

Dale Bumpers White River

National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



Prothonotary Warbler
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Dale Bumpers White River NWR is one of over 550 refuges in the U.S. The refuge lies in the counties of Arkansas, Desha, Monroe, and Phillips. Within the refuge boundary are 160,000 acres of bottomland forest, upland forest, 300 lakes, natural bayous, and 92 miles of the White River. Dale Bumpers White River NWR is one of the largest tracts of bottomland hardwood forest remaining in public ownership within the Lower Mississippi River Valley and is designated as part of the Big Woods of Arkansas.

Biologically, the site lies within the Mississippi Alluvial Flood Plain with a small portion of uplands on the Grand Prairie Escarpment. Habitat within the bottomland forests range from back swamps with cypress and tupelo, to low flats of overcup oak, and ridge and swale topography dominated by nuttall oak, willow oak, sugarberry, and pecan. Within the bottoms, elevational changes of only one foot will influence forest composition. The refuge also has representative upland forest habitat and approximately 400 acres of farm land managed for high energy waterfowl foods.

Both current and past management includes forest thinning, moist soil impoundments, green tree reservoirs and cooperative farming. The driving force that determines the results of all habitat management is the annual flooding cycle which typically occurs from December through June when water depths can range from a few inches to more than 15 feet deep over 95% of the refuge.

The refuge provides nesting habitat for dozens of species of neotropical migrant songbirds, water birds, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Dale Bumpers White River NWR has been designated a Wetland of International Importance and a Globally Important Bird Area.

The refuge office/visitor center is located off of Highway 1 in St. Charles.

The following list which follows The American Ornithologists Union 7th Edition Check List contains 273 species of birds observed by refuge personnel and ornithologists since the refuge was established in 1935.

Seasonal Appearance

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

Seasonal Abundance

A abundant
(common species - 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 a season)
R rare
(seen at intervals of two to five years)
R* extremely rare
(reports still unverified)
N not expected or documented during this season



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	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
Ducks and Geese					___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron	U	U	U	N
___ Fulvous Whistling duck	R	R	R	N	___ White Ibis	N	U	U	N
___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	R	R	R	N	___ White-Faced Ibis	U	U	R	N
___ Greater White-Fronted Goose	O	N	A	A	___ Roseate Spoonbill	N	R	R	N
___ Snow Goose (white morph)	C	N	C	A	___ Wood Stork	N	U	O	N
___ Snow Goose (blue morph)	O	N	O	O	___ Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	U
___ Ross's Goose	O	N	C	C	___ Black Vulture	U	U	U	U
___ Cackling Goose	O	N	O	O	Kites, Hawks, Falcons, Eagles				
___ Canada Goose	O	O	O	O	___ Osprey	C	R	C	N
___ Wood Duck	C	N	C	C	___ Swallow-tailed Kite	O	O	R	N
___ Gadwall	C	N	C	A	___ Mississippi Kite	O	C	C	N
___ American Wigeon	C	N	C	A	___ Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U
___ American Black Duck	O	N	U	U	___ Northern Harrier	C	N	R	C
___ Mallard	A	O	A	A	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	N	O	O
___ Blue-winged Teal	C	O	C	R	___ Coopers Hawk	O	O	O	U
___ Northern Shoveler	C	N	C	A	___ Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Pintail	O	N	U	C	___ Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	C	N
___ Green-winged Teal	C	N	C	C	___ Swainson's Hawk	O	N	O	N
___ Canvasback	O	N	O	O	___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Redhead	U	N	R	R	___ Rough-legged Hawk	O	N	O	O
___ Ring-necked Duck	O	N	A	A	___ Golden Eagle	O	N	O	O
___ Greater Scaup	O	N	O	O	___ American Kestrel	C	O	C	C
___ Lesser Scaup	O	N	C	C	___ Merlin	R	N	R	R
___ Bufflehead	O	N	O	O	___ Peregrine Falcon	R	N	R	R
___ Common Goldeneye	O	N	O	O	Rails, Cranes				
___ Hooded Merganser	U	U	C	C	___ King Rail	R	R	O	R
___ Common Merganser	R	N	R	O	___ Virginia Rail	R	N	R	R
___ Red Breasted Merganser	R	N	R	R	___ Sora	U	N	U	U
___ Ruddy Duck	U	N	R	R	___ Purple Gallinule	R	O	O	N
Turkey and Quail					___ Common Moorhen	U	U	R	N
___ Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	___ American Coot	U	R	C	C
___ Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	U	___ Sandhill Crane	R	N	O	N
Loons					Shorebirds				
___ Common Loon	O	N	O	O	___ Black Bellied Plover	R	R	R	N
Grebes					___ American Golden Plover	R	R	R	N
___ Pie-billed Grebe	U	N	U	U	___ Semipalmated Plover	R	R	R	N
___ Horned Grebe	U	N	U	U	___ Killdeer	C	C	C	C
___ Eared Grebe	U	N	U	U	___ Black-necked Stilt	R	R	R	N
Pelican and Anhinga					___ Greater Yellowlegs	C	C	C	O
___ American White Pelican	O	N	O	U	___ Lesser Yellowlegs	C	O	C	O
___ Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	O	___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	R	R	N
___ Anhinga	O	O	O	N	___ Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	C	R
Hérons, Bitterns, Egrets, Ibises, Storks, Vultures					___ Upland Sandpiper	R	R	R	N
___ American Bittern	U	R	U	R	___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	R	R	N
___ Least Bittern	O	O	O	N	___ Western Sandpiper	R	R	R	R
___ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	___ Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	C
___ Great Egret	A	A	C	R	___ Pectoral Sandpiper	U	U	U	N
___ Snowy Egret	C	C	O	N	___ Stilt Sandpiper	R	R	R	N
___ Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	N	___ Shortbilled Dowitcher	R	R	R	N
___ Tri-colored Heron	R	R	R	N	___ American Avocet	N	N	R	N
___ Cattle Egret	C	C	O	N	___ Longbilled Dowitcher	O	R	U	O
___ Green Heron	A	A	A	N	___ Common Snipe	C	O	C	C
___ Black-crowned Night Heron	O	O	O	N	___ American Woodcock	O	O	O	U
					___ Wilson's Phalarope	R	R	R	N

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Gulls and Terns					___ Alder Flycatcher	R	R	R	N
___ Laughing Gull	N	N	N	R	___ Willow Flycatcher	R	N	R	N
___ Franklins Gull	N	R	U	N	___ Least Flycatcher	C	N	O	N
___ Bonaparte's Gull	U	N	U	U	___ Eastern Phoebe	C	N	O	C
___ Ring-billed Gull	C	N	U	C	___ Great-crested Flycatcher	C	C	O	N
___ Herring Gull	U	N	U	U	___ Eastern Kingbird	C	U	C	N
___ Caspian Tern	R	R	R	N	___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	N	O	O	N
___ Least Tern	O	O	R	N	___ Loggerhead Shrike	O	O	O	O
___ Forester's Tern	U	R	U	R	___ White-eyed Vireo	C	A	C	N
					___ Bell's Vireo	O	O	O	N
					___ Yellow-throated Vireo	U	C	C	N
					___ Warbling Vireo	O	R	O	N
					___ Red-eyed Vireo	C	A	C	N
Doves and Cuckoos					Jay and Crows				
___ Eurasian Collared-dove	O	O	O	O	___ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
___ White-winged Dove	N	N	R	R	___ American Crow	O	R	O	O
___ Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A	___ Fish Crow	U	U	U	O
___ Inca Dove	N	R	N	N					
___ Common Ground Dove	N	N	R	N	Larks				
___ Rock Dove	O	O	O	O	___ Horned Lark	C	U	C	A
Cuckoos					Swallows and Martins				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	R	N	R	N	___ Purple Martin	U	C	O	N
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C	N	___ Tree Swallow	U	C	C	N
					___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	C	C	N
					___ Bank Swallow	U	O	C	N
					___ Cliff Swallow	R	R	R	N
					___ Barn Swallow	C	C	C	N
Owls					Chickadee and titmouse				
___ Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	___ Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
___ Eastern Screech Owl	C	C	C	C	___ Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C
___ Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C					
___ Barred Owl	C	C	C	C	Nuthatches and Creeper				
___ Long-eared Owl	R	N	R	R	___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	N	N	N	R
___ Short-eared Owl	R	N	O	O	___ White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
					___ Brown Creeper	O	N	O	U
Nighthawks					Wrens				
___ Common Nighthawk	U	U	U	N	___ Carolina Wren	A	A	A	A
___ Chuck-wills-widow	U	U	U	N	___ Bewick's Wren	U	N	U	U
___ Whip-poor-will	O	R	O	N	___ House Wren	O	N	O	O
					___ Winter Wren	C	N	C	C
					___ Sedge Wren	O	R	O	R
					___ Marsh Wren	O	N	O	O
Swift and Hummingbirds					Gnatcatchers and Kinglets				
___ Chimney Swift	C	A	A	N	___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	N	U	C
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	N	C	C	N	___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	N	C	C
___ Rufous Hummingbird	N	N	R	N	___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	A	C	N
___ Anna's Hummingbird	N	N	R	N					
Woodpeckers					Thrushes, Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Pipits				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	___ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	A	A	A	A	___ Veery	R	N	R	N
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	N	N	U	C	___ Gray-Cheeked Thrush	N	N	O	N
___ Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	___ Swainson's Thrush	U	N	U	N
___ Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	___ Hermit Thrush	C	N	U	C
___ Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C					
___ Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C					
___ Ivory-billed Woodpecker	R*	R*	R*	R*					
Kingfisher									
___ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C					
Flycatchers									
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	N					
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R	N	R	N					
___ Acadian Flycatcher	O	A	O	N					

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___ Wood Thrush	U	C	U	N	___ Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U	U
___ American Robin	C	U	C	A	___ Henslow's Sparrow	R	N	R	N
___ Gray Catbird	O	C	O	R	___ Le Conte's Sparrow	U	N	U	U
___ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	___ Fox Sparrow	U	N	U	U
___ Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	C	___ Song Sparrow	C	N	A	A
___ European Starling	A	C	A	A	___ Lincoln's Sparrow	C	N	C	C
___ American Pipit	O	N	C	C	___ Swamp Sparrow	C	N	C	C
___ Sprague's Pipit	O	N	O	O	___ White-throated Sparrow	A	N	A	A
___ Cedar Waxwing	C	N	O	C	___ White Crowned Sparrow	C	N	C	C
					___ Dark-eyed Junco	C	N	C	C
Warblers					___ Lapland Longspur	O	N	O	C
___ Blue-winged Warbler	R	N	R	N	___ Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A
___ Tennessee Warbler	C	N	C	N	___ Rose-Breasted Grosbeak	U	N	U	N
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	O	N	O	U	___ Blue Grosbeak	O	O	O	N
___ Nashville Warbler	C	O	C	N	___ Indigo Bunting	A	A	C	N
___ Northern Parula	O	C	O	N	___ Painted Bunting	O	O	O	N
___ Yellow Warbler	O	O	O	N	___ Dickcissel	A	A	O	N
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	O	N	R	N					
___ Magnolia Warbler	O	N	R	N	Blackbirds, Orioles, and Meadowlarks				
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	N	C	A	___ Bobolink	U	N	N	N
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	O	N	O	N	___ Red-winged Blackbird	A	A	A	A
___ Blackburnian Warbler	R	N	R	N	___ Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	C
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	C	C	C	N	___ Western Meadowlark	N	N	N	R
___ Pine Warbler	O	O	O	U	___ Rusty Blackbird	C	N	C	C
___ Prairie Warbler	O	U	O	N	___ Brewers Blackbird	C	N	C	A
___ Palm Warbler	R	N	R	N	___ Common Grackle	A	A	A	A
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	R	N	R	N	___ Brown-headed Cowbird	A	A	A	A
___ Blackpoll Warbler	R	N	N	N	___ Orchard Oriole	A	A	C	N
___ Cerulean Warbler	U	U	U	N	___ Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	N
___ Black and White Warbler	C	O	C	N					
___ American Redstart	U	O	U	N	Finches and Crossbills				
___ Prothonotary Warbler	C	A	O	N	___ Purple Finch	U	N	R	U
___ Worm-eating Warbler	U	U	U	N	___ House Finch	O	O	O	O
___ Swainson's Warbler	U	U	O	N	___ Red Crossbill	O	N	R	O
___ Ovenbird	C	R	C	N	___ Pine Siskin	O	N	U	U
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	U	U	U	N	___ American Goldfinch	C	R	C	C
___ Kentucky Warbler	C	C	U	N					
___ Connecticut Warbler	R	N	N	N	House Sparrow				
___ Morning Warbler	O	N	R	N	House Sparrow	O	O	O	O
___ Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	N					
___ Hooded Warbler	C	C	U	N	Incidentals				
___ Wilson's Warbler	R	N	R	N	Brown Pelican				
___ Canada Warbler	R	N	R	N	Cinnamon Teal				
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	C	C	C	N	Yellow Rail				
					Black Rail				
Tanagers					Northern Goshawk				
___ Summer Tanager	C	C	O	N	Boat-tailed Grackle				
___ Scarlet Tanager	O	N	R	N	White-winged Scoter				
Sparrows, Towhee, Buntings									
___ Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	C					
___ American Tree Sparrow	N	N	N	R					
___ Chipping Sparrow	C	U	C	U					
___ Clay-Colored Sparrow	R	N	R	N					
___ Field Sparrow	C	U	C	C					
___ Vesper Sparrow	O	N	U	U					
___ Lark Sparrow	R	R	R	N					
___ Savannah Sparrow	C	N	A	A					

Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

Number of species

Route or area

Observers

Remarks