



## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# Birds of Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge

Established in 1994, the 22,500-acre Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge is a remnant of what was once a much larger, frequently flooded, bottomland hardwood forest. You are still able to view vast expanses of ridge and swale floodplain features, numerous bayous, oxbow lakes, and cypress/tupelo swamps along the Trinity River. It is one of only 14 priority-one bottomland sites identified for protection in the Texas Bottomland Protection Plan. This type of habitat is used during migration or nesting by nearly 50 percent of the migratory bird species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Over 275 species of birds occur in the hardwood forest and associated wetlands in eastern Texas; while over 100 bird species are known to breed there. These forests also support a wide diversity of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish including the federally listed bald eagle and alligator.

For more information, please visit our website: <http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/trinityriver>

This 200 species list is in accordance with the 7th edition (1998) A.O.U. checklist and the July 2007 Supplement. The refuge a varied habitat and warm climate for excellent birding year round. Birding on the refuge is most interesting during the winter months. Thirteen species of sparrows winter on the refuge and fifteen species of wading birds nest here. Birdwatchers are treated to a spectacular variety of more than 50 migrants including

*Great Egret*  
Photograph by Garry Tucker



25 warbler species during the spring and fall migration. During a “fallout” which typically occurs after a rainy cold front, lucky birders may view dozens of species of neotropical migrants.

Contact the Refuge staff if you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit and provide a description.

Federally Endangered or Threatened Species are listed in *italics*.

- Common Name**  
**Ducks, Geese, and Swans**  
\_\_\_ Black-bellied Whistling Duck  
\_\_\_ Greater White-fronted Goose  
\_\_\_ Snow Goose  
\_\_\_ Ross's Goose  
\_\_\_ Canada Goose  
\_\_\_ Wood Duck  
\_\_\_ Gadwall  
\_\_\_ American Widgeon  
\_\_\_ Mallard  
\_\_\_ Mottled Duck  
\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal  
\_\_\_ Northern Shoveler  
\_\_\_ Northern Pintail  
\_\_\_ Green-winged Teal  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck  
\_\_\_ Lesser Scaup  
\_\_\_ Hooded Merganser  
\_\_\_ Ruddy Duck

- Turkeys**  
\_\_\_ Wild Turkey

- Grebes**  
\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe

- Pelicans**  
\_\_\_ American White Pelican  
\_\_\_ *Brown Pelican*

- Cormorants**  
\_\_\_ Neotropic Cormorant  
\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant

- Darters**  
\_\_\_ Anhinga

- Common Name**  
**Hérons, Bitterns, and Allies**  
\_\_\_ American Bittern  
\_\_\_ Least Bittern  
\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron  
\_\_\_ Great Egret  
\_\_\_ Snowy Egret  
\_\_\_ Little Blue Heron  
\_\_\_ Tricolored Heron  
\_\_\_ Reddish Egret  
\_\_\_ Cattle Egret  
\_\_\_ Green Heron  
\_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron  
\_\_\_ Yellow-crowned Night Heron

- Ibises and Spoonbills**  
\_\_\_ White Ibis  
\_\_\_ White-faced Ibis  
\_\_\_ Roseate Spoonbill

- Storks**  
\_\_\_ *Wood Stork*

- New World Vultures**  
\_\_\_ Black Vulture  
\_\_\_ Turkey Vulture

- Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies**  
\_\_\_ Osprey  
\_\_\_ Swallow-tailed Kite  
\_\_\_ Mississippi Kite  
\_\_\_ *Bald Eagle*  
\_\_\_ Northern Harrier  
\_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk  
\_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk  
\_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk  
\_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk  
\_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk

- Falcons**  
\_\_\_ American Kestrel  
\_\_\_ Merlin  
\_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon

- Rails and Coots**  
\_\_\_ Sora  
\_\_\_ Purple Gallinule  
\_\_\_ Common Moorhen  
\_\_\_ American Coot

- Cranes**  
\_\_\_ Sandhill Crane

- Lapwings and Plovers**  
\_\_\_ Killdeer

- Stilts**  
\_\_\_ Black-necked Stilt

- Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies**  
\_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs  
\_\_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs  
\_\_\_ Upland Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ Baird's Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ Long-billed Dowitcher  
\_\_\_ Wilson's Snipe  
\_\_\_ American Woodcock

- Gulls and Terns**  
\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull  
\_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull  
\_\_\_ Least Tern  
\_\_\_ Caspian Tern  
\_\_\_ Foster's Tern

- Pigeons and Doves**  
\_\_\_ Rock Pigeon  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove  
\_\_\_ Mourning Dove  
\_\_\_ Inca Dove



*Prothonotary Warbler*

Photograph by Garry Tucker

**Common Name**

**Cuckoos**

\_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo

**Typical Owls**

\_\_\_ Eastern Screech Owl  
\_\_\_ Great-horned Owl  
\_\_\_ Barred Owl

**Goatsuckers**

\_\_\_ Common Nighthawk

**Swifts**

\_\_\_ Chimney Swift

**Hummingbirds**

\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

**Kingfishers**

\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher

**Woodpeckers and Allies**

\_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Northern Flicker  
\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker

**Tyrant Flycatchers**

\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee  
\_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe  
\_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Ash Throated Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird  
\_\_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

**Shrikes**

\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike

**Vireos**

\_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo  
\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo  
\_\_\_ Cassin's Vireo  
\_\_\_ Blue-headed Vireo  
\_\_\_ Warbling Vireo  
\_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo

**Crows and Jays**

\_\_\_ Blue Jay  
\_\_\_ American Crow

**Swallows**

\_\_\_ Purple Martin  
\_\_\_ Tree Swallow  
\_\_\_ N. Rough-winged Swallow  
\_\_\_ Bank Swallow  
\_\_\_ Cliff Swallow  
\_\_\_ Barn Swallow

**Common Name**

**Chickadees and Titmice**

\_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee  
\_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse

**Nuthatches**

\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch  
\_\_\_ Brown-headed Nuthatch

**Creepers**

\_\_\_ Brown Creeper

**Wrens**

\_\_\_ Carolina Wren  
\_\_\_ Bewick's Wren  
\_\_\_ House Wren  
\_\_\_ Winter Wren  
\_\_\_ Sedge Wren  
\_\_\_ Marsh Wren

**Kinglets**

\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet  
\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

**Gnatcatchers**

\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Thrushes**

\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird  
\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush  
\_\_\_ Wood Thrush  
\_\_\_ American Robin

**Mockingbirds and Thrashers**

\_\_\_ Gray Catbird  
\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird  
\_\_\_ Brown Thrasher

**Starlings**

\_\_\_ European Starling

**Pipits**

\_\_\_ American Pipit

**Waxwings**

\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing

**Warblers**

\_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler  
\_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler  
\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler  
\_\_\_ Northern Parula  
\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler  
\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler  
\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler  
\_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler  
\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler  
\_\_\_ Pine Warbler  
\_\_\_ Cerulean Warbler  
\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler  
\_\_\_ American Redstart  
\_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler  
\_\_\_ Swainson's Warbler  
\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush

**Common Name**

**Warblers, Continued**

\_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush  
\_\_\_ Kentucky Warbler  
\_\_\_ Mourning Warbler  
\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat  
\_\_\_ Hooded Warbler  
\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler  
\_\_\_ Canada Warbler  
\_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat

**Tanagers**

\_\_\_ Summer Tanager  
\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager

**Towhees, Sparrows, and Allies**

\_\_\_ Eastern Towhee  
\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Field Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Henslow's Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Le Conte's Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Song Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow  
\_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow  
\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco

**Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings**

\_\_\_ Northern Cardinal  
\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
\_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak  
\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting  
\_\_\_ Painted Bunting

**Blackbirds**

\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird  
\_\_\_ Eastern Meadowlark  
\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird  
\_\_\_ Common Grackle  
\_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle  
\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird  
\_\_\_ Orchard Oriole  
\_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole

**Finches and Allies**

\_\_\_ Purple Finch  
\_\_\_ Pine Siskin  
\_\_\_ American Goldfinch

**Old World Sparrow**

\_\_\_ House Sparrow

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*Prothonotary Warbler use nest cavities in bottomland hardwood trees to rear young.*  
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