

Tennessee

*National Wildlife Refuge
Amphibians, Fish,
Mammals and
Reptiles List*



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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge contains more than 50,000 acres of diverse habitats that support an equally diverse array of wildlife. Habitat types found on the refuge include rivers and streams, freshwater marshes, water impoundments,

agricultural lands, bottomland

hardwoods, and oak-hickory forests. These varied

ecosystems are home to 291 species of birds, 144 species of fish, 89 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 51 mammal species.



There are many ways in which to get a closer look at the varied wildlife that inhabits the refuge. A photo/observation deck is located at the Duck River Unit, from which a variety of wildlife can be seen throughout the year. An observation platform with mounted spotting scopes, located at the Big Sandy Unit, also provides visitors with a chance to view waterfowl and other refuge inhabitants.

Bringing along cameras, binoculars, and field guides will help wildlife watchers more fully enjoy their visit to Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge. Vehicles are often times the best “blinds”, allowing for an up-close look at wildlife. The following list may be used to help keep track of the species seen during your visit. A separate bird checklist brochure is available for keeping track of the species of birds on the refuge.

Amphibians

Order Anura - Frogs and Toads

Blanchard's Cricket Frog (*Acris crepitans blanchardi*)

Northern Cricket Frog (*Acris crepitans crepitans*)

American Toad (*Bufo americanus americanus*)

Fowler's Toad (*Bufo woodhousei fowleri*)

Eastern Narrowmouth Toad (*Gastrophryne carolinensis*)

Western Bird-voiced Treefrog (*Hyla avivoca avivoca*)

Cope's Gray Treefrog (*Hyla chrysoscelis*)

Green Treefrog (*Hyla cinerea*)

Gray Treefrog (*Hyla versicolor*)

Northern Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer crucifer*)

Upland Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata feriarum*)

Northern Crawfish Frog (*Rana areolata circulosa*)

Bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*)

Green Frog (*Rana clamitans melanota*)

Pickerel Frog (*Rana palustris*)

Southern Leopard Frog
(*Rana utricularia*)

Eastern Spadefoot
(*Scaphiopus holbrookii holbrookii*)



Order Caudata - Salamanders

Spotted Salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*)

Marbled Salamander (*Ambystoma opacum*)

Mole Salamander (*Ambystoma talpoideum*)

Small-mouthed Salamander (*Ambystoma texanum*)

Eastern Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum*)

Eastern Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*)

Spotted Dusky Salamander (*Desmognathus fuscus conanti*)

Southern Two-lined Salamander (*Eurycea cirrigera*)

Three-lined Salamander (*Eurycea longicauda guttolineata*)

Long-tailed Salamander (*Eurycea longicauda longicauda*)

Cave Salamander (*Eurycea lucifuga*)

Mudpuppy (*Necturus maculosus*)

Eastern Newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens*)

Zig-zag Salamander (*Plethodon dorsalis*)

Mississippi Slimy Salamander (*Plethodon mississippi*)

Red Salamander (*Pseudotriton ruber*)

Western Lesser Siren (*Siren intermedia nettingi*)

Reptiles

Order Testudines

Common Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina serpentina*)

Hieroglyphic River Cooter (*Chrysemys concinna hieroglyphica*)

Southern Painted Turtle (*Chrysemys picta dorsalis*)

Midland Painted Turtle (*Chrysemys picta marginata*)

Red-eared Pond Slider (*Chrysemys scripta elegans*)

Map Turtle (*Graptemys geographica*)

Ouachita Map Turtle (*Graptemys ouachitensis ouachitensis*)

Mississippi Map Turtle (*Graptemys pseudogeographica kohnii*)

False Map Turtle (*Graptemys pseudogeographica pseudogeographica*)

Eastern Mud Turtle (*Kinosternon subrubrum subrubrum*)

Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrolemys temmincki*)

Stinkpot (*Sternotherus odoratus*)

Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*)

Midland Smooth Softshell (*Trionyx muticus muticus*)

Eastern Spiny Softshell (*Trionyx spiniferus spiniferus*)

Order Squamata, suborder Lacertilia

Six-lined Racerunner (*Cnemidophorus sexlineatus sexlineatus*)

Southern Coal Skink (*Eumeces anthracinus pluvialis*)

Five-lined Skink (*Eumeces fasciatus*)

Southeastern Five-lined Skink (*Eumeces inexpectatus*)

Broad-headed Skink (*Eumeces laticeps*)

Eastern Slender Glass Lizard (*Ophisaurus attenuatus longicaudus*)

Northern Fence Lizard (*Sceloporus undulatus hyacinthinus*)

Ground Skink (*Scinella lateralis*)

Order Squamata, Suborder Serpentes

Northern Copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix mokeson*)

Western Cottonmouth (*Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma*)

Midwest Worm Snake (*Carphophis amoenus helenae*)

Northern Scarlet Snake (*Cemophora coccinea copei*)

Southern Black Racer (*Coluber constrictor priapus*)

Timber Rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*)

Mississippi Ringneck Snake (*Diadophis punctatus strictogenys*)

Corn Snake (*Elaphe guttata*)

Gray Rat Snake (*Elaphe obsoleta*)

Western Mud Snake (*Farancia abacura reinwardti*)

Eastern Hognose Snake (*Heterodon platyrhinos*)

Prairie Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis calligaster calligaster*)

Mole Snake (*Lampropeltis calligaster rhombamaculata*)

Speckled Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis getulus holbrooki*)

Black Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis getulus nigra*)

Scarlet Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides*)

Red Milk Snake (*Lampropeltis triangulum sypila*)

Green Water Snake (*Nerodia cyclopion cyclopion*)

Yellow-bellied Water Snake (*Nerodia erythrogaster flavigaster*)

Broad-banded Water Snake (*Nerodia fasciata confluens*)

Diamondback Water Snake (*Nerodia rhombifera rhombifera*)

Midland Water Snake (*Nerodia sipedon pleuralis*)

Rough Green Snake (*Opheodrys aestivus*)

Northern Pine Snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus*)

Queen Snake (*Regina septemvittata*)

Western Pygmy Rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius streckeri*)

Midland Brown Snake (*Storeria dekayi wrightorum*)

Northern Red-bellied Snake (*Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata*)

Southeastern Crowned Snake (*Tantilla coronata*)

Eastern Ribbon Snake (*Thamnophis sauritus sauritus*)

Eastern Garter Snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*)

Western Smooth Earth Snake (*Virginia valeriae elegans*)

Fish

Family Petromyzontidae - Lampreys

Chestnut Lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon castaneus*)

Silver Lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon unicuspis*)

Least Brook Lamprey (*Lampetra aepyptera*)

Family Polyodontidae - Paddlefishes

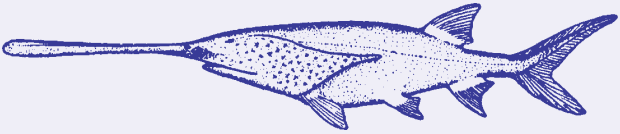
Paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*)

Family Lepisosteidae - Gars

Spotted Gar (*Lepisosteus oculatus*)

Longnose Gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*)

Shortnose Gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*)



Family Amiidae - Bowfin

Bowfin (*Amia calva*)

Family Hiodontidae - Mooneyes

Goldeye (*Hiodon alosoides*)

Mooneye (*Hiodon tergisus*)

Family Anguillidae - Freshwater Eels

American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*)

Family Clupeidae - Herrings & Shad

Skipjack Herring (*Alosa chrysochloris*)

Gizzard Shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*)

Threadfin Shad (*Dorosoma petenense*)

Family Cyprinidae - Minnows

Central Stoneroller (*Campostoma anomalum*)

Largescale Stoneroller (*Campostoma oligolepis*)

Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*)

Rosyside Dace (*Clinostonus funduloides*)

Grass Carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*)

Whitetail Shiner (*Cyprinella galactura*)

Spotfin Shiner (*Cyprinella spiloptera*)

Blacktail Shiner (*Cyprinella venusta*)

Steelcolor Shiner (*Cyprinella whipplii*)

Common Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)

Streamline Chub (*Erimystax dissimilis*)

Blotched Chub (*Erimystax insigninis*)

Cypress Minnow (*Hybognathus hayi*)

Silvery Minnow (*Hybognathus nuchalis*)

Bigeye Chub (*Hybopsis amblops*)

Bighead Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)

Striped Shiner (*Luxilus chrysocephalus*)

Rosefin Shiner (*Lythrurus ardens*)

Ribbon Shiner (*Lythrurus fumeus*)

Redfin Shiner (*Lythrurus umbratilis*)

Spotted Chub (*Macrhybopsis hyostoma*)

Silver Chub (*Macrhybopsis storeriana*)

Redtail Chub (*Nocomis effusus*)

Golden Shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)

Emerald Shiner (*Notropis atherinoides*)

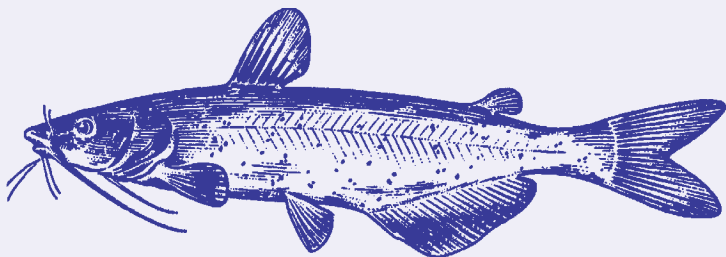
River Shiner (*Notropis blennioides*)

Bigeye Shiner (*Notropis boops*)

Ghost Shiner (*Notropis buchanani*)
Tennessee Shiner (*Notropis leuciodus*)
Silver Shiner (*Notropis photogenis*)
Rosyface Shiner (*Notropis rubellus*)
Telescope Shiner (*Notropis telescopus*)
Mimic Shiner (*Notropis volucellus*)
Channel Shiner (*Notropis wickliffi*)
Pugnose Minnow (*Opsopaeodus emiliae*)
Suckermouth Minnow (*Phenacobius mirabilis*)
Stargazing Minnow (*Phenacobius uranops*)
Southen Redbelly Dace (*Phoxinus erythrogaster*)
Bluntnose Minnow (*Pimephales notatus*)
Fathead Minnow (*Pimephales promelas*)
Bullhead Minnow (*Pimephales vigilax*)
Blacknose Dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*)
Creek Chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)

Family Catostomidae - Suckers

River Carpsucker (*Carpiodes carpio*)
Quillback (*Carpiodes cyprinus*)
Highfin Carpsucker (*Carpiodes velifer*)
White Sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*)
Blue Sucker (*Cycleptus elongatus*)
Creek Chubsucker (*Erimyzon oblongus*)
Northern Hogsucker (*Hypentelium nigricans*)
Smallmouth Buffalo (*Ictiobus bubalus*)
Bigmouth Buffalo (*Ictiobus cyprinellus*)



Black Buffalo (*Ictiobus niger*)

Spotted Sucker (*Minytrema melanops*)

Silver Redhorse (*Moxostoma anisurum*)

Smallmouth Redhorse (*Moxostoma breviceps*)

River Redhorse (*Moxostoma carinatum*)

Black Redhorse (*Moxostoma duquesnii*)

Golden Redhorse (*Moxostoma erythrurum*)

Shorthead Redhorse (*Moxostoma macrolepidotum*)

Family Ictaluridae - Freshwater Catfishes

Black Bullhead (*Ameiurus melas*)

Yellow Bullhead (*Ameiurus natalis*)

Blue Catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*)

Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)

Mountain Madtom (*Noturus eleutherus*)

Tadpole Madtom (*Noturus gyrinus*)

Brindled Madtom (*Noturus miurus*)

Freckled Madtom (*Noturus nocturnus*)

Flathead Catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*)

Family Esocidae - Pikes

Grass Pickerel (*Esox americanus*)

Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*)

Family Aphredoderidae - Pirate Perches

Pirate Perch (*Aphredoderus sayanus*)

Family Fundulidae - Killifishes

Northern Studfish (*Fundulus catenatus*)

Blackstripe Topminnow (*Fundulus notatus*)

Blackspotted Topminnow (*Fundulus olivaceus*)

Family Poeciliidae - Livebearers

Western Mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*)

Family Atherinidae - Silversides

Brook Silverside (*Labidesthes sicculus*)

Mississippi Silverside (*Menidia audens*)

Family Mugilidae - Mulletts

Striped Mullet (*Mugil cephalus*)

Family Cottidae - Sculpins

Banded Sculpin (*Cottus carolinae*)

Family Moronidae - Temperate Basses

White Bass (*Morone chrysops*)

Yellow Bass (*Morone mississippiensis*)

Striped Bass (*Morone saxatilis*)

Family Centrarchidae - Sunfishes

Rock Bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*)

Green Sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*)

Warmouth (*Lepomis gulosus*)

Orangespotted Sunfish (*Lepomis humilis*)

Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

Dollar Sunfish (*Lepomis marginatus*)

Longear Sunfish (*Lepomis megalottis*)
Redear Sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*)
Redspotted Sunfish (*Lepomis miniatus*)
Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*)
Spotted Bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*)
Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)
White Crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*)
Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)

Family Percidae - Perches

Coppercheek Darter (*Etheostoma aquali*)
Mud Darter (*Etheostoma asprigene*)
Buffalo Darter (*Etheostoma bison*)
Greenside Darter (*Etheostoma blennioides*)
Rainbow Darter (*Etheostoma caeruleum*)
Bluntnose Darter (*Etheostoma chlorosoma*)
Black Darter (*Etheostoma duryi*)
Fantail Darter (*Etheostoma flabellare*)
Saffron Darter (*Etheostoma flavum*)
Slough Darter (*Etheostoma gracile*)
Harlequin Darter (*Etheostoma histrion*)
Stripetail Darter (*Etheostoma kennicotti*)
Blackfin Darter (*Etheostoma nigripinne*)
Johnny Darter (*Etheostoma nigrum*)
Guardian Darter (*Etheostoma oophylax*)
Goldstripe Darter (*Etheostoma parvipinne*)

Redline Darter (*Etheostoma rufilineatum*)

Snubnose Darter (*Etheostoma simoterum*)

Slabrock Darter (*Etheostoma smithi*)

Orangethroat Darter (*Etheostoma spectabile*)

Speckled Darter (*Etheostoma stigmaeum*)

Banded Darter (*Etheostoma zonale*)

Bandfin Darter (*Etheostoma zonistium*)

Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)

Blotchside Logperch (*Percina burtoni*)

Logperch (*Percina caprodes*)

Gilt Darter (*Percina evides*)

Slenderhead Darter (*Percina phoxocephala*)

Dusky Darter (*Percina sciera*)

River Darter (*Percina shumardi*)

Sauger (*Sander canadense*)

Walleye (*Sander vitreus*)

Family Sciaenidae - Drums

Freshwater Drum (*Aplodinotus grunniens*)

Mammals

Order Didelphimorpha

Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)

Order Insectivora

Southern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina carolinensis*)

Least Shrew (*Cryptotis parva*)

Eastern Mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*)

Pygmy Shrew (*Sorex hoyi*)

Southeastern Shrew (*Sorex longirostris*)

Order Chiroptera

Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus rafinequii*) - *of special concern

Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*)

Silver-haired Bat (*Lasionycteris noctiraganus*)

Eastern Red Bat (*Lasiurus borealis*)

Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*)

Southeastern Bat (*Myotis austroriparius*) - *of special concern

Gray Myotis (*Myotis grisescens*) - *Endangered

Eastern Small-footed Myotis (*Myotis leibii*) - *of special concern



Little Brown Myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*)

Northern Long-eared Myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*)

Indiana Myotis (*Myotis sodalis*) - *Endangered

Evening Bat (*Nycticeius humeralis*)

Eastern Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus subflavus*)

Order Zenartha

Nine-banded Armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*) -
observed in area, but not on refuge

Order Lagomorpha

Swamp Rabbit (*Sylvilagus aquaticus*)

Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*)

Order Rodentia

American Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)

Southern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*)

Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*)

Prairie Vole (*Microtus ochrogaster*)

Woodland Vole (*Microtus pinetorum*)

House Mouse (*Mus musculus*)



Eastern Woodrat (*Neotoma floridana*)

Golden Mouse (*Ochrotomys nuttalli*)

Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*)

Marsh Rice Rat (*Oryzomys palustris*)

Cotton Mouse (*Peromyscus gossypinus*)

White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*)

Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*)

Norway Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*)

Eastern Harvest Mouse (*Reithrodontomys humulis*)

Eastern Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)

Eastern Fox Squirrel (*Sciurus niger*)

Hispid Cotton Rat (*Sigmodon hispidus*)

Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)

Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*)

Order Carnivora

Coyote (*Canis latrans*)

Bobcat (*Felis rufus*)

Northern River Otter (*Lutra canadensis*)

Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)

Long-tailed Weasel (*Mustela frenata*)

American Mink (*Mustela vison*)

Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)

Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)

Order Artiodactyla

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Location

Weather

Temperature

Wind

Sky

*Total Species
Observed*

Comments

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