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

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Starling				
____ European Starling*	a	a	a	a
Thrashers/Mockingbird				
____ 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	u	
____ Hermit Thrush*	u	u	u	r
____ Wood Thrush*	u	c	u	
____ American Robin*	a	a	c	o
Waxwings				
____ Bohemian Waxwing	o		o	u
____ Cedar Waxwing*	u	c	c	u
Old World Sparrow				
____ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
Pipit				
____ 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
Longspur/Bunting				
____ Lapland Longspur	u		u	o
____ Snow Bunting	u		u	u
Sparrows/Towhee				
____ 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		r
____ 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*	u	u	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	r	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			
Cardinal/Grosbeak/Allies				
____ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c	r
____ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	u	
____ Dickcissel*	o	u	o	

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 far away from here and are rarely seen in this county. Accidental bird sightings for Marthon County are listed below.

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

Several species or family groups only appear in the county if proper habitat is available. An example would be shorebirds, 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 gone the next. Some examples of these are **Bohemian Waxwing** and winter finches.

As of the spring of 2023, Greater Prairie Chickens are now gone from Marathon County, with the last sightings occurring at the George W. Mead State Wildlife Area in the spring of 2022. Loss of habitat, land use changes and more has pushed this species out of the county. Only in Southern 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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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 habitat.

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 **asterisk (*)** 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.