Introduction to the "Wisconsin Bird Nesting Dates (Avoidance Period) for Species Tracked by the Natural Heritage Inventory"

The table "Wisconsin Bird Nesting Dates (Avoidance Period) for Species Tracked by the Natural Heritage Inventory" below, provides guidance to DNR staff and external certified reviewers who use the NHI Portal for Endangered Resources reviews. This guidance was developed by a team of Natural Heritage Conservation program staff from DNR using the best available information for species on the Natural Heritage Working List. The Nesting Dates (Avoidance Period) table was developed to help customers comply with State and Federal laws and thus avoid "intentional taking, killing, or possession" of bird nests, eggs, and body parts. For each species, the avoidance dates are the period each year when birds are most vulnerable because there are eggs or flightless chicks in nests. Species tracked by the Natural Heritage Inventory include endangered, threatened and special concern species. Avoidance of these nesting dates is required for endangered and threatened species and recommended (voluntary) for special concern species. For more information on rare bird species, see the Rare Bird webpage.

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Greater Prairie Chicken	Tympanuchus cupido	THR	10 May - 1 Aug
Henslow's Sparrow	Ammodramus henslowii	THR	5 May - 10 Aug
Hooded Warbler	Setophaga citrina	THR	20 May - 15 Aug
Kentucky Warbler	Geothlypis formosa	THR	20 May - 10 Aug
King Rail	Rallus elegans	SC/M	15 May - 1 Aug
Kirtland's Warbler	Setophaga kirtlandii	END	20 May - 31 Jul * *Contact the species expert for any activities outside of these dates
Lark Sparrow	Chondestes grammacus	SC/M	5 May - 31 July
LeConte's Sparrow	Ammodramus leconteii	SC/M	20 May - 20 July
Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	SC/M	15 May - 15 Aug
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	SC/M	15 May - 15 Aug
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	END	20 Apr - 1 Aug
Long-eared Owl	Asio otus	SC/M	20 March - 20 June
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammodramus nelsoni	SC/M	25 May-10 Aug
Northern Bobwhite	Colinus virginianus	SC/M	1 May - 31 Jul
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	SC/M	20 Mar - 31 July
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	SC/M	1 June - 1 Aug
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	END	15 March - 10 July
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	END	15 May - 30 July
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	SC/M	15 May - 5 Aug
Purple Martin	Progne subis	SC/M	1 May - 15 Aug.
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythocephalus	SC/M	10 May - 15 Aug
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	END	1 May - 15 June
Red-shouldered Hawk	Buteo lineatus	THR	1 Apr - 31 Jul
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Regulus calendula	SC/M	20 May - 1 Aug
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Tympanuchus phasianellus	SC/M	15 April - 31 Jul
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	SC/M	20 March - 1 Aug



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Spruce Grouse	Falcipennis canadensis	THR	1 May - 1 July
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	SC/M	20 May - 10 Aug
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	THR	30 April - 25 July
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes grammineus	SC/M	5 May - 1 Aug
Western Meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta	SC/M	25 Apr - 30 July
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	SC/M	10 May - 20 July
Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorus	END	15 May - 1 Aug
Yellow Rail	Coturnicops noveboracensis	THR	1 May - 15 July
Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteria virens	SC/M	20 May - 5 Aug
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Nyctanassa violacea	THR	10 May - 1 Aug
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	SC/M	15 May - 15 July
Yellow-throated Warbler	Dendroica dominica	END	15 May - 1 Aug



Introduction to the "Wisconsin Bird Breeding Season (Voluntary Conservation Period) for Species Tracked by the Natural Heritage Inventory"

The table "Wisconsin Bird Breeding Season (Voluntary Conservation Period) for Species Tracked by the Natural Heritage Inventory" below, provides additional <u>reference</u> information for those who would like to voluntarily avoid disturbance to rare birds during the entire nesting season when birds are mobile and may be able to avoid being taken, but may still be susceptible to disturbance. These breeding season dates include territory establishment, courtship, nest-building, and post-fledgling periods for each species. Species tracked by the Natural Heritage Inventory include endangered, threatened and special concern species. Avoidance of these dates is voluntary, but recommended, for endangered, threatened and special concern species. For more information on rare bird species, see the Rare Bird webpage.

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Common Name	Scientific Name	State Status	Breeding Activity Dates (Territory Establishment, Nest- building to Post-fledgling Dependency)
Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virescens	THR	15 May - 31 Aug
American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	SC/M	10 April - 10 Aug
American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	SC/M	1 April - 31 Aug
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	SC/M	1 March - 15 Aug
Bell's Vireo	Vireo bellii	THR	20 May - 10 Aug
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	END	30 April - 1 Sept
Black-backed Woodpecker	Picoides arcticus	SC/M	1 April - 1 Aug
Black-crowned Night- heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	SC/M	7 April - 15 Aug
Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	SC/M	1 May - 10 Sept
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorous	SC/M	1 May - 15 Aug
Boreal Chickadee	Poecile hudsonica	SC/M	20 April - 31 July
Brewer's Blackbird	Euphagus cyanocephalus	SC/M	20 April - 15 Aug
Caspian Tern	Sterna caspia	END	15 April - 15 Aug
Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga cerulea	THR	1 May - 30 Aug
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	SC/M	15 March - 15 Aug
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	SC/M	10 May - 15 Aug
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	END	15 April - 30 Aug
Connecticut Warbler	Oporornis agilis	SC/M	15 May - 1 Sept
Dickcissel	Spiza americana	SC/M	20 May - 25 Aug
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	SC/M	5 April - 15 Aug
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Antrostomus vociferus	SC/M	20 April - 20 Aug
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes versptinus	SC/M	20 April - 31 Aug
Forster's Tern	Sterna forsteri	END	15 April - 30 Aug
Golden-winged Warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera	SC/M	5 May - 15 Aug
Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannaurm	SC/M	1 May - 20 Aug
Gray Jay	Perisoreus canadensis	SC/M	15 Feb - 10 June
Great Egret	Ardea alba	THR	30 March - 1 Sept

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Greater Prairie Chicken	Tympanuchus cupido	THR	1 March - 1 Aug
Henslow's Sparrow	Ammodramus henslowii	THR	25 April - 25 Aug
Hooded Warbler	Setophaga citrina	THR	1 May - 1 Sept
Kentucky Warbler	Geothlypis formosa	THR	1 May - 30 Aug
King Rail	Rallus elegans	SC/M	28 April - 15 Sept
Kirtland's Warbler	Setophaga kirtlandii	END	1 May - 30 Aug * *Contact the species expert for any activities outside of these dates
Lark Sparrow	Chondestes grammacus	SC/M	20 April - 10 Aug
LeConte's Sparrow	Ammodramus leconteii	SC/M	10 May - 1 Aug
Least Bittern	lxobrychus exilis	SC/M	5 May - 25 Aug
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	SC/M	15 April - 1 Sept
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	END	25 March - 1 Sept
Long-eared Owl	Asio otus	SC/M	1 March - 20 July
Nelson's Sparrow	Ammodramus nelsoni	SC/M	10 May - 31 Aug
Northern Bobwhite	Colinus virginianus	SC/M	15 April - 1 Sept
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	SC/M	1 Feb - 15 Aug
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	SC/M	20 May - 15 Aug
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	END	1 March - 31 July
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	END	1 May - 15 Aug
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	SC/M	1 May - 20 Aug
Purple Martin	Progne subis	SC/M	10 April - 20 Aug
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythocephalus	SC/M	1 May - 10 Sept
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	END	15 April - 15 Aug
Red-shouldered Hawk	Buteo lineatus	THR	15 March - 15 Aug
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Regulus calendula	SC/M	10 May - 20 Aug
Rufa Red Knot	Calidris canutus rufa	SC/FL	MayJune - JulyNov

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Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	SC/M	MarchMay - SeptNov
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Tympanuchus phasianellus	SC/M	1 April - 31 Aug
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	SC/M	1 March - 15 Aug
Spruce Grouse	Falcipennis canadensis	THR	1 March - 31 July
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	SC/M	1 May - 20 Aug
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	THR	20 April - 1 Sept
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes grammineus	SC/M	15 April - 25 Aug
Western Meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta	SC/M	10 April - 5 Aug
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	SC/M	1 May - 20 Aug
Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorus	END	1 May - 20 Aug
Yellow Rail	Coturnicops noveboracensis	THR	15 April - 1 Aug
Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteria virens	SC/M	15 May - 10 Aug
Yellow-crowned Night- Heron	Nyctanassa violacea	THR	15 April - 1 Sept
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	SC/M	15 April - 15 Aug
Yellow-throated Warbler	Dendroica dominica	END	1 May - 15 Aug