

# Bald Knob

## National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge was established on September 22, 1993 and is one of over 560 National Wildlife Refuges. The refuge is located one-half mile southwest of Bald Knob and is bordered to the west and south by the Little Red River and contains 15,020 acres. It was identified by the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture as a high priority acquisition to meet the habitat conservation goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Management goals of the refuge are: (1) protect and enhance/restore approximately 14,000 acres of agriculture wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests, (2) provide wintering habitat for migrating waterfowl, (3) provide breeding and non-breeding habitat for wood ducks and songbirds, and (4) to provide the public with recreational opportunities (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, nature photography, environmental education, and interpretation).

**Bald Knob  
National Wildlife Refuge**  
1439 Coal Chute Road  
Bald Knob, AR 72010  
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The refuge operates a large Cooperative Farming Program consisting of over 4,500 acres of rice, soybeans, corn and millet. Moist-soil production and shorebird management are also covered under this farming agreement. Methods utilized in growing rice and other crops also create favorable habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds and other migratory species.

Bald Knob Refuge is noted for extremely high numbers of wintering waterfowl. In fact, the refuge is the largest staging area in Arkansas for northern pintails (over 200,000 recorded in a single day) as they migrate to the wetlands and coastal marshes of Louisiana. Bald eagles also follow the annual waterfowl migration and heavily utilize this refuge with 78 being the record for one day.

Various species of marsh and wading birds frequent the area as do numerous species of raptors. Refuge personnel provide approximately 150 acres of mudflats in the late summer/ early fall

each year for shorebirds. The least tern, peregrine falcon, piping plover and other threatened or endangered species are often seen on the refuge during late July – September.

W - (December-February)

Sp - (March-May)

S - (June-August)

F - (September-November)

### Frequencies of Occurrence per Season within Dates Specified:

C = Common to Abundant (*found regularly and in good numbers*)

FC = Fairly Common (*numbers fluctuate between common and uncommon*)

U = Uncommon (*usually found; occurs in low numbers*)

O = Occasional (*usually found a few times during the season*)

R = Rare (*seldom found during the season; includes species that are outside their normal range that occur every 2-3 years*)

V = Vagrant (*outside normal range; not expected*)

\* = Confirmed or probably breeder



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	SP	S	F	W
<b>Whistling-Ducks, Geese, Swans and Ducks</b>				
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		V	V	
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck		V	V	
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	C	FC		C
___ Snow Goose	C	C		C
___ Ross's Goose	U	U		U
___ Cackling Goose	R	R		R
___ Canada Goose *	C	C	C	C
___ Trumpeter Swan	V			
___ Wood Duck *	U	FC	FC	FC
___ Gadwall	C	C	R	C
___ American Wigeon	FC	FC	R	FC
___ American Black Duck	R	R		R
___ Mallard	C	C	U	C
___ Mottled Duck		R	R	
___ Blue-winged Teal		C	O	C
___ Cinnamon Teal		V		
___ Northern Shoveler	C	C	R	C
___ Northern Pintail	C	C	R	C
___ Green-winged Teal	C	C	R	C
___ Canvasback	U	U	R	U
___ Redhead	O	O	R	O
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	U	R	O
___ Greater Scaup		V	V	
___ Lesser Scaup		R	R	
___ Bufflehead		R		
___ Common Goldeneye		V		
___ Hooded Merganser	O	O	O	O
___ Red-breasted Merganser		V		
___ Ruddy Duck		FC	R	
<b>Turkey and Quail</b>				
___ Northern Bobwhite *	FC	FC	FC	FC
___ Wild Turkey *	U	U	U	U
<b>Loons</b>				
___ Common Loon		V	V	
<b>Grebes</b>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe *		FC	U	U
___ Eared Grebe		V		
<b>Storks</b>				
___ Wood Stork			R	V
<b>Cormorants and Anhinga</b>				
___ Neotropic Cormorant		V	V	
___ Double-crested Cormorant	O	C	O	O
___ Anhinga *		R	R	
<b>Pelicans, Herons, Ibis and Spoonbills</b>				
___ American White Pelican		U	U	U
___ Brown Pelican			V	
___ American Bittern	V	R		V
___ Least Bittern		R		
___ Great Blue Heron *	C	C	C	C
___ Great Egret *		FC	FC	U
___ Snowy Egret *		U	FC	U
___ Little Blue Heron *		U	U	
___ Tricolored Heron		V	V	
___ Cattle Egret *	V	FC	FC	FC
___ Green Heron *		U	U	

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___ Black-crowned Night-Heron *			U	U
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *			U	U
___ White Ibis *		R	R	R
___ Glossy Ibis		V	V	
___ White-faced Ibis		R	R	R
___ Roseate Spoonbill			R	
<b>Vultures, Kites, Eagles and Hawks</b>				
___ Black Vulture	R	O	O	O
___ Turkey Vulture	O	U	U	U
___ Osprey		R		
___ Mississippi Kite *		U	U	U
___ Bald Eagle *	C	FC	U	FC
___ Northern Harrier	C	FC	V	C
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	O		U
___ Cooper's Hawk *	O	O	R	U
___ Red-shouldered Hawk *	U	U	U	U
___ Broad-winged Hawk		O		O
___ Swainson's Hawk		V		
___ Red-tailed Hawk *	FC	U	U	FC
___ Golden Eagle	V			
<b>Falcons</b>				
___ American Kestrel	U	U	R	U
___ Merlin	O		R	O
___ Peregrine Falcon		O	O	O
<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Cranes</b>				
___ Yellow Rail				R
___ King Rail *		R	R	
___ Virginia Rail		O		
___ Sora		FC		
___ Common Gallinule		V		
___ American Coot	C	C	U	FC
___ Sandhill Crane	V	V		V
<b>Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls and Terns</b>				
___ Black-bellied Plover		O	U	U
___ American Golden-Plover		FC	U	U
___ Semipalmated Plover		O	FC	U
___ Piping Plover		R	R	R
___ Killdeer *	U	C	C	C
___ Black-necked Stilt *		FC	FC	FC
___ American Avocet		O	O	O
___ Spotted Sandpiper		U	U	U
___ Solitary Sandpiper		O	U	U
___ Greater Yellowlegs		C	C	C
___ Willet		R	R	R
___ Lesser Yellowlegs		C	C	C
___ Upland Sandpiper		R	O	O
___ Whimbrel		V		
___ Hudsonian Godwit		R		
___ Marbled Godwit		R	R	R
___ Ruddy Turnstone		R	R	
___ Red Knot		V		
___ Sanderling		R	O	O
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper		FC	FC	FC
___ Western Sandpiper		O	U	U
___ Least Sandpiper		C	C	C
___ White-rumped Sandpiper		FC	V	V
___ Baird's Sandpiper		O	O	O
___ Dunlin		U	U	U
___ Stilt Sandpiper		U	FC	FC

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___Buff-breasted Sandpiper			O	R
___Ruff		V		
___Short-billed Dowitcher		O	U	U
___Long-billed Dowitcher		C	C	C
___Wilson's Snipe	FC	FC	R	FC
___American Woodcock		R		
___Wilson's Phalarope		O	O	O
___Red-necked Phalarope		V	R	R
___Bonaparte's Gull		R		
___Laughing Gull		V	V	
___Franklin's Gull		R		
___Ring-billed Gull		R		R
___Least Tern		O	O	R
___Caspian Tern		R	R	
___Black Tern		FC	U	
___Common Tern		R		
___Forster's Tern		O	O	O

## Pigeons and Doves

___Rock Pigeon *	O	O	O	O
___Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	R	R	R
___Mourning Dove *	C	C	C	C

## Cuckoos and Roadrunners

___Yellow-billed Cuckoo *		C	C	O
___Greater Roadrunner		R	R	

## Owls

___Barn Owl *	O	O	O	O
___Eastern Screech-Owl *	R	R	R	R
___Great Horned Owl *	U	U	U	U
___Barred Owl *	FC	FC	FC	FC
___Short-eared Owl	U			U

## Nighthawks and Nightjars

___Common Nighthawk		O	O	O
___Chuck-will's-widow		R		

## Swifts and Hummingbirds

___Chimney Swift *		U	U	U
___Ruby-throated Hummingbird *			U	U

## Kingfishers

___Belted Kingfisher *	U	U	U	U
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## Woodpeckers

___Red-headed Woodpecker *	O	O	O	O
___Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U			U
___Downy Woodpecker *	FC	FC	FC	FC
___Hairy Woodpecker *		R		
___Northern Flicker *	U	U		U
___Pileated Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U

## Flycatchers

___Olive-sided Flycatcher			O	
___Eastern Wood-Pewee *		C	C	U
___Acadian Flycatcher		C	C	
___Alder Flycatcher		R		
___Willow Flycatcher		R		
___Least Flycatcher		U		
___Eastern Phoebe *	O	U	U	U

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___Great Crested Flycatcher *		C	C	
___Western Kingbird		V		
___Eastern Kingbird *		FC	FC	U
___Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *		C	C	U

## Shrikes

___Loggerhead Shrike	O	R	R	R
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## Vireos

___White-eyed Vireo *		C	C	U
___Bell's Vireo *		U	U	
___Yellow-throated Vireo		R		
___Blue-headed Vireo		O		
___Warbling Vireo		U		
___Philadelphia Vireo		U		
___Red-eyed Vireo *		U	U	

## Jays and Crows

___Blue Jay *	C	C	C	C
___American Crow *	C	C	C	C
___Fish Crow *		FC	U	FC

## Larks

___Horned Lark	O	R		O
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## Swallows

___Purple Martin		U	U	
___Tree Swallow		FC	U	FC
___Northern Rough-winged Swallow *		FC	U	FC
___Bank Swallow		U		U
___Cliff Swallow		FC	U	FC
___Barn Swallow *		C	C	C

## Chickadees and Titmice

___Carolina Chickadee *	FC	FC	FC	FC
___Tufted Titmouse *	C	C	C	C

## Nuthatches

___Red-breasted Nuthatch	R			R
___White-breasted Nuthatch *	U	U	U	U

## Creepers

___Brown Creeper	O			O
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## Wrens

___Carolina Wren *	C	C	C	C
___House Wren	U	U		U
___Winter Wren	U			U
___Sedge Wren		U		U
___Marsh Wren		U		U

## Kinglets

___Golden-crowned Kinglet	O			O
___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	U		U

## Gnatcatchers

___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *		C	C	O
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<b>Bluebirds and Thrushes</b>									
__ Eastern Bluebird *	U	U	U		__ Clay-colored Sparrow		R		
__ Veery		R			__ Field Sparrow *	U	U	U	U
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush		U			__ Vesper Sparrow		O		O
__ Swainson's Thrush		U			__ Lark Sparrow *		O	R	
__ Hermit Thrush	U			U	__ Savannah Sparrow	C	C		C
__ Wood Thrush *		U	U		__ Grasshopper Sparrow *		R	R	
__ American Robin	U	U	U	U	__ Henslow's Sparrow		V		
					__ LeConte's Sparrow	R			R
					__ Nelson's Sparrow				R
					__ Fox Sparrow	U			U
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>									
__ Gray Catbird		O		R	__ Song Sparrow	FC	FC		FC
__ Northern Mockingbird *	FC	FC	FC	FC	__ Lincoln's Sparrow		U		U
__ Brown Thrasher *	U	U	U	U	__ Swamp Sparrow	FC	FC		FC
					__ White-throated Sparrow	C	C		C
					__ Harris's Sparrow	R			R
					__ White-crowned Sparrow	U	U	V	U
					__ Dark-eyed Junco	U	U		U
					<b>Tanagers, Cardinals and Grosbeaks</b>				
					__ Summer Tanager *		FC	FC	
					__ Northern Cardinal *	C	C	C	C
					__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U		
					__ Blue Grosbeak *		FC	FC	O
					__ Indigo Bunting *		C	C	FC
					__ Painted Bunting *		O	O	
					__ Dickcissel *		C	C	U
					<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
					__ Bobolink		FC		O
					__ Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	C	C
					__ Eastern Meadowlark *	U	U	U	U
					__ Western Meadowlark	R			
					__ Yellow-headed Blackbird		V		
					__ Rusty Blackbird	U	U		U
					__ Brewer's Blackbird	U	U		U
					__ Common Grackle *	U	U	U	U
					__ Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	C
					__ Orchard Oriole *		U	U	
					__ Baltimore Oriole		O		
					<b>Finches</b>				
					__ House Finch	O	O	O	O
					__ American Goldfinch	U	U	O	U
					<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
					__ House Sparrow *	C	C	C	C
					<b>New World Sparrows</b>				
__ Eastern Towhee *	O	O	O	O					
__ American Tree Sparrow	V								
__ Chipping Sparrow	R	O		O					

