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Geese/ Swans/Ducks					Hummingbirds					Forster's Tern					Flycatchers				
_____ Snow Goose	o		o	r	_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	a	c		_____ Forster's Tern	u	o	o		_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	r	r	
_____ Ross's Goose	o		r		Rails/Gallinule/Coot					Loons					_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*	o	o		
_____ Gr. White-fronted Goose	o		r	r	_____ Virginia Rail*	c	c	u		_____ Common Loon	u	o	u		_____ Acadian Flycatcher*	r	r		
_____ Cackling Goose	o		u	r	_____ Sora*	c	c	c		Cormorants					_____ Alder Flycatcher*	u	c	o	
_____ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	u	_____ Common Gallinule*	r	o	r		_____ Double-crested Cormorant*	u	u	u		_____ Willow Flycatcher*	u	c	o	
_____ Mute Swan	r	r	r		_____ American Coot*	c	u	c	r	Pelicans					_____ Least Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
_____ Trumpeter Swan*	u	o	u	r	Cranes					_____ American White Pelican	o	u	o		_____ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c	
_____ Tundra Swan	u		o	r	_____ Sandhill Crane*	c	c	c	r	Bitterns/Herons					_____ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
_____ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	r	_____ Whooping Crane*	o	o	o		_____ American Bittern*	u	u	u		_____ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	u	
_____ Blue-winged Teal*	c	c	c		Avocets					Vultures					Vireos				
_____ Northern Shoveler*	c	o	u	r	_____ American Avocet	r	r	r		_____ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c		_____ White-eyed Vireo	r	r	r	
_____ Gadwall*	c	o	u	r	Plovers					Osprey					_____ Yellow-throated Vireo	c	c	c	
_____ American Wigeon	c	o	u	r	_____ Black-bellied Plover	o	r	o		_____ Osprey*	u	u	u		_____ Blue-headed Vireo*	u	r	u	
_____ Mallard*	c	c	c	u	_____ American Golden-Plover	r	r	o		Eagles/Hawks					_____ Warbling Vireo*	c	c	c	
_____ American Black Duck	u	r	o	o	_____ Semipalmated Plover	o	o	u		_____ Golden Eagle	o		o	r	_____ Philadelphia Vireo	o	o	o	
_____ Northern Pintail*	c	o	u	r	_____ Killdeer	a	a	c		_____ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c		_____ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
_____ Green-winged Teal*	c	u	u	r	Sandpipers/Phalaropes/Allies					Osprey					Shrikes				
_____ Canvasback	c	r	o	r	_____ Upland Sandpiper*	o	o			_____ Osprey*	u	u	u		_____ Loggerhead Shrike*	r	r		
_____ Redhead	c	r	u	r	_____ Hudsonian Godwit	r		r		Eagles/Hawks					_____ Northern Shrike	o		o	u
_____ Ring-necked Duck*	c	u	u	r	_____ Marbled Godwit	r		r		_____ Golden Eagle	o		o	r	Jays/Crows				
_____ Greater Scaup	o		o		_____ Ruddy Turnstone	o	r	o		_____ Northern Harrier*	u	u	u	r	_____ Blue Jay*	a	c	c	o
_____ Lesser Scaup	c		c	r	_____ Stilt Sandpiper	r	o	o		_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	u	o	_____ American Crow*	a	a	a	a
_____ Surf Scoter			o		_____ Sanderling	r		o		_____ Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u	_____ Common Raven*	u	u	u	u
_____ White-winged Scoter	r		o		_____ Dunlin	u		o		_____ Northern Goshawk	r	r	r	r	Chickadees/Titmice				
_____ Black Scoter			o		_____ Baird's Sandpiper	r	o	u		_____ Bald Eagle*	c	c	c	u	_____ Black-capped Chackadee*	a	a	a	a
_____ Long-tailed Duck	r		o		_____ Least Sandpiper	c	u	c		_____ Red-shouldered Hawk	u	o	o	r	_____ Tufted Titmouse*	u	o	o	u
_____ Bufflehead	c	r	c	r	_____ White-rumped Sandpiper	u	o	r		_____ Broad-winged Hawk	u	u	u		Larks				
_____ Common Goldeneye	c	r	u	u	_____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper		r	r		_____ Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	u	_____ Horned Lark*	c	c	u	o
_____ Hooded Merganser*	c	u	u	r	_____ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u		_____ Rough-legged Hawk	u		o	u	Swallows				
_____ Common Merganser*	c	o	u	u	_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u		Owls					_____ Nthrn Rgh-winged Swallow*	u	c	u	
_____ Red-breasted Merganser	u		o		_____ Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	u		_____ Eastern Screech Owl*	o	o	o	o	_____ Purple Martin*	u	u	o	
_____ Ruddy Duck*	u	r	u		_____ Long-billed Dowitcher	r		o		_____ Great Horned Owl*	o	u	u	u	_____ Tree Swallow*	a	c	u	
Pheasants/Grouse/Turkey					_____ American Woodcock*	c	u	u		_____ Snowy Owl	r		r	o	_____ Bank Swallow*	u	c	u	
_____ Wild Turkey*	u	r	u		_____ Wilson's Snipe	c	c	c		_____ Barred Owl*	o	u	u	u	_____ Barn Swallow*	c	c	u	
_____ Ruffed Grouse*	c	u	u	u	_____ Wilson's Phalarope*	o	o	o		_____ Long-eared Owl*	o	o	o	o	_____ Cliff Swallow*	c	c	u	
_____ Greater Prairie-Chicken*	r	r	r	r	_____ Red-necked Phalarope	r	r	r		_____ Short-eared Owl*	r	r	r	r	Kinglets				
_____ Ring-necked Pheasant*	u	u	u	u	_____ Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c		_____ Northern Saw-wet Owl*	u	o	u	o	_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	
Grebes					_____ Solitary Sandpiper	c	o	c		Kingfisher					_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet*	u	o	u	o
_____ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c		_____ Greater Yellowlegs	u	o	u		_____ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	o	Nuthatches				
_____ Horned Grebe	u		u		_____ Willet	r	r	r		Woodpeckers/Allies					_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
_____ Red-necked Grebe	o	r	r		_____ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	c		_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	c	u	u	r	_____ White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
_____ Eared Grebe	r				Gulls					Woodpeckers/Allies					Creepers				
Pigeons/Doves					_____ Bonaparte's Gull	u		u		_____ Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	o	o	r	_____ Brown Creeper*	u	o	u	u
_____ Rock Pigeon*	c	c	c	c	_____ Franklin's Gull	r	r	r		_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	Gnatcatchers				
_____ Eurasian Collared-Dove	r				_____ Ring-billed Gull	c	c	c	r	_____ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	a	a	_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	u	
_____ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	_____ Herring Gull*	c	o	c	r	_____ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	Wrens				
Cuckoos					Terns					Falcons					_____ House Wren*	a	a	c	
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	o	r		_____ Caspian Tern	o	o	o		_____ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	o	_____ Winter Wren*	u	u	u	r
_____ Black-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	o		_____ Black Tern*	u	u	o		_____ Merlin*	u	u	u	o	_____ Sedge Wren*	c	c	u	
Goatsuckers/Swifts					_____ Common Tern	o		r		_____ Peregrine Falcon*	o	o	o	r	_____ Marsh Wren*	c	c	u	
_____ Common Nighthawk*	o	o	u		Forster's Tern					Loons					_____ Carolina Wren	o	o	o	o
_____ Eastern Wip-poor-wil*	o	o	r		_____ Caspian Tern	o	o	o		_____ Common Loon	u	o	u		Forster's Tern				
_____ Chimney Swift*	u	u	u		_____ Black Tern*	u	u	o		_____ Double-crested Cormorant*	u	u	u		Loons				

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Starlings				
____ European Starling*	a	a	a	a
Mockingbirds/Thrashers				
____ Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	r
____ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	u	r
____ Northern Mockingbird	r	r	r	
Thrushes				
____ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	r
____ Varied Thrush	r			r
____ Veery*	u	c	u	
____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		o	
____ Swainson's Thrush	u	r	c	
____ Hermit Thrush*	u	c	u	r
____ Wood Thrush*	u	c	u	
____ American Robin*	a	a	c	o
Waxwings				
____ Bohemian Waxwing	o		o	o
____ Cedar Waxwings*	a	a	a	u
Old World Sparrows				
____ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
Pipits				
____ American Pipit	o		o	
Finches				
____ Evening Grosbeak	r		r	r
____ Pine Grosbeak	r		r	o
____ House Finch*	c	c	c	c
____ Purple Finch*	u	u	u	u
____ Common Redpoll	o		o	u
____ Hoary Redpoll	r			r
____ Red Crossbill*	r	r	r	r
____ White-winged Crossbill*	r		r	o
____ Pine Siskin*	u	o	u	u
____ American Goldfinch*	a	a	a	a
Longspurs/Buntings				
____ Lapland Longspur	u		u	o
____ Snow Bunting	u		u	u
Towhees/Sparrows				
____ Grasshopper Sparrow*	o	o		
____ Chipping Sparrow*	a	a	c	r
____ Clay-colored Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
____ Field Sparrow*	c	u	u	
____ American Tree Sparrow	c		u	c
____ Fox Sparrow	u		u	r
____ Dark-eyed Junco*	a	r	a	c
____ White-crowned Sparrow	c		u	r
____ Harris's Sparrow	o		o	r
____ White-throated Sparrow*	c	u	a	r
____ Vesper Sparrow*	c	c	u	
____ Le Conte's Sparrow*	o	r	o	
____ Nelson's Sparrow	r		o	
____ Savannah Sparrow*	c	c	c	
____ Henslow's Sparrow*	o	o	r	
____ Song Sparrow*	a	a	a	r
____ Lincoln's Sparrow*	u	o	u	
____ Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	c	r

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____ Eastern Towhee*	c	c	u	r
Blackbirds				
____ Yellow-headed Blackbird*	u	u	o	
____ Bobolink*	u	c	o	
____ Western Meadowlark*	o	o		
____ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	u	r
____ Orchard Oriole*	o	o	o	
____ Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	u	r
____ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	c	r
____ Brown-headed Cowbird*	a	a	u	r
____ Rusty Blackbird	u		u	
____ Brewer's Blackbird*	u	u	u	
____ Common Grackle*	a	a	c	r
Warblers				
____ Ovenbird*	c	c	u	
____ Louisiana Waterthrush	r	r		
____ Northern Waterthrush*	c	c	u	
____ Golden-winged Warbler*	c	c	u	
____ Blue-winged Warbler*	c	c	u	
____ Black-and-white Warbler*	c	c	c	
____ Prothonotary Warbler*	o	o		
____ Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
____ Orange-crowned Warbler	o		o	
____ Nashville Warbler*	c	c	c	
____ Connecticut Warbler	o		r	
____ Mourning Warbler*	c	c	o	
____ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
____ Hooded Warbler*	o	o		
____ American Redstart*	c	c	c	
____ Cape May Warbler	u		u	
____ Cerulean Warbler*	r	r		
____ Northern Parula	u	r	u	
____ Magnolia Warbler	c	r	c	
____ Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
____ Blackburnian Warbler*	c	o	u	
____ Yellow Warbler*	c	c	o	
____ Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	c	c	
____ Blackpoll Warbler	c		u	
____ Black-throated Blue Warbler	o		o	
____ Palm Warbler*	c	r	c	
____ Pine Warbler	c	c	u	r
____ Yellow-rumped Warbler*	c	u	a	r
____ Bl-throated Green Warbler*	c	u	c	
____ Canada Warbler*	u	u	o	
____ Wilson's Warbler*	u		u	
Tanagers				
____ Summer Tanager	r		r	r
____ Scarlet Tanager*	u	c	u	
____ Western Tanager	r			
Cardinals/Grossbeaks/Allies				
____ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c	r
____ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	u	
____ Dickcissel*	r	o	r	

Accidentals

An accidental species is a rare bird that's been seen and documented only a few times in Marathon County. Most of these birds normally occur in places from far away from Marathon County and are rare to be seen here. Accidental bird sightings for Marthon County are listed below.

Brant	Cattle Egret
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Eurasian Wigeon	White Ibis
Barrow's Goldeneye	White-faced Ibis
Western Grebe	Swainson's Hawk
White-winged Dove	Barn Owl
Yellow Rail	Northern Hawk Owl
King Rail	Great Gray Owl
Black-necked Stilt	Boreal Owl
Whimbrel	Black-backed Woodpecker
Red Knot	Gyr Falcon
Western Sandpiper	Western Kingbird
Parasitic Jaeger	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Magnificent Frigatebird	Gray Jay
Sabine's Gull	Boreal Chickadee
Little Gull	Townsend's Solitaire
Iceland Gull	Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Glaucous Gull	Spotted Towhee
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Lark Sparrow
Great Black-backed Gull	Lark Bunting
Arctic Tern	Prairie Warbler
Anhinga	Painted Redstart
Snowy Egret	Yellow-breasted Chat
Little Blue Heron	Lazuli Bunting

Several species or family groups only appear in the county if proper habitat is available. An example would be shorebird, which need drawn down reservoirs or shallow marshes that create mudflats for them to feed in. Other species are known to be erratic in thier movements, and their numbers fluctuate from year to year. They can be very common one year, and goe the next. Examples of these are **Bohemian Waxwing** and winter finces

As of the spring of 2022, the **Greater Prairie Chicken** is nearly gone from Marathon County (mostly from the Mead State Wildlife Area). Loss of habitat, land use changes and more has pushed this species out of the county. Only in Sothern Portage County does the species remain in any decent numbers. **Northern Bobwhite** are usually released game birds by hunters, and are not an established or countable species.

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Checklist to the Birds of Marathon County, Wisconsin

This Checklist of over 300 bird species was compiled by the Wausau Bird Club to enhance your Marathon County birding experience. Please report rare or accidental birds to the Wausau Bird Club at www.wausaubirdclub@gmail.com.

Legend

- Sp = Spring** (March - May)
- Su = Summer** (June - July)
- F = Fall** (August - November)
- W = Winter** (December - February)

The following codes are used in this checklist to describe the species listed.

a = abundant Regularly seen in a variety of habitats.

c = common Commonly seen or heard in its proper habitate.

u = uncommon Present, but not certain to be seen. Can be a fairly common species at certain times, or in certain areas.

o = occasional A few may be seen or heard during the season.

r = rare Seen on average every two to eight years, a species that is threatened or endangered, or a species out of its normal range.

An **asterick (*)** indicates either past and/or present breeding evidence in Marathon County. Due to changes in either habitat and/or climage, some species may no longer breed in the county, while others may be expanding their range into Marathon County.