

Atchafalaya

National Wildlife Refuge

Bird List



Wood Thrush by Walter Clifton

Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge (including Sherburne WMA)

Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 540 national wildlife refuges, managing over 94 million acres of land. The refuge is adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area. Public use is managed through a cooperative agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as Sherburne Wildlife Management Area P.O. Box 127 Krotz Springs, LA 70750 337/566 2251

Located in St. Martin and Iberville Parishes, the refuge is 30 miles west of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, one mile east of Krotz Springs, Louisiana and just east of the Atchafalaya River. To access from Interstate 10, take the Whiskey Bay Exit onto Highway 975 (gravel road) nine miles north to the Management Area Headquarters. From Highway 190, exit at the east toe of the Atchafalaya River Levee on Highway 975. Head south for 2.5 miles to the Management Area Headquarters.

Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge was established by Congress on October 26, 1984 (Public Law 98-396) with money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchased 15,220 acres in 1986 from the Iberville Land Company. The refuge's name originated from its location within the Atchafalaya River Basin, the largest bottomland swamp in the USA.

The climate is mild with subtropical weather throughout the year. Average rainfall is approximately 54 inches.

The refuge manages for any and all threatened and endangered wildlife and plants that inhabit the refuge including the Louisiana Black Bear. Secondary management is for waterfowl and other migratory birds, all other indigenous wildlife, and to provide wildlife oriented recreation, education, and demonstration.

Opportunities exist for bird-watching on the refuge. The refuge was identified as a Globally Important Bird Area by the American Bird Conservancy. The bottomland hardwood forests and the mix of bayous, oxbow lakes, sloughs, and swamps create a diversity of habitats important to a wide range of bird species.

Neotropical migrants abound during the fall and spring migrations, and many species nest on the refuge. The refuge supports a number of small wading bird rookeries. Each winter, several thousand waterfowl make their home on the refuge. Wood Ducks are common summer nesters. The Swallow-tailed Kite also nests on the refuge.

The following bird list contains 238 species, representing observations by refuge and state WMA personnel, local birders, researchers, and volunteers.

Sightings of unlisted species should be reported to:

Refuge Manager
Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge
61389 Highway 434
Lacombe, LA 70445

Seasons

Sp Spring (March - May)
S Summer (June - July)
F Fall (August - November)
W Winter (December - February)

Habitat where found = H

W Open water
S Swamp
F Field
M Marsh/Mud Flat
A Aerial/flyover
f Forest
s Scrub/Shrub
E Forest Edge

Commonality

a abundant (many per day)
c common
u uncommon
r rare
o occasional (once every few years)
* Birds of Conservation Concern



Southeast Louisiana Refuges
61389 Highway 434
Lacombe, Louisiana 70445
985/882 2000
southeast.fws.gov or <http://atchafalaya.fws.gov>
Email: Atchafalaya@fws.gov

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| Grebes | | | | | | Pelicans | | | | | |
| __Pied-billed Grebe* | a | u | c | r | W | __American white Pelican | o | r | o | c | W |
| Cormorants | | | | | | Hawks | | | | | |
| __Double-crested Cormorant | a | c | c | u | W | __Bald Eagle* | c | o | c | c | W |
| __Neotropic Cormorant | c | u | c | r | W | __Broad-winged Hawk | a | u | u | o | f |
| Anhingas | | | | | | Falcons | | | | | |
| __Anhinga | a | c | c | r | W | __American Kestrel* | r | o | o | c | F |
| Bitterns, Egrets & Herons | | | | | | Turkeys | | | | | |
| __American Bittern* | u | o | u | r | S | __Wild Turkey | a | u | u | r | F |
| __Least Bittern* | o | u | r | o | S | Rails | | | | | |
| __Cattle Egret | a | c | a | o | F | __American Coot | a | r | c | u | W |
| __Great Egret | a | a | a | c | S | __Common Moorhen | c | u | a | r | M |
| __Snowy Egret | a | a | c | u | S | __King Rail | o | r | o | o | S |
| __Black-crowned Night-Heron | a | c | u | o | M | __Purple Gallinule | u | u | c | o | S |
| __Great Blue Heron | a | a | a | c | S | __Sora | c | o | u | u | M |
| __Green Heron | a | c | u | o | S | __Virginia Rail | r | o | o | o | M |
| __Little Blue Heron* | a | a | c | r | S | Plovers | | | | | |
| __Tricolored Heron | a | c | c | r | S | __American Golden-Plover | r | o | o | o | M |
| __Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | a | c | c | o | S | __Black-bellied Plover | o | o | r | o | M |
| Ibises | | | | | | Avocets | | | | | |
| __Glossy Ibis | o | r | r | o | M | __American Avocet | o | o | r | o | M |
| __Roseate Spoonbill* | a | c | c | o | M | Stilts | | | | | |
| __White-faced Ibis | c | u | u | o | M | __Black-necked Stilt | c | u | c | o | M |
| __White Ibis | a | c | a | r | M | Sandpipers | | | | | |
| Storks | | | | | | Waterfowl | | | | | |
| __Wood Stork | r | a | r | o | M | __American Wigeon | r | o | u | o | W |
| American Vultures | | | | | | Avocets | | | | | |
| __Black Vulture | a | a | a | r | A | __American Avocet | o | o | r | o | M |
| __Turkey Vulture | a | a | a | c | A | Stilts | | | | | |
| Waterfowl | | | | | | Stilts | | | | | |
| __Black-bellied whistling Duck | c | c | a | u | W | __Black-necked Stilt | c | u | c | o | M |
| __Blue-winged Teal | a | r | c | o | W | Sandpipers | | | | | |
| __Bufflehead | r | r | r | u | W | __American Woodcock | u | u | c | c | s |
| __Canvasback | r | o | o | o | W | __Baird's Sandpiper | o | o | u | o | M |
| __Fulvous whistling Duck | u | r | u | u | W | __Dunlin* | o | o | u | o | M |
| __Gadwall | c | o | r | r | W | __Greater Yellowlegs | c | u | c | r | M |
| __Greater White-fronted Goose | r | r | r | r | W | __Least Sandpiper | r | u | c | o | M |
| __Green-winged Teal | c | o | r | o | W | __Lesser Yellowlegs* | c | u | c | r | M |
| __Hooded Merganser | c | r | r | o | W | __Long-billed Dowitcher | r | u | u | o | M |
| __Lesser Scaup | c | o | o | o | W | __Pectoral Sandpiper | u | u | u | o | M |
| __Mallard | c | o | o | c | W | __Semipalmated Sandpiper* | r | u | u | o | M |
| __Mottled Duck | u | u | u | o | W | __Short-billed Dowitcher* | o | o | r | o | M |
| __Northern Pintail | r | o | o | r | W | __Solitary Sandpiper* | r | u | u | o | S |
| __Northern Shoveler | c | o | o | o | W | __Spotted Sandpiper | r | o | u | o | S |
| __Red-breasted Merganser | r | o | r | o | W | __Stilt Sandpiper | o | r | u | o | M |
| __Redhead | o | o | r | o | W | __Western Sandpiper | o | u | o | o | M |
| __Ring-necked Duck | c | r | r | r | W | | | | | | |
| __Ross Goose | r | r | r | r | W | | | | | | |
| __Ruddy Duck* | c | u | c | c | W | | | | | | |
| __Snow (Blue) Goose | o | r | r | r | W | | | | | | |
| __Wood Duck | a | c | c | r | S | | | | | | |

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| __ White-rumped Sandpiper | r | o | o | o | M | Vireos | | | | | |
| __ Wilson's Phalarope | o | o | r | o | M | __ White-eyed Vireo | a | c | a | r | E |
| __ Wilson's Snipe | u | o | u | u | M | __ Yellow-throated Vireo | a | c | c | o | E |
| Doves | | | | | | __ Blue-headed Vireo | u | o | r | o | f |
| __ Eurasian Collared-Dove | u | r | o | o | A | __ Warbling Vireo | o | o | o | o | f |
| __ Mourning Dove | a | c | a | c | F | __ Philadelphia Vireo | u | r | u | r | f |
| __ Rock Pigeon | u | u | r | u | A | __ Red-eyed Vireo | a | a | c | o | f |
| __ White-winged Dove | r | o | o | o | F | Jays and Crows | | | | | |
| Cuckoos | | | | | | __ Blue Jay | a | c | a | u | f |
| __ Black-billed Cuckoo* | r | r | r | o | s | __ American Crow | a | c | a | u | F |
| __ Yellow-billed Cuckoo* | a | c | c | o | s | __ Fish Crow | a | c | c | r | F |
| Owls | | | | | | Swallows | | | | | |
| __ Barn Owl | o | o | o | o | F | __ Bank Swallow | o | r | u | o | A |
| __ Barred Owl | a | u | c | r | S | __ Barn Swallow | a | c | a | o | A |
| __ Eastern Screech-Owl | u | o | r | r | f | __ Cave Swallow | o | r | r | o | A |
| __ Great Horned Owl | u | r | r | o | F | __ Cliff Swallow | c | c | u | o | A |
| Nightjars | | | | | | __ Northern Rough-winged Swallow | c | c | a | r | A |
| __ Chuck-will's widow* | r | u | r | r | f | __ Purple Martin | c | u | u | o | A |
| __ Common Nighthawk | r | o | o | o | A | __ Tree Swallow | a | o | c | u | A |
| __ Whip-poor-will* | r | r | r | o | f | Titmice | | | | | |
| Swifts | | | | | | __ Carolina Chickadee | a | c | a | u | f |
| __ Chimney Swift | c | a | c | o | A | __ Tufted Titmouse | a | c | a | u | f |
| Hummingbirds | | | | | | Nuthatches | | | | | |
| __ Ruby-throated Hummingbird | a | a | c | o | E | __ Red-breasted Nuthatch | o | o | o | r | f |
| __ Rufous Hummingbird* | r | r | r | r | E | Creepers | | | | | |
| Kingfishers | | | | | | __ Brown Creeper | r | o | r | o | f |
| __ Belted Kingfisher | c | c | c | u | W | Wrens | | | | | |
| Woodpeckers | | | | | | __ Carolina Wren | a | a | a | u | s |
| __ Downy Woodpecker | a | a | a | u | f | __ House Wren | c | o | u | u | s |
| __ Hairy Woodpecker | c | u | u | u | f | __ Marsh Wren* | u | o | r | r | M |
| __ Northern Flicker | c | o | u | u | E | __ Sedge Wren* | u | o | u | o | F |
| __ Pileated Woodpecker | a | a | a | u | f | __ Winter Wren | u | o | r | r | s |
| __ Red-bellied Woodpecker | a | a | a | c | f | Kinglets | | | | | |
| __ Red-headed Woodpecker* | u | u | u | u | f | __ Golden-crowned Kinglet | u | o | c | o | f |
| __ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | c | o | u | u | f | __ Ruby-crowned Kinglet | c | o | c | u | s |
| Flycatchers | | | | | | Gnatcatchers | | | | | |
| __ Acadian Flycatcher* | a | a | a | o | f | __ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | a | a | a | r | f |
| __ Alder Flycatcher | o | o | u | o | S | Thrushes | | | | | |
| __ Eastern Kingbird | c | c | u | o | E | __ American Robin | u | r | u | u | F |
| __ Eastern Phoebe | u | o | c | u | s | __ Eastern Bluebird | a | u | c | r | F |
| __ Eastern Wood-Pewee | r | r | u | o | f | __ Grey-cheeked Thrush | u | o | u | o | f |
| __ Great Crested Flycatcher | a | c | u | o | E | __ Hermit Thrush | c | o | r | u | f |
| __ Least Flycatcher | o | o | u | o | s | __ Swainson's Thrush | u | o | o | o | f |
| __ Say's Phoebe | r | o | o | o | S | __ Veery* | u | o | o | o | f |
| __ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher* | o | r | o | o | F | __ Wood Thrush* | c | u | o | o | s |
| __ Vermilion Flycatcher | o | o | u | o | E | Shrikes | | | | | |
| __ Western Kingbird | o | o | r | o | E | __ Loggerhead Shrike* | c | u | c | c | F |
| __ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | o | o | u | o | s | | | | | | |

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| Mockingbirds and Thrashers | | | | | | __ Eastern Towhee | a | c | a | r | s |
| __ Gray Catbird | c | o | c | r | s | __ Field Sparrow* | o | o | u | o | F |
| __ Northern Mockingbird | a | c | a | u | s | __ Fox Sparrow | r | o | o | o | s |
| __ Brown Thrasher | a | o | u | r | s | __ Grasshopper Sparrow* | o | o | r | o | F |
| | | | | | | __ House Sparrow | c | c | r | r | A |
| Starlings | | | | | | __ Indigo Bunting | c | c | c | o | s |
| __ European Starling (exotic) | a | u | c | u | F | __ Le Conte's Sparrow* | o | o | u | o | s |
| | | | | | | __ Lincoln's Sparrow | r | o | r | o | s |
| Pipits | | | | | | __ Northern Cardinal | a | c | c | c | f |
| __ American Pipit | u | o | u | r | F | __ Painted Bunting* | c | c | u | o | E |
| | | | | | | __ Rose-breasted Grosbeak | r | o | o | o | f |
| Waxwings | | | | | | __ Savannah Sparrow | c | o | u | r | F |
| __ Cedar Waxwing | c | o | o | o | f | __ Song Sparrow* | u | o | u | u | s |
| | | | | | | __ Swamp Sparrow | c | o | c | u | M |
| Wood Warblers | | | | | | __ Vesper Sparrow | o | o | r | r | s |
| __ American Redstart | c | c | c | o | f | __ White-crowned Sparrow | u | o | r | o | s |
| __ Bay-breasted Warbler* | r | o | o | o | f | __ White-throated Sparrow | c | o | u | u | E |
| __ Black-and-white Warbler | c | r | r | o | f | | | | | | |
| __ Blackburnian Warbler | r | o | o | o | f | Blackbirds and Orioles | | | | | |
| __ Black-throated Green Warbler | r | o | r | o | f | __ American Goldfinch | o | o | r | r | F |
| __ Blue-winged Warbler* | r | o | o | o | s | __ Baltimore Oriole | u | r | r | o | f |
| __ Canada Warbler | o | r | o | r | s | __ Boat-tailed Grackle | o | r | o | r | F |
| __ Cerulean Warbler* | r | o | o | o | f | __ Bobolink* | u | o | u | o | F |
| __ Chestnut-sided Warbler | r | o | o | o | s | __ Brown-headed Cowbird | a | c | c | r | F |
| __ Common Yellowthroat | a | c | c | o | s | __ Common Grackle | a | c | c | o | F |
| __ Golden-winged Warbler* | r | o | r | o | s | __ Eastern Meadowlark | u | u | u | r | F |
| __ Hooded Warbler | c | u | c | o | s | __ Great-tailed Grackle | o | r | r | o | F |
| __ Kentucky Warbler* | c | o | o | o | s | __ House Finch | r | r | r | o | F |
| __ Louisiana Waterthrush* | u | r | r | o | S | __ Orchard Oriole* | c | u | u | o | s |
| __ Magnolia Warbler | o | o | r | o | s | __ Purple Finch* | u | o | r | u | f |
| __ Mourning Warbler | o | u | o | u | s | __ Red-winged Blackbird | a | c | c | c | M |
| __ Nashville Warbler | o | o | r | o | s | __ Rusty Blackbird* | r | o | o | o | S |
| __ Northern Parula | a | c | u | o | f | | | | | | |
| __ Northern Waterthrush | r | o | r | o | S | Quail | | | | | |
| __ Orange-crowned Warbler | u | o | u | r | s | __ Northern Bobwhite | o | r | o | o | F |
| __ Ovenbird | u | o | o | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Palm Warbler | r | o | r | r | F | Ethics of Birdwatching | | | | | |
| __ Pine Warbler | r | o | r | o | f | Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation. | | | | | |
| __ Prairie Warbler* | r | o | o | o | s | Do not litter! Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, six-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food. | | | | | |
| __ Prothonotary Warbler* | a | c | c | o | S | | | | | | |
| __ Swainson's Warbler* | c | c | r | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Tennessee Warbler | c | o | u | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Wilson's Warbler | r | o | r | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Worm-eating Warbler* | o | r | r | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Yellow-breasted Chat* | c | c | u | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Yellow-rumped Warbler | c | o | u | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Yellow-throated Warbler | c | o | r | o | S | | | | | | |
| __ Yellow Warbler* | o | r | c | o | s | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tanagers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| __ Scarlet Tanager | c | o | o | o | f | | | | | | |
| __ Summer Tanager* | c | c | u | o | f | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grossbeaks, Sparrows, Buntings | | | | | | | | | | | |
| __ Blue Grosbeak | u | r | c | o | s | | | | | | |
| __ Chipping Sparrow | c | o | u | r | s | | | | | | |
| __ Dark-eyed Junco | r | o | r | o | E | | | | | | |
| __ Dickcissel* | r | o | o | o | F | | | | | | |

Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

Number of species

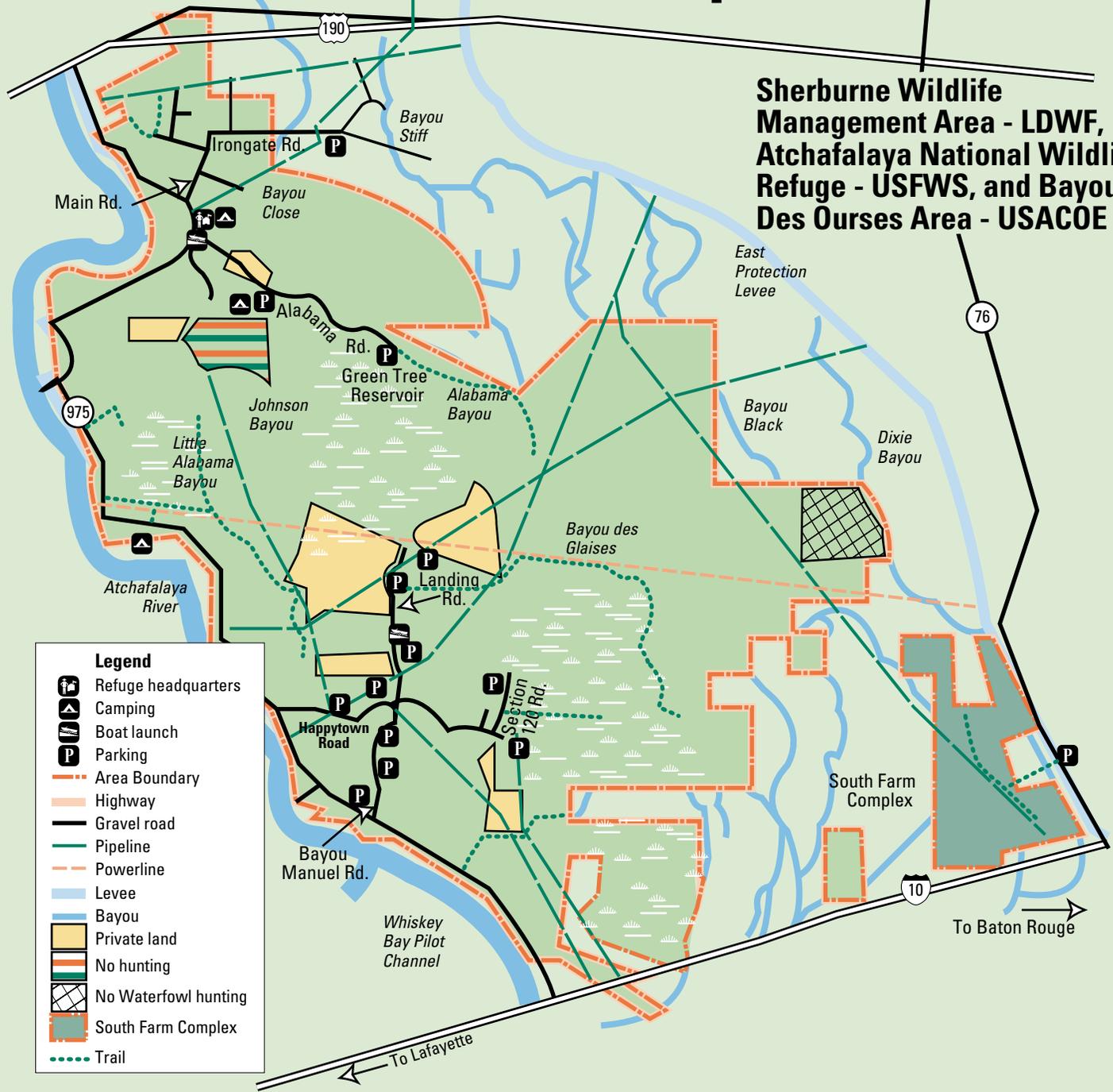
Route or area

Observers

Remarks

Sherburne Complex

**Sherburne Wildlife Management Area - LDWF,
Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge - USFWS, and Bayou Des Ourses Area - USACOE**



Legend

- Refuge headquarters
- Camping
- Boat launch
- Parking
- Area Boundary
- Highway
- Gravel road
- Pipeline
- Powerline
- Levee
- Bayou
- Private land
- No hunting
- No Waterfowl hunting
- South Farm Complex
- Trail