



# Birds of Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

This list contains 323 species considered part of the refuge avifauna as of March 2020. Species are listed in accordance with the seventh edition of the A.O.U. Checklist and its 2019 Supplement. Symbols used are defined as follows:

- Sp Spring March - May  
 Su Summer June - July  
 F Fall August - November  
 W Winter December - February
- C Common: Has been observed for all or part of the season; commonly encountered.  
 U Uncommon: Has been observed for all or part of the season; less likely to be encountered.  
 O Occasional: Observed only a few times during the season; sometimes encountered.  
 R Rare: Not observed every year during the season; seldom encountered.  
 V Very Rare: Has been observed only once or twice since 2009.  
 ¶ Has only been observed at the Chenier Plain Headquarters (situated on FM 563, two miles south of I-10).

Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Ducks, Geese, and Swans</b>				
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	C	C	C	C
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	C	C	C	C
___ Snow Goose	U	C	C	C
___ Ross's Goose	R	U	U	
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	U	C	C	
___ Cackling Goose	V		R	
___ Canada Goose			V	
___ Tundra Swan	V			
___ Wood Duck	O	O	O	O
___ Blue-winged Teal	C	U	C	C
___ Cinnamon Teal	O	O	O	
___ Northern Shoveler	C	U	C	C
___ Gadwall	C	U	C	C
___ American Wigeon	C	C	C	
___ Mallard	C	C	C	
___ Mottled Duck	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Pintail	U	C	C	
___ Green-winged Teal	C	C	C	
___ Canvasback	U	U	U	
___ Redhead	U	U	U	
___ Ring-necked Duck	C	O	O	C
___ Greater Scaup	O	O	O	
___ Lesser Scaup	C	U	C	
___ Bufflehead	O	C	U	
___ Common Goldeneye	O	V	R	
___ Hooded Merganser	O	O	O	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	O	O	O	
___ Ruddy Duck	C	O	C	C
<b>Grouse, Quail, and Allies</b>				
___ Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	U

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<b>Grebes</b>				
___ Least Grebe	V	V		
___ Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	C
___ Horned Grebe	R	R	R	
___ Eared Grebe	U	U	U	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
___ Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	O	O	O	O
___ Inca Dove	O	O	R	O
___ Common Ground-Dove	R	R		
___ White-winged Dove	U	U	U	
___ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
<b>Cuckoos</b>				
___ Groove-billed Ani	R	R	R	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	O			
<b>Nightjars</b>				
___ Lesser Nighthawk	O			
___ Common Nighthawk	C	C	C	
___ Chuck-will's-widow	R		O	V
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will	V			
<b>Swifts</b>				
___ Chimney Swift	U	U	U	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C	
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird	V	V		
___ Rufous Hummingbird			R	
<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</b>				
___ King Rail	C	C	C	C
___ Clapper Rail	C	C	C	C
___ Virginia Rail	U	U	U	
___ Sora	C	R	C	C
___ Common Gallinule	C	C	C	C
___ American Coot	C	C	C	C
___ Purple Gallinule	C	C	C	R
___ Yellow Rail	O	R	V	
___ Black Rail	O	R		
<b>Cranes</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane	O	O	O	
<b>Shorebirds</b>				
___ Black-necked Stilt	C	C	C	C
___ American Avocet	C	U	U	C
___ American Oystercatcher	O	O	O	O
___ Black-bellied Plover	C	U	C	C
___ American Golden-Plover	U	V		
___ Snowy Plover	R	O	O	
___ Wilson's Plover	O	O	O	R
___ Semipalmated Plover	U	U	U	
___ Piping Plover	R	R	R	
___ Killdeer	C	C	C	C
___ Upland Sandpiper	U	O	O	
___ Whimbrel	C	R	O	R
___ Long-billed Curlew	U	R	U	U
___ Hudsonian Godwit	U			
___ Marbled Godwit	U	O	O	O
___ Ruddy Turnstone	U	O	U	U
___ Red Knot	O	O		
___ Ruff	R			
___ Stilt Sandpiper	C	R	O	O
___ Sanderling	U	O	O	O
___ Dunlin	C	U	U	

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<b>Shorebirds, Continued</b>				
___ Baird's Sandpiper	U	U		
___ Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	C
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	C	O		
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	O	U		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	O	O		
___ Western Sandpiper	U	R	U	U
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	U	U	U	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	C	R	U	C
___ American Woodcock			R	R
___ Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	U	V	U	R
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	O	U
___ Solitary Sandpiper	U	U	U	R
___ Greater Yellowlegs	C	C	C	C
___ Willet	C	C	C	C
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	C	O	C	U
<b>Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers</b>				
___ Bonaparte's Gull	O		R	O
___ Laughing Gull	C	C	C	C
___ Franklin's Gull	R	O		
___ Ring-billed Gull	C	O	C	C
___ Herring Gull	U	O	U	U
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	O	R	R	
___ Least Tern	U	U	U	
___ Gull-billed Tern	U	U	U	U
___ Caspian Tern	U	O	U	U
___ Black Tern	U	U	C	
___ Common Tern	O	O	O	O
___ Forster's Tern	C	C	C	C
___ Royal Tern	U	U	U	U
___ Sandwich Tern	O	U	U	R
___ Black Skimmer	O	O	O	O
<b>Loons</b>				
___ Pacific Loon				V
___ Common Loon	U	O	U	
<b>Storks</b>				
___ Jabiru			V	
___ Wood Stork		U	U	R
<b>Frigatebirds, Boobies and Gannets</b>				
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	O	O	O	
___ Brown Booby	V			
___ Northern Gannet	V			R
<b>Cormorants and Anhingas</b>				
___ Anhinga	U	U	U	U
___ Neotropic Cormorant	C	C	C	C
___ Double-crested Cormorant	C	U	C	C
<b>Pelicans</b>				
___ American White Pelican	U	O	C	C
___ Brown Pelican	C	U	C	C
<b>Hérons, Ibis, and Allies</b>				
___ American Bittern	U	U	U	U
___ Least Bittern	C	C	C	O
___ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___ Great Egret	C	C	C	C
___ Snowy Egret	C	C	C	C
___ Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___ Tricolored Heron	C	C	C	C
___ Reddish Egret	U	U	U	U
___ Cattle Egret	C	C	C	U
___ Green Heron	C	C	C	U

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<b>Hérons, Ibis, and Allies, Contin.</b>					<b>Vireos, Contin.</b>					<b>New World Sparrows, Contin.</b>					
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	C	U	U	___ Red-eyed Vireo	C		O		___ Song Sparrow	U		U	C	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	U	C	C	U	<b>Jays, Magpies, Crows, and Ravens</b>					___ Lincoln's Sparrow	C		U	C	
___ White Ibis	C	C	C	C	___ Blue Jay	U	O	U	U	___ Swamp Sparrow	C		C	C	
___ Glossy Ibis	O	O	O	O	___ American Crow ¶					___ Eastern Towhee	R			R	
___ White-faced Ibis	C	C	C	C	<b>Larks</b>					<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>					
___ Roseate Spoonbill	C	C	C	C	___ Horned Lark	R	C	R	R	___ Yellow-breasted Chat	O	V			
<b>Vultures, Hawks, and Allies</b>					<b>Martins and Swallows</b>					<b>Blackbirds</b>					
___ Black Vulture	C	C	C	C	___ N. Rough-winged Swallow	C	O	C	O	___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	O		O	O	
___ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	___ Purple Martin	U	U	U	R	___ Bobolink	O				
___ Osprey	U	R	U	U	___ Tree Swallow	C	O	C	C	___ Western Meadowlark	O	V	V	O	
___ White-tailed Kite	U	U	C	C	___ Bank Swallow	U	U	U		___ Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	C	
___ Swallow-tailed Kite	O	O	O		___ Barn Swallow	C	C	C	R	___ Orchard Oriole	C	C	C		
___ Golden Eagle	V		R	R	___ Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		___ Baltimore Oriole	U		R	R	
___ Mississippi Kite	O	O	O		___ Cave Swallow	O	O	O	R	___ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C	
___ Northern Harrier	C	O	C	C	<b>Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice</b>					___ Bronzed Cowbird	U	U	U	O	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		U	U	___ Carolina Chickadee	O	O	O	O	___ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	C	
___ Cooper's Hawk	O	O	U	U	___ Tufted Titmouse	R	R		R	___ Rusty Blackbird	V			V	
___ Bald Eagle	O		U	U	<b>Nuthatches</b>					___ Brewer's Blackbird	O		O	O	
___ Harris's Hawk	V		V		___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R			R	___ Common Grackle	C	C	C	C	
___ White-tailed Hawk	O	O	O	O	<b>Treecreepers</b>					___ Boat-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	C	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	O	O	U	U	___ Brown Creeper	R			R	___ Great-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	C	
___ Broad-winged Hawk	O	O	O		<b>Wrens</b>					<b>Wood-warblers</b>					
___ Swainson's Hawk	U	U	U	R	___ House Wren	R		C	C	___ Ovenbird	U			R	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	U	C	C	___ Winter Wren			R	O	___ Worm-eating Warbler	U			R	
___ Ferruginous Hawk	R				___ Sedge Wren	C		C	C	___ Louisiana Waterthrush	U			O	
<b>Owls</b>					___ Marsh Wren	C	C	C	C	___ Northern Waterthrush	U			O	
___ Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	___ Carolina Wren	O	O	R	O	___ Golden-winged Warbler	R				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl	R		R	R	<b>Gnatcatchers</b>					___ Blue-winged Warbler	O				
___ Great Horned Owl	U	R	U	U	___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C			C	___ Black-and-white Warbler	C			O	
___ Burrowing Owl	R		R	R	<b>Kinglets</b>					___ Prothonotary Warbler	C	O	O		
___ Barred Owl	R	R	R		___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	O			O	___ Swainson's Warbler	O				
___ Short-eared Owl	U			U	___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C			C	___ Tennessee Warbler	U			O	
<b>Kingfishers</b>					<b>Thrushes</b>					___ Orange-crowned Warbler	C			C	
___ Belted Kingfisher	C	R	C	C	___ Eastern Bluebird	O	O	O	O	___ Nashville Warbler	O			O	R
<b>Woodpeckers</b>					___ Veery	O				___ MacGillivray's Warbler	V				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		O	O	___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U				___ Mourning Warbler	V			O	
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R	O		___ Swainson's Thrush	C				___ Kentucky Warbler	O			V	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	___ Hermit Thrush	U			O	___ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C	
___ Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	___ Wood Thrush	U			O	___ Hooded Warbler	U			O	
___ Pileated Woodpecker	O	R	R		___ American Robin	U			O	___ American Redstart	U			O	
___ Northern Flicker	O	R	O	R	<b>Catbirds, Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>					___ Cape May Warbler	R				
<b>Caracaras and Falcons</b>					___ Gray Catbird	C	O	U	U	___ Cerulean Warbler	R				
___ Crested Caracara	C	C	C	C	___ Brown Thrasher	U			U	___ Northern Parula	C			O	
___ American Kestrel	C		C	C	___ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	___ Magnolia Warbler	U			O	
___ Merlin	O		U	U	<b>Starlings and Mynas</b>					___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U				
___ Peregrine Falcon	O	R	U	U	___ European Starling	C	C	C	C	___ Blackburnian Warbler	U				
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers: Pewees, Kingbirds &amp; Allies</b>					<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>					___ Yellow Warbler	U				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		U		___ American Pipit	U			U	___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	U				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	U		U		___ Sprague's Pipit	R			V	___ Blackpoll Warbler	O				
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O		<b>Waxwings</b>					___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	R				
___ Acadian Flycatcher	O	O	O		___ Cedar Waxwing	U			O	___ Palm Warbler	U			U	
___ Alder/Willow Flycatcher	O		R		<b>Finches, Euphonias, and Allies</b>					___ Pine Warbler	O	V	V	R	
___ Least Flycatcher	O	O	O	R	___ House Finch	O	R	R	R	___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C			C	
___ Eastern Phoebe	C		C	C	___ Purple Finch ¶					___ Yellow-throated Warbler	O			R	
___ Say's Phoebe	R			R	___ Pine Siskin	R				___ Prairie Warbler	R	R	R	R	
___ Vermilion Flycatcher	O		O	O	___ American Goldfinch	R			R	___ Black-throated Green Warbler	C			O	
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	O		O		<b>New World Sparrows</b>					___ Canada Warbler	R			R	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	O		___ Grasshopper Sparrow	O			O	___ Wilson's Warbler	U	V	O	R	
___ Great Kiskadee	V				___ Chipping Sparrow	U			O	<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</b>					
___ Tropical/Couch's Kingbird	R				___ Clay-colored Sparrow	R			V	___ Summer Tanager	C	V	R		
___ Western Kingbird	O	R	O		___ Field Sparrow	O			O	___ Scarlet Tanager	C			R	
___ Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		___ Lark Sparrow	O			O	___ Western Tanager	R				
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	C	C	O	___ Fox Sparrow	O			O	___ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	V				___ Dark-eyed Junco				R	___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U			O	
<b>Shrikes</b>					___ White-crowned Sparrow	C			C	___ Blue Grosbeak	U			U	
___ Loggerhead Shrike	C	C	C	C	___ Harris's Sparrow	R	R		R	___ Lazuli Bunting	V				
<b>Vireos</b>					___ White-throated Sparrow	O			O	___ Indigo Bunting	C	O	U		
___ White-eyed Vireo	C	O	U	O	___ Vesper Sparrow	U			O	___ Painted Bunting	U	U	U		
___ Bell's Vireo				R	___ LeConte's Sparrow	O			O	___ Dickcissel	C	C	C		
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	O				___ Seaside Sparrow	C	C	C		<b>Old World Sparrows</b>					
___ Blue-headed Vireo	O		O	O	___ Nelson's Sparrow	U			O	___ House Sparrow	O	O	O	O	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	O				___ Savannah Sparrow	C			C						
___ Warbling Vireo	O		R												