U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Birds of *Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge*

Established in 1994, the 25,000-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 alligator.

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

This 209 species list is in accordance with the 7th edition (1998) A.O.U. checklist through 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. Fourteen 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 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.

Great Egret
Photograph by Garry Tucker

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
___Redhead
___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

Herons, 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
___Swainson's Hawk
___Red-tailed Hawk

Falcons
___Crested Caracara
___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
___Least 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
___Royal Tern

Prothonotary Warbler

Photograph by Garry Tucker

Common Name
Pigeons and Doves
___Rock Pigeon
___Eurasian Collared-Dove
___White-winged Dove
___Mourning Dove
___Inca Dove
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
___Green 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
___Least 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
___Northern 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
___Louisiana Waterthrush
___Kentucky Warbler
___Mourning Warbler
___Common Yellowthroat
___Hooded Warbler
___Wilson's Warbler
___Canada Warbler
___Yellow-breasted Chat

Common Name
Tanagers
___Summer Tanager
___Scarlet Tanager
Towhees, Sparrows, and Allies
___Eastern Towhee
___Chipping Sparrow
___Field Sparrow
___Vesper 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
___Rusty Blackbird
___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

**** Accidental**

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