

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



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Lacombe, Louisiana 70445
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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						__Cooper's Hawk	c	o	u	o	f
__Anhinga	a	c	c	r	W	__Mississippi Kite*	a	c	u	o	A
Bitterns, Egrets & Herons						__Northern Harrier	u	o	u	c	F
__American Bittern*	u	o	u	r	S	__Osprey	c	u	c	o	W
__Least Bittern*	o	u	r	o	S	__Red-shouldered Hawk	a	c	a	o	S
__Cattle Egret	a	c	a	o	F	__Red-tailed Hawk	a	u	c	c	F
__Great Egret	a	a	a	c	S	__Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	o	r	r	f
__Snowy Egret	a	a	c	u	S	__Swallow-tailed Kite*	a	c	u	o	A
__Black-crowned Night-Heron	a	c	u	o	M	Falcons					
__Great Blue Heron	a	a	a	c	S	__American Kestrel*	r	o	o	c	F
__Green Heron	a	c	u	o	S	__Merlin	o	o	u	o	F
__Little Blue Heron*	a	a	c	r	S	__Peregrine Falcon*	r	o	r	o	F
__Tricolored Heron	a	c	c	r	S	Turkeys					
__Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	a	c	c	o	S	__Wild Turkey	a	u	u	r	F
Ibises						Rails					
__Glossy Ibis	o	r	r	o	M	__American Coot	a	r	c	u	W
__Roseate Spoonbill*	a	c	c	o	M	__Common Moorhen	c	u	a	r	M
__White-faced Ibis	c	u	u	o	M	__King Rail	o	r	o	o	S
__White Ibis	a	c	a	r	M	__Purple Gallinule	u	u	c	o	S
Storks						__Sora	c	o	u	u	M
__Wood Stork	r	a	r	o	M	__Virginia Rail	r	o	o	o	M
American Vultures						Plovers					
__Black Vulture	a	a	a	r	A	__American Golden-Plover	r	o	o	o	M
__Turkey Vulture	a	a	a	c	A	__Black-bellied Plover	o	o	r	o	M
Waterfowl						__Killdeer	c	u	a	c	F
__American Wigeon	r	o	u	o	W	__Semipalmated Plover	o	o	u	o	M
__Black-bellied whistling Duck	c	c	a	u	W	Avocets					
__Blue-winged Teal	a	r	c	o	W	__American Avocet	o	o	r	o	M
__Bufflehead	r	r	r	u	W	Stilts					
__Canvasback	r	o	o	o	W	__Black-necked Stilt	c	u	c	o	M
__Fulvous whistling Duck	u	r	u	u	W	Sandpipers					
__Gadwall	c	o	r	r	W	__American Woodcock	u	u	c	c	s
__Greater White-fronted Goose	r	r	r	r	W	__Baird's Sandpiper	o	o	u	o	M
__Green-winged Teal	c	o	r	o	W	__Dunlin*	o	o	u	o	M
__Hooded Merganser	c	r	r	o	W	__Greater Yellowlegs	c	u	c	r	M
__Lesser Scaup	c	o	o	o	W	__Least Sandpiper	r	u	c	o	M
__Mallard	c	o	o	c	W	__Lesser Yellowlegs*	c	u	c	r	M
__Mottled Duck	u	u	u	o	W	__Long-billed Dowitcher	r	u	u	o	M
__Northern Pintail	r	o	o	r	W	__Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	o	M
__Northern Shoveler	c	o	o	o	W	__Semipalmated Sandpiper*	r	u	u	o	M
__Red-breasted Merganser	r	o	r	o	W	__Short-billed Dowitcher*	o	o	r	o	M
__Redhead	o	o	r	o	W	__Solitary Sandpiper*	r	u	u	o	S
__Ring-necked Duck	c	r	r	r	W	__Spotted Sandpiper	r	o	u	o	S
__Ross Goose	r	r	r	r	W	__Stilt Sandpiper	o	r	u	o	M
__Ruddy Duck*	c	u	c	c	W	__Western Sandpiper	o	u	o	o	M
__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
Starlings						__ House Sparrow	c	c	r	r	A
__ European Starling (exotic)	a	u	c	u	F	__ Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	o	s
Pipits						__ Le Conte's Sparrow*	o	o	u	o	s
__ American Pipit	u	o	u	r	F	__ Lincoln's Sparrow	r	o	r	o	s
Waxwings						__ Northern Cardinal	a	c	c	c	f
__ Cedar Waxwing	c	o	o	o	f	__ Painted Bunting*	c	c	u	o	E
Wood Warblers						__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r	o	o	o	f
__ American Redstart	c	c	c	o	f	__ Savannah Sparrow	c	o	u	r	F
__ Bay-breasted Warbler*	r	o	o	o	f	__ Song Sparrow*	u	o	u	u	s
__ Black-and-white Warbler	c	r	r	o	f	__ Swamp Sparrow	c	o	c	u	M
__ Blackburnian Warbler	r	o	o	o	f	__ Vesper Sparrow	o	o	r	r	s
__ Black-throated Green Warbler	r	o	r	o	f	__ White-crowned Sparrow	u	o	r	o	s
__ Blue-winged Warbler*	r	o	o	o	s	__ White-throated Sparrow	c	o	u	u	E
__ Canada Warbler	o	r	o	r	s	Blackbirds and Orioles					
__ Cerulean Warbler*	r	o	o	o	f	__ American Goldfinch	o	o	r	r	F
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r	o	o	o	s	__ Baltimore Oriole	u	r	r	o	f
__ Common Yellowthroat	a	c	c	o	s	__ Boat-tailed Grackle	o	r	o	r	F
__ Golden-winged Warbler*	r	o	r	o	s	__ Bobolink*	u	o	u	o	F
__ Hooded Warbler	c	u	c	o	s	__ Brown-headed Cowbird	a	c	c	r	F
__ Kentucky Warbler*	c	o	o	o	s	__ Common Grackle	a	c	c	o	F
__ Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	r	r	o	S	__ Eastern Meadowlark	u	u	u	r	F
__ Magnolia Warbler	o	o	r	o	s	__ Great-tailed Grackle	o	r	r	o	F
__ Mourning Warbler	o	u	o	u	s	__ House Finch	r	r	r	o	F
__ Nashville Warbler	o	o	r	o	s	__ Orchard Oriole*	c	u	u	o	s
__ Northern Parula	a	c	u	o	f	__ Purple Finch*	u	o	r	u	f
__ Northern Waterthrush	r	o	r	o	S	__ Red-winged Blackbird	a	c	c	c	M
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	u	o	u	r	s	__ Rusty Blackbird*	r	o	o	o	S
__ Ovenbird	u	o	o	o	s	Quail					
__ Palm Warbler	r	o	r	r	F	__ Northern Bobwhite	o	r	o	o	F
__ Pine Warbler	r	o	r	o	f	Ethics of Birdwatching					
__ Prairie Warbler*	r	o	o	o	s	Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.					
__ Prothonotary Warbler*	a	c	c	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.					
__ 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

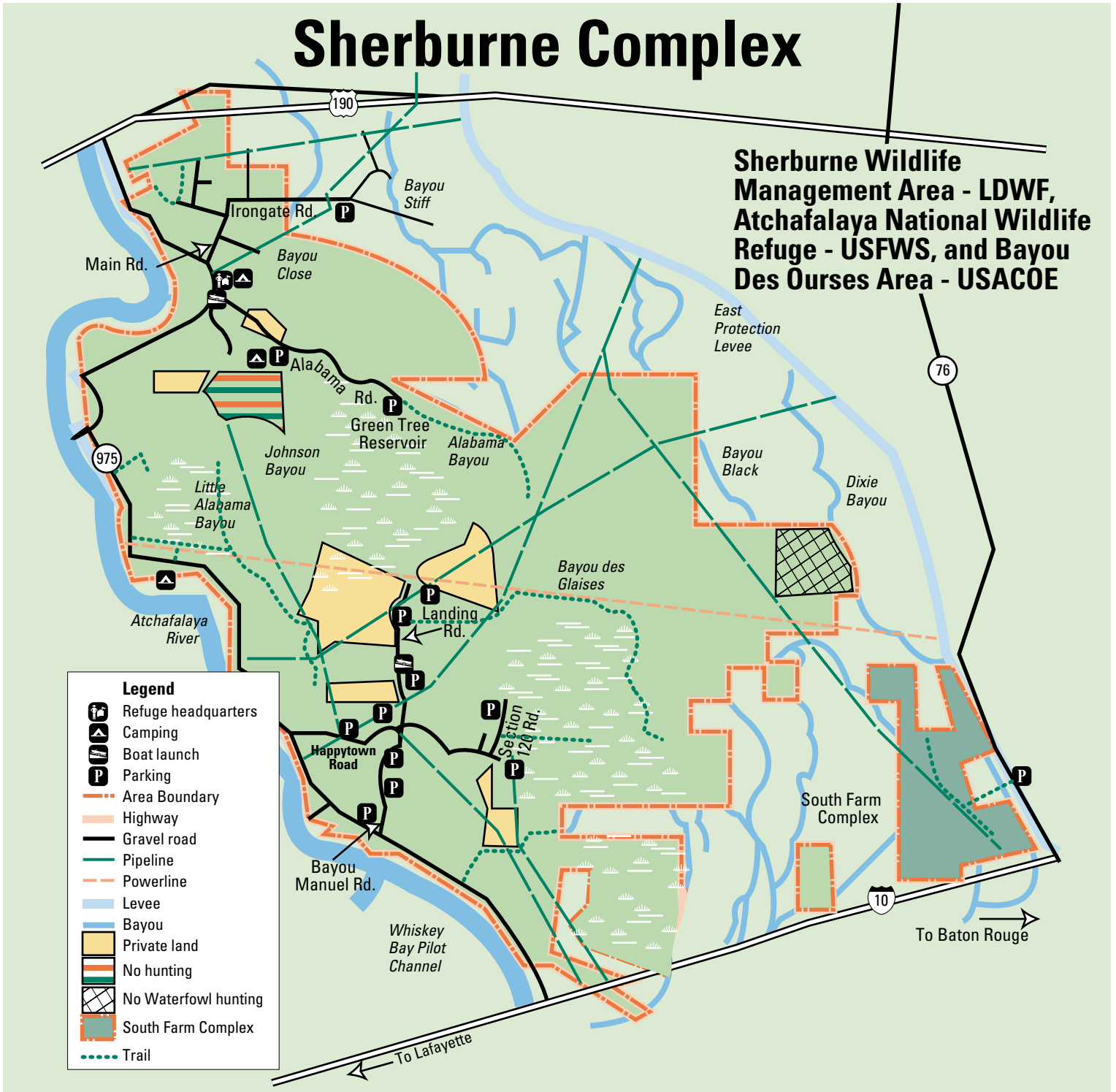
Route or area

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