

The **Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary** (RMBS) includes 1200 acres located in the heart of the Mississippi Flyway. These public lands and waters provide excellent habitat for birds that migrate in the east and central sections of the United States, as well as long distance vagrants.

During the migration season (October 15 - April 15) the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary is restricted to visitors, except on paved roads and parking lots.

This checklist was compiled by the Rivers Project Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the St. Louis Audubon Society and the Webster Groves Nature Study Society. The dedication and observations from these organizations have been greatly appreciated.

STATUS: Season status based upon probability of species being observed.

Sp - Spring
Su - Summer
F - Fall
W - Winter

(a) = Abundant - Occurs in great numbers at a given season and habitat; many individuals can be seen in a day.

(c) = Common - Occurs in considerable numbers at a given season and habitat; several seen in a day.

(f) = Fairly common - Occurs in numbers but to a lesser degree than common.

(u) = Uncommon - Occurs in small numbers and may be limited by habitat; even if looked for in the right season and habitat. It might be missed in a day.

(r) = Rare - Sparingly reported, occurs a few times a year; hard to find, probably limited by season and habitat.

(o) = Occasional - Occasional visitor; few records.

(A) = Accidental - Less than five records.

* = Birds seen since 1992 that are accidentals/occasionals.

= Birds known to nest on the management area.

(+) = Numbers of birds have increased due to Western species moving east, Southern species moving North, overall increase in population of species.

(-) = Numbers of birds decreased due to 1993 flood, general decrease in population of species.

This checklist is dedicated in memorial to Jack Van Benthuyzen, a birder for over 50 years, who showed extreme enthusiasm and dedication in the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The Rivers Project, one of his favorite spots, remembers Jack Van Benthuyzen for his contributions for identifying rare birds throughout the Environmental Demonstration Area.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>ANSERIFORMES</u>				
___ Greater White-fronted Goose (+)	u		u	r
___ Snow Goose (+)	f	o	u	r
___ Ross's Goose (+)	r	r	r	
___ Canada Goose #	a	c	a	a
___ Mute Swan	r			r
___ Trumpeter Swan (+)	r		c	c
___ Tundra Swan	o		o	r
___ Wood Duck #	c	c	c	u
___ Gadwall	c		c	u
___ American Wigeon (-)	u		u	r
___ American Black Duck	r		r	r
___ Mallard #	a	c	a	a
___ Blue-winged Teal #	c	u	c	o
___ Cinnamon Teal	A			
___ Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	r
___ Northern Pintail (+)	c		c	r
___ Green-winged Teal	c	o	c	r
___ Canvasback	a/c	o	r	c/a
___ Redhead	u	o	u	r
___ Ring-necked Duck	c	o	c	r
___ Tufted Duck	A			
___ Greater Scaup (-)	r		r	r
___ Lesser Scaup	c	r	f	r
___ Harlequin Duck *				A
___ Surf Scoter	o		r	o
___ White-winged Scoter	o		r	o
___ Black Scoter	o		o	o
___ Long-tailed Duck	r		o	r
___ Bufflehead	c		c	c
___ Common Goldeneye	a/c	o	r	c/a
___ Barrow's Goldeneye *				A
___ Smew				A
___ Hooded Merganser #	c	r	c	u
___ Common Merganser	c		u	c/a
___ Red-breasted Merganser	c	A	u	f
___ Ruddy Duck	c	o	c	r

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>GALLIFORMES</u>				
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	u	u	u	u
___ Wild Turkey	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Bobwhite #	f	f	f	u

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>GAVIFORMES</u>				
___ Red-throated Loon				A
___ Pacific Loon *			o	
___ Common Loon (-)	u	o	u	r

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<u>PODICIPEDIFORMES</u>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe #	c	u	c	r
___ Horned Grebe	f	o	f	r
___ Red-necked Grebe	o		o	
___ Eared Grebe	r	o	r	
___ Western Grebe *	o		r	

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>PELECANIFORMES</u>				
___ American White Pelican (+)	c	r	c	o
___ Neotropic Cormorant			A	
___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	r	c	r

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>CICONIFORMES</u>				
___ American Bittern (-)	u	r	u	o
___ Least Bittern (-)	r	r		
___ Great Blue Heron	a	a	a	u
___ Great Egret	c	a	u	A
___ Snowy Egret (+)	f	c	f	
___ Little Blue Heron (+)	f	a	f	
___ Tri-colored Heron	A	A		
___ Cattle Egret	u	c	r	
___ Green Heron	u	u	r	
___ Black Crowned Night Heron #	u	u	u	r
___ Yellow Crowned Night Heron		o		
___ White Ibis *		A		
___ Glossy Ibis *	A	A		
___ White faced Ibis		A		
___ Wood Stork *		A		
<u>FALCONIFORMES</u>				
___ Turkey Vulture	f	f	u	o
___ Osprey (-)	u		f	A
___ Mississippi Kite		o		
___ Bald Eagle #	u	o	r	a
___ Northern Harrier	u	o	f	f
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	r		r	
___ Cooper's Hawk	r		u	r
___ Northern Goshawk				o
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	o	o	o	
___ Broad-winged Hawk	r		u	
___ Swainson's Hawk	A			
___ Red-tailed Hawk #	c	u	c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk	r		o	r
___ Golden Eagle	o		o	
___ American Kestrel #	c	f	c	c
___ Merlin	r	r	r	o
___ Peregrine Falcon #	u	r	u	u
___ Prairie Falcon				A

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>GRUIFORMES</u>				
___ Yellow Rail	A			
___ King Rail	o	o	o	
___ Virginia Rail	o		o	
___ Sora	f		f	
___ Purple Gallinule *		A		
___ Common Moorhen	o		o	
___ American Coot	a	u	c	r
___ Sandhill Crane	A			

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>CHARADRIIFORMES</u>				
___ Black-bellied Plover	u	r	u	
___ American Golden-Plover	u	r	u	
___ Semipalmated Plover	u	u	r	
___ Piping Plover (-)	o	o	r	
___ Killdeer #	a/c	c	a/c	r
___ Black-necked Stilt *	o	r	o	
___ American Avocet	r	r	r	
___ Spotted Sandpiper #	u	r	u	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	r	o
___ Greater Yellowlegs	f	f	u	
___ Willet	r	r	r	

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>Species</u>				
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	f	u	o
___ Upland Sandpiper (-)	o			o
___ Whimbrel	o			
___ Hudsonian Godwit	r	A		o
___ Marbled Godwit	r	o		o
___ Ruddy Turnstone	r	r		r
___ Red Knot	A			A
___ Sanderling	r	r		u
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	u		c
___ Western Sandpiper	r	r		u
___ Least Sandpiper	f	c		a
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	u	r		o
___ Baird's Sandpiper	r	r		u
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	c	f		a
___ Dunlin	u	r		u
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	u		u
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper (-)	o	r		u
___ Ruff *		A		
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	u	r		u
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	r		u
___ Wilson's Snipe	u	u		u
___ Wilson's Phalarope	u	r		u
___ Red-necked Phalarope	o	r		o
___ Red Phalarope *		A		
___ Laughing Gull	r	o		r
___ Franklin's Gull	r	o		u
___ Little Gull	A			o
___ Black-headed Gull				A
___ Bonaparte's Gull	c	o		c
___ Ring-billed Gull	a	u		c
___ California Gull *	o			o
___ Herring Gull	f	A		u
___ Thayer's Gull				o
___ Iceland Gull				o
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull				r
___ Slaty-backed Gull				A
___ Glaucous-winged Gull *	A			
___ Glaucous Gull	r	A		A
___ Great Black-backed Gull	o			o
___ Sabine's Gull				o
___ Black-legged Kittiwake*	o			o
___ Ross's Gull *				A
___ Least Tern	o	r		r
___ Caspian Tern	f	o		f
___ Black Tern (-)	u	u		u
___ Common Tern	u/f	o		r
___ Forster's Tern	f	r		f
___ Black Skimmer				A
___ Pomarine Jaeger		A		A
___ Parasitic Jaeger				A

<i>Species</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<u>COLUMBIFORMES</u>				
___ Rock Pigeon#	c	c		c
___ Eurasian Collared-dove				o
___ Mourning Dove #	a	a		a

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
CUCULIFORMES				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	o	o	o	
STRIGIFORMES				
___ Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl	u	u	u	u
___ Long-eared Owl	o		r	r
___ Short-eared Owl			r	f
CAPRIMULGIFORMES				
___ Common Nighthawk	u		u	
APODIFORMES				
___ Chimney Swift	c	a	u	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	r	u	
CORACIFORMES				
___ Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	r
PICIFORMES				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	r	r	r	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			r	
___ Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___ Hairy Woodpecker			o	
___ Northern Flicker	u	u	u	u
___ Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
PASSERIFORMES				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	A			
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	
___ Acadian Flycatcher	u	u	u	
___ Alder Flycatcher	o			
___ Willow Flycatcher	r	r	o	
___ Least Flycatcher	o			
___ Eastern Phoebe	r	r	r	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u	
___ Western Kingbird *		A		
___ Eastern Kingbird #	u	u	u	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	o			
___ Loggerhead Shrike *	o	o	o	o
___ White-eyed Vireo	o	o	o	
___ Bell's Vireo	o			
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	o			
___ Blue-headed Vireo			o	
___ Warbling Vireo	f	f	f	
___ Philadelphia Vireo			o	
___ Red-eyed Vireo			o	
___ Blue Jay	f	f	f	
___ American Crow #	c	u	c	c
___ Fish Crow	f	u	u	
___ Horned Lark #	c	c	c	c
___ Purple Martin	c	r	c	
___ Tree Swallow #	c	a	a	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow #	c	c	a	
___ Bank Swallow	u	u	u	
___ Cliff Swallow #	u	a	c	
___ Barn Swallow	u	u	c	

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Black-capped Chickadee	c	u	u	c
___ Tufted Titmouse	f	f	f	f
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch			o	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
___ Brown Creeper	r		r	
___ Carolina Wren	u	u	u	u
___ House Wren	u	u	u	
___ Winter Wren	o		o	
___ Sedge Wren	u	r	c	
___ Marsh Wren	c	r	c	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	r			u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	f		f	r
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	f	f	f	
___ Eastern Bluebird #	u	u	u	r
___ Veery	o		o	
___ Swainson's Thrush	o		o	
___ Hermit Thrush	o			
___ Wood Thrush	o		o	
___ American Robin #	c	c	c	f
___ Gray Catbird	u	u	u	
___ Northern Mockingbird	u	u	u	r
___ Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	
___ European Starling	a	a	a	a
___ American Pipit	r	r	r	o
___ Sprague's Pipit	A			
___ Cedar Waxwing	o		o	
___ Tennessee Warbler	u		u	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	r		u	
___ Nashville Warbler	u		u	
___ Northern Parula	r		r	
___ Yellow Warbler	u	u	r	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
___ Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
___ Cape May Warbler	r		r	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler			o	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	u		r	u
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	r		r	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	r		r	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	r		r	
___ Palm Warbler	f		r	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler			r	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	r		r	
___ Black and White Warbler	r		r	
___ American Redstart	r		r	
___ Prothonotary Warbler #	u	u	u	
___ Ovenbird	r		r	
___ Northern Waterthrush	r		r	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	r		r	
___ Kentucky Warbler			o	
___ Common Yellowthroat #	c	c	u	o
___ Wilson's Warbler	r		r	
___ Summer Tanager	o		o	
___ Spotted Towhee	A			
___ Eastern Towhee	r		r	
___ American Tree Sparrow	a		u	a
___ Chipping Sparrow	u		u	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	r		r	
___ Field Sparrow	c	u	c	r

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Vesper Sparrow	r		r	
___ Savannah Sparrow	a		a	u
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	r	r	o	
___ Henslow's Sparrow			o	
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	r		u	o
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	o		r	
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Song Sparrow #	a	a	a	a
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	u
___ White-throated Sparrow	a		c	a
___ Harris's Sparrow				o
___ White-crowned Sparrow	r		c	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco	u		u	c
___ Lapland Longspur	r		r	u
___ Smith's Longspur	o		o	
___ Snow Bunting *				r
___ Northern Cardinal #	c	c	c	u
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	r	u	
___ Blue Grosbeak	r			
___ Indigo Bunting #	a	a	a	
___ Dickcissel #	a	a	u	
___ Bobolink	r		r	
___ Red-winged Blackbird #	a	a	a	u
___ Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	u
___ Western Meadowlark	r		r	
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	o			
___ Rusty Blackbird	f		u	u
___ Brewer's Blackbird	u		r	o
___ Great-tailed Grackle*	A			
___ Common Grackle #	a	c	a	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird #	a	a	a	r
___ Orchard Oriole	o		o	
___ Baltimore Oriole #	u	u	r	
___ Purple Finch			r	r
___ House Finch	u	u	u	u
___ Pine Siskin	r		r	
___ American Goldfinch #	c	a	a	r
___ House Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow	f	f	f	f

Total number of species: 299

The Rivers Project is interested in new or unusual sightings. Please report any unusual sightings to the management office or a park ranger.

Date: _____

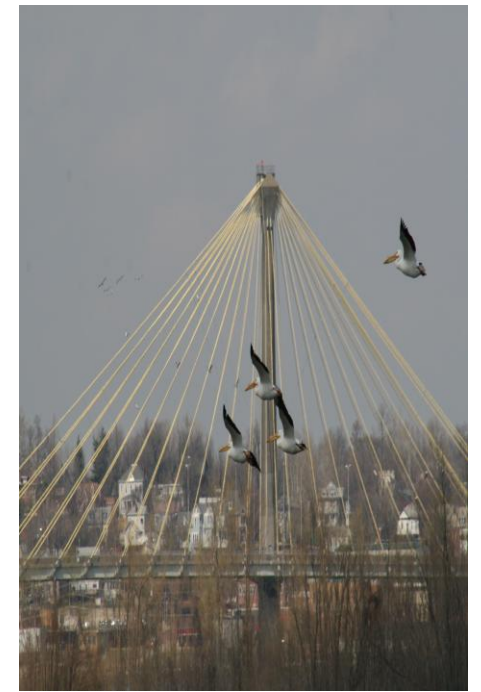
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