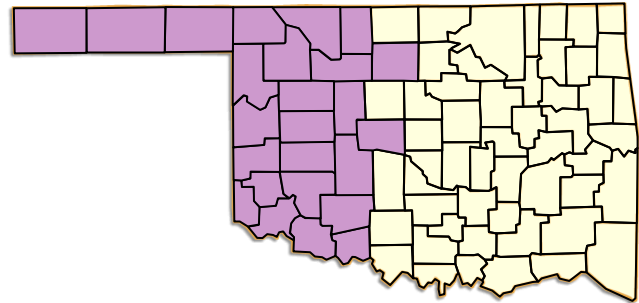




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Western Meadowlark



The **Western Meadowlark** is probably the most common prairie bird visitors will observe along the loops in the Great Plains Trail. The bright yellow breast with the “V” is very distinctive, plus the male enjoys perching on fence posts which makes this bird quite visible. Surprisingly, meadowlarks are members of the Blackbird Family. The male Western Meadowlark will have up to 3 females in his territory of about 7 acres during the summer breeding season. During the winter, meadowlarks eat seeds off the ground. During the rest of the year they pick off insects and spiders from plants as they walk slowly through the prairie.

Where to see Western Meadowlarks: These meadowlarks can be seen on all the Loops in the [Great Plains Trail](#).