

Friends of the Kaw



This is a list provided by Dr. Raymond Pierotti, Division of Biological Sciences, University of Kansas. Common/conspicuous species of birds found associated with the river and discussed in the lesson The Winged Ones: How birds are like us and how they differ from us in their daily lives http://www.kansasriver.org/content/bird_lesson

Waterbirds

Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>
Least Tern	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>

Wading Birds

Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>

Birds of Prey

Bald Eagle
Osprey

Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Pandion haliaetus

Perching Birds

Belted Kingfisher

Ceryle alcyon

The Cornell Ornithology Lab provides excellent species accounts written for non-scientists that are available at <http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search> Using these species accounts, which contain photos and songs, is a good way to develop your own identification guide free of cost. Their website has many good resources including “birding basics”, which gives pointers for novice birders and photographers. The Cornell Ornithology Lab also provides classroom resources and a Kids Corner at <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/birdsleuth/>

Information on all these birds (and others) can be found on a county-by-county basis on the Kansas Ornithological Society website at <http://ksbirds.org>



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