## Grand Forks County Checklist February 2009

This checklist shows the names and abundances of 284 species of birds observed four or more times in Grand Forks County in the past 50 years. Nomenclature and checklist order follow the 7th Edition of the A.O.U. Checklist of North America Birds, with further changes through the 45<sup>th</sup> Supplement..

An \* is used to denote 140 species for which **nesting** has been confirmed. An + is used to designate 8 species that likely nest, based on evidence such as repeated observations of territorial behavior of males for extended periods of time.

**Seasons** and definitions **of abundance** are defined as follows:

$\mathbf{Sp}$ – Mar 1 – May 31	$\mathbf{Su}$ – Jun 1 – Jul 31
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 $\mathbf{Fa}$  - Aug 1 - Nov 30  $\mathbf{Wi}$  - Dec 1 - Feb 28

A – Abundant:.....Daily counts exceeding 250

C – Common: Daily counts 25-250

**F – Fairly Common:** ..... Daily counts of 5-25

U -- Uncommon: ........ Daily counts of 1-5; <25/season

**R – Rare:** Seen most years; < 5/season

**O – Occasional:** Seen less than once every 3 years

The indicated seasonal abundances are based on peak daily counts made by visiting optimal habitat at the best time during that season. Perceived abundances vary from year-to-year as a function of weather patterns and wet/dry cycles. Summer and/or winter abundances are shown for several migratory species because their migration period extends into those seasons — e.g., the spring migration of shorebirds, flycatchers, thrushes, and warblers extends into June, and the fall (southward migration) of several shorebird species is underway by late June. Additional comments on the checklist can be found at our web site.

Comments and observations relevant to this list can be sent to davidlambeth 58201@yahoo.com.

Previous checklists were published in 1982, 1989 and 2001. Abundances are based primarily on the records of Eve Freeberg, John Kelley, and Dave Lambeth. Gerry Nies provided the computer assistance for assembling and publishing this list.

## Field Notes:

Comments:

Date and Time in Field:	
Observer(s):	
Areas Visited:	
Weather:	

				Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
SWANS, GEESE and DUCKSSp	<b>0</b>	-	7.7.1	* Cooper's HawkU	U	U	O
Greater White-fronted Goose F	Su	Fa	Wi	Northern GoshawkR	_	R	R
Snow Goose A	O	U A	O	* Broad-winged HawkF	R	U	
Ross's Goose	O	А	O	* Swainson's HawkU  * Red-tailed Hawk	U	U C	0
Cackling GooseF		F	O	* Red-tailed Hawk	U R	R	О
	С	A	F	Rough-legged HawkF	K	F	R
* Trumpeter SwanO	Õ	0		Golden Eagle		0	O
* Canada Goose A  * Trumpeter Swan O  Tundra Swan A  * Wood Duck C  * Gadwall C  * American Wigeon F  American Black Duck O  * Mallard A  * Blue-winged Teal A  Cinnamon Teal O  * Northern Shoveler C  * Northern Pintail A  Green-winged Teal C  * Redhead C  * Ring-necked Duck C	O	C		FALCONS		O	O
* Wood DuckC	F	F	O	* American KestrelF	U	F	О
* GadwallC	F	C	O	* MerlinU	R	U	Ū
* American WigeonF	U	C	O	* Peregrine FalconU	R	R	О
American Black DuckO	R	R		Prairie FalconO	O	U	R
* MallardA	C	A	U	RAILS and COOTS			
* Blue-winged TealA	C	A		+ Yellow RailR	F	F	
Cinnamon TealO	0			* Virginia RailU	F	R	
* Northern Shoveler	C	A	0	* SoraF	F	F	
* Northern Pintail	C F	C C	0	* American Coot	C	A	
* Green-winged Teal	F	C	U	CRANES	0	_	
* Redhead	C	A		Sandhill Crane	O	F	
* Ring-necked Duck	U	C		PLOVERS Black-bellied PloverC	U	С	
Greater Scaup	Ö	F		American Golden-Plover	U	C	
* Lesser Scaup	Č	A	R	Semipalmated PloverF	F	F	
Harlequin Duck		O		* Piping Plover	R	1	
Surf Scoter O	O	U		* Killdeer	Ĉ	C	
White-winged ScoterO	O	R		STILTS and AVOCETS	-	-	
Black Scoter O	O	R		* Black-necked StiltO	O	O	
Long-tailed DuckO		R		* American AvocetF	F	C	
BuffleheadF	R	C		SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES and ALLIES			
Common GoldeneyeC		U		Greater YellowlegsC	C	C	
* Hooded MerganserF	U	F	O	Lesser YellowlegsC	A	A	
Common Merganser C		U		Solitary SandpiperU	U	U	
Red-breasted MerganserU  * Ruddy Duck		R		* WilletU	U	R	
* Ruddy DuckA  PARTRIDGES, GROUSE and TURKEYS	A	A		* Spotted SandpiperF	F	C	
* Gray PartridgeF	U	F	С	* Upland SandpiperF	F	U	
* Ring-necked PheasantR	R	R	R	Whimbrel	O	O U	
* Sharp-tailed GrouseF	U	F	F	Hudsonian Godwit	R C	U	
* Greater Prairie-ChickenF	Ü	F	F	Ruddy Turnstone	F	U	
* Wild TurkeyR	R	R	R	Red Knot	O	R	
LOONS				SanderlingF	F	C	
Common LoonR	O	R		Semipalmated SandpiperA	A	A	
GREBES				Western SandpiperO		O	
* Pied-billed GrebeC	F	C		Least SandpiperC	C	C	
Horned GrebeC	R	F		White-rumped SandpiperC	A	R	
* Red-necked GrebeU	R	R		Baird's SandpiperC	F	C	
* Eared Grebe	C	C		Pectoral SandpiperC	A	A	
Western GrebeF	F	U		DunlinC	U	F	
Clark's Grebe PELICANS	О			Stilt SandpiperC	A	C	
American White PelicanC	С	С		Buff-breasted SandpiperO	F	U	
CORMORANTS	C	C		RuffO Short-billed DowitcherF	O F	F	
Double-crested Cormorant A	F	C		Long-billed DowitcherF	С	С	
BITTERNS and HERONS	-	-		* Wilson's SnipeF	U	F	
* American BitternU	U	U		* American Woodcock	R	O	
* Great Blue Heron	F	C	O	* Wilson's Phalarope	A	A	
* Great EgretR	R	U		Red-necked Phalarope A	C	C	
Cattle EgretO	O	O		Red Phalarope	Ō	Ō	
* Green HeronR	R	R		GULLS and TERNS			
+ Black-crowned Night-Heron R	R	U		Franklin's GullC	C	A	
VULTURES	_			Bonaparte's GullF	U	F	
Turkey VultureR	O	R		Ring-billed GullA	C	A	
HAWKS, EAGLES and ALLIES		D		California GullF	F	F	
Osprey	D	R	D	Thayer's GullO	_	0	
Baia Bagie	R F	U F	R O	Herring Gull	O	U	
* Northern HarrierF Sharp-shinned HawkF	O	г F	R	Glaucous GullO		ъ	
Sharp-shifted HawkF	J	1.	K	Sabine's Gull	О	R	

S	p Su	Fa	Wi	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Caspian TernR		R	***	* Tree Swallow	C	A	***
Common TernR	R	0		* N. Rough-winged Swallow F	F	F	
Forster's TernF	Ü	R		* Bank Swallow	C	A	
* Black TernC	F	A		* Cliff SwallowC	A	A	
DOVES				* Barn Swallow	C	C	
* Rock PigeonA	A	Α	A				
* Eurasian Collared-DoveO	R	O	O	CHICKADEES			
* Mourning DoveC	C	A	R	* Black-capped ChickadeeC	F	F	C
CUCKOOS				NUTHATCHES			
* Black-billed CuckooU	U	U		* Red-breasted NuthatchR	R	F	F
Yellow-billed CuckooO	O			* White-breasted Nuthatch	F	C	C
TYPICAL OWLS				CREEPERS			
* Eastern Screech-OwlU	U	U	U	Brown CreeperU		U	R
* Great Horned OwlU	U	U	U	WRENS			
Snowy OwlF	0	U	U	Rock WrenO  * House Wren F	C	г	
+ Burrowing OwlO	0	0	0		C	F	
Barred Owl	0	O R	O	Winter Wren	С	R F	
* Long-eared Owl	U	U	F	* Marsh Wren	F	F	
Northern Saw-whet OwlR	O	Ö	1.	KINGLETS	1	1.	
GOATSUCKERS		O		Golden-crowned KingletF		F	R
* Common NighthawkF	U	C		Ruby-crowned KingletF		F	
Whip-poor-willR	-	Ō		THRUSHES		-	
SWIFTS				* Eastern BluebirdF	F	F	
* Chimney SwiftF	F	C		* Mountain BluebirdR	O		
HUMMINGBIRDS				Townsend's Solitaire		O	O
* Ruby-throated Hummingbird U	R	U		+ VeeryU	F	R	
KINGFISHERS				Gray-cheeked Thrush U		U	
* Belted KingfisherU	U	U		Swainson's ThrushC	R	F	
WOODPECKERS				Hermit ThrushF		U	O
* Red-headed WoodpeckerU	U	R		Wood ThrushO		O	
Red-bellied WoodpeckerO	O	O	O	* American RobinA	C	A	F
* Yellow-bellied SapsuckerF	U	U		Varied ThrushO		O	O
* Downy WoodpeckerF	F	F	F	MOCKINGBIRDS, and THRASHERS	_		_
* Hairy WoodpeckerF	F	F	F	* Gray CatbirdF	F	F	O
* Northern FlickerC	F	C	R	Northern MockingbirdO	-	O	
* Pileated WoodpeckerU	U	U	U	* Brown ThrasherF	F	F	O
FLYCATCHERS	0	U		STARLINGS  * European StarlingA			C
Olive-sided FlycatcherU  * Eastern Wood-PeweeU	O F	F		* European StarlingA PIPITS	A	A	С
* Eastern Wood-PeweeU Yellow-bellied FlycatcherR	r R	r R		American PipitU		С	
+ Alder FlycatcherR	R	R		* Sprague's Pipit	R	R	
* Willow FlycatcherR	Ü	R		WAXWINGS		••	
* Least FlycatcherU	F	U		Bohemian Waxwing		U	U
* Eastern PhoebeU	U	Ü		* Cedar WaxwingC	F	Č	F
* Say's Phoebe	O	O		WOOD-WARBLERS			
* Great Crested FlycatcherU	U	U		Golden-winged Warbler O		O	
* Western KingbirdF	F	C		Tennessee WarblerC	R	C	
* Eastern KingbirdF	F	C		Orange-crowned WarblerF		F	
SHRIKES				Nashville WarblerU		U	
* Loggerhead ShrikeR	R			Northern ParulaO		O	
Northern ShrikeR		R	R	* Yellow WarblerF	C	F	
VIREOS				Chestnut-sided WarblerU	R	U	
* Yellow-throated VireoR	U	R		Magnolia WarblerU	O	U	
Blue-headed VireoU	O	U		Cape May WarblerU		R	
* Warbling VireoU	F	U		Black-throated Blue Warbler	0	O	
Philadelphia VireoU		U		Yellow-rumped Warbler	О	A	
* Red-eyed VireoF	F	F		Black-throated Green Warbler U	0	U	
JAYS, MAGPIES and CROWS		0	0	Blackburnian WarblerR	О	U F	
Gray JayF	F	O F	O F	Palm Warbler	0	r U	
* Blue Jay F  * Black-billed Magpie	F	F F	F F	Bay-breasted Warbler U Blackpoll Warbler F	0	U	
* American Crow	C	r C	C C	* Black-and-white Warbler	O R	F	
Common RavenO			0	* American RedstartF	U	F	
LARKS			0	+ OvenbirdF	R	F	
* Horned Lark A	C	F	C	+ Northern WaterthrushF	R	F	
SWALLOWS	-		-	Connecticut WarblerU	Ö	R	
* Purple MartinC	C	A		Mourning WarblerU	O	U	
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		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
	*	Common YellowthroatF	C	F	
		Wilson's WarblerU		F	
		Canada WarblerU	O	U	
TANA	CE		0	C	
1 /11 1/	*	Scarlet TanagerR	R	R	
NIEW	w	ORLD SPARROWS	K	IX.	
NEW	w			0	
		Spotted TowheeO		-	
		Eastern TowheeU		R	_
		American Tree SparrowC		C	R
	*	Chipping SparrowC	C	C	O
	*	Clay-colored SparrowF	C	F	
	+	Field SparrowO	O		
	*	Vesper SparrowC	C	C	
	*	Lark SparrowR	R	R	
	*	Lark BuntingO	O		
	*	Savannah SparrowC	Č	C	
	*	Grasshopper SparrowU	F	Ü	
	*	Baird's Sparrow O	R	ŏ	
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	*	LeConte's SparrowU	F	U	
	*	Nelson's SparrowR	U	R	_
		Fox SparrowF		U	O
	*	Song SparrowC	C	F	O
		Lincoln's SparrowF		F	
	+	Swamp SparrowF	R	F	
		White-throated SparrowC	O	C	R
		Harris's SparrowF		F	O
		White-crowned SparrowF		F	O
		Dark-eyed Junco		Α	F
		Lapland LongspurA		A	U
		Smith's LongspurO		O	
	*	Chestnut-collared LongspurF	F	F	
		Snow Bunting	1	A	Α
CADI	TAT	ALS, BUNTINGS and GROSBEAKS		А	А
CAKI	/IIV. *	-,		D	D
	*	Northern CardinalR	O	R	R
	*	Rose-breasted GrosbeakF	F	F	
		Indigo BuntingR	U	U	
	*	Dickcissel	U	U	
BLAC		IRDS and ORIOLES			
	*	BobolinkC	C	F	
	*	Red-winged BlackbirdA	A	Α	U
	*	Western MeadowlarkC	C	C	O
	*	Yellow-headed BlackbirdC	A	C	O
		Rusty BlackbirdC		C	R
	*	Brewer's BlackbirdC	F	Ċ	
	*	Common Grackle A	C	Ā	R
	*	Brown-headed Cowbird	Č	U	0
	*		F	U	U
	*	Orchard Oriole			
EDIC		Baltimore OrioleF	F	F	
FINC	HE				_
		Pine GrosbeakO	**	O	0
	*	Purple FinchF	U	F	U
	*	House FinchC	C	C	C
		Red CrossbillO	O	O	O
		White-winged CrossbillO	O	O	O
		Common RedpollF		U	C
		Hoary RedpollO		O	R
	*	Pine SiskinC	F	C	F
	*	American GoldfinchC	C	C	U
OLD	wo	RLD SPARROWS	-	-	-
	*	House SparrowA	Α	Α	Α
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## HYPOTHETICAL and ACCIDENTAL SPECIES:

An annotated list of approximately 48 species that are considered to be either Accidental or Hypothetical in Grand Forks County can be found at <a href="http://grandcitiesbirdclub.weebly.com">http://grandcitiesbirdclub.weebly.com</a>.