

GRASSLAND BIRDS

* = Non-native, introduced species (originally found outside of North America)

† = found in Illinois

♠ = Prairie/grassland specialist

FAMILY CHARADRIIDAE: PLOVERS

13/63 spp. in N. America; small to med.-sized shorebirds; compact, thick necks, and bills shorter than round head

1. Killdeer ♠†

2. Mountain Plover ♠

FAMILY SCOLOPACIDAE: SANDPIPERS

51/82 spp. in N. America; shorebirds of various sizes that frequent open country near water

3. Upland Sandpiper ♠†

4. Long-billed Curlew

FAMILY ACCIPITRIDAE: KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES

26/208 spp. in N. America; most are raptors with broad, rounded wings except kites and falcons (long, narrow pointed wings)

5. Northern Harrier ♠†

6. Red-tailed Hawk †

7. Swainson's Hawk ♠†

8. Ferruginous Hawk ♠

9. American Kestrel ♠†

FAMILY PHASIANIDAE: GROUSE, PTARMIGANS

10/18 spp. in N. America; fowl-like birds

10. Gray Partridge*†

11. Northern Bobwhite ♠†

12. Ring-necked Pheasant*†

13. Greater Prairie Chicken ♠†

14. Sharp-tailed Grouse

FAMILY STRIGIDAE: TYPICAL OWLS

17/140 spp. in N. America; raptors with broad round heads and extensive soft feathers: facial disks, ruffed legs

15. Burrowing Owl

16. Short-eared Owl†

FAMILY TYRANNIDAE: TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

35/374 spp. in U.S.; small-lg. songbirds with large heads and flattened bills many with hook on end

17. Eastern Kingbird†

18. Western Kingbird

19. Say's Phoebe

FAMILY ALAUDIDAE: LARKS

2/75 spp. in N. America; small ground-dwelling songbirds

20. Horned Lark†

FAMILY HIRUNDINIDAE: SWALLOWS

11/79 spp. in N. America; small sleek songbirds with long, pointed wings that are aerial feeders

21. Barn Swallow†

FAMILY MUSCICAPIDAE: THRUSHES

19/306 spp. in N. America; songbirds that eat insects and fruits; includes familiar American Robin

22. Eastern Bluebird♠†

FAMILY LANIIDAE: SHRIKES

2/74 spp. in N. America; predatory songbirds that feed on small vertebrate animals and insects

23. Loggerhead Shrike†

FAMILY EMBERIZIDAE: WARBLERS, SPARROWS

83/436 spp. of finches/sparrows; small songbirds, most with cone-shaped strong bills adapted to eating seeds as well as insects and fruits

24. Common Yellowthroat♠†

29. Dickcissel♠†

34. Bobolink†

25. Grasshopper Sparrow♠†

30. Lark Sparrow†

35. Western Meadowlark♠

26. Henslow's Sparrow♠†

31. Field Sparrow†

36. American Goldfinch†

27. Vesper Sparrow†

32. Chestnut-collared Longspur♠

28. Savannah Sparrow†

33. Lark Bunting♠