

INTRODUCTION

Hamilton Pool Preserve is located in the southeast corner of Travis County, at the confluence of the Pedernales River and Hamilton Creek. This unique natural area includes dry upland of Live Oak and Ashe Juniper, steep fern-covered cliffs and a lush, densely vegetated canyon. The two mile trail system offers birders access to these various ecosystems.

The present list contains 159 species. Common year-round species include Western Scrub-Jays, Belted Kingfishers, Tufted Titmice, Ladder-backed Woodpeckers, and Canyon Wrens. Cliff Swallows, Red-eyed Vireos, Painted Buntings, Spotted Towhees and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers are a few of the many migrant species. Out-of-state birders would take special interest in the Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Vermilion Flycatcher, and the Green Kingfisher. From the end of March through June the endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler may be observed along the Canyon Trail.

••The use of playback tapes of bird songs is not allowed. Please help us protect the natural bird communities in the preserve by not disrupting normal bird activity patterns.

This checklist was compiled from staff records, volunteer sightings, and the Westve Preserve bird list. Please help us update our checklist by providing sighting data to preserve staff.

LEGEND

A - Abundant \* - Recorded adjacent to preserve  
 C - Common ^ - Seem flying over preserve  
 U - Uncommon ° - Nests in the area (data unconfirmed)  
 R - Rare or unconfirmed

SP - Summer (Mar.-May) F - Fall (Sept.-Nov.)  
 SU - Summer (June-Aug.) W - Winter (Dec.-Feb.)

Common and scientific names and sequence follow the Check-list of North American Birds, 6th ed. (A.O.U. 1983) through the 41st supplement.

Table 2	SP	SU	F	W
Red-shouldered Hawk °	C		R	R
Broad-winged Hawk	R			R
Swainson's Hawk	R			
Red-tailed Hawk °	C	R	C	C
<b>Kestrels, Caracaras</b>				
<b>FALCONIDAE</b>				
Crested Caracara				R
American Kestrel	R		C	C
<b>Turkeys, Quails</b>				
<b>PHASIANIDAE</b>				
Wild Turkey °	C	C	C	C
Northern Bobwhite °	C	C	U	U
<b>Cranes</b>				
<b>GRUIDAE</b>				
Sandhill Crane ^	U		U	U
Whooping Crane ^				R
<b>Plovers</b>				
<b>CHARADRIIDAE</b>				
Killdeer	R		R	R
<b>Sandpipers, Woodcocks</b>				
<b>SCOLOPACIDAE</b>				
Spotted Sandpiper	U		U	
Long-billed Curlew	R			
American Woodcock				R
<b>Gulls</b>				
<b>LARIIDAE</b>				
Franklin's Gull	U			
<b>Doves</b>				
<b>COLUMBIDAE</b>				
Mourning Dove °	A	A	A	A
Inca Dove	U		U	
<b>Roadrunners, Cuckoos</b>				
<b>CUCULIDAE</b>				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo °	C	C		
Greater Roadrunner	C	C	C	U
<b>Owls</b>				
<b>TRIGIDAE</b>				
Eastern Screech-Owl °	U	U	U	U

Table 1	SP	SU	F	W
<b>Pelicans</b>				
<b>PELECANIDAE</b>				
American White Pelican ^	R			
<b>Cormorants</b>				
<b>PHALACROCORACIDAE</b>				
Double-crested Cormorant				R
<b>Hérons, Egrets</b>				
<b>ARDEIDAE</b>				
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
Snowy Egret	R			
Cattle Egret	R			
Green Heron	U	U	U	
<b>Ducks, Geese</b>				
<b>ANATIDAE</b>				
Canada Goose ^				R
Wood Duck	U	U	U	U
Green-winged Teal	U		U	
Mallard				R
Blue-winged Teal	U		U	
Northern Pintail	R			
Gadwall				R
Ring-necked Duck				R
Lesser Scaup				R
<b>Vultures</b>				
<b>CATHARTIDAE</b>				
Black Vulture °	C	C	C	C
Turkey Vulture °	A	A	A	A
<b>Hawks, Kites, Ospreys</b>				
<b>ACCIPITRIDAE</b>				
Osprey	C		C	C
White-tailed Kite	R			
Mississippi Kite		R	R	
Bald Eagle	R			R
Northern Harrier			C	R
Sharp-shinned Hawk			R	R
Cooper's Hawk	R		R	R

Table 3	SP	SU	F	W
Great Horned Owl	U	R		U
Barred Owl	C	U	C	
<b>Nightjars</b>				
<b>CAPRIMULGIDAE</b>				
Common Nighthawk		U	U	
Common Poorwill *	U	U	U	R
Chuck-will's-widow	R			
Whip-poor-will			R	
<b>Swifts</b>				
<b>APODIDAE</b>				
Chimney Swift	U	U	U	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
<b>TROCHILIDAE</b>				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U		U	
Black-chinned Hummingbird °	A	C	C	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
<b>ALCEDINIDAE</b>				
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C
Green Kingfisher				R
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
<b>PICIDAE</b>				
Golden-fronted Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
Red-bellied Woodpecker			R	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R		U	R
Ladder-backed Woodpecker °	C	C	C	C
Downy Woodpecker			R	
Hairy Woodpecker	R			
Northern Flicker			U	R
<b>Flycatchers, Phoebes</b>				
<b>TYRANNIDAE</b>				
Olive-sided Flycatcher *	C		C	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	R			

Table 4	SP	SU	F	W
Acadian Flycatcher °	U	C	U	
Least Flycatcher	R			
Empidonax species	U	R	U	
Eastern Phoebe °	A	C	C	C
Vermilion Flycatcher	R		R	
Ash-throated Flycatcher °	C	C	R	
Great Crested Flycatcher °	C	C	R	
Western Kingbird	R	R		
Eastern Kingbird	U		U	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	U	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		R		
<b>Swallows, Martins</b>				
<b>HIRUNDINIDAE</b>				
Purple Martin	R	R		
Cliff Swallow °	A	A		
Barn Swallow			R	
<b>Jays, Crows, Ravens</b>				
<b>CORVIDAE</b>				
Blue Jay		R	U	
Western Scrub-Jay °	A	A	A	A
American Crow	R		R	R
Common Raven °	U	R	C	U
<b>Titmice, Chickadees</b>				
<b>PARIDAE</b>				
Carolina Chickadee °	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse (Black-crested) °	A	A	A	A
<b>Bushtits</b>				
<b>AEGITHALIDAE</b>				
Bushtit	R	R		
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
<b>SITTIDAE</b>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch *	R			R
<b>Brown Creepers</b>				
<b>CERTHIDAE</b>				
Brown Creeper				R

Table 6	SP	SU	F	W
<b>Warblers, Sparrows</b>				
<b>EMBERIZIDAE</b>				
Tennessee Warbler	R			
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	R
Nashville Warbler	C		C	
Yellow Warbler	U	U	U	
Magnolia Warbler	R			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	U			C
Black-throated Gray Warbler			R	
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		R	
Golden-cheeked Warbler °	C	C		
Black-and-white Warbler	U	R	R	
American Redstart			R	
Northern Waterthrush	U			
Louisiana Waterthrush °	U	U		
Mourning Warbler			R	
Common Yellowthroat	R			
Wilson's Warbler	U		U	R
Yellow-breasted Chat			U	
Summer Tanager °	C	C	C	
Northern Cardinal °	A	A	A	A
Blue Grosbeak °	U	U	R	
Indigo Bunting	U	U		
Painted Bunting °	C	C	U	
Dickcissel	R			
Spotted Towhee	U		C	C
Canyon Towhee	R	R	U	R
Rufous-crowned Sparrow °	C	C	C	C
Chipping Sparrow	C		C	C
Field Sparrow	A	A	C	C
Vesper Sparrow			R	U
Lark Sparrow °	C	C	U	R
Savannah Sparrow			U	U

Table 5	SP	SU	F	W
<b>Wrens</b>				
<b>TROGLODYTIDAE</b>				
Rock Wren *	R			
Canyon Wren °	A	A	A	A
Carolina Wren °	A	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren °	A	C	C	C
House Wren	R			
Winter Wren			R	U
Sedge Wren			R	
<b>Robins, Kinglets, Thrushes</b>				
<b>MUSCICAPIDAE</b>				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher °	C	C	C	
Eastern Bluebird	U		U	U
Swainson's Thrush	R			
Hermit Thrush	C		C	C
American Robin			C	C
<b>Mockingbirds, Thrashers</b>				
<b>MIMIDAE</b>				
Gray Catbird	R			
Northern Mockingbird °	A	A	A	A
Brown Thrasher		R		
<b>Waxwings</b>				
<b>BOMBYCILLIDAE</b>				
Cedar Waxwing	C		U	C
<b>Shrikes</b>				
<b>LANIIDAE</b>				
Loggerhead Shrike	U		C	U
<b>Vireos</b>				
<b>VIREONIDAE</b>				
White-eyed Vireo °	C	C	U	
Bell's Vireo	R			
Solitary Vireo			U	
Yellow-throated Vireo °	C	C	R	
Warbling Vireo *			R	
Red-eyed Vireo °	U	U		

Table 7	SP	SU	F	W
<b>Finches</b>				
<b>FRINGILLIDAE</b>				
Le Conte's Sparrow	R			
Song Sparrow	U		R	U
Lincoln's Sparrow	C		R	C
White-throated Sparrow	U		U	U
White-crowned Sparrow	U		C	U
Harris' Sparrow	U			U
Dark-eyed Junco meadowlark, species	U	U	U	U
Brown-headed Cowbird °	C	C	U	U
Orchard Oriole *	C	R	C	
Bullock's Oriole	R		U	
<b>Finches</b>				
<b>FRINGILLIDAE</b>				
Purple Finch				R
House Finch °	C	C	C	C
Pine Siskin *	U		C	U
Lesser Goldfinch	U	U	U	U
American Goldfinch	C		U	C
<b>House Sparrows</b>				
<b>PASSERIDAE</b>				
House Sparrow * °	C	C	C	C

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