

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Cross Creeks

*National Wildlife  
Refuge Bird List*



*Welcome to Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, one of over 555 national wildlife refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The 8,862 acre refuge stretches 11 miles on either side of Lake Barkley on the Cumberland River in Stewart County, Tennessee. The combination of deciduous woodlands, open water, marsh and croplands provide excellent habitat for various species of birds. Manipulation of water levels in refuge pools resulting in moist soil areas rich in natural plant and animal life create unlimited food resources for wading birds, marsh and shorebirds, raptors, songbirds and waterfowl.*

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The refuge is approximately four miles east of Dover, Tennessee off of Highway 49. Travel east from Dover three miles, turn left at the refuge sign and proceed one mile. Signs will direct you to the refuge office/visitor center and main entrance to the refuge.

*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*

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 only once or twice a year; some years not at all)

x - accidental - (out of normal species range)

\* - nests on the refuge.

+ - Irruptive species seen most frequently during invasion years (2-10 year intervals)

This checklist includes 251 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. Another 26 species which have been observed very infrequently are presently listed under "Accidental" birds. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records.

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Loons</b>				
___ Common Loon	o		u	o
<b>Grebes</b>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe	c		c	u
___ Horned Grebe	r		o	r
<b>Pelicans and their Allies</b>				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	o		o	o
___ Anhinga		r		
<b>Hérons, Egrets and their Allies</b>				
___ American Bittern	o		o	r
___ Least Bittern	o	r		
___ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret	u	u	u	r
___ Snowy Egret	r	r	r	
___ Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	
___ Cattle Egret	u	o	o	
___ Green Heron*	c	c	c	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	c	c	r
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	u	r	
<b>Ibises and Storks</b>				
___ White Ibis+	r		r	
___ Wood Stork+	r	r	r	
<b>Waterfowl</b>				
___ Tundra Swan			r	
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	r		r	r
___ Snow Goose	o		u	u
___ Canada Goose*	c	c	a	a
___ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	u
___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
___ American Black Duck	u	r	a	a
___ Mallard*	u	u	a	a
___ Northern Pintail	u		c	c
___ Blue-winged Teal	c	r	c	r
___ Northern Shoveler	c		u	u
___ Gadwall	u		c	c
___ American Wigeon	u		c	c
___ Canvasback	o		u	c
___ Redhead	u		u	u
___ Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
___ Greater Scaup	r			r
___ Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
___ Common Goldeneye	o		o	u
___ Bufflehead	o		o	o
___ Hooded Merganser*	u		c	c
___ Common Merganser	r		o	u
___ Red-breasted Merganser	o		o	u
___ Ruddy Duck	o		o	o

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Vultures, Hawks and their Allies</b>				
___ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	u
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	u
___ Osprey	u		u	
___ Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Harrier	u		c	c
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		c	u
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	o	u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ Broad-winged Hawk*	u	o	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk+			r	r
___ Golden Eagle			o	o
___ American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
___ Merlin	r		r	
___ Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
<b>Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and their Allies)</b>				
___ Wild Turkey*	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c
<b>Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes</b>				
___ King Rail	o		r	
___ Virginia Rail	o		o	r
___ Sora	u		u	r
___ Common Moorhen	o			
___ American Coot	u		c	u
___ Sandhill Crane			r	r
<b>Shorebirds</b>				
___ Black-bellied Plover			o	
___ Lesser Golden-Plover	u	r	r	
___ Semipalmated Plover	u	o	u	
___ Piping Plover		r	r	
___ Killdeer*	c	c	c	c
___ American Avocet		r	r	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	c	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	o	c	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	c	o	u	
___ Willet		r	r	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	o	u	
___ Upland Sandpiper	r	r	r	
___ Sanderling		r	r	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	o	c	
___ Western Sandpiper		r	r	
___ Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	o	r	r	
___ Baird's Sandpiper			r	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	c	o	c	
___ Dunlin			o	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	u	u	

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___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper			r	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o	u	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	r		r	
___ Common Snipe	c		u	c
___ American Woodcock*	u	o	o	r
___ Wilson's Phalarope			r	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	o		o	o
___ Ring-billed Gull	u		c	c
___ Herring Gull	o			o
___ Caspian Tern	o	r	o	
___ Common Tern	r		r	
___ Forster's Tern	o	r	o	
___ Least Tern	r	r		
___ Black Tern	u	r	o	
<b>Pigeons, Doves</b>				
___ Rock Dove*	o	o	o	o
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
<b>Cuckoos</b>				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	c	c	
<b>Owls</b>				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Long-eared Owl	r		r	r
___ Short-eared Owl			r	r
<b>Nightjars</b>				
___ Common Nighthawk	u	u	u	
___ Chuck-will's-widow*	u	u		
___ Whip-poor-will*	c	c	o	
<b>Swifts, Hummingbirds</b>				
___ Chimney Swift*	u	c	c	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	c	u	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	c
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	c
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u

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<b>Flycatchers</b>				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		r	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	u	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
___ Alder Flycatcher	r			
___ Willow Flycatcher*	o	u	r	
___ Least Flycatcher	o			
___ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	u	o
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	o	
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	u	
<b>Larks</b>				
___ Horned Lark	u	r	u	u
<b>Martins and Swallows</b>				
___ Purple Martin*	u	c	o	
___ Tree Swallow*	c	u	c	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
___ Bank Swallow	u	u	o	
___ Cliff Swallow*	u	u	o	
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	u	
<b>Jays and Crows</b>				
___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ American Crow*	c	c	c	c
<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>				
___ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch+	o		o	o
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
<b>Creepers</b>				
___ Brown Creeper	u		u	u
<b>Wrens</b>				
___ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
___ Bewick's Wren	r	r	r	r
___ House Wren	o	r	o	
___ Winter Wren	u		o	u
___ Sedge Wren	u	r	u	r
___ Marsh Wren	u		u	
<b>Kinglets and Gnatcatchers</b>				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	o
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	u	

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<b>Bluebirds, Thrushes and Robin</b>				
___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
___ Veery	u		o	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	c		u	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___ Wood Thrush*	c	c	u	
___ American Robin*	c	c	c	c
<b>Thrashers</b>				
___ Gray Catbird*	c	c	u	
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	u
<b>Pipits</b>				
___ American Pipit	u		u	u
<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwing	u	r	u	u
<b>Starling</b>				
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	a
<b>Shrike</b>				
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
<b>Vireos</b>				
___ White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	
___ Solitary Vireo	o		o	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	o	
___ Warbling Vireo*	u	u	o	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	
<b>Warblers</b>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler*	u	u	r	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	o		r	
___ Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	r		r	
___ Nashville Warbler	c		u	
___ Northern Parula*	u	u	u	
___ Yellow Warbler*	u	u	r	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
___ Magnolia Warbler	u		c	
___ Cape May Warbler	o		r	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	u
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	c		c	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Pine Warbler*	o	o	o	r
___ Prairie Warbler	u	u	o	



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___ Palm Warbler	u		u	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	u		c	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	c		r	
___ Cerulean Warbler	u	u	o	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	u	r	u	
___ American Redstart	u	r	u	
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	u	
___ Worm-eating Warbler*	u	u	o	
___ Ovenbird	u		u	
___ Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush*	c	c	r	
___ Kentucky Warbler*	u	c	u	
___ Connecticut Warbler	r			
___ Mourning Warbler	r			
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	
___ Hooded Warbler*	u	u	r	
___ Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler	r		r	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	o	
<b>Tanagers</b>				
___ Summer Tanager*	c	c	u	
___ Scarlet Tanager*	u	u	u	
<b>New World Finches</b>				
___ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c		c	
___ Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	o	
___ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
___ Dickcissel*	u	c	o	
<b>Sparrows</b>				
___ Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	c
___ American Tree Sparrow+				o
___ Chipping Sparrow*	u	u	o	
___ Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
___ Vesper Sparrow	c		u	
___ Lark Sparrow	o	r		
___ Savannah Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	o	r		
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	r		r	r
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow			o	
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Song Sparrow*	c	o	c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	a
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	a
___ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
___ Lapland Longspur	r		o	o

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<b>Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles</b>				
___ Bobolink	u		u	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	a
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c
___ Rusty Blackbird	u		u	u
___ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole*	c	c	r	
___ Northern Oriole	u		o	
<b>Old World Finches</b>				
___ Purple Finch+	c		u	c
___ House Finch	c	u	u	c
___ Pine Siskin+	o		u	u
___ American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak+	o		r	u
<b>Weaver Finches</b>				
___ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

### Accidental Birds

The following species have been observed sporadically on the refuge and are considered accidental:

Eurasian Wigeon  
 American White Pelican  
 Tri-colored Heron  
 Glossy Ibis  
 Roseate Spoonbill  
 Fulvous Whistling Duck  
 Mute Swan  
 Brant  
 Ross' Goose  
 Barnacle Goose  
 Cinnamon Teal  
 Mississippi Kite  
 Northern Goshawk  
 Yellow Rail  
 Purple Gallinule  
 Piping Plover  
 Marbled Godwit  
 Red-necked Phalarope  
 Laughing Gull  
 Franklin's Gull  
 Common Ground Dove  
 Snowy Owl  
 Swainson's Warbler  
 Snow Bunting  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird

**Sighting Notes**

**Date**

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**Time**

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**Weather**

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**No. of species**

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**Route or area**

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**Observers**

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**Remarks**

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**The Blue Goose  
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