

SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION OF BIRDS AT THE BAKER UNIVERSITY WETLANDS

The Baker University Wetlands Research and Natural Area is a 927-acre area 11 miles northwest of Baldwin and on the south side of Lawrence in the Wakarusa River floodplain. The area contains 45 acres of native wetland prairie. It also includes many acres of restored meadows, marshes, open water, shrubby and secondary growth and mature riparian woodlands.

The original 573 acres were acquired by Baker University from the federal government in 1968. KDOT received 56 acres for easement for the SLT but added 410 acres as part of the mitigation. The entire property is used for education and research on a variety of ecological phenomena and for preservation of the native wetland prairie. The area was identified as a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service in 1969 and a Natural and Scientific Area by the state of Kansas in 1987.

KEY:

C= common

U= uncommon

O= occasional

R= rare

*= confirmed nesting

**= probable nesters

†= threatened/endangered species

Winter= Dec.-Feb.

Spring= Mar.-May

Summer= June-Aug.

Fall= Sept.-Nov.

	W	Sp	Su	F	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		-	R	-	-
Greater White-fronted Goose	R	U	-	O	
Snow Goose	O	O	R	O	
Ross's Goose	R	R	R	R	
Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C	
Cackling Goose	U	O	-	O	
Mute Swan	-	R	R	-	
Trumpeter Swan	-	R	-	-	
Tundra Swan	R	-	-	R	
Wood Duck*	O	C	C	C	
Gadwall	U	C	O	C	
American Wigeon	O	C	O	U	
Black Duck	R	-	-	R	
Mallard*	C	C	U	C	
Blue-winged Teal*	R	C	C	C	
Cinnamon Teal		-	R	-	-
Northern Shoveler	O	C	O	U	
Northern Pintail	U	U	R	U	
	W	Sp	Su	F	
Green-winged Teal	O	C	O	C	

Canvasback	O	-	-	-	
Redhead	O	U	-	U	
Ring-necked Duck	O	O	R	R	
Greater Scaup	R	R	-	R	
Lesser Scaup	O	O	-	R	
Bufflehead	O	O	-	R	
Common Goldeneye	O	O	-	R	
Hooded Merganser**	U	O	O	U	
Common Merganser	U	O	-	R	
Red-breasted Merganser	-	R	-	R	
Ruddy Duck	O	O	-	R	
Northern Bobwhite*	O	U	C	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant*	R	R	R	R	
Wild Turkey*	U	U	U	U	
Pied-billed Grebe*	O	C	U	U	
Horned Grebe	-	R	-	-	
Eared Grebe	-	R	-	-	
Rock Pigeon*	U	U	U	U	
Eurasian Collared Dove	-	R	R	R	
Mourning Dove*	U	C	C	C	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	-	-	C	C	U
Black-billed Cuckoo*	-	O	U	R	
Common Nighthawk	-	U	U	U	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	-	R	-	R	
Chimney Swift**	-	U	U	U	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	-	-	U	U	U
Yellow Rail	-	R	-	R	
Black Rail	-	R	-	-	
King Rail*	-	R	R	R	
Virginia Rail*	R	O	O	O	
Sora*	-	C	R	U	
Common Gallinule*	-	R	R	-	
American Coot*	O	C	U	U	
Sandhill Crane	R	R	-	R	
Black-necked Stilt	-	R	-	-	
American Avocet	-	O	O	O	
Black-bellied Plover	-	R	-	-	
American Golden Plover	-	R	R	-	
Snowy Plover	-	R	-	-	
Semipalmated Plover	-	R	R	R	
Piping Plover	-	R	-	-	
Killdeer*	O	C	C	C	
Upland Sandpiper	-	O	O	R	
Whimbrel	-	-	R	-	
Hudsonian Godwit	-	O	-	-	
Marbled Godwit	-	R	-	-	
	W	Sp	Su	F	
Stilt Sandpiper	-	U	O	O	
Sanderling	-	R	-	R	
Dunlin	-	R	-	R	

Baird's Sandpiper	-	U	O	O	
Least Sandpiper	-	C	U	O	
White-rumped Sandpiper	-	U	O	R	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	R	R	R	
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	U	O	U	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	U	O	O	
Western Sandpiper	-	R	-	R	
Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	R	-	R
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	O	-	O
American Woodcock*	-	-	U	U	U
Wilson's Snipe	-	U	C	U	C
Spotted Sandpiper*	-	U	C	U	
Solitary Sandpiper	-	U	U	U	
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	C	O	O	
Willet	-	O	-	-	
Greater Yellowlegs	-	C	O	O	
Wilson's Phalarope	-	O	R	O	
Red-necked Phalarope	-	-	R	R	R
Bonaparte's Gull	O	R	-	O	
Laughing Gull	-	-	-	R	
Franklin's Gull	O	C	R	C	
Ring-billed Gull	-	O	U	O	U
Herring Gull	R	R	-	R	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	R	
Least Tern†	-	R	R	R	
Caspian Tern	-	R	R	R	
Black Tern	-	U	O	O	
Common Tern	R	-	-	-	
Forster's Tern	O	U	O	R	
Common Loon	-	-	R	-	-
Neotropical Cormorant	-	-	R	-	-
Double-crested Cormorant	O	U	-	U	
American White Pelican	-	O	R	O	
American Bittern**	R	O	-	O	
Least Bittern*	-	U	U	R	
Great Blue Heron	R	C	C	U	
Great Egret	-	C	C	C	
Snowy Egret	-	U	U	O	
Little Blue Heron	-	C	C	O	
Tri-colored Heron	-	R	R	-	
Cattle Egret	-	O	O	-	
Green Heron*	-	C	C	U	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	O	O	R	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**	-	U	U	R	
	W	Sp	Su	F	
Glossy Ibis	-	R	-	-	
White-faced Ibis	-	O	R	R	
Turkey Vulture	-	R	U	U	O
Osprey	R	R	-	R	
Mississippi Kite	-	R	O	R	

Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
Northern Harrier*	C	C	R	C	
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	U	U	U	
Cooper's Hawk**	U	U	U	O	
Northern Goshawk	R	R	-	R	
Red-shouldered Hawk	R	O	O	O	
Broad-winged Hawk	-	R	-	R	
Swainson's Hawk	-	O	-	O	
Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C	
Ferruginous Hawk	R	R	-	-	
Rough-legged Hawk	O	R	-	O	
Golden Eagle	R	-	-	-	
Barn Owl*	R	U	U	R	
Eastern Screech-Owl*	U	U	O	U	
Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl*	U	U	U	U	
Long-eared Owl	R	-	-	R	
Short-eared Owl	R	R	-	R	
Belted Kingfisher*	O	C	C	U	
Red-headed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U	
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	R	-	R	
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker*	O	U	U	O	
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C	
Pileated Woodpecker*		U	U	O	U
American Kestrel*	U	U	U	U	
Merlin	R	R	-	R	
Peregrine Falcon†	-	R	-	R	
Prairie Falcon	R	R	-	R	
Olive-sided Flycatcher		-	R	R	O
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	-	U	U	U	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	R	-	-	
Acadian Flycatcher	-	R	R	R	
Alder Flycatcher	-	R	R	R	
Willow Flycatcher*	-	C	O	O	
Least Flycatcher	-	C	U	U	
Eastern Phoebe*	R	C	C	O	
Great Crested Flycatcher*	-	C	U	U	
Western Kingbird*	-	O	O	O	
Eastern Kingbird*	-	C	C	U	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	-	U	U	O	
	W	Sp	Su	F	
Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	O	U	
Northern Shrike	-	R	-	-	
White-eyed Vireo*	-	U	U	O	
Bell's Vireo*	-	U	C	C	
Yellow-throated Vireo		-	O	O	O
Blue-headed Vireo	-	U	-	O	
Philadelphia Vireo	-	R	-	R	

Warbling Vireo*	-	U	U	U	
Red-eyed Vireo*	-	C	C	U	
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C	
American Crow*	C	C	C	C	
Fish Crow	-	R	R	-	
Horned Lark*	O	O	O	O	
Purple Martin*		-	C	C	O
Tree Swallow*		R	C	C	R
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	-	C	C	U	
Bank Swallow	-	O	O	R	
Cliff Swallow*		-	C	C	R
Barn Swallow*		-	C	C	C
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		R	R	-	R
White-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	U	
Brown Creeper	U	O	-	O	
House Wren*	-	C	C	U	
Winter Wren	O	R	-	O	
Sedge Wren*	R	O	C	U	
Marsh Wren	O	O	O	O	
Carolina Wren*	U	U	U	U	
Bewick's Wren	-	R	-	R	
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher*	-	U	U	O	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U	U	-	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		R	O	-	O
Eastern Bluebird*	U	C	C	U	
Veery	-	R	-	-	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	O	-	-	
Swainson's Thrush	-	U	-	R	
Hermit Thrush	-	O	-	R	
Wood Thrush	-	R	R	-	
American Robin*	U	C	C	U	
Gray Catbird*	-	U	U	U	
Brown Thrasher*	R	U	U	R	
Northern Mockingbird*	R	O	O	O	
European Starling*	C	C	C	C	
Cedar Waxwing*	U	U	O	U	
House Sparrow*	U	C	C	O	
American Pipit		U	O	-	O
	W	Sp	Su	F	
House Finch*	O	O	O	O	
Purple Finch	O	O	-	R	
Red Crossbill	R	-	-	-	
Common Redpoll	R	-	-	R	
Pine Siskin	O	O	-	O	
American Goldfinch*	C	U	C	C	
Lapland Longspur	R	-	-	O	
Smith's Longspur	R	R	-	R	
Ovenbird	-	R	-	R	

Louisiana Waterthrush**	-	O	R	-	
Northern Waterthrush	-	U	O	O	
Golden-winged Warbler	-	R	-	-	
Blue-winged Warbler	-	R	-	-	
Black-and-white Warbler**	-	O	R	R	
Prothonotary Warbler*	-	-	U	O	R
Tennessee Warbler	-	U	O	O	
Orange-crowned Warbler	R	U	O	U	
Nashville Warbler	-	U	O	U	
Connecticut Warbler	-	R	-	-	
Mourning Warbler	-	O	R	R	
Kentucky Warbler	-	O	-	R	
Common Yellowthroat*	R	C	C	U	
American Redstart	-	U	R	O	
Cape May Warbler	-	R	-	-	
Cerulean Warbler	-	R	-	-	
Northern Parula*	-	U	U	O	
Magnolia Warbler	-	O	-	R	
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	R	-	R	
Blackburnian Warbler	-	R	-	R	
Yellow Warbler*	-	C	U	U	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	O	-	R	
Blackpoll Warbler	-	O	-	-	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-	R	
Palm Warbler	-	O	-	O	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	O	C	O	C	
Yellow-throated Warbler	-	R	-	-	
Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	R	-	R
Canada Warbler	-	O	-	R	
Wilson's Warbler	-	C	R	O	
Yellow-breasted Chat**	-	O	O	R	
Spotted Towhee	R	R	-	O	
Eastern Towhee**	-	O	R	R	
American Tree Sparrow	C	U	-	U	
Chipping Sparrow*	-	O	O	R	
Clay-colored Sparrow	-	O	-	R	
Field Sparrow*	R	U	U	U	
Vesper Sparrow	-	U	-	U	
	W	Sp	Su	F	
Lark Sparrow*	-	-	C	C	R
Savannah Sparrow	O	C	-	C	
Grasshopper Sparrow*	-	U	U	R	
Henslow's Sparrow*	-	R	R	O	
LeConte's Sparrow	O	U	-	U	
Nelson's Sparrow	R	R	-	O	
Fox Sparrow	O	O	-	U	
Song Sparrow**	C	C	O	C	
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	C	-	C	
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	-	C	
White-throated Sparrow	U	O	-	O	

Harris' Sparrow	C	C	-	C
White-crowned Sparrow	C	C	-	C
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	-	C
Summer Tanager*	-	U	U	R
Scarlet Tanager	-	R	-	-
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	-	U	U	O
Blue Grosbeak*	-	O	O	R
Lazuli Bunting	-	-	R	-
Indigo Bunting*	-	C	C	U
Painted Bunting	-	-	R	R
Dickcissel*	-	C	C	U
Bobolink	-	R	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird*	U	C	C	C
Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark	U	U	-	U
Yellow-headed Blackbird	R	U	-	R
Rusty Blackbird	O	O	-	O
Brewer's Blackbird	O	O	-	O
Common Grackle*	O	C	C	C
Great-tailed Grackle*	-	U	U	U
Brown-headed Cowbird*	O	C	C	C
Orchard Oriole*	-	C	C	R
Baltimore Oriole*	-	C	C	U

The list has been compiled by Dr. Roger L. Boyd and Dr. Calvin L. Cink of the Baker University Biology Department and other ornithologists in the area. The current list of 288 species has been compiled from records dating from 1968. There are 98 species that have been confirmed as nesting in the area. Your additional sightings are welcome. Documentation may be necessary before a species is added to the list.

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