

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Choctaw

*National Wildlife Refuge
Bird List*



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 Coffeerville 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.

	<i>Sp</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>		<i>Sp</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Ducks, Geese, and Swans					Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies				
_____	-	-	-	o	_____	u	u	u	c
_____	-	-	r	r	_____	c	c	c	c
_____	a	a	a	a	_____	o	o	-	o
_____	-	-	-	c	_____	u	u	-	-
_____	-	-	-	c	_____	u	u	-	-
_____	-	-	-	o	_____	o	-	-	o
_____	-	-	-	a	_____	-	-	o	o
_____	-	-	-	s	_____	-	-	o	o
_____	u	-	u	u	_____	-	-	o	o
_____	-	-	-	o	_____	u	u	u	u
_____	-	-	-	o	_____	o	o	-	-
_____	-	-	-	c	_____	-	-	-	u
_____	-	-	-	r	Cranes and Rails				
_____	-	-	-	r	_____	s	s	s	s
_____	-	-	-	c	_____	-	-	-	s
_____	-	-	-	r	_____	-	-	-	s
_____	u	u	u	u	_____	u	u	-	s
_____	-	-	s	s	_____	u	u	-	-
Grouse, Quail, and Allies					_____	u	u	-	-
_____	r	r	r	r	_____	c	-	-	a
_____	u	u	u	u	Plovers, Sandpipers, and Allies				
Loons					_____	-	-	c	c
_____	-	-	-	s	_____	-	-	-	r
Grebes					_____	o	-	o	-
_____	-	-	u	c	_____	s	-	s	s
Storks					_____	-	-	-	u
_____	-	u	-	-	_____	s	-	-	s
Cormorants & Darters					_____	r	-	-	-
_____	s	-	s	o	_____	-	-	-	s
_____	c	c	o	-	_____	-	-	-	s
Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, and Allies					_____	-	-	-	s
_____	-	-	o	-	_____	r	r	-	-
_____	c	c	c	c	Pigeons and Doves				
_____	c	c	c	c	_____	u	u	u	u
_____	u	c	s	-	Cuckoos				
_____	c	c	u	-	_____	c	c	r	-
_____	s	-	-	-	Owls				
_____	c	c	-	-	_____	-	-	-	s
_____	u	u	-	-	_____	o	s	s	o
_____	c	c	-	o	_____	o	o	o	o
_____	o	c	-	a	_____	u	u	u	u
Nightjars					_____	o	o	-	-
_____	-	-	-	a	_____	o	o	-	-

	<i>Sp</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>		<i>Sp</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	
Swifts and Hummingbirds						Gray Catbird	u	-	c	-
_____ Chimney Swift	u	u	o	-	_____ Northern Mockingbird	-	-	r	r	
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	-	-	_____ Brown Thrasher	-	r	u	u	
					_____ European Starling*	o	-	-	o	
					_____ American Pipit	-	-	-	o	
Kingfishers and Allies					_____ Cedar Waxwing	-	-	-	u	
_____ Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	u	u	_____ Blue-winged Warbler	-	-	r	-	
					_____ Northern Parula*	a	c	r	-	
Woodpeckers					_____ Yellow Warbler	r	-	-	-	
_____ Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	-	c	c	_____ Magnolia Warbler	-	-	r	-	
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	a	a	a	a	_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	a	
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	o	u	_____ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	r	-	
_____ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	_____ Yellow-throated Warbler*	c	o	-	-	
_____ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	_____ Pine Warbler	o	-	o	u	
_____ Northern Flicker*	o	-	c	c	_____ Prairie Warbler	r	-	-	-	
_____ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	_____ Blackpoll Warbler	r	-	-	-	
					_____ Black-and-white Warbler	r	-	r	-	
Falcons					_____ American Redstart*	a	u	u	-	
_____ American Kestrel*	o	o	u	u	_____ Prothonotary Warbler*	a	u	o	-	
					_____ Swainson's Warbler	s	-	-	-	
Perching Birds					_____ Ovenbird	-	-	r	-	
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	-	_____ Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	s	
_____ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	r	-	_____ Kentucky Warbler*	u	o	-	-	
_____ Eastern Phoebe			a	a	_____ Common Yellowthroat*	c	o	c	c	
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	-	-	_____ Hooded Warbler*	c	u	o	-	
_____ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	-	-	_____ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	o	-	-	
_____ Loggerhead Shrike	s	s	s	s	_____ Eastern Towhee	o	-	o	u	
_____ White-eyed Vireo*	a	c	u	u	_____ Chipping Sparrow	r	-	-	o	
_____ Yellow-throated Vireo	u	o	-	-	_____ Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	u	
_____ Blue-headed Vireo	-	-	-	r	_____ Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	s	
_____ Red-eyed Vireo*	a	c	-	-	_____ Song Sparrow	-	-	o	c	
_____ Blue Jay*	u	u	c	c	_____ Swamp Sparrow	-	-	o	c	
_____ American Crow*	a	a	a	a	_____ White-throated Sparrow	c	-	o	a	
_____ Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c	_____ Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	-	s	
_____ Purple Martin	u	u	-	-	_____ Summer Tanager*	c	o	-	-	
_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	-	c	u	-	_____ Scarlet Tanager	o	-	-	-	
_____ Barn Swallow	o				_____ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a	
_____ Carolina Chickadee*	a	a	a	a	_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r	-	-	-	
_____ Tufted Titmouse*	a	a	a	a	_____ Blue Grosbeak	r	-	o	-	
_____ Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	r	-		_____ Indigo Bunting*	a	c	a	-	
_____ Brown Creeper	-	-	-	s	_____ Bobolink	u	-	-	-	
_____ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c	_____ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	a	a	
_____ House Wren	s	-	r	-	_____ Eastern Meadowlark	-	-		r	
_____ Winter Wren			u	u	_____ Common Grackle*	o	o	u	u	
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	o	-	-	_____ Brown-headed Cowbird*	o	o	o	u	
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	r	r	_____ Orchard Oriole	o	o	-	-	
_____ 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	

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