

Schmeeckle Reserve Birding Checklist (updated by Alyssa DeRubeis, July 2013)

Status: A = abundant, C = common, C/U = borderline common/uncommon, U = uncommon, R = rare

When seen: Sp = spring, Su = summer, F = fall, W = winter, M = migration (spring & fall), YR = year-round

Species	Status	When Seen	Notes
Geese, Swans, and Ducks			
Snow Goose	R	M	locally rare, possible flyover
Canada Goose	A	Sp, Su, F	
Trumpeter Swan	U	M	locally uncommon, prefers large marshy ponds or lakes
Tundra Swan	C	M	flyover
Wood Duck	C/U	Sp, Su, F	
American Wigeon	R	M	one fall record, prefers marshy ponds
American Black Duck	R	Sp, F, W	locally uncommon, possible flyover, found w/Mallards
Mallard	A	YR	flyover in winter
Blue-winged Teal	U	M	possible flyover
Northern Pintail	R	M	prefers marshy ponds/prairie potholes, possible flyover
Green-winged Teal	U	M	prefers marshy ponds, possible flyover
Ring-necked Duck	C/U	M	
Lesser Scaup	C/U	M	
Bufflehead	C/U	M	
Common Goldeneye	C/U	Sp, F, W	possible flyover
Hooded Merganser	C/U	Sp, Su, F	
Common Merganser	U	Sp, F, W	prefers deep rivers/lakes, possible flyover
Ruddy Duck	R	M	one fall record, prefer marshy ponds or larger lakes
Pheasant, Grouse, and Turkey			
Ring-necked Pheasant	C/U	YR	Schmeeckle marsh, likely escaped from a game farm
Ruffed Grouse	R	YR	locally uncommon, prefers more extensive forests w/aspens
Wild Turkey	C/U	YR	
Loons, Grebes, and Cormorant			
Common Loon	U	M	prefers deeper lakes, flyover
Pied-billed Grebe	A	M	
Horned Grebe	U	M	prefers larger lakes or rivers
Red-necked Grebe	R	M	one fall record from 2012 on Lake Joanis; uncommon WI bird, prefers larger lakes or rivers
Double-crested Cormorant	R	Sp, Su, F	locally uncommon, prefers larger lakes or rivers; possible flyover
Bitterns and Herons			
American Bittern	R	Sp, Su, F	locally uncommon, prefers more extensive marshes
Great Blue Heron	C/U	Sp, Su, F	
Green Heron	C/U	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Black-crowned Night Heron	R	Sp, Su, F	north of range, prefers more wooded or marshy ponds/lakes
Vulture			
Turkey Vulture	C/U	Sp, Su, F	flyover
Hawks, Eagles, and Falcons			
Osprey	C/U	Sp, Su	
Bald Eagle	C/U	YR	
Northern Harrier	R	M	prefers extensive prairies, flyover
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	Sp, F, W	has nested
Cooper's Hawk	C	Sp, Su, F	nests
Northern Goshawk	R	Sp, F, W	locally rare, flyover
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	Sp, Su, F	locally uncommon, possible flyover
Broad-winged Hawk	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in or near Schmeeckle
Red-tailed Hawk	C	YR	probably nests on or near campus
Rough-legged Hawk	R	W	prefers extensive prairies/open areas, flyover
American Kestrel	R	Sp, Su, F	prefers larger open areas, flyover
Merlin	U	YR	attempted nesting near Old Main in mid-2000s, also flyover
Peregrine Falcon	R	M	locally rare, flyover
Rails and Cranes			
Virginia Rail	R	Sp, Su, F	2 spring records, locally uncommon, prefers larger marshes
American Coot	C/U	M	
Sandhill Crane	C/U	Sp, Su, F	locally abundant, flyover
Plovers and Sandpipers			
Killdeer	A	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests
Spotted Sandpiper	U	Sp, Su, F	prefers lakes and rivers with more extensive shoreline
Solitary Sandpiper	U	M	possible flyover
Upland Sandpiper	R	Sp, Su	historically more common; prefers shortgrass prairies
Short-billed Dowitcher	R	M	prefers extensive mudflats, possible flyover
Wilson's Snipe	R	Sp, Su, F	prefers grassy mudflats, possible flyover

American Woodcock	U	Sp, Su, F	historically common; prefers deciduous/mixed forests or fields, for displaying
Gulls and Terns			
Bonaparte's Gull	U	M	prefers more open lakes, possible flyover
Ring-billed Gull	A	Sp, Su, F	
Herring Gull	R	F, W	prefers larger lakes and rivers, possible flyover
Pigeon, Dove, and Cuckoos			
Rock Pigeon	A	YR	possibly nests on academic buildings
Mourning Dove	A	YR	nests
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R	Sp, Su, F	north of range, prefers more extensive forests
Black-billed Cuckoo	R	Sp, Su, F	locally rare, prefers more extensive forests
Owls			
Eastern Screech-Owl	R	YR	north of range
Great Horned Owl	C	YR	
Snowy Owl	R	W	irruptive; seen once on campus in late 1900s and again in December 2011, prefers extensive open areas
Barred Owl	C	YR	nests in Schmeeckle
Northern Saw-whet Owl	C/U	Sp, F, W	
Nightjars and Swift			
Common Nighthawk	C	Sp, Su, F	most often seen at dusk, probably nests on top of buildings
Whip-poor-will	U	Sp, Su	prefers semi-open jack pine forests
Chimney Swift	A	Sp, Su, F	
Hummingbird			
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C/U	Sp, Su, F	
Kingfisher			
Belted Kingfisher	C/U	Sp, Su, F	
Woodpeckers			
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	YR	historically more common; prefers open woodlands w/snags
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C/U	YR	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Downy Woodpecker	A	YR	nests in Schmeeckle
Hairy Woodpecker	A	YR	nests in Schmeeckle
Northern Flicker	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Pileated Woodpecker	C	YR	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Flycatchers			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	R	M	locally uncommon, found in forested wetlands
Eastern Wood-Pewee	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Alder Flycatcher	U	Sp, Su	found in open/brushy areas near water
Willow Flycatcher	U	Sp, Su	found in open/brushy areas near water
Least Flycatcher	C/U	Sp, Su	
Acadian Flycatcher	R	Sp, Su	one record in Summer 2013; north of range; found in high canopy within deciduous forests
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U/R	M	locally uncommon; found in understory within forests
Eastern Phoebe	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Great-crested Flycatcher	C	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Eastern Kingbird	C/U	Sp, Su	probably historically more common, prefers open areas near water
Shrike and Vireos			
Northern Shrike	U	F, W	found in open/brushy areas; hunts rodents and birds
Yellow-throated Vireo	C/U	Sp, Su, F	
Blue-headed Vireo	C/U	M	
Warbling Vireo	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in cottonwoods/willows near water in Schmeeckle
Philadelphia Vireo	U	M	locally uncommon
Red-eyed Vireo	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Jay, Crow, and Raven			
Blue Jay	A	YR	nests in Schmeeckle
American Crow	A	YR	nests
Common Raven	R	YR	locally uncommon
Lark and Swallows			
Purple Martin	R	Sp, Su	locally uncommon, prefers large open areas near larger bodies of water, flyover
Tree Swallow	C	Sp, Su, F	probably nests in Schmeeckle
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	Sp, Su	
Bank Swallow	U	Sp, Su	prefers rivers/areas with banks for nesting, possible flyover
Barn Swallow	A	Sp, Su, F	nests
Chickadee, Nuthatches, Creeper			
Black-capped Chickadee	A	YR	nests

Boreal Chickadee	R	F, W	south of range, prefers coniferous forests
Tufted Titmouse	R	YR	very small population in Stevens Point
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	YR	nests
White-breasted Nuthatch	A	YR	nests
Brown Creeper	C	M	
Wrens, Kinglets, Gnatcatcher			
Carolina Wren	R	YR	north of range, seen in Schmeeckle in Fall 2003
House Wren	A	Sp, Su, F	nests
Winter Wren	C	M	
Sedge Wren	R	Sp, Su	prefers more grassy/weedy areas
Marsh Wren	C/U	Sp, Su	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	A	M	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	A	M	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C/U	Sp, Su, F	
Thrushes			
Eastern Bluebird	C	Sp, Su, F	nests
Townsend's Solitaire	R	F, W	east of range, seen on campus in Winter 2010/2011
Veery	C/U	Sp, Su	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	C	M	
Swainson's Thrush	C	M	
Hermit Thrush	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Wood Thrush	U	Sp, Su	prefers larger tracts of deciduous forest
American Robin	A	Sp, Su, F	nests
Mimids			
Gray Catbird	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Brown Thrasher	C	Sp, Su, F	nests
Starling, Pipit, and Waxwings			
European Starling	C	YR	probably nests on or near campus
Bohemian Waxwing	R	W	south of range, irruptive; found on berry trees
Cedar Waxwing	A	YR	irruptive; found on berry trees; probably nests
Wood Warblers			
Blue-winged Warbler	R	Sp, Su	locally uncommon; prefers second-growth areas
Golden-winged Warbler	U	M	locally uncommon; prefers second-growth areas
Tennessee Warbler	A	M	
Orange-crowned Warbler	U	M	locally uncommon
Nashville Warbler	A	M	
Northern Parula	C	M	
Yellow Warbler	A	Sp, Su	nests in willows near water in Schmeeckle
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	M	
Magnolia Warbler	C	M	
Cape May Warbler	U	M	locally uncommon
Black-throated Blue Warbler	U	M	locally uncommon
Yellow-rumped Warbler	A	M	
Black-throated Green Warbler	C	M	
Blackburnian Warbler	C	M	
Pine Warbler	C	Sp, Su	nests in pines in Schmeeckle
Palm Warbler	C	M	
Bay-breasted Warbler	U	M	
Blackpoll Warbler	U	M	
Black-and-White Warbler	C	M	
American Redstart	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Prothonotary Warbler	R	Sp, Su, F	one fall record; north of range
Ovenbird	C	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Northern Waterthrush	C	M	
Kentucky Warbler	R	Sp, Su	north of range
Connecticut Warbler	R	M	one spring record, locally rare
Mourning Warbler	U	M	locally uncommon
Common Yellowthroat	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in weedy/marshy areas in Schmeeckle
Wilson's Warbler	C/U	M	
Canada Warbler	C/U	M	
Towhee and Sparrows			
Eastern Towhee	U	Sp, Su, F	historically more common; prefers open brushy areas
American Tree Sparrow	C/U	F, W	
Chipping Sparrow	A	Sp, Su, F	nests
Clay-colored Sparrow	C/U	Sp, Su, F	historically more common
Field Sparrow	U	Sp, Su, F	prefers brushy areas; used to nest near Moses Creek
Vesper Sparrow	U	Sp, Su	historically more common
Lark Sparrow	R	Sp, Su	locally uncommon; prefers open/brushy areas with gravel or sand

Savannah Sparrow	U	Sp, Su, F	historically more common; prefers grassy areas
Grasshopper Sparrow	R	Sp, Su	historically more common; prefers prairies
Le Conte's Sparrow	R	M	found in weedy/grassy/marshy areas
Fox Sparrow	C	M	
Song Sparrow	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	M	
Swamp Sparrow	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
White-throated Sparrow	A	M	
Harris's Sparrow	R	M	locally uncommon
White-crowned Sparrow	C/U	M	
Dark-eyed Junco	A	Sp, F, W	
Longspur and Bunting			
Snow Bunting	U	Sp, W	prefers extensive open areas, flyover
Tanager			
Scarlet Tanager	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Grosbeaks			
Northern Cardinal	A	YR	nests
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	Sp, Su, F	
Indigo Bunting	C	Sp, Su, F	possibly nests in Schmeeckle
Blackbirds			
Bobolink	R	Sp, Su	historically more common; prefers extensive prairies and meadows
Red-winged Blackbird	A	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Eastern Meadowlark	U	Sp, Su, F	historically more common; prefers more extensive grassy areas
Western Meadowlark	U	Sp, Su, F	historically more common; prefers more extensive grassy areas
Rusty Blackbird	U	M	prefers more open/brushy areas near water, possible flyover
Brewer's Blackbird	U	Sp, Su, F	prefers open areas near agricultural fields, flyover
Common Grackle	C	Sp, Su, F	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	Sp, Su, F	
Baltimore Oriole	C	Sp, Su, F	nests in Schmeeckle
Finches			
Pine Grosbeak	R	W	irruptive and south of range; prefers coniferous forests
Purple Finch	C/U	Sp, F, W	irruptive
House Finch	A	YR	nests
Red Crossbill	R	F, W	irruptive and south of range; dependent on pines
White-winged Crossbill	R	F, W	irruptive and south of range; dependent on spruces
Common Redpoll	U	W	irruptive
Hoary Redpoll	R	W	irruptive; south of range
Pine Siskin	C/U	Sp, F, W	irruptive
American Goldfinch	A	YR	nests
Evening Grosbeak	R	W	irruptive; south of range
Weaver Finch			
House Sparrow	A	YR	nests