



Birds of *Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge*

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.

Occurrence

Symbols in this list are defined as follows:

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.



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, State bird of Oklahoma/FWS

| Common Name | Sp | Su | F | W | Common Name | Sp | Su | F | W |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|------------------------------------|----|----|---|---|
| Ducks, Geese and Swans | | | | | Anhingas | | | | |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | | | X | | * Anhinga | R | R | R | |
| Fulvous Whistling-Duck | | | X | | Herons, Bitterns and Egrets | | | | |
| Greater White-fr. Goose | U | | C | C | American Bittern | O | O | O | O |
| Bar-headed Goose | EX | | | | * Least Bittern | X | X | X | |
| Snow Goose | C | | C | C | * Great Blue Heron | C | C | C | C |
| Ross's Goose | C | | C | C | * Great Egret | C | C | C | R |
| Brant | | | X | X | * Snowy Egret | C | C | C | |
| Cackling Goose | O | | O | O | * Little Blue Heron | U | C | C | |
| * Canada Goose | U | O | U | U | Tricolored Heron | R | R | R | |
| Chinese Goose | EX | EX | | | Reddish Egret | X | X | | |
| Ruddy Shelduck | | | EX | EX | * Cattle Egret | C | C | C | O |
| South African Shelduck | | | EX | | * Green Heron | U | U | U | X |
| Mute Swan | EX | | EX | EX | Black-crowned Night-Heron | O | O | O | |
| Tundra Swan | | | X | X | * Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | O | O | O | O |
| * Wood Duck | U | U | U | U | Ibises and Spoonbills | | | | |
| Gadwall | U | R | C | C | Sacred Ibis | EX | | | |
| Eurasian Wigeon | | | X | | White Ibis | | O | R | |
| American Wigeon | O | | O | O | White-faced Ibis | O | O | O | X |
| American Black Duck | X | X | X | X | Roseate Spoonbill | | R | R | |
| * Mallard | U | U | C | C | Storks | | | | |
| Mottled Duck | | | X | | Wood Stork | | R | R | |
| Blue-winged Teal | C | O | C | R | Vultures | | | | |
| Cinnamon Teal | O | | O | O | * Black Vulture | C | C | C | C |
| Northern Shoveler | C | R | C | C | * Turkey Vulture | C | C | C | C |
| Northern Pintail | U | | C | C | Kites, Eagles and Hawks | | | | |
| Green-winged Teal | U | | C | C | Osprey | O | O | O | R |
| Canvasback | O | | O | O | Swallow-tailed Kite | X | | | |
| Redhead | U | | U | U | White-tailed Kite | X | | | |
| Ring-necked Duck | U | | U | U | * Mississippi Kite | U | U | U | |
| Greater Scaup | | | X | X | <i>Bald Eagle</i> | O | | O | O |
| Lesser Scaup | O | R | U | O | Northern Harrier | U | | U | U |
| Surf Scoter | | | | X | Sharp-shinned Hawk | O | | O | O |
| White-winged Scoter | | | X | X | Cooper's Hawk | O | | O | O |
| Long-tailed Duck | | | R | R | Northern Goshawk | X | | | |
| Bufflehead | O | | O | O | Common Black-Hawk | | | | X |
| Common Goldeneye | O | | O | O | Harris's Hawk | | | | X |
| Hooded Merganser | O | | O | O | * Red-shouldered Hawk | U | U | U | U |
| Common Merganser | O | | O | O | * Broad-winged Hawk | O | O | O | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | | | R | R | * Swainson's Hawk | O | O | O | |
| Ruddy Duck | O | | O | O | * Red-tailed Hawk | U | U | U | U |
| Pheasants and Turkeys | | | | | Ferruginous Hawk | | | | X |
| Ring-necked Pheasant (I) | X | | | | Rough-legged Hawk | R | | R | R |
| * Wild Turkey | U | U | U | U | Golden Eagle | | | X | X |
| New World Quail | | | | | Falcons | | | | |
| * Northern Bobwhite | O | O | O | O | Crested Caracara | | | | X |
| Loons | | | | | American Kestrel | U | R | U | U |
| Red-throated Loon | | | | X | Merlin | R | | O | R |
| Common Loon | R | | R | R | Peregrine Falcon | R | | R | |
| Grebes | | | | | Prairie Falcon | X | | X | R |
| * Pied-billed Grebe | U | O | U | U | Rails, Gallinules and Coots | | | | |
| Horned Grebe | O | | O | O | Black Rail | X | | | |
| Red-necked Grebe | | | X | | * King Rail | X | X | X | |
| Eared Grebe | O | | O | O | Virginia Rail | R | | R | R |
| Western Grebe | | | R | R | Sora | O | R | O | |
| Pelicans | | | | | Purple Gallinule | X | | | |
| American White Pelican | C | O | C | O | Common Moorhen | X | X | X | |
| <i>Brown Pelican</i> | R | | R | R | American Coot | C | O | A | U |
| Cormorants | | | | | Cranes | | | | |
| Neotropic Cormorant | R | R | R | R | Sandhill Crane | R | | R | R |
| Double-crested Cormorant | C | O | C | C | <i>Whooping Crane</i> | | | | X |

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|--|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|---|---|--|----|----|---|---|
| Plovers | | | | | Woodpeckers | | | | | Wood-Warblers | | | | |
| Black-bellied Plover | O | R | O | R | * Red-headed Woodpecker | U | U | U | U | Tennessee Warbler | O | | O | |
| American Golden-Plover | O | R | O | | * Red-bellied Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | Orange-crowned Warbler | O | | O | O |
| Snowy Plover | R | R | R | | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | O | | U | U | Nashville Warbler | O | | O | O |
| Semipalmated Plover | O | O | O | | * Ladder-bac. Woodpecker | R | R | R | R | Northern Parula | R | | R | |
| <i>Piping Plover</i> | O | O | O | | * Downy Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | Yellow Warbler | O | R | O | |
| * Killdeer | U | U | U | U | * Hairy Woodpecker | O | O | O | O | Chestnut-sided Warbler | R | | R | |
| Mountain Plover | X | | | | Northern Flicker | U | X | U | U | Magnolia Warbler | R | | R | |
| Stilts and Avocets | | | | | * Pileated Woodpecker | U | U | U | U | Black-throated Blue Warbler | R | | X | |
| Black-necked Stilt | O | O | O | | Typical Flycatchers | | | | | Yellow-rumped Warbler | C | | C | C |
| American Avocet | O | O | O | R | Olive-sided Flycatcher | O | X | O | | Black-thr. Green Warbler | R | | R | |
| Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies | | | | | * Eastern Wood-Pewee | O | O | O | | Blackburnian Warbler | R | | R | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | O | U | O | U | Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | R | | R | | Yellow-throated Warbler | R | | R | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | U | O | U | R | Acadian Flycatcher | R | | R | | Pine Warbler | R | | R | |
| Solitary Sandpiper | O | R | O | X | Alder Flycatcher | R | | R | | Prairie Warbler | | | R | |
| Willet | O | R | O | | Willow Flycatcher | R | | R | | Palm Warbler | | | R | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | U | R | U | | Least Flycatcher | U | | O | | Bay-breasted Warbler | R | | | |
| Upland Sandpiper | O | O | O | | Black Phoebe | | | | X | Blackpoll Warbler | R | | R | |
| Whimbrel | R | R | R | | * Eastern Phoebe | U | U | U | U | Cerulean Warbler | R | | X | |
| Long-billed Curlew | R | R | R | | Say's Phoebe | X | | | | * Black-and-white Warbler | U | U | U | |
| Hudsonian Godwit | O | R | R | | Vermilion Flycatcher | X | | X | | American Redstart | R | | R | |
| Marbled Godwit | O | R | O | | Ash-throated Flycatcher | | | X | | * Prothonotary Warbler | U | U | U | |
| Ruddy Turnstone | R | R | R | | * Great Crested Flycatcher | U | U | U | | Ovenbird | R | | R | |
| Red Knot | | R | R | | Great Kiskadee | | | X | X | Northern Waterthrush | R | | R | |
| Sanderling | O | | O | | * Western Kingbird | U | U | U | | * Louisiana Waterthrush | R | R | R | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | O | R | O | | * Eastern Kingbird | U | U | U | X | * Kentucky Warbler | R | R | R | |
| Western Sandpiper | O | O | O | R | * Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | C | C | C | X | Mourning Warbler | R | | R | |
| Least Sandpiper | U | U | U | O | Shrikes | | | | | MacGillivray's Warbler | X | | X | |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | U | R | | | * Loggerhead Shrike | U | U | U | U | * Common Yellowthroat | U | U | U | U |
| Baird's Sandpiper | U | O | U | X | Vireos | | | | | Hooded Warbler | X | | X | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | U | O | U | X | * White-eyed Vireo | U | U | U | | Wilson's Warbler | O | | O | |
| Dunlin | O | R | O | R | * Bell's Vireo | R | R | R | | Canada Warbler | R | | R | |
| Stilt Sandpiper | U | U | U | | Yellow-throated Vireo | R | | | | * Yellow-breasted Chat | R | X | R | |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | O | R | O | | Plumbeous Vireo | | | X | | Tanagers | | | | |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | U | R | U | | Blue-headed Vireo | O | O | O | X | * Summer Tanager | U | U | U | |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | U | O | U | R | Warbling Vireo | O | O | O | | Sparrows, Towhees and Allies | | | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | U | R | U | O | Philadelphia Vireo | R | | | | Green-tailed Towhee | X | | | |
| American Woodcock | | | R | R | * Red-eyed Vireo | U | U | U | | Spotted Towhee | O | | O | O |
| Wilson's Phalarope | O | R | O | | Jays and Crows | | | | | Eastern Towhee | O | | O | O |
| Red-necked Phalarope | | | R | | * Blue Jay | C | C | C | C | Cassin's Sparrow | X | | | |
| Red Phalarope | | R | R | | * American Crow | C | C | C | C | American Tree Sparrow | R | | R | R |
| Gulls, Terns and Skimmers | | | | | Fish Crow | X | | | | Chipping Sparrow | O | R | O | O |
| Parasitic Jaeger | | | X | | Larks | | | | | Clay-colored Sparrow | O | | O | |
| Laughing Gull | R | R | R | | * Horned Lark | | | U | U | * Field Sparrow | U | U | U | C |
| Franklin's Gull | U | R | C | R | Swallows | | | | | Vesper Sparrow | U | | U | O |
| Little Gull | X | | X | X | * Purple Martin | U | U | U | | * Lark Sparrow | U | U | U | O |
| Bonaparte's Gull | O | | O | O | * Tree Swallow | O | R | O | | Lark Bunting | | | | X |
| Ring-billed Gull | C | O | A | A | * N. Rough-winged Swallow | O | O | O | | Savannah Sparrow | A | | A | A |
| Herring Gull | O | | O | O | Bank Swallow | O | | O | | * Grasshopper Sparrow | U | U | U | |
| Glaucous Gull | | | | X | * Cliff Swallow | C | C | C | | LeConte's Sparrow | U | | U | U |
| Sabine's Gull | | | R | X | * Barn Swallow | C | C | C | | Nelson's Sharp-tld Sparrow | | | R | |
| Caspian Tern | R | R | R | | Chickadees and Titmice | | | | | Fox Sparrow | U | U | U | |
| Common Tern | R | R | | | * Carolina Chickadee | C | C | C | C | Song Sparrow | U | | U | U |
| Forster's Tern | C | O | C | R | * Tufted Titmouse | C | C | C | C | Lincoln's Sparrow | O | | O | O |
| * <i>Least Tern</i> | U | U | U | | Nuthatches | | | | | Swamp Sparrow | U | U | U | |
| Black Tern | U | U | U | | Red-breasted Nuthatch | O | | O | O | White-throated Sparrow | C | | C | C |
| Black Skimmer | X | | X | | * White-breasted Nuthatch | U | U | U | U | Harris' Sparrow | C | | C | C |
| Pigeons and Doves | | | | | Creepers | | | | | White-crowned Sparrow | C | | C | C |
| Rock Pigeon (I) | O | O | O | O | Brown Creeper | U | | U | U | Dark-eyed Junco | | | | |
| Ringed Turtle Dove | X | X | | | Wrens | | | | | Slate-colored Junco | C | | C | C |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) | | EX | | | * Carolina Wren | C | C | C | C | Oregon Junco | O | | O | O |
| White-winged Dove | X | | | | * Bewick's Wren | U | U | U | U | McCown's Longspur | | | R | R |
| * Mourning Dove | C | C | C | C | House Wren | O | | O | O | Lapland Longspur | | | R | R |
| Inca Dove | | R | R | | Winter Wren | O | | O | O | Smith's Longspur | | | R | R |
| Parrots and Allies | | | | | Sedge Wren | R | | R | R | Chestnut-collared Longspur | | | R | R |
| Nanday Parakeet | | | EX | | Marsh Wren | O | | O | O | Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Buntings | | | | |
| Red-crowned Parrot | | EX | | | Kinglets | | | | | * Northern Cardinal | C | C | C | C |
| Cuckoos and Roadrunners | | | | | Golden-crowned Kinglet | O | | O | O | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | R | | R | |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | | X | X | | Ruby-crowned Kinglet | U | | U | U | Black-headed Grosbeak | X | | X | |
| * Yellow-billed Cuckoo | U | U | U | | Gnatcatchers | | | | | * Blue Grosbeak | U | U | U | |
| * Greater Roadrunner | U | U | U | U | * Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | C | C | C | X | Lazuli Bunting | R | | | |
| Barn Owls | | | | | Thrushes and Allies | | | | | * Indigo Bunting | C | C | U | |
| Barn Owl | R | R | R | R | * Eastern Bluebird | C | C | C | C | * Painted Bunting | C | C | U | |
| Typical Owls | | | | | Mountain Bluebird | | | X | X | * Dickcissel | C | C | U | |
| * Eastern Screech-Owl | O | O | O | O | Veery | R | | | | Blackbirds, Orioles and Allies | | | | |
| * Great Horned Owl | O | O | O | O | Gray-cheeked Thrush | R | | | | Bobolink | O | | X | |
| Snowy Owl | | | | X | Swainson's Thrush | O | | O | | * Red-winged Blackbird | C | C | C | C |
| Burrowing Owl | X | | X | | Hermit Thrush | O | | O | O | * Eastern Meadowlark | C | C | C | C |
| * Barred Owl | O | O | O | O | Wood Thrush | R | | | | Western Meadowlark | O | | C | C |
| Short-eared Owl | | R | R | | American Robin | C | O | C | C | Yellow-headed Blackbird | O | R | O | R |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | | | X | X | Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies | | | | | Rusty Blackbird | R | | R | R |
| Goatsuckers | | | | | Gray Catbird | O | | O | X | Brewer's Blackbird | O | | U | U |
| Common Nighthawk | O | O | O | | * Northern Mockingbird | C | C | C | C | * Common Grackle | U | U | O | O |
| * Chuck-will's-widow | R | R | R | | Sage Thrasher | | | X | | * Great-tailed Grackle | U | U | O | O |
| Whip-poor-will | R | | R | | * Brown Thrasher | U | U | U | U | * Brown-headed Cowbird | C | C | C | O |
| Swifts | | | | | Curve-billed Thrasher | | | X | | * Orchard Oriole | O | O | O | |
| * Chimney Swift | U | U | U | | Starlings | | | | | * Baltimore Oriole | O | O | O | |
| Hummingbirds | | | | | * European Starling (I) | C | C | C | C | Finches, Goldfinches and Allies | | | | |
| * Ruby-thr. Hummingbird | U | U | U | | Pipits | | | | | Purple Finch | O | | O | O |
| Black-ch. Hummingbird | X | | | | American Pipit | U | | U | U | * House Finch | O | O | O | O |
| Kingfishers | | | | | Sprague's Pipit | R | | R | R | Red Crossbill | | | X | X |
| * Belted Kingfisher | U | U | U | U | Waxwings | | | | | Pine Siskin | O | | U | U |
| | | | | | Cedar Waxwing | U | | U | U | * American Goldfinch | U | R | C | C |
| | | | | | | | | | | Evening Grosbeak | R | | R | R |
| | | | | | | | | | | Old World Sparrow | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | * House Sparrow (I) | U | U | U | U |