

RED LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

BIRD Checklist



Photo by Kathy Clark

Connecticut Warbler

Birding Opportunities at Red Lake Wildlife Management Area

The Red Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is the largest in the state, covering 321,771 acres in Lake of the Woods and Beltrami counties. The Red Lake Game Preserve was established by the Minnesota legislature in 1929. The area has been open to public hunting and trapping since 1957.

The unit is managed primarily for white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and other forest wildlife species. Public uses include hunting, berry picking, and wildlife and wildflower observation. The area is very remote and is accessible only by forest roads and walking trails.

The Red Lake WMA is a mosaic of habitat types, including lowland conifer (black spruce, tamarack), lowland brush, open bog/fen, bottomland hardwoods along streams/rivers (basswood, ash, and balm of Gilead), and upland forests of mixed deciduous/conifer. A portion of the WMA is adjacent to Upper Red Lake. Several bog lakes and three artificial impoundments are also included within the WMA.

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| Birds of Roseau River WMA | Sp | Su | Fa | Wi | Nest |
|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie | U | U | C | C | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Crow | C | C | C | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven | U | U | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee | A | A | A | A | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Chickadee | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet | C | C | C | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veery | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush | U | U | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Robin | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling | R | R | R | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bohemian Waxwing | C | C | C | C | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler | R | R | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler | R | R | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut Warbler | C | C | C | | * |

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|--|----|----|----|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow | C | | C | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow | C | U | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow | C | | C | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow | C | | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco | A | C | A | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting | C | | C | U | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak | C | R | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch | C | U | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill | | U | U | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Crossbill | U | U | U | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll | C | | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hoary Redpoll | | | | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin | C | C | C | A | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak | U | U | R | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow | R | R | R | | * |

Accidental
(Seen only once or twice in the area)
Black-throated Blue Warbler

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Birds of Red Lake are typical of the boreal/coniferous/deciduous forest. There are 197 bird species found on the WMA, with 149 of these species presumed nesting. Unique species of the Red Lake WMA include: Boreal Owl, Great Gray Owl, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Three-toed Woodpecker, Spruce Grouse, Connecticut Warbler, Northern Goshawk, Black-backed Woodpecker, and Boreal Chickadee. The best time for viewing many of these unique species is in the spring or early summer.

Birding in this remote area can be a richly rewarding adventure.

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Season and Abundance Key

The **seasons** in the checklist are defined as follows:

Sp (Spring) = March, April, May

Su (Summer) = June, July

Fa (Fall) = August, September, October, November

Wi (Winter) = December, January, February

Abundance codes are defined as follows:

A = Abundant - 50/day or in excess of 250 in a season

C = Common - 6-50/day or from 25 to 250 in a season

U = Uncommon - 1 to 5/day or from 5 to 25 in a season

R = Rare - Season counts of no more than 5

Nest - An asterisk indicates that nesting or breeding has been observed

The names and taxonomic arrangement of species follows that of the Checklist of the Birds of Minnesota (January 2009), prepared by the Minnesota Ornithological Records Committee. Field documentation of birds were compiled from the Red Lake WMA master plan and personal observations by Steve Merchant, Thom Soule, Mike North, Beth Siverhus and Gretchen Mehmel. Checklist developed by the DNR Wildlife GIS Group in Bemidji, April 2012.

Date:

Weather:

Observers:

Notes:

| Birds of Roseau River WMA | Sp | Su | Fa | Wi | Nest |
|--|----|----|----|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-fronted Goose | R | | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose | C | | C | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose | A | C | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan | R | | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck | A | A | A | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail | U | U | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redhead | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup | C | | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Scoter | R | | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead | C | U | C | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser | U | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck | R | R | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge | R | R | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse | A | A | A | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spruce Grouse | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-tailed Grouse | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon | U | U | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe | C | C | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe | C | C | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eared Grebe | R | R | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Grebe | R | R | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican | U | C | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant | U | U | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture | C | U | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle | U | U | C | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk | U | U | U | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk | C | | C | R | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle | R | | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin | R | R | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon | R | R | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Rail | R | R | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail | R | R | R | | |

Fold # 2

Fold # 1

| Birds of Roseau River WMA | Sp | Su | Fa | Wi | Nest |
|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sora | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper | U | U | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper | R | R | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull | R | | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull | U | | U | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern | C | U | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl | R | R | R | R | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl | | | R | R | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Hawk Owl | R | R | R | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Gray Owl | U | U | U | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl | R | R | R | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl | U | U | U | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Whip-poor-will | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker | R | R | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | C | C | C | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Three-toed Woodpecker | R | R | R | R | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-backed Woodpecker | U | U | U | U | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker | C | C | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher | C | C | R | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird | C | C | C | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike | U | | U | U | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo | U | U | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo | U | | U | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo | R | | R | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo | A | A | A | | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay | C | C | C | C | * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay | C | C | C | C | * |