

Bald Knob

National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge was established on September 22, 1993 and is one of over 560 National Wildlife Refuges. The refuge is located one-half mile southwest of Bald Knob and is bordered to the west and south by the Little Red River and contains 15,020 acres. It was identified by the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture as a high priority acquisition to meet the habitat conservation goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Management goals of the refuge are: (1) protect and enhance/restore approximately 14,000 acres of agriculture wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests, (2) provide wintering habitat for migrating waterfowl, (3) provide breeding and non-breeding habitat for wood ducks and songbirds, and (4) to provide the public with recreational opportunities (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, nature photography, environmental education, and interpretation).

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Bald Knob, AR 72010
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The refuge operates a large Cooperative Farming Program consisting of over 4,500 acres of rice, soybeans, corn and millet. Moist-soil production and shorebird management are also covered under this farming agreement. Methods utilized in growing rice and other crops also create favorable habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds and other migratory species.

Bald Knob Refuge is noted for extremely high numbers of wintering waterfowl. In fact, the refuge is the largest staging area in Arkansas for northern pintails (over 200,000 recorded in a single day) as they migrate to the wetlands and coastal marshes of Louisiana. Bald eagles also follow the annual waterfowl migration and heavily utilize this refuge with 78 being the record for one day.

Various species of marsh and wading birds frequent the area as do numerous species of raptors. Refuge personnel provide approximately 150 acres of mudflats in the late summer/ early fall

each year for shorebirds. The least tern, peregrine falcon, piping plover and other threatened or endangered species are often seen on the refuge during late July – September.

W - (December-February)

Sp - (March-May)

S - (June-August)

F - (September-November)

Frequencies of Occurrence per Season within Dates Specified:

C = Common to Abundant (*found regularly and in good numbers*)

FC = Fairly Common (*numbers fluctuate between common and uncommon*)

U = Uncommon (*usually found; occurs in low numbers*)

O = Occasional (*usually found a few times during the season*)

R = Rare (*seldom found during the season; includes species that are outside their normal range that occur every 2-3 years*)

V = Vagrant (*outside normal range; not expected*)

* = Confirmed or probably breeder



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	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
Whistling-Ducks, Geese, Swans and Ducks									
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		V	V		___ Black-crowned Night-Heron *			U	U
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck		V	V		___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *			U	U
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	C	FC		C	___ White Ibis *		R	R	R
___ Snow Goose	C	C		C	___ Glossy Ibis		V	V	
___ Ross's Goose	U	U		U	___ White-faced Ibis		R	R	R
___ Cackling Goose	R	R		R	___ Roseate Spoonbill			R	
___ Canada Goose *	C	C	C	C	Vultures, Kites, Eagles and Hawks				
___ Trumpeter Swan	V				___ Black Vulture	R	O	O	O
___ Wood Duck *	U	FC	FC	FC	___ Turkey Vulture	O	U	U	U
___ Gadwall	C	C	R	C	___ Osprey		R		
___ American Wigeon	FC	FC	R	FC	___ Mississippi Kite *		U	U	U
___ American Black Duck	R	R		R	___ Bald Eagle *	C	FC	U	FC
___ Mallard	C	C	U	C	___ Northern Harrier	C	FC	V	C
___ Mottled Duck		R	R		___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	O		U
___ Blue-winged Teal		C	O	C	___ Cooper's Hawk *	O	O	R	U
___ Cinnamon Teal		V			___ Red-shouldered Hawk *	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Shoveler	C	C	R	C	___ Broad-winged Hawk		O		O
___ Northern Pintail	C	C	R	C	___ Swainson's Hawk		V		
___ Green-winged Teal	C	C	R	C	___ Red-tailed Hawk *	FC	U	U	FC
___ Canvasback	U	U	R	U	___ Golden Eagle		V		
___ Redhead	O	O	R	O	Falcons				
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	U	R	O	___ American Kestrel	U	U	R	U
___ Greater Scaup		V	V		___ Merlin	O		R	O
___ Lesser Scaup		R	R		___ Peregrine Falcon		O	O	O
___ Bufflehead		R			Rails, Gallinules, and Cranes				
___ Common Goldeneye		V			___ Yellow Rail				R
___ Hooded Merganser	O	O	O	O	___ King Rail *		R	R	
___ Red-breasted Merganser		V			___ Virginia Rail		O		
___ Ruddy Duck		FC	R		___ Sora		FC		
Turkey and Quail					___ Common Gallinule		V		
___ Northern Bobwhite *	FC	FC	FC	FC	___ American Coot	C	C	U	FC
___ Wild Turkey *	U	U	U	U	___ Sandhill Crane	V	V		V
Loons					Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls and Terns				
___ Common Loon		V	V		___ Black-bellied Plover		O	U	U
Grebes					___ American Golden-Plover		FC	U	U
Pied-billed Grebe *		FC	U	U	___ Semipalmated Plover		O	FC	U
Eared Grebe		V			___ Piping Plover		R	R	R
Storks					___ Killdeer *	U	C	C	C
Wood Stork			R	V	___ Black-necked Stilt *		FC	FC	FC
Cormorants and Anhinga					___ American Avocet		O	O	O
___ Neotropic Cormorant		V	V		___ Spotted Sandpiper		U	U	U
___ Double-crested Cormorant	O	C	O	O	___ Solitary Sandpiper		O	U	U
___ Anhinga *		R	R		___ Greater Yellowlegs		C	C	C
Pelicans, Herons, Ibis and Spoonbills					___ Willet		R	R	R
___ American White Pelican		U	U	U	___ Lesser Yellowlegs		C	C	C
___ Brown Pelican			V		___ Upland Sandpiper		R	O	O
___ American Bittern	V	R		V	___ Whimbrel		V		
___ Least Bittern		R			___ Hudsonian Godwit		R		
___ Great Blue Heron *	C	C	C	C	___ Marbled Godwit		R	R	R
___ Great Egret *		FC	FC	U	___ Ruddy Turnstone		R	R	
___ Snowy Egret *		U	FC	U	___ Red Knot		V		
___ Little Blue Heron *		U	U		___ Sanderling		R	O	O
___ Tricolored Heron		V	V		___ Semipalmated Sandpiper		FC	FC	FC
___ Cattle Egret *	V	FC	FC	FC	___ Western Sandpiper		O	U	U
___ Green Heron *		U	U		___ Least Sandpiper		C	C	C
					___ White-rumped Sandpiper		FC	V	V
					___ Baird's Sandpiper		O	O	O
					___ Dunlin		U	U	U
					___ Stilt Sandpiper		U	FC	FC

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	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
___Buff-breasted Sandpiper			O	R	___Great Crested Flycatcher *		C	C	
___Ruff		V			___Western Kingbird		V		
___Short-billed Dowitcher		O	U	U	___Eastern Kingbird *		FC	FC	U
___Long-billed Dowitcher		C	C	C	___Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *		C	C	U
___Wilson's Snipe	FC	FC	R	FC	Shrikes				
___American Woodcock		R			___Loggerhead Shrike	O	R	R	R
___Wilson's Phalarope		O	O	O	Vireos				
___Red-necked Phalarope		V	R	R	___White-eyed Vireo *		C	C	U
___Bonaparte's Gull		R			___Bell's Vireo *		U	U	
___Laughing Gull		V	V		___Yellow-throated Vireo		R		
___Franklin's Gull		R			___Blue-headed Vireo		O		
___Ring-billed Gull		R		R	___Warbling Vireo		U		
___Least Tern		O	O	R	___Philadelphia Vireo		U		
___Caspian Tern		R	R		___Red-eyed Vireo *		U	U	
___Black Tern		FC	U		Jays and Crows				
___Common Tern		R			___Blue Jay *	C	C	C	C
___Forster's Tern		O	O	O	___American Crow *	C	C	C	C
Pigeons and Doves					___Fish Crow *		FC	U	FC
___Rock Pigeon *	O	O	O	O	Larks				
___Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	R	R	R	___Horned Lark	O	R		O
___Mourning Dove *	C	C	C	C	Swallows				
Cuckoos and Roadrunners					___Purple Martin		U	U	
___Yellow-billed Cuckoo *		C	C	O	___Tree Swallow		FC	U	FC
___Greater Roadrunner		R	R		___Northern Rough-winged Swallow *		FC	U	FC
Owls					___Bank Swallow		U		U
___Barn Owl *	O	O	O	O	___Cliff Swallow		FC	U	FC
___Eastern Screech-Owl *	R	R	R	R	___Barn Swallow *		C	C	C
___Great Horned Owl *	U	U	U	U	Chickadees and Titmice				
___Barred Owl *	FC	FC	FC	FC	___Carolina Chickadee *	FC	FC	FC	FC
___Short-eared Owl	U			U	___Tufted Titmouse *	C	C	C	C
Nighthawks and Nightjars					Nuthatches				
___Common Nighthawk		O	O	O	___Red-breasted Nuthatch	R			R
___Chuck-will's-widow		R			___White-breasted Nuthatch *	U	U	U	U
Swifts and Hummingbirds					Creepers				
___Chimney Swift *		U	U	U	___Brown Creeper	O			O
___Ruby-throated Hummingbird *			U	U	Wrens				
Kingfishers					___Carolina Wren *	C	C	C	C
___Belted Kingfisher *	U	U	U	U	___House Wren	U	U		U
Woodpeckers					___Winter Wren	U			U
___Red-headed Woodpecker *	O	O	O	O	___Sedge Wren		U		U
___Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C	___Marsh Wren		U		U
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U			U	Kinglets				
___Downy Woodpecker *	FC	FC	FC	FC	___Golden-crowned Kinglet	O			O
___Hairy Woodpecker *		R			___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	U		U
___Northern Flicker *	U	U		U	Gnatcatchers				
___Pileated Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U	___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *		C	C	O
Flycatchers									
___Olive-sided Flycatcher			O						
___Eastern Wood-Pewee *		C	C	U					
___Acadian Flycatcher		C	C						
___Alder Flycatcher		R							
___Willow Flycatcher		R							
___Least Flycatcher		U							
___Eastern Phoebe *	O	U	U	U					

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	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Bluebirds and Thrushes				
__ Eastern Bluebird *	U	U	U	
__ Veery		R		
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush		U		
__ Swainson's Thrush		U		
__ Hermit Thrush	U			U
__ Wood Thrush *		U	U	
__ American Robin	U	U	U	U

Mockingbirds and Thrashers				
__ Gray Catbird		O		R
__ Northern Mockingbird *	FC	FC	FC	FC
__ Brown Thrasher *	U	U	U	U

Starlings				
__ European Starling *	FC	FC	U	FC

Pipits				
__ American Pipit	U	U		U

Waxwings				
__ Cedar Waxwing	O	O		O

Longspurs				
__ Lapland Longspur	R			R

Wood Warblers				
__ Louisiana Waterthrush *		O	O	
__ Northern Waterthrush		U		
__ Golden-winged Warbler		R		
__ Blue-winged Warbler		R		
__ Black-and-white Warbler *		U	U	
__ Prothonotary Warbler *		C	C	
__ Swainson's Warbler *		U	U	
__ Tennessee Warbler		FC		
__ Nashville Warbler		U		
__ Mourning Warbler		R		
__ Kentucky Warbler *		U	U	
__ Common Yellowthroat *		C	C	FC
__ Hooded Warbler		R	R	
__ American Redstart		U		
__ Cerulean Warbler *		R	R	
__ Northern Parula *		FC	FC	
__ Magnolia Warbler		U		
__ Blackburnian Warbler		R		
__ Yellow Warbler		U		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler		R		
__ Blackpoll Warbler		R		
__ Palm Warbler		R		
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	U			U
__ Yellow-throated Warbler *		O	O	
__ Black-throated Green Warbler		R		
__ Wilson's Warbler		R		
__ Yellow-breasted Chat *		U	U	

New World Sparrows				
__ Eastern Towhee *	O	O	O	O
__ American Tree Sparrow	V			
__ Chipping Sparrow	R	O		O

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__ Clay-colored Sparrow		R		
__ Field Sparrow *	U	U	U	U
__ Vesper Sparrow		O		O
__ Lark Sparrow *		O	R	
__ Savannah Sparrow	C	C		C
__ Grasshopper Sparrow *		R	R	
__ Henslow's Sparrow		V		
__ LeConte's Sparrow	R			R
__ Nelson's Sparrow				R
__ Fox Sparrow	U			U
__ Song Sparrow	FC	FC		FC
__ Lincoln's Sparrow		U		U
__ Swamp Sparrow	FC	FC		FC
__ White-throated Sparrow	C	C		C
__ Harris's Sparrow	R			R
__ White-crowned Sparrow	U	U	V	U
__ Dark-eyed Junco	U	U		U

Tanagers, Cardinals and Grosbeaks				
__ Summer Tanager *		FC	FC	
__ Northern Cardinal *	C	C	C	C
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U		
__ Blue Grosbeak *		FC	FC	O
__ Indigo Bunting *		C	C	FC
__ Painted Bunting *		O	O	
__ Dickcissel *		C	C	U

Blackbirds and Orioles				
__ Bobolink		FC		O
__ Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	C	C
__ Eastern Meadowlark *	U	U	U	U
__ Western Meadowlark	R			
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird		V		
__ Rusty Blackbird	U	U		U
__ Brewer's Blackbird	U	U		U
__ Common Grackle *	U	U	U	U
__ Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	C

__ Orchard Oriole *		U	U	
__ Baltimore Oriole		O		

Finches				
__ House Finch	O	O	O	O
__ American Goldfinch	U	U	O	U

Old World Sparrows				
__ House Sparrow *	C	C	C	C

