



CHICAGO WILDERNESS REGION **BIRDS OF CONCERN**



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OVERVIEW

The Birds of Concern (BOC) in the Chicago Wilderness (CW) region are species needing priority attention and management.

This BOC list was developed using regional lists of species of concern in the Partners in Flight (PIF) Species Assessment Database (2013). The CW region is on the edge of two PIF Bird Conservation Regions, BCR 22 and 23. PIF priority levels from both BCRs were adjusted using population trends, distribution, threats, and breeding success data for our area. The migrants list was created by evaluating PIF scores in regions north of the CW area. A number of listed species not ranked by PIF are from other data sources – the Upper Mississippi River & Great Lakes Joint Venture's Habitat Strategies for Shorebirds, Waterfowl and Waterbirds, and endangered and threatened species from: IL, IN, WI, & MI.

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Priority Status Key

LVL 1	Immediate Management Needed: Species having high regional threats and experiencing large population declines. Conservation action needed to reverse or stabilize long-term declines.
LVL 2	Species experiencing moderate to strong declines and/or threats to breeding. Management or other actions needed to stabilize/increase populations or reverse threats.
LVL 3	Declines or threats to regional populations. Require management and monitoring. Includes certain widespread species plus species using only limited/localized habitats.
IL-E	Threatened (T) or Endangered (E) species in one or more of the 4 states; potential to be extirpated from the state/region.

Frequency Key

3%	•	% of all BCN Survey points where the species was detected at least once. A gauge of how common or uncommon a species is in the CW region. The dots are a visual key to that relative abundance.
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Estimated Population Trend Key

↓?	BCN Survey data (1999-2012) and other sources: ↑↑ = strong increase ↑ = mod. Increase ♦ = stable ↓↓ = strong decline ↓ = mod. decline ? = uncertain
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GRASSLANDS



SPECIES	Status	Frequency		Trend
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW	LVL 1	14%	...	↓↓↓
BOBOLINK	LVL 1	16%	↑
HENSLOW’S SPARROW	LVL 2	12%	...	↑↑↑
AMERICAN KESTREL	LVL 2	2%	•	↓↓↓
SEDGE WREN	LVL 2	10%	...	↓↓↓
DICKCISSEL	LVL 2	15%	↑
COMMON NIGHTHAWK	LVL 2	0%	•	↓?
EASTERN MEADOWLARK	LVL 2	22%	↓
UPLAND SANDPIPER	LVL 2	0%	•	↓?
NORTHERN HARRIER	IL-E, IN-E	1%	•	↓?
SWAINSON’S HAWK	IL-E	0%	•	↓?
BARN OWL	IL-E, IN-E	0%	•	↓?



GRASSHOPPER SPARROW



BOBOLINK

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SHRUBLANDS



SPECIES	Status	Frequency		Trend
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO	LVL 1	2%	•	↓?
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	LVL 1	0%	•	↓?
NORTHERN BOBWHITE	LVL 1	0%	•	↓?
BROWN THRASHER	LVL 2	14%	•••	♦
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	LVL 2	16%	••••	↓
FIELD SPARROW	LVL 2	27%	••••••	♦
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT	LVL 2	3%	•	↓?
BELL’S VIREO	LVL 2	1%	•	↓?
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	LVL 2	3%	•	?
EASTERN KINGBIRD	LVL 2	19%	••••	♦

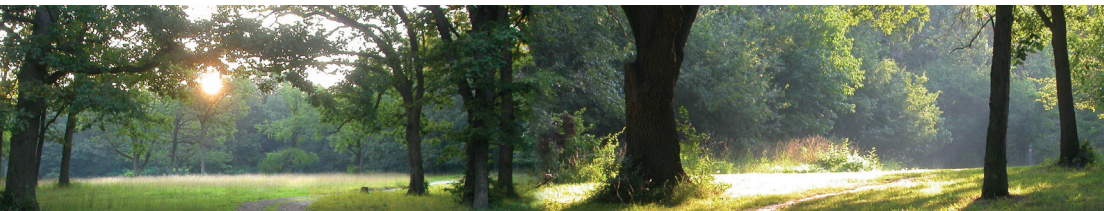


YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT © ARLENE KOZIOL



LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE © PAUL WOLF

WOODLANDS



SPECIES	Status	Frequency		Trend
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	LVL 1	4%	•	↓?
EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL	LVL 1	0%	•	?
CERULEAN WARBLER	LVL 2	0%	•	?
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	LVL 2	1%	•	↓?
NORTHERN FLICKER	LVL 2	30%	••••••	↓
CHIMNEY SWIFT	LVL 2	8%	••	↑
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO	LVL 2	6%	••	↑?
WOOD THRUSH	LVL 3	11%	•••	↓↓
VEERY	LVL 3	2%	•	↓?
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER	LVL 3	1%	•	↑?
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	LVL 3	0%	•	?
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	LVL 3	0%	•	?
HOODED WARBLER	WI-T	3%	•	↑?
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	WI-T	1%	•	↓?

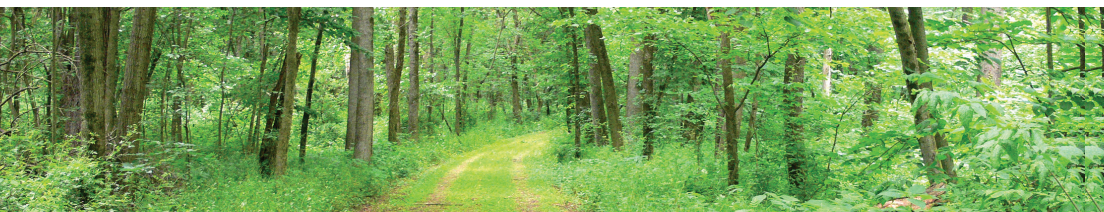


WETLANDS



SPECIES	Status	Frequency		Trend
AMERICAN BITTERN	LVL 1	0%	•	?
KING RAIL	LVL 1	0%	•	↓?
BLACK RAIL	LVL 1	0%	•	?
PIPING PLOVER	LVL 1	0%	•	?
COMMON TERN	LVL 2	0%	•	?
LEAST BITTERN	LVL 2	0%	•	?
BLACK TERN	LVL 2	0%	•	↓?
BLACK-CR. NIGHT-HERON	LVL 2	2%	•	?
COMMON GALLINULE	LVL 2	0%	•	↓?
YELLOW-HEAD. BLACKBIRD	LVL 2	1%	•	↓?
FORSTER’S TERN	LVL 2	0%	•	↓?
PIED-BILLED GREBE	LVL 2	2%	•	?
WILSON’S SNIPE	LVL 2	0%	•	?
WILSON’S PHALAROPE	LVL 2	0%	•	?
MARSH WREN	LVL 3	5%	••	↓
VIRGINIA RAIL	LVL 3	0%	•	?
SORA	LVL 3	1%	•	?
OSPREY	IL-E, IN-E	0%	•	↑?
PEREGRINE FALCON	IL-T, WI-E	0%	•	↑?
LITTLE BLUE HERON	IL-E	0%	•	?
YELLOW-CR. NIGHT-HERON	IL-E, IN-E, WI-T	0%	•	↓?
GREAT EGRET	WI-T	6%	••	↑?
CASPIAN TERN	WI-E	1%	•	↑?

MIGRANTS



SPECIES

GREATER SCAUP

LESSER SCAUP

LONG-TAILED DUCK

COMMON GOLDENEYE

COMMON LOON

HORNED GREBE

NORTHERN HARRIER

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

YELLOW RAIL

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER

BONAPARTE'S GULL

LONG-EARED OWL

SHORT-EARED OWL

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

CHIMNEY SWIFT

SPECIES

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

PHILADELPHIA VIREO

VEERY

SMITH'S LONGSPUR

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

NASHVILLE WARBLER

CONNECTICUT WARBLER

MOURNING WARBLER

CAPE MAY WARBLER

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

BLK.-THR. GREEN WARBLER

CANADA WARBLER

LE CONTE'S SPARROW

NELSON'S SPARROW

RUSTY BLACKBIRD

PURPLE FINCH



CANADA WARBLER

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ABOUT BCN

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The Bird Conservation Network

BCN has been promoting bird conservation and monitoring breeding bird populations in the Chicago Region for more than 15 years. BCN is a coalition of 20 organizations sharing an interest in the conservation of birds. The groups' members total more than 35,000 people living primarily in the Chicago area, but also throughout Illinois, northeastern Indiana and southern Wisconsin.

BCN's Mission

To advocate for and promote the well-being of the native birds of the Chicago region and the habitat needed to support them.

GET INVOLVED

Bird Monitoring

Become a monitor for the BCN Survey and help detect and monitor breeding birds or assist by simply entering your casual bird sightings in eBird.

Learn more at www.bcnbirds.org/survey/

Land Management

Help land managers map out key locations of birds of concern in your area, adjust land management practices, and monitor restoration efforts.

Land Preservation and Acquisition

Support efforts to acquire and protect public natural areas and set aside dedicated preserves for birds, other wildlife, and habitat.

Donate to BCN

Donating to BCN is one of the best ways that you can contribute to local projects that directly benefit the birds of the Chicagoland area. BCN is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. To donate go to www.bcnbirds.org/donate.html

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