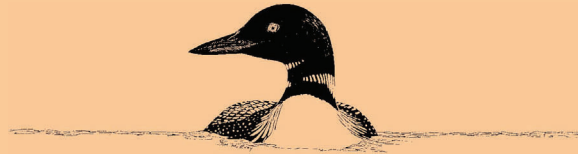
TIPS FOR BIRDING SUCCESS

Respect Conscientious bird watchers know *not* to approach a bird so closely that it becomes agitated. They realize it is *illegal* to collect feathers and nests.

Timing is Everything Both season and time of day affect the kinds of birds you'll see. Spring ushers in waves of warblers. By early summer visitors may spot nest-building orioles and redstarts. Come fall, red-winged blackbirds flock together to fly south. And in winter barred owls hoot near evening as they establish nesting territories.

For Best Success Observations are best made by getting out on the water in a boat or canoe. Be in the field early in the day, when birds are most active. Early morning and early evening are normally the best time to observe all wildlife, including birds. Binoculars and a bird field guide are essential tools. Be quiet and patient and the birds will give you a show.

Signs of Birds You'll notice many signs of bird activity. Look for rectangular holes in cedars and birches drilled by the area's largest resident woodpecker, the pileated. Listen in evergreen woods for the musical trill of winter wrens. If you use all of your senses, and practice patience, you'll successfully identify many birds, including some rare species.



INFORMATION

For additional information, or to report new species sightings visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/turtleflambeau/> or contact:

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Birds of the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area



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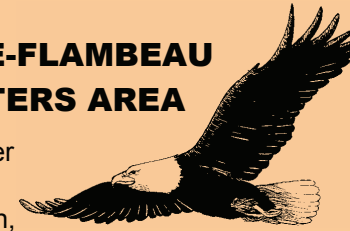


THE TURTLE-FLAMBEAU SCENIC WATERS AREA

Encompassing over 38,000 acres in northern Wisconsin, the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area is rich in diversity of wildlife habitats. This diversity provides important migratory and breeding habitat for many species of birds. The centerpiece of this state property is the 14,300-acre Turtle-Flambeau Flowage with its 327 miles of convoluted shoreline. The property also includes the Little Turtle Waterfowl Management Area – a favorite of bird watchers.

The large expanse of water which dominates the landscape, the different types of wetlands, surrounding forests, and forest openings all vary in vegetative composition, benefiting many species. Birds associated with water, like loons, osprey, and eagles, receive the most attention from visitors.

This is a great place to get out in a boat or canoe and see some of Wisconsin's rarer birds, including merlins; however, don't overlook the surrounding uplands and wooded islands. Diverse stands of northern hardwoods, early successional aspen and birch, boreal conifers, white pine, hemlock, and open bogs provide habitat for almost all birds you would expect to find in northern Wisconsin. The spring warbler migration can include many different species. Even some of the grassland sparrows can be found in the sedge meadows and patterned bog adjacent to the Flowage or in the Little Turtle Waterfowl Management Area.



BIRD LIST KEY

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Abundance: | A = abundant | C = common |
| | U = uncommon | R = rare |
| Status: | B = breeding population known | |
| | MB = may breed | |
| | M = migration | |
| Season: | Sp = spring | S = summer |
| | F = fall | W = winter |

| SPECIES | ABUNDANCE | STATUS | SEASON |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|
| LOONS, GREBES & CORMORANTS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant | U | M | SpSF |
| BITTERNS & HERONS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern | R | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret | R | M | SpF |
| GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose | A | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard | A | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redhead | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gadwal | R | MB | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Widgeon | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck | U | M | SpF |
| MERGANSERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser | A | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser | U | M | SpF |
| VULTURES, HAWKS, FALCONS & EAGLES | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk | R | B | SpSF |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk | U | M | W |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel | U | B | SpSF |
| GROUSE | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse | A | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey | U | B | SpSFW |
| RAILS & COOTS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sora Rail | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Rail | R | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot | U | B | SpSF |
| CRANES & SHOREBIRDS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane | R | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Snipe | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper | U | MB | S |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs | C | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs | R | M | SpF |
| GULLS & TERNS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull | U | M | Sp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull | U | M | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull | C | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern | U | B | SpS |
| DOVES & CUCKOOS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo | U | M | SpSF |
| OWLS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl | U | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl | C | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl | R | M | W |

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| NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will | R | B | SpSF |
| HUMMINGBIRDS & KINGFISHERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird | C | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher | C | B | SpSF |
| WOODPECKERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-backed Woodpecker | R | MB | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker | A | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker | C | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-toed Woodpecker | R | MB | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker | C | B | SpSF |
| FLYCATCHERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood Pewee | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | R | ? | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher | U | M | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher | U | ? | SpSF |
| SWALLOWS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow | A | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rough-winged Swallow | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin | R | MB | SpS |
| JAYS, CROWS & RAVENS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay | A | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay | U | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Crow | A | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Raven | C | B | SpSFW |
| CHICKADEES & TITMICE | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee | A | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Chickadee | R | B | SpSFW |

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| NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch | C | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch | U | B | SpSF |
| WRENS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren | U | MB | SpSF |
| THRASHERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grey Catbird | U | B | SpSF |
| THRUSHES | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veery | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Robin | A | B | SpSF |
| KINGLETS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet | U | MB | SpSF |
| WAXWINGS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing | C | B | SpSF |
| STARLINGS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling | U | MB | SpSF |
| VIREOS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo | C | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Vireo | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo | U | MB | SpSF |
| WARBLERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart | C | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black & White Warbler | C | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackburian Warbler | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Blue Warbler | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat | C | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut Warbler | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler | U | MB | SpSF |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler | U | M | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula Warbler | U | M | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush | R | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler | C | B | SpSF |
| MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird | R | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird | A | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rusty's Blackbird | R | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle | A | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Oriole | U | MB | SpSF |
| TANAGERS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager | U | MB | SpSF |
| CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS SPARROWS | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco | C | MB | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal | U | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll | U | M | W |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill | R | MB | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch | C | B | SpSFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak | U | B | SpSFW |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak | C | B | SpSF |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow | R | MB | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow | U | B | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LeConte's Sparrow | R | MB | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow | U | M | SpF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow | U | MB | SpS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow | U | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow | C | B | SpSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow | U | B | SpSF |