

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Wapanocca

*National Wildlife Refuge  
Bird List*



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*Wapanocca  
National Wildlife  
Refuge was  
established in 1961  
primarily to provide  
habitat for  
migrating and  
wintering waterfowl  
and is administered  
by the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service. The  
area has a rich  
wildlife heritage and  
is the former site of  
one of the most  
prestigious hunting  
clubs in the country.*

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*This blue goose,  
designed by  
J. N. "Ding"  
Darling, has  
become a symbol  
of the  
National  
Wildlife  
Refuge  
System.*

Wapanocca NWR contains 5,484 acres of diversified wildlife habitat including open water, cypress swamps, agricultural fields, hardwood forests, irregularly flooded timber, mudflats and grasslands. A visit to Wapanocca offers an excellent opportunity to view wildlife for the casual observer of nature and the experienced birder alike. Along the Nature Drive visitors can observe a wide variety of birds and other wildlife in the differing habitats. The Observation Pier at the east edge of the lake is a favorite spot among visitors, especially during winter months when an abundance of waterfowl are using the refuge. A waterfowl sanctuary closed to the public during the period December 1 – February 28 is located Northeast of Ditch 8 (see the refuge public use brochure).

Refuge headquarters is located 1 1/2 miles east of Interstate 55 along state highway 42, 1/2 mile south of Turrell.

### **How to use your checklist**

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. Taxonomy and nomenclature of this list follow the Checklist of North American Birds. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

#### **Seasons**

SP-Spring      March-May  
S-Summer      June-August  
F-Fall          September-November  
W-Winter      December-February

\* - Nests on the refuge

**a-abundant** - (a common species which is very numerous)

**c-common** - (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)

**u-uncommon** - (present but not certain to be seen)

**r-rare** - (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)

**o-occasional** - (seen only a few times during a season)

This checklist includes 262 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at refuge headquarters. We will appreciate your help in updating our records.

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Loons and Grebes</b>				
___ Common Loon				o
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	u	c	u
___ Horned Grebe	o		o	o
<b>Pelicans and Allies</b>				
___ American White Pelican	o	o	o	
___ Double-crested Cormorant	u	u	u	u
___ Anhinga*	o	o	r	
<b>Hérons, Egrets, Ibises and Vultures</b>				
___ American Bittern	o		o	
___ Least Bittern	r	r	r	
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret*	c	c	c	r
___ Snowy Egret	o	o	o	
___ Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	
___ Cattle Egret	u	u	u	
___ Green Heron*	u	u	u	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	u	
___ Glossy Ibis			r	
___ White-faced Ibis	r			
___ Wood Stork		r	r	
___ Black Vulture	r	r	r	r
___ Turkey Vulture	r	r	r	r
<b>Swans, Geese and Ducks</b>				
___ Greater White-fronted Goose			u	c
___ Snow Goose	u		c	c
___ Ross' Goose	u		u	u

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Canada Goose	u	u	c	c
___ Trumpeter Swan				r
___ Tundra Swan				r
___ Wood Duck*	c	u	c	u
___ Gadwall	c		c	c
___ American Wigeon	u		c	c
___ American Black Duck	r		r	u
___ Mallard*	a	u	a	a
___ Blue-winged Teal	o		c	o
___ Northern Shoveler	c		u	c
___ Northern Pintail	c		c	c
___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
___ Canvasback	o		r	o
___ Redhead	r		r	r
___ Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
___ Greater Scaup	r		r	r
___ Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
___ Old Squaw	r			r
___ Bufflehead	c		u	c
___ Common Goldeneye	o		o	u
___ Hooded Merganser*	c	u	c	c
___ Common Merganser	r		r	r
___ Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	r
___ Rudy Duck	c		c	c

### **Hawks and Falcons**

___ Osprey	r	r	r	
___ Swallow-tailed Kite		r		
___ Mississippi Kite*	u	u		
___ Bald Eagle*	u	r	u	c
___ Northern Harrier	u		u	u
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	r		r	r
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Goshawk				r
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___ Broad-winged Hawk	o	o	o	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	u	c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk				r
___ Golden Eagle	r			r
___ American Kestrel	u	o	u	u
___ Merlin			r	
___ Peregrine Falcon			r	r

### **Turkey and Quail**

___ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Bobwhite*	u	u	u	u

### **Rails, Gallinules and Cranes**

___ King Rail	u	u	u	
___ Virginia Rail	r		r	
___ Sora	u		u	
___ American Coot	u		c	u

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls, and Terns</b>				
___ Black-bellied Plover	r		r	
___ American Golden-Plover	r		u	
___ Semipalmated Plover	u		u	
___ Piping Plover	r			
___ Killdeer*	c	c	c	u
___ Black-necked Stilt	o		o	
___ American Avocet	r		r	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	u		u	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	u		u	
___ Willet	r		r	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	
___ Upland Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Sanderling	r		r	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u			
___ Western Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Least Sandpiper	u		u	u
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	c		u	
___ Dunlin	r		r	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r			
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	u		u	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	o		o	
___ Common Snipe	c		c	u
___ American Woodcock	u		u	u
___ Wilson's Phalarope	o		r	
___ Laughing Gull				r
___ Franklin's Gull			r	
___ Bonaparte's Gull			r	r
___ Ring-billed Gull	o		o	o
___ Herring Gull	o		o	o
___ Glaucous Gull				r
___ Caspian Tern	r		r	
___ Common Tern	o	o	o	
___ Forster's Tern	o		o	
___ Least Tern	u	u	o	
___ Black Tern	o	o	u	
<b>Doves</b>				
___ Rock Pigeon	o	o	o	o
___ Eurasian Collared-dove	o	o	o	o
___ Morning Dove*	a	a	a	a
___ Common Ground-dove				r
<b>Cuckoos and Roadrunners</b>				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	c	
<b>Owls</b>				
___ Barn Owl	o	o	o	o
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Short-eared Owl	r		r	r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Goatsuckers</b>				
___ Common Nighthawk	c	c	u	
___ Chuck-will's-widow	o	o		
___ Whip-poor-will	u		u	
<b>Swifts and Hummingbirds</b>				
___ Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	u	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
___ Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	u	o
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c		c	c
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
<b>Flycatchers</b>				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		r	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			r	
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
___ Alder Flycatcher	r		r	
___ Least Flycatcher	r		r	
___ Eastern Phoebe*	c	u	c	r
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Kingbird*	u	u	u	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		r		
<b>Shrikes</b>				
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
<b>Vireos</b>				
___ White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	c	u	u	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	
___ Warbling Vireo	o	o	o	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	u		u	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
<b>Jays and Crows</b>				
___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ American Crow*	a	a	a	a
___ Fish Crow*	u	u	u	
<b>Larks</b>				
___ Horned Lark*	u	u	u	c

**Swallows**

___ Purple Martin	u	u	u	
___ Tree Swallow	u		u	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	u	c	
___ Bank Swallow	u		u	
___ Cliff Swallow	r		r	
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	

**Chickadees and Titmice**

___ Carolina Chickadee*	a	a	a	a
___ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c

**Nuthatches**

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o		o	r
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u

**Creepers**

___ Brown Creeper	u		u	u
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**Wrens**

___ Carolina Wren*	a	c	c	c
___ Bewick's Wren*	r	r	r	r
___ House Wren	r		r	r
___ Winter Wren	r		o	o
___ Sedge Wren	r		r	

**Kinglets**

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c

**Gnatcatchers**

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	u	
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**Thrushes**

___ Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	u	u
___ Veery	r		r	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___ Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	
___ American Robin*	c	c	a	u

**Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies**

___ Gray Catbird*	u	u	u	
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	u

**Starlings**

___ European Starling*	c	c	c	c
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**Pipits**

___ American Pipit	u		u	
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	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Waxwing</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwing	c		o	u
<b>Wood Warblers</b>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	u		u	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	u		u	
___ Tennessee Warbler	a		c	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	r		r	r
___ Nashville Warbler	c		c	
___ Northern Parula*	c	u	c	
___ Yellow Warbler	u		u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	o		o	
___ Magnolia Warbler	c		c	
___ Cape May Warbler	o			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	c
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	c		c	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	o		o	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Pine Warbler	o	o	o	o
___ Prairie Warbler*	u	r	u	
___ Palm Warbler	c		r	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u		r	
___ Cerulean Warbler	r		r	
___ Black-and-White Warbler	o	o	o	
___ American Redstart*	u	o	u	
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	o	o		
___ Swainson's Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Ovenbird	u		u	
___ Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u	r	
___ Kentucky Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Connecticut Warbler	r		r	
___ Mourning Warbler	u		r	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	r
___ Hooded Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	c	
<b>Tanagers</b>				
___ Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	
___ Scarlet Tanager	u		u	
<b>New World Sparrows</b>				
___ Eastern Towhee*	c	u	c	c
___ American Tree Sparrow				u
___ Chipping Sparrow	u		u	
___ Field Sparrow*	a	a	a	a
___ Vesper Sparrow	u		u	r
___ Lark Sparrow	r			

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___ Savannah Sparrow	u		u	c
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	u	u	u	
___ Henslow's Sparrow	r		r	r
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	r		r	r
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Song Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	a
___ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
___ Lapland Longspur				r

### **Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies**

___ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
___ Blue Grosbeak*	u	u		r
___ Indigo Bunting*	a	a	u	
___ Painted Bunting	o	o		
___ Dickcissel*	a	a	u	

### **Blackbirds and Allies**

___ Bobolink	u		r	o
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	c
___ Western Meadowlark	r		r	c
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	r			
___ Rusty Blackbird				c
___ Brewer's Blackbird				o
___ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	u
___ Orchard Oriole*	c	c	u	
___ Baltimore Oriole*	u	u	u	

### **Finches**

___ Purple Finch	u		u	c
___ House Finch	o	o	o	o
___ Pine Siskin				r
___ American Goldfinch*	c	u	u	c
___ Evening Grosbeak	r		r	r

### **Old World Sparrows**

___ House Sparrow*	u	u	u	u
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## **Ethics for Birdwatching**

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.

Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

Do not litter. Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, when they mistake it for food or nesting materials.

## **Sighting Notes**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Weather \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Species \_\_\_\_\_

Route or Area \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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