

Holla Bend

*National Wildlife Refuge
Bird List*



Season appearance

Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1957 primarily as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl, and is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Located in the Arkansas River Valley about 8 miles down river from the town of Dardanelle. The Refuge contains 7,057 acres of diversified wildlife habitat including agricultural fields, mixed forest, irregularly flooded timber, mudflats and open water.

Season abundance

Because of the Refuge's habitat diversity and geographical location near the transitional zone for eastern and western species, a birding visit may be unusually rewarding. Ducks in numbers often exceeding 30,000 are common sights funneling into grain fields during December and January. Mallards make up 90% of the flight but American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Gadwall and Green-winged Teal are also common. Snow and Canada Geese, along with lesser numbers of Greater White-fronted and Ross' Geese, are usually found resting in the old river channel or feeding in the wheat, corn and milo fields along with the ducks. Bald Eagles frequent the Refuge November through February and occasional Golden Eagles may also be observed. These magnificent birds perch regally on solitary large trees scattered throughout the farm unit and along the river bank. The Greater Roadrunner resides in limited numbers and the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher is common from spring through fall. Northern Bobwhites and Morning Doves find the farmland and edges to be ideal year round as do seasonal residents or migrants such as Bobolinks and many species of sparrows. A variety of herons, egrets, and shorebirds

frequent the pools and mudflats. Seven species of owls, including Burrowing and Long-eared, have occurred in proper habitat on the Refuge. Numerous vireos, warblers, buntings and orioles inhabit the woodlands, especially during migration and some remain to nest.

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:

SP-Spring, March - May

S-Summer, June - August

F-Fall, September - November

W-Winter, December - February

a. abundant (a common species which is very numerous)

c. common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)

o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)

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

This checklist includes 236 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.

	SP	S	F	W
Loons and Grebes				
Common Loon				o
Pied-billed Grebe	r	r	c	u
Pelicans and Allies				
American White Pelican	u		u	r
Double-crested Cormorant	u	u	u	c
Anhinga	o	o		
Hérons, Egrets, Ibises and Vultures				
American Bittern		o		o
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	c	c	c	o
Snowy Egret	r	r	o	
Little Blue Heron	r	u	u	
Cattle Egret	r	r		
Green Heron	u	u	u	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		u	u	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		u	u	u
White Ibis			r	
Wood Stork			o	
Black Vulture	c	c	c	c
Turkey Vulture	a	a	a	a
Swans, Geese and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose	u		u	u
Snow Goose	u		c	c
Ross' Goose	u		u	u
Canada Goose	u	u	c	c
Tundra Swan				r
Wood Duck	u	u	u	u
Gadwall	c		c	c
American Wigeon	c		c	c
American Black Duck	r		r	r
Mallard	c	u	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	o	u	c	o
Northern Shoveler	u		u	u
Northern Pintail	o		c	c
Green-winged Teal			c	c
Canvasback			r	
Redhead	r		r	r
Ring-necked Duck	u		u	u
Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
Common Goldeneye	r		r	r
Hooded Merganser			u	u
Common Merganser	u		u	u
Ruddy Duck	r		r	
Hawks and Falcons				
Osprey	u	u	u	
Bald Eagle	u	u	c	c

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Northern Harrier	c		c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	c	c	c	c
Broad-winged Hawk	u	u	u	
Swainson's Hawk	o			
Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk			o	o
Golden Eagle	r		r	u
American Kestrel	c	c	c	c
Merlin				r
Peregrine Falcon			r	r
Prairie Falcon				o
Turkey and Quail				
Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c
Northern Quail	c	c	c	c
Rails, Gallinules and Cranes				
Sora	u		u	
American Coot	u		c	u
Sandhill Crane				o
Shorebirds				
Black-bellied Plover	o		u	
American Golden-Plover	o			
Semipalmated Plover	u	r	r	
Killdeer	a	a	a	a
American Avocet			r	
Greater Yellowlegs	u		u	
Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	
Solitary Sandpiper	r	o	o	
Upland Sandpiper	u		o	
Hudsonian Godwit	o			
Whimbrel	o	o		
Ruddy Turnstone			o	
Sanderling	o			
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u			
Western Sandpiper		r	u	
Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	u
White-rumped Sandpiper	u	r		
Pectoral Sandpiper	c		c	
Dunlin	o		r	
Stilt Sandpiper	r		r	
Long-billed Dowitcher	u	o	u	
Common Snipe	c		c	c
American Woodcock	u			
Wilson's Phalarope	c		u	

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Gulls and Terns				
Franklin's Gull	u		u	
Bonaparte's Gull			u	u
Ring-billed Gull	u		c	c
Herring Gull	u		u	u
Caspian Tern			o	
Forster's Tern	o		o	
Least Tern	u	u	u	
Black Tern	u	o	u	
Doves				
Rock Dove	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove	a	a	a	a
Cuckoos and Roadrunners				
Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	u	
Greater Roadrunner	u	u	u	u
Owls				
Barn Owl	u	u	u	u
Eastern Screech-Owl	c	c	c	c
Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
Burrowing Owl				o
Barred Owl	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl	r		r	r
Short-eared Owl	u		r	u
Goatsuckers				
Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	
Chuck-will's-widow	c	c		
Whip-poor-will		r		r
Swifts and Hummingbirds				
Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	u	u	
Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	u
Woodpeckers				
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	c	c	c	c
Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u

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Flycatchers				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	
Acadian Flycatcher	u			
Alder Flycatcher	u			
Least Flycatcher	u			
Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	u
Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c		
Eastern Kingbird		c	u	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	c	c	c	
Shrikes				
Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	c
Vireos				
White-eyed Vireo	c	u	u	
Bell's Vireo	c	c	r	
Yellow-throated Vireo	c	u	u	
Warbling Vireo	o	u	r	
Philadelphia Vireo	o			
Red-eyed Vireo	c	u	u	
Solitary Vireo			r	o
Jays and Crows				
Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
American Crow	a	a	a	a
Fish Crow	c	c	c	u
Larks				
Horned Lark	u	u	u	c
Martins and Swallows				
Purple Martin		c	c	
Tree Swallow	u	r	u	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	c	
Bank Swallow	u		u	
Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
Cliff Swallow	u	u	u	
Chickadees and Titmice				
Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
Creepers				
Brown Creeper				u
Wrens				
Carolina Wren	a	c	c	c
Bewick's Wren	u		u	u
House Wren	u		u	r

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Winter Wren				u
Sedge Wren			u	r
Marsh Wren			u	
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	c
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	c
Gnatcatchers				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c		
Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird	c	c	u	u
Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
Swainson's Thrush	u		r	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
Wood Thrush	c	c	c	
American Robin	c	c	a	a
Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies				
Gray Catbird	u	u	u	
Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c
Starlings				
European Starling	c	c	c	c
Pipits				
American Pipits	r		r	r
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing	c	c		c
Warblers				
Tennessee Warbler	u		u	
Nashville Warbler	u			
Orange-crowned Warbler			r	
Northern Parula	u			
Yellow Warbler	u			
Magnolia Warbler	u			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	c
Black-throated Green Warbler	u			
Yellow-throated Warbler	u	u	u	
Pine Warbler			u	u
Prairie Warbler	u			
Palm Warbler			r	
Blackpoll Warbler		u		
Black-and-White Warbler	u			
American Redstart	u	u		
Prothonotary Warbler	u			
Ovenbird	u			
Northern Waterthrush	u			

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Louisiana Waterthrush	u			
Kentucky Warbler	u	u		
Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	
Hooded Warbler	u			
Wilson's Warbler	u			
Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u		
Tanagers				
Summer Tanager	c	c	c	
Scarlet Tanager	u	u	u	
New World Sparrows				
Rufous-sided Towhee			u	u
American Tree Sparrow				o
Chipping Sparrow	r			
Clay-colored Sparrow	r	r		
Field Sparrow	a	a	a	a
Vesper Sparrow			u	u
Lark Sparrow	c	c	c	o
Savannah Sparrow	c		c	a
Grasshopper Sparrow	r	r		
Le Conte's Sparrow	u		u	u
Fox Sparrow	u		u	c
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	c		c	a
Harris' Sparrow	u		u	u
Dark-eyed Junco	u		u	a
Lapland Longspur	u		u	u
Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies				
Northern Cardinal	a	a	a	a
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
Blue Grosbeak	u			
Indigo Bunting	c	c	u	
Painted Bunting	u	u		
Dickcissel	a	a	r	
Blackbirds and Allies				
Bobolink		u		o
Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	a
Eastern Meadowlark	a	a	a	a
Western Meadowlark	r		r	r
Yellow-headed Blackbird	r	r		
Rusty Blackbird	c		u	c
Brewer's Blackbird				u
Common Grackle	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	u
Orchard Oriole	c	c	c	
Northern Oriole	c	c	u	

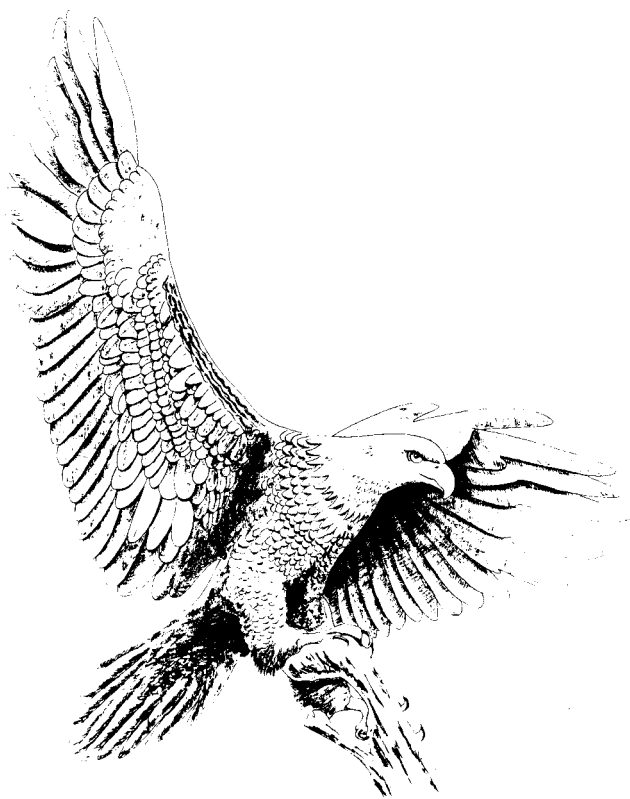
	SP	S	F	W
Finches				
Purple Finch	u			c
House Finch		o	o	
Pine Siskin				r
American Goldfinch	c		c	c
Evening Grosbeak				r
Old World Sparrows				
House Sparrow	c	c	c	c

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, or when they mistake garbage for food.



Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

No. of species

Route or area

Observers

Remarks

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