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Hagerman

*National Wildlife
Refuge*

Birds



Welcome to Birding at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, on Lake Texoma, is located 15 miles northwest of Sherman, Texas. The 11,320 acre refuge was created to provide food and protected nesting habitat for migratory waterfowl during the winter and migration seasons.

Snow geese descend like a prairie blizzard upon Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Just 75 miles north of Dallas where the Red River etches the boundary between Oklahoma and Texas, migratory birds by the thousands refuel for long journeys. A main road through the refuge offers outstanding views of the restless flocks.

Snow and Canada geese spend the entire winter loafing here on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Mississippi kites and scissor-tailed flycatchers hunt the summer skies for insects. Great blue herons call the refuge home in every season.

Hagerman Refuge has recorded 338 species of birds that have been seen on the refuge since its establishment in 1946. Of these, 292 are abundant to rare in occurrence and are listed seasonally. Another 46 species, seen once or twice, are considered accidental. The information reflected in this list was compiled by refuge staff, volunteers, and visiting ornithologists.

This listing is in accordance with the 7th edition A.O.U. Checklist (1998) through the July 2005 Supplement to that checklist.

If you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit, please contact the Refuge staff and provide a description. The refuge birds do not recognize traditional calendar seasons, therefore, season designations for species are intended as general guidelines.

How to use your checklist

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

Occurrence

Sp Spring March - May

S Summer June - July

F Fall August - November

W Winter December - February

* Nests locally or has previously nested locally

Federally Endangered or Threatened Species are listed in italics

Abundance

A Abundant
A common species that is very numerous.

C Common
Likely to be seen in suitable habitats.

U Uncommon
Present, not certain to be seen.

O Occasional
Seen few times during the season

R Rare
Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.

X Accidental
Has been seen only once or twice.

EX Exotic
An introduced species.

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese and Swans				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck			X	
Fulvous Whistling-Duck			X	
Greater White-fronted Goose	U		C	C
Bar-headed Goose	EX			
Snow Goose	C		C	C
Ross's Goose	C		C	C
Brant			X	X
Cackling Goose	O		O	O
* Canada Goose	U	O	U	U
Chinese Goose	EX	EX		
Ruddy Shelduck			EX	EX
South African Shelduck			EX	
Mute Swan	EX		EX	EX
Tundra Swan			X	X
* Wood Duck	U	U	U	U
Gadwall	U	R	C	C
Eurasian Wigeon			X	
American Wigeon	O		O	O
American Black Duck	X	X	X	X
* Mallard	U	U	C	C
Mottled Duck			X	
Blue-winged Teal	C	O	C	R
Cinnamon Teal	O		O	O
Northern Shoveler	C	R	C	C
Northern Pintail	U		C	C
Green-winged Teal	U		C	C
Canvasback	O		O	O
Redhead	U		U	U
Ring-necked Duck	U		U	U
Greater Scaup			X	X
Lesser Scaup	O	R	U	O
Surf Scoter				X
White-winged Scoter			X	X
Long-tailed Duck			R	R
Bufflehead	O		O	O
Common Goldeneye	O		O	O
Hooded Merganser	O		O	O
Common Merganser	O		O	O
Red-breasted Merganser			R	R
Ruddy Duck	O		O	O
Pheasants and Turkeys				
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	X			
* Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
New World Quail				
* Northern Bobwhite	O	O	O	O
Loons				
Red-throated Loon				X
Common Loon	R		R	R

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Grebes				
* Pied-billed Grebe	U	O	U	U
Horned Grebe	O		O	O
Red-necked Grebe			X	
Eared Grebe	O		O	O
Western Grebe			R	R
Pelicans				
American White Pelican	C	O	C	O
<i>Brown Pelican</i>	R		R	R
Cormorants				
Neotropic Cormorant	R	R	R	R
Double-crested Cormorant	C	O	C	C
Anhingas				
* Anhinga	R	R	R	
Herons, Bitterns and Egrets				
American Bittern	O	O	O	O
* Least Bittern	X	X	X	
* Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
* Great Egret	C	C	C	R
* Snowy Egret	C	C	C	
* Little Blue Heron	U	C	C	
Tricolored Heron	R	R	R	
Reddish Egret	X	X		
* Cattle Egret	C	C	C	O
* Green Heron	U	U	U	X
Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	
* Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	
Ibises and Spoonbills				
Sacred Ibis	EX			
White Ibis		O	R	
White-faced Ibis	O	O	O	X
Roseate Spoonbill		R	R	
Storks				
Wood Stork		R	R	
Vultures				
* Black Vulture	C	C	C	C
* Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
Kites, Eagles and Hawks				
Osprey	O	O	O	R
Swallow-tailed Kite	X			
White-tailed Kite	X			
* Mississippi Kite	U	U	U	
<i>Bald Eagle</i>	O		O	O
Northern Harrier	U		U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	O
Cooper's Hawk	O		O	O
Northern Goshawk	X			
Common Black-Hawk			X	
Harris's Hawk			X	
* Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Kites, Eagles and Hawks, continued				
* Broad-winged Hawk	O	O	O	
* Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O	
* Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	U
Ferruginous Hawk				X
Rough-legged Hawk	R		R	R
Golden Eagle			X	X
Falcons				
Crested Caracara			X	
American Kestrel	U	R	U	U
Merlin	R		O	R
Peregrine Falcon	R		R	
Prairie Falcon	X		X	R
Rails, Gallinules and Coots				
Black Rail	X			
* King Rail	X	X	X	
Virginia Rail	R		R	R
Sora	O	R	O	
Purple Gallinule	X			
Common Moorhen	X	X	X	
American Coot	C	O	A	U
Cranes				
Sandhill Crane	R		R	R
<i>Whooping Crane</i>			X	
Plovers				
Black-bellied Plover	O	R	O	R
American Golden-Plover	O	R	O	
Snowy Plover	R	R	R	
Semipalmated Plover	O	O	O	
<i>Piping Plover</i>	O	O	O	
* Killdeer	U	U	U	U
Mountain Plover	X			
Stilts and Avocets				
Black-necked Stilt	O	O	O	
American Avocet	O	O	O	R
Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies				
Greater Yellowlegs	O	U	O	U
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	O	U	R
Solitary Sandpiper	O	R	O	X
Willet	O	R	O	
Spotted Sandpiper	U	R	U	
Upland Sandpiper	O	O	O	
Whimbrel	R	R	R	
Long-billed Curlew	R	R	R	
Hudsonian Godwit	O	R	R	
Marbled Godwit	O	R	O	
Ruddy Turnstone	R	R	R	
Red Knot		R	R	
Sanderling	O		O	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	O	R	O	

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Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies, continued				
Western Sandpiper	O	O	O	R
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U	O
White-rumped Sandpiper	U	R		
Baird's Sandpiper	U	O	U	X
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	O	U	X
Dunlin	O	R	O	R
Stilt Sandpiper	U	U	U	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	O	R	O	
Short-billed Dowitcher	U	R	U	
Long-billed Dowitcher	U	O	U	R
Wilson's Snipe	U	R	U	O
American Woodcock			R	R
Wilson's Phalarope	O	R	O	
Red-necked Phalarope			R	
Red Phalarope		R	R	
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers				
Parasitic Jaeger			X	
Laughing Gull	R	R	R	
Franklin's Gull	U	R	C	R
Little Gull	X			X
Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	O
Ring-billed Gull	C	O	A	A
Herring Gull	O		O	O
Glaucous Gull				X
Sabine's Gull			R	X
Caspian Tern	R	R	R	
Common Tern	R	R		
Forster's Tern	C	O	C	R
* <i>Least Tern</i>	U	U	U	
Black Tern	U	U	U	
Black Skimmer	X		X	
Pigeons and Doves				
Rock Pigeon (I)	O	O	O	O
Ringed Turtle Dove	X	X		
Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)		EX		
White-winged Dove	X			
* Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
Inca Dove		R	R	
Parrots and Allies				
Nanday Parakeet			EX	
Red-crowned Parrot		EX		
Cuckoos and Roadrunners				
Black-billed Cuckoo		X	X	
* Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U	
* Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U
Barn Owls				
Barn Owl	R	R	R	R

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Typical Owls				
* Eastern Screech-Owl	O	O	O	O
* Great Horned Owl	O	O	O	O
Snowy Owl				X
Burrowing Owl	X		X	
* Barred Owl	O	O	O	O
Short-eared Owl			R	R
Northern Saw-whet Owl			X	X
Goatsuckers				
Common Nighthawk	O	O	O	
* Chuck-will's-widow	R	R	R	
Whip-poor-will	R		R	
Swifts				
* Chimney Swift	U	U	U	
Hummingbirds				
* Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U	
Black-chinned Hummingbird	X			
Kingfishers				
* Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	U
Woodpeckers				
* Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
* Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		U	U
* Ladder-backed Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
* Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
* Hairy Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
Northern Flicker	U	X	U	U
* Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
Typical Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	O	X	O	
* Eastern Wood-Pewee	O	O	O	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R		R	
Acadian Flycatcher	R		R	
Alder Flycatcher	R		R	
Willow Flycatcher	R		R	
Least Flycatcher	U		O	
Black Phoebe			X	
* Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	U
Say's Phoebe	X			
Vermilion Flycatcher	X		X	
Ash-throated Flycatcher			X	
* Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
Great Kiskadee			X	X
* Western Kingbird	U	U	U	
* Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U	X
* Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	C	C	X
Shrikes				
* Loggerhead Shrike	U	U	U	U

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Vireos				
* White-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	
* Bell's Vireo	R	R	R	
Yellow-throated Vireo	R			
Plumbeous Vireo			X	
Blue-headed Vireo	O	O	O	X
Warbling Vireo	O	O	O	
Philadelphia Vireo	R			
* Red-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	
Jays and Crows				
* Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
* American Crow	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow	X			
Larks				
* Horned Lark			U	U
Swallows				
* Purple Martin	U	U	U	
* Tree Swallow	O	R	O	
* N. Rough-winged Swallow	O	O	O	
Bank Swallow	O		O	
* Cliff Swallow	C	C	C	
* Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
Chickadees and Titmice				
* Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
* Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	O
* White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	U		U	U
Wrens				
* Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C
* Bewick's Wren	U	U	U	U
House Wren	O		O	O
Winter Wren	O		O	O
Sedge Wren	R		R	R
Marsh Wren	O		O	O
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	O		O	O
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U
Gnatcatchers				
* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C	X
Thrushes and Allies				
* Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C
Mountain Bluebird			X	X
Veery	R			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	R			
Swainson's Thrush	O		O	
Hermit Thrush	O		O	O
Wood Thrush	R			
American Robin	C	O	C	C

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Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies				
Gray Catbird	O		O	X
* Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
Sage Thrasher			X	
* Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	U
Curve-billed Thrasher			X	
Starlings				
* European Starling (I)	C	C	C	C
Pipits				
American Pipit	U		U	U
Sprague's Pipit	R		R	R
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing	U		U	U
Wood-Warblers				
Tennessee Warbler	O		O	
Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O	O
Nashville Warbler	O		O	O
Northern Parula	R		R	
Yellow Warbler	O	R	O	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	R		R	
Magnolia Warbler	R		R	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		X	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C
Black-throated Green Warbler	R		R	
Blackburnian Warbler	R		R	
Yellow-throated Warbler	R		R	
Pine Warbler	R		R	
Prairie Warbler			R	
Palm Warbler	R		R	
Bay-breasted Warbler	R			
Blackpoll Warbler	R		R	
Cerulean Warbler	R		X	
* Black-and-white Warbler	U	U	U	
American Redstart	R		R	
* Prothonotary Warbler	U	U	U	
Ovenbird	R		R	
Northern Waterthrush	R		R	
* Louisiana Waterthrush	R	R	R	
* Kentucky Warbler	R	R	R	
Mourning Warbler	R		R	
MacGillivray's Warbler	X		X	
* Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	U
Hooded Warbler	X		X	
Wilson's Warbler	O		O	
Canada Warbler	R		R	
* Yellow-breasted Chat	R	X	R	
Tanagers				
* Summer Tanager	U	U	U	

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Sparrows, Towhees and Allies				
Green-tailed Towhee	X			
Spotted Towhee	O		O	O
Eastern Towhee	O		O	O
Cassin's Sparrow	X			
American Tree Sparrow	R		R	R
Chipping Sparrow	O	R	O	O
Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
* Field Sparrow	U	U	U	C
Vesper Sparrow	U		U	O
* Lark Sparrow	U	U	U	O
Lark Bunting				X
Savannah Sparrow	A		A	A
* Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U	
LeConte's Sparrow	U		U	U
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			R	
Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
Song Sparrow	U		U	U
Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	O
Swamp Sparrow	U		U	U
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
Harris' Sparrow	C		C	C
White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
Dark-eyed Junco				
Slate-colored Junco	C		C	C
Oregon Junco	O		O	O
McCown's Longspur			R	R
Lapland Longspur			R	R
Smith's Longspur			R	R
Chestnut-collared Longspur			R	R
Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Buntings				
* Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R		R	
Black-headed Grosbeak	X		X	
* Blue Grosbeak	U	U	U	
Lazuli Bunting	R			
* Indigo Bunting	C	C	U	
* Painted Bunting	C	C	U	
* Dickcissel	C	C	U	

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Blackbirds, Orioles and Allies				
Bobolink	O		X	
* Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
* Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark	O		C	C
Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	R	O	R
Rusty Blackbird	R		R	R
Brewer's Blackbird	O		U	U
* Common Grackle	U	U	O	O
* Great-tailed Grackle	U	U	O	O
* Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	O
* Orchard Oriole	O	O	O	
* Baltimore Oriole	O	O	O	
Finches, Goldfinches and Allies				
Purple Finch	O		O	O
* House Finch	O	O	O	O
Red Crossbill			X	X
Pine Siskin	O		U	U
* American Goldfinch	U	R	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R
Old World Sparrow				
* House Sparrow (I)	U	U	U	U



*Great blue heron
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Notes

Date _____ Time _____

Observers _____

Weather _____

Species _____

Comments _____

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
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