

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Red River

*National Wildlife
Refuge Bird List*





Red River NWR established in 2000, is the only National Wildlife Refuge located in Northwest Louisiana. It consists of four units along the Red River between Bossier City and Cloutierville. Eventually the Red River NWR will consist of 50,000 acres. The refuge objectives are to restore and conserve the Red River Valley's natural habitats and wildlife, provide habitat for migratory birds and provide technical assistance to private landowners.



The refuge is comprised of a variety of habitats including mature bottomland hardwood forest, bald cypress sloughs, bayou and river frontage, reforested farmland, oxbow lakes, farmland and moist-soil impoundments.

Each unit of the refuge is in a different stage of succession providing different birding experiences and unlimited enjoyment for avid birders and beginners alike.



This Blue Goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Seasonal Appearance

Sp - Spring, March - May
 S - Summer, June - August
 F - Fall, September - November
 W - Winter, December - February

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)

R- Rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)

* Known or suspected to have nested on refuge



This list includes 245 species of birds that have been observed by refuge personnel and local birders. Avian survey data were also used to contribute information. Please report observations of birds not currently on this list. Contact: Refuge Manager, 555 Sunflower Rd., Bossier City, LA 71112, 318/742 1219

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	SP	S	F	W
Chart of the Seasonal Occurrences of Birds on the Red River NWR				
Waterfowl				
___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	R	R		
___ Greater White-fronted Goose			C	C
___ Snow Goose	U		C	A
___ Ross' Goose			U	U
___ Canada Goose	U	U	U	U
___ *Wood Duck	A	C	C	A
___ Gadwall	C	U	C	A
___ American Wigeon	U		C	C
___ Mallard	C	U	C	C
___ Blue-winged Teal	C		C	O
___ Northern Shoveler	U		C	C
___ Northern Pintail	C		C	C
___ Green-winged Teal	C		C	A
___ Canvasback	U		U	C
___ Redhead	U		U	C
___ Ring-necked Duck	U		C	A
___ Greater Scaup				R
___ Lesser Scaup	U		U	C
___ Bufflehead				R
___ Common Goldeneye	R			R
___ *Hooded Merganser	C		U	C
___ Ruddy Duck	U		C	C
Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)				
___ *Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
___ *Northern Bobwhite	O	O	O	O
Loons & Grebes				
___ Common Loon	R			U
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	C	O	C	C
Pelicans, Cormorants & Darters				
___ American White Pelican	C	O	O	C
___ *Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	A	C
___ *Anhinga	C	C	O	U
Bitterns, Herons, & Egrets				
___ American Bittern	R		R	
___ Least Bittern		U		
___ *Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___ *Great Egret	A	A	A	A
___ *Snowy Egret	C	C	C	U
___ *Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	U
___ Tricolored Heron	U	U		
___ *Cattle Egret	A	A	C	O
___ *Green Heron	C	C	O	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	U	U	U
___ *Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	U	C	U	

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Ibises, Spoonbills, Storks & New World Vultures				
___ *White Ibis	C	A	A	U
___ White-faced Ibis	R		R	
___ Roseate Spoonbill		R	R	
___ Wood Stork		O	U	
___ *Black Vulture	C	C	C	C
___ *Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
Hawks, Eagles & Kites				
___ Osprey	U	O	U	O
___ Swallow-tailed Kite		R		
___ *Mississippi Kite	U	C	U	
___ *Bald Eagle	U	U	O	U
___ Northern Harrier			C	C
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	R	O	O
___ *Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U
___ *Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U	
___ *Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
True Falcons				
___ *American Kestrel	C	U	C	C
___ Merlin	R		R	O
Rails, Gallinules, Coots & Cranes				
___ King Rail	O		O	
___ Virginia Rail	O		O	R
___ Sora	U		U	O
___ *Purple Gallinule	R	R		
___ *Common Moorhen	C	C	U	U
___ *American Coot	A	O	A	A
Plovers				
___ American Golden Plover	U		R	
___ Black-bellied Plover	O		O	
___ Semipalmated Plover	R		O	
___ Piping Plover		O	R	
___ *Killdeer	C	C	C	C
Avocets & Sandpipers				
___ *Black-necked Stilt	U	U	U	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	C	O	C	O
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	C	U	C	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___ Willet		R		
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	R	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	O	O		
___ Western Sandpiper		U		
___ Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	O
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	O			
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	C	U	C	

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___ Stilt Sandpiper	U		U	
___ Dunlin	O		O	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper			R	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	R		O	R
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U		C	U
___ Common Snipe	C		O	C
___ American Woodcock	U			C
___ Bonaparte's Gull	U			C
___ Ring-billed Gull	A		O	A
___ Herring Gull	U			C
___ Caspian Tern		U	U	
___ Forster's Tern	U		U	C
___ *Least Tern		U		
Pigeons & Doves				
___ *Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
___ Eurasian Collared Dove	U	U	U	U
___ White-winged Dove	R			
___ *Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A
___ *Inca Dove	C	C	C	C
Cuckoos				
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C	
___ Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U
Owls				
___ *Barn Owl	U	U	U	U
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U
___ *Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
___ *Barred Owl	C	C	C	C
Nightjars				
___ *Common Nighthawk	C	U	C	
___ *Chuck-will's Widow	U	U	O	
Swifts & Hummingbirds				
___ *Chimney Swift	A	A	A	
___ *Ruby-throat. Hummingbird	C	C	C	
Kingfishers				
___ *Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C
Woodpeckers				
___ *Red-headed Woodpecker	C	C	U	U
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	C
___ *Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___ *Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
___ *Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C
___ *Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U

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Tyrant Flycatchers				
___ *Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	U	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R		R	
___ *Acadian Flycatcher	C	C	C	
___ Alder Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Willow Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Least Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Eastern Phoebe	C	U	C	C
___ Vermilion Flycatcher				R
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher				R
___ *Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U		
___ Western Kingbird		O		
___ *Eastern Kingbird	C	C	O	
___ *Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	C	U	O
Shrikes				
___ *Loggerhead Shrike	U	U	U	U
Vireos				
___ *White-eyed Vireo	C	C	U	
___ Bell's Vireo	R			
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	O	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	U
___ Warbling Vireo	U	O	U	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	O		O	
___ *Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	U	
Jays & Crows				
___ *Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
___ *American Crow	C	C	C	C
___ *Fish Crow	C	C	C	C
Larks				
___ Horned Lark	U	U		U
Martins & Swallows				
___ *Purple Martin	C	C	U	
___ Tree Swallow	U	O	C	
___ *N. Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	
___ *Cliff Swallow	C	C	U	
___ *Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
Chickadees & Titmice				
___ *Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
___ *Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	O
___ *White-breasted Nuthatch	U	O	U	U
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	U	U	U	U

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Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper	U			U
Wrens				
___ *Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C
___ Bewick's Wren			R	O
___ House Wren	U		O	U
___ Winter Wren	U		O	U
___ Sedge Wren	O		O	U
___ Marsh Wren	U		O	U
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	O		U	U
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		C	C
___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	O	O
Thrushes				
___ *Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C
___ Veery	R			
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R			
___ Swainson's Thrush	O		R	
___ Hermit Thrush	U	O		U
___ *Wood Thrush	U	U		
___ *American Robin	C	U	A	A
Mockingbirds & Thrashers				
___ *Gray Catbird	U	O	U	O
___ *Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
___ *Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	C
Starlings				
___ *European Starling	C	C	A	A
Pipits				
___ American Pipit	U		U	U
Waxings				
___ Cedar Waxwing	A		U	C
Wood Warblers				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	U		U	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	U		U	
___ Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	O		U	C
___ Nashville Warbler	O		R	
___ *Northern Parula	C	U	C	
___ Yellow Warbler	U		U	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		O	
___ Magnolia Warbler	U		O	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		U	C
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	O		R	
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler	C	U		

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___ *Prairie Warbler	U	O		
___ *Pine Warbler	C	C	C	C
___ Palm Warbler	O			O
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	U		U	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	U	U	O	
___ American Redstart	U		U	
___ *Prothonotary Warbler	C	C	U	
___ *Worm-eating Warbler	R	R	R	
___ Swainson's Warbler	U		U	
___ Northern Waterthrush	U		O	
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush	U	U	O	
___ *Kentucky Warbler	U	U	O	
___ Mourning Warbler	O		O	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	C	C	U	U
___ *Hooded Warbler	C	C	U	
___ Wilson's Warbler	O		U	
___ Canada Warbler	O		O	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	C	U	U	

Tanagers

___ *Summer Tanager	C	C	U	
___ Scarlet Tanager	O		O	

Sparrows

___ Eastern Towhee	U		O	C
___ *Chipping Sparrow	A	U	U	A
___ *Field sparrow	C	U	U	C
___ Vesper Sparrow	O		U	U
___ *Lark Sparrow	U		O	U
___ Savannah Sparrow	A		C	A
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	U	R		R
___ Henslow's Sparrow				O
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	O		O	U
___ Fox Sparrow	O		O	U
___ Song Sparrow	C		O	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	O
___ Swamp Sparrow	C		U	C
___ White-throated Sparrow	A		U	A
___ Harris' Sparrow	O			O
___ White-crowned Sparrow	C		U	C
___ Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	C
___ Lapland Longspur				O

New World Finches

___ *Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		O	
___ *Blue Grosbeak	U	U	O	
___ *Indigo Bunting	C	C	U	
___ *Painted Bunting	U	U	U	
___ *Dickcissel	A	C	O	
___ Bobolink	U		R	

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Blackbirds				
___ *Red-winged Blackbird	A	C	C	A
___ *Eastern Meadowlark	A	A	C	C
___ Western Meadowlark	O			O
___ Rusty Blackbird	U			U
___ Brewer's Blackbird	R			U
___ *Common Grackle	A	C	C	A
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	A	A	A	A
___ *Orchard Oriole	C	C	O	
___ *Baltimore Oriole	C	C	O	
Old World Finches				
___ House Finch	C	U	U	C
___ Purple Finch	O		O	U
___ American Goldfinch	C		U	C
Old World Sparrows				
___ House Sparrow	C	C	U	U

Ethics for Birdwatching

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation. ***Do not remove bird nests or any bird parts from the refuge. This is a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.**

Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

Please do not litter. Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.



Sighting Notes

Date _____

Time _____

Weather _____

No. of species _____

Route or area _____

Observers _____

Remarks _____

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