

Welcome to the Choctaw National
Wildlife Refuge, one of over 500
refuges administered by the U.S.
Fish & Wildlife Service. This
4,218 acre refuge is bordered on
its East by almost 7 miles of the
Tombigbee River, which is part of
the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.
The refuge was established in 1964 in
cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers as part of the Coffeeville
Lock & Dam Project.

The refuge activities are primarily focused to provide for: threatened/endangered species, maintaining diversity, wildlife dependent recreation, habitat for wintering waterfowl and wood duck production and banding. Over 400 artificial wood duck nesting boxes are maintained for brood production.

The refuge habitat is a combination of hardwood bottomlands, fields, croplands, moist soil units, ponds, and sloughs. This diverse habitat, which lies between 30-50 feet above sea level, combined with its variety of management provides for excellent bird and wildlife watching.

How to use your checklist

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

Seasonal appearance

W Winter... December - February Sp Spring... March - May

S Summer... June - August F Fall... September - November

Seasonal abundance

- a. abundant (a common species which is very numerous)
- c. common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
- u. uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)
- o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
- s. suspected (not recorded on the refuge, but may occur based on nearby records)
- x. accidental (out of normal species range)
- \* known or suspected to have nested on refuge or known to nest locally.

		Sp	S	F	W		Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, and Swans		1				Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies	•			
1	Snow Goose	-	-	-//	0	Black Vulture	u	u	u	c
	Canada Goose	-	-	r	r	Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c
	Wood Duck*	a	a	a	a	Osprey	0	0	-	0
	Gadwall	-	-	-	c	Swallow-tailed Kite	u	u	-	- 54
	American Wigeon	-	-	-	c	Mississippi Kite	u	u	-	h-9
	American Black Duck	_	-	-	0	Bald Eagle*	0	_	1 300	0
	Mallard	_	_	_	a	Northern Harrier		- 0	0	0
	Mottled Duck	-	_	_	S	Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	_	0	O
	Blue-winged Teal	u	_	u	u	Cooper's Hawk	-		0	0
	Northern Shoveler	7	_	_	0	Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	u	u	u
	Northern Pintail	_	_	_	0	Broad-winged Hawk	0	0	_	_
	Green-winged Teal	_	_	_	c	Red-tailed Hawk	_	_	<i>P</i> _	u
	Canvasback	_	_	_	r					G.
	Redhead	_		_	r	Cranes and Rails				
	Ring-necked Duck	-		_	c	King Rail	a	G	G	G
	Lesser Scaup			_	r		S	S	S	S
	Hooded Merganser*	u	u	u	u	Virginia Rail	1	A. Fr	_	S
	Ruddy Duck	и	и	S	S	Sora	11		_	S
	Ruddy Duck	_	_	8	۵	Purple Gallinule* Common Gallinule*	u	u		
0	0						u	u		-
Grouse,	Quail, and Allies			1		American Coot*	c	-	-	a
	Northern Bobwhite	r	r	r	r					
	Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u	Plovers, Sandpipers, and Allies				
						Killdeer	-	-	c	c
Loons						Lesser Yellowlegs	-	-	-	r
	Common Loon	-	-	-	S	Spotted Sandpiper	0	-	O	- (
						Least Sandpiper	S	-	S	S
Grebes						Common Snipe		-	-	u
	Pied-billed Grebe*	-	-	u	c	American Woodcock	S	-	-	S
						Laughing Gull	r	-	_	-
Storks						Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	S
	Wood Stork*		u		- //	Ring-billed Gull	-	_	-	S
						Herring Gull	-	-	-	S
Cormora	ants & Darters					Caspian Tern	r	r	-	-
001111011	Double-crested Cormorant	s		s	0	· ·				
-	Anhinga	c	c	0	_	Pigeons and Doves				
Service City	Tanini Su	·		Ü		Mourning Dove*	u	u	u	u
Polican	s, Herons, Ibises, and Allies									
i Ciicaii	American White Pelican			0		Cuckoos				
	Great Blue Heron*	-	0		-	Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	r	_
	Great Egret*	c	c	c	c	Tenow bined cuckoo	C	C	1	
		c	c	c	c	0wls				
	Snowy Egret* Little Blue Heron*	u	c	S	-					_
		c	c	u		Barn Owl	-	_	_	S
	Tricolored Heron	S	-	-	-	Eastern Screech-Owl*	0	S	S	0
	Cattle Egret*	c	С	-	-	Great Horned Owl	0	0	0	0
	Green Heron	u	u	-	-	Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*		c	-	0					
	White Ibis*	0	c	-	a	Nightjars				
						Chuck-will's-widow	0	0	-	-

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	Sp	S	F	W	-		Sp	S	F	W
Swifts and Hummingbirds	$\sim_P$	~	•			Gray Catbird	u	_	c	_
Chimney Swift	u	u	0	_		Northern Mockingbird	_	_	r	r
Ruby-throated						Brown Thrasher	_	r	u	u
Hummingbird	0	0	_	_		European Starling*	0	_	-	0
110111111119	Ü	· ·				American Pipit	_	_	_	0
Kingfishers and Allies						Cedar Waxwing	_	_	_	u
Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	u	u		Blue-winged Warbler	_	_	r	_
Deliced Tillighener	и	и	и	и		Northern Parula*	a	c	r	
Woodpeckers						Yellow Warbler	r	_	_	
Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	_	c	c		Magnolia Warbler	1		r	
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	a	a	a	a		Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	a
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	- -	а -	0	u	( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )	Black-throated Green	C	_	C	а
Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c		Warbler			70	
Hairy Woodpecker*						Yellow-throated Warbler*	-	-	r	_
Northern Flicker*	u	u -	u	u			c	0	-	
	0		c	c		Pine Warbler	0	-	0	u
Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c		Prairie Warbler	r	-	-	-
						Blackpoll Warbler	r	-	-	-
Falcons						Black-and-white Warbler	r	-	r	-
American Kestrel*	0	0	u	u		American Redstart*	a	u	u	-
						Prothonotary Warbler*	a	u	O	
Perching Birds						Swainson's Warbler	S	-	-	-
Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	-	The Park	Ovenbird	-	-	r	-
Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	r	1-1		Louisiana Waterthr <mark>ush</mark>	-	-	-	S
Eastern Phoebe			a	a		Kentucky Warbler*	u	0	-	-
Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	-	-		Common Yellowthroat*	c	0	c	c
Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	-	-		Hooded Warbler*	c	u	0	-
Loggerhead Shrike	s	s	s	S		Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	0	_	-
White-eyed Vireo*	a	c	u	u		Eastern Towhee	0	_	0	u
Yellow-throated Vireo	u	0	_	-	4.7	Chipping Sparrow	r	_	_	0
Blue-headed Vireo	_	_		r		Savannah Sparrow	_	_	_	u
Red-eyed Vireo*	a	c		1	W	Fox Sparrow	_	_	_	S
Blue Jay*	u	u	c	c		Song Sparrow			0	c
American Crow*					-	Swamp Sparrow			0	c
Fish Crow*	a	a	a	a	Mary III	White-throated Sparrow	c		0	a
	c	c	c	c		Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	
Purple Martin	u	u		77			-	_	-	S
Northern Rough-winged						Summer Tanager*	c	0	-	-
Swallow*	Alti-	c	u	7		Scarlet Tanager Northern Cardinal*	0	-	-	_
Barn Swallow	0						a	a	a	a
Carolina Chickadee*	a	a	a	a		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r	-	-	-
Tufted Titmouse*	a	a	a	a		Blue Grosbeak	r	-	0	-
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	r	-			Indigo Bunting*	a	c	a	-
Brown Creeper		-	-	S		Bobolink	u	-	-	-
Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c		Red-winged Blackbird*	c	С	a	a
House Wren	S		r	-		Eastern Meadowlark	-	-		r
Winter Wren			u	u		Common Grackle*	0	0	u	u
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	0	-	-	1	Brown-headed Cowbird*	0	0	O	u
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	r	r		Orchard Oriole	0	0	-	-
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	c		Baltimore Oriole	s	-	-	-
Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	_	c		House Finch	S	S	-	-
Hermit Thrush	_	_	_	r		Purple Finch	-	-	-	s
Wood Thrush*	u	r	u	_		Pine Siskin	s	_	_	s
American Robin	-	_	-	a		American Goldfinch	c	_	_	c

