

Challenging Sandhills Scenic Drive Bird Checklist

This list includes 172 species likely to be seen along this route. Seasons and weather may impact what you see.

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Western Grebe
- Clark's Grebe
- American White Pelican
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Blue Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Green Heron
- White-faced Ibis
- Turkey Vulture
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Canada Goose
- Cackling Goose
- Trumpeter Swan
- Wood Duck
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- Mallard
- Blue-winged Teal
- Cinnamon Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- Osprey
- Bald Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Swainson's Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Ferruginous Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Golden Eagle
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Prairie Falcon
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Greater Prairie-chicken
- Wild Turkey
- Northern Bobwhite
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- American Coot
- Sandhill Crane
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer
- American Avocet
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Willet
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Upland Sandpiper
- Long-billed Curlew
- Marbled Godwit
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Common Snipe
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Franklin's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Black Tern
- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-dove
- Mourning Dove
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Barn Owl
- Eastern Screech-owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Burrowing Owl
- Short-eared Owl
- Common Nighthawk
- Chimney Swift
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Eastern Wood-pewee
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Say's Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Bell's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- Black-billed Magpie
- American Crow
- Horned Lark
- Tree Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- House Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Eastern Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- American Robin
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- American Pipit
- Cedar Waxwing
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Spotted Towhee
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Lark Bunting
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- Harris' Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco (3 races)
- Lapland Longspur
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting
- Indigo Bunting
- Dickcissel
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Western Meadowlark
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Great-tailed Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole
- House Finch
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- House Sparrow