

Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan 2025-2035

Proposed Bird Species of Greatest Conservation (SGCN) and Information (SGIN) Need

Common Name (alt. name)	Scientific Name (synonym)	SRank	SRank	WWAP	WWAP 2025
		Current	Proposed	2015	Proposed
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	S2S3B	S3S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	S2B	S3S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	SNA	S1		SGIN-Monitoring
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	S2B	S2S3	SGCN	SGCN
American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	S2S3B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	S2B,S5N	S2S3	SGCN	SGCN
Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	SNA	S1		SGIN-Monitoring
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	S3B,S2N	S3	SGIN-Monitoring	SGIN-Monitoring
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	S3B	S3S4		SGIN-Monitoring
Northern Goshawk (American Goshawk)	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i> (<i>Accipiter atricapillus</i>)	S2B,S2N	S2S3	SGCN	SGCN
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	S3S4B,S1N	S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	S1S2B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
Spruce Grouse	<i>Canachites canadensis</i>	S1S2	S1S2	SGCN	SGCN
Greater Prairie-Chicken	<i>Tympanuchus cupido</i>	S1	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Sharp-tailed Grouse	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>	S1	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Yellow Rail	<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
King Rail	<i>Rallus elegans</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	S3B	S3		SGIN-Monitoring
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	SXB	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	S1B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	S1B,S2N	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	S1B,S2N	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN

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Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	SNA	SU		SGIN-Ranking
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	S2B	S2S3	SGCN	SGCN
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	S1B,S3N	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	S2S3B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Eastern Whip-poor-will	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	S2B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	S4B	S3S4		SGIN-Monitoring
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	S3B	S3S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Black-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides arcticus</i>	S1S3B	S1S2	SGCN	SGCN
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	S2S3B	S3S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	S3B	S3		SGIN-Monitoring
Canada Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	S2S3	S1S2	SGCN	SGCN
Boreal Chickadee	<i>Poecile hudsonicus</i>	S2S3B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Corthylio calendula</i>	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Bell's Vireo	<i>Vireo bellii</i>	S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	S3B	S3S4	SGCN	SGCN
Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Kirtland's Warbler	<i>Setophaga kirtlandii</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	S2B	S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	S3B	S3	SGIN-Monitoring	SGIN-Monitoring
Kentucky Warbler	<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	S1S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Connecticut Warbler	<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	S2B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	S2S3B	S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	S3B	S4	SGIN-Monitoring	SGIN-Monitoring
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	S2B	S3	SGCN	SGCN

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Blue Grosbeak	Passerina caerulea	SNA	S1		SGIN-Monitoring
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	S2S3B	S3S4	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
Henslow's Sparrow	Centronyx henslowii	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
LeConte's Sparrow	Ammospiza leconteii	S2S3B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammospiza nelsoni	S1B	S1	SGCN	SGCN
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	S3B,S5N	S3		SGIN-Monitoring
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGIN-Monitoring
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
Western Meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta	S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	S1S2B	S2	SGCN	SGCN
Brewer's Blackbird	Euphagus cyanocephalus	S2S3B	S3	SGCN	SGCN
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	S2B,S2N	S1S2	SGCN	SGCN

State ranks were assessed for species that nested in Wisconsin in at least three of the last five years. The resulting ranks are thus for nesting species and, importantly, reflect only the species' breeding status. Although we acknowledge the migratory nature of many species and note that the full annual life cycle was considered in assigning a state rank, non-breeding status is no longer provided to simplify and standardize the ranking process.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/ActionPlan>