

# Red River

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Bird List

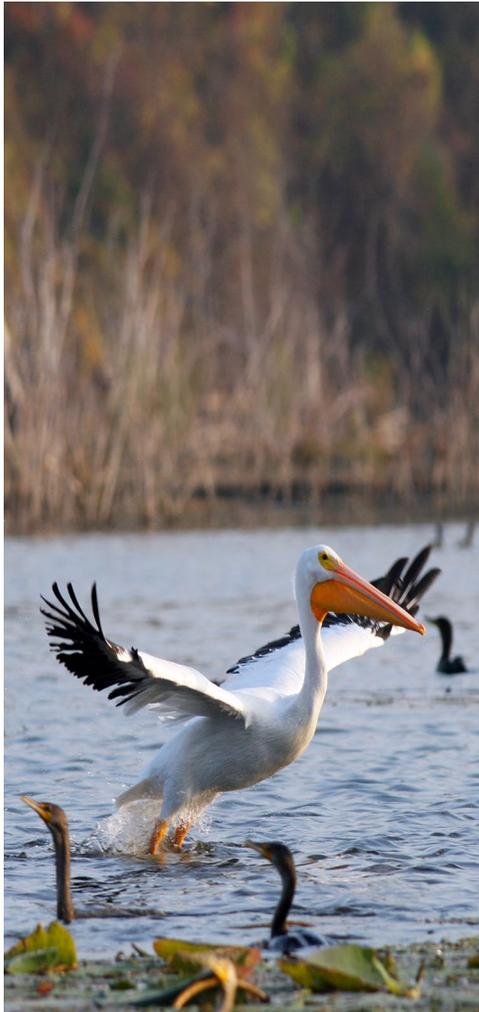


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*Red River NWR established in 2000, is the only National Wildlife Refuge located in Northwest Louisiana. It consists of four units along the Red River between Bossier City and Cloutierville. Eventually the Red River NWR will consist of 50,000 acres. The refuge objectives are to restore and conserve the Red River Valley's natural habitats and wildlife, provide habitat for migratory birds and provide technical assistance to private landowners.*

The refuge is comprised of a variety of habitats including mature bottomland hardwood forest, bald cypress sloughs, bayou and river frontage, reforested farmland, oxbow lakes, farmland and moist-soil impoundments.

Each unit of the refuge is in a different stage of succession providing different birding experiences and unlimited enjoyment for avid birders and beginners alike.

#### *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 at intervals of 2 to 5 years)

\* Known or suspected to have nested on refuge

This list includes 245 species of birds that have been observed by refuge personnel and local birders. Avian survey data were also used to contribute information. Please report observations of birds not currently on this list.

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	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>		<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Waterfowl</b>					<b>Hawks, Eagles &amp; Kites</b>				
___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	R	R			___ Osprey	U	O	U	O
___ Greater White-fronted Goose			C	C	___ Swallow-tailed Kite		R		
___ Snow Goose	U		C	A	___ *Mississippi Kite	U	C	U	
___ Ross' Goose			U	U	___ *Bald Eagle	U	U	O	U
___ Canada Goose	U	U	U	U	___ Northern Harrier			C	C
___ *Wood Duck	A	C	C	A	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	R	O	O
___ Gadwall	C	U	C	A	___ *Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U
___ American Wigeon	U		C	C	___ *Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Mallard	C	U	C	C	___ Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U	
___ Blue-winged Teal	C		C	O	___ *Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Shoveler	U		C	C	<b>True Falcons</b>				
___ Northern Pintail	C		C	C	___ *American Kestrel	C	U	C	C
___ Green-winged Teal	C		C	A	___ Merlin	R		R	O
___ Canvasback	U		U	C	<b>Rails, Gallinules, Coots &amp; Cranes</b>				
___ Redhead	U		U	C	___ King Rail	O		O	
___ Ring-necked Duck	U		C	A	___ Virginia Rail	O		O	R
___ Greater Scaup				R	___ Sora	U		U	O
___ Lesser Scaup	U		U	C	___ *Purple Gallinule	R	R		
___ Bufflehead				R	___ *Common Moorhen	C	C	U	U
___ Common Goldeneye	R			R	___ *American Coot	A	O	A	A
___ *Hooded Merganser	C		U	C	<b>Plovers</b>				
___ Ruddy Duck	U		C	C	___ American Golden Plover	U		R	
<b>Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)</b>					___ Black-bellied Plover	O		O	
___ *Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	___ Semipalmated Plover	R		O	
___ *Northern Bobwhite	O	O	O	O	___ Piping Plover		O	R	
<b>Loons &amp; Grebes</b>					___ *Killdeer	C	C	C	C
___ Common Loon	R			U	<b>Avocets &amp; Sandpipers</b>				
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	C	O	C	C	___ *Black-necked Stilt	U	U	U	
<b>Pelicans, Cormorants &amp; Darters</b>					___ Greater Yellowlegs	C	O	C	O
___ American White Pelican	C	O	O	C	___ Lesser Yellowlegs	C	U	C	
___ *Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	A	C	___ Solitary Sandpiper	U	O	U	
___ *Anhinga	C	C	O	U	___ Willet		R		
<b>Bitterns, Herons, &amp; Egrets</b>					___ Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	R	
___ American Bittern	R		R		___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	O	O		
___ Least Bittern		U			___ Western Sandpiper		U		
___ *Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	___ Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	O
___ *Great Egret	A	A	A	A	___ White-rumped Sandpiper	O			
___ *Snowy Egret	C	C	C	U	___ Pectoral Sandpiper	C	U	C	
___ *Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	U	___ Stilt Sandpiper	U		U	
___ Tricolored Heron	U	U			___ Dunlin	O		O	
___ *Cattle Egret	A	A	C	O	___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper			R	
___ *Green Heron	C	C	O		___ Short-billed Dowitcher	R		O	R
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	U	U	U	___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U		C	U
___ *Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	U	C	U		___ Common Snipe	C		O	C
<b>Ibises, Spoonbills, Storks &amp; New World Vultures</b>					___ American Woodcock	U			U
___ *White Ibis	C	A	A	U	___ Bonaparte's Gull	U			C
___ White-faced Ibis	R		R		___ Ring-billed Gull	A		O	A
___ Roseate Spoonbill		R	R		___ Herring Gull	U			C
___ Wood Stork		O	U		___ Caspian Tern		U	U	
___ *Black Vulture	C	C	C	C	___ Forster's Tern	U		U	C
___ *Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	___ *Least Tern		U		

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	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
<b>Pigeons &amp; Doves</b>					___ Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	U
___ *Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	___ Warbling Vireo	U	O	U	
___ Eurasian Collared Dove	U	U	U	U	___ Philadelphia Vireo	O		O	
___ White-winged Dove	R				___ *Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	U	
___ *Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A	<b>Jays &amp; Crows</b>				
___ *Inca Dove	C	C	C	C	___ *Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<b>Cuckoos</b>					___ *American Crow	C	C	C	C
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C		___ *Fish Crow	C	C	C	C
___ Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U	<b>Larks</b>				
<b>Owls</b>					___ Horned Lark	U	U		U
___ *Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	<b>Martins &amp; Swallows</b>				
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U	___ *Purple Martin	C	C	U	
___ *Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	___ Tree Swallow	U	O	C	
___ *Barred Owl	C	C	C	C	___ *N. Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	
<b>Nightjars</b>					___ *Cliff Swallow	C	C	U	
___ *Common Nighthawk	C	U	C		___ *Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
___ *Chuck-will's Widow	U	U	O		<b>Chickadees &amp; Titmice</b>				
<b>Swifts &amp; Hummingbirds</b>					___ *Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
___ *Chimney Swift	A	A	A		___ *Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C
___ *Ruby-throat. Hummingbird	C	C	C		<b>Nuthatches</b>				
<b>Kingfishers</b>					___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	O
___ *Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C	___ *White-breasted Nuthatch	U	O	U	U
<b>Woodpeckers</b>					___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
___ *Red-headed Woodpecker	C	C	U	U	<b>Creepers</b>				
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	___ Brown Creeper	U			U
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	C	<b>Wrens</b>				
___ *Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	___ *Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C
___ *Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	___ Bewick's Wren			R	O
___ *Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	___ House Wren	U		O	U
___ *Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	___ Winter Wren	U		O	U
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>					___ Sedge Wren	O		O	U
___ *Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	U		___ Marsh Wren	U		O	U
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R		R		<b>Kinglets &amp; Gnatcatchers</b>				
___ *Acadian Flycatcher	C	C	C		___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	O		U	U
___ Alder Flycatcher	R		R		___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		C	C
___ Willow Flycatcher	R		R		___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	O	O
___ Least Flycatcher	R		R		<b>Thrushes</b>				
___ Eastern Phoebe	C	U	C	C	___ *Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C
___ Vermilion Flycatcher				R	___ Veery	R			
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher				R	___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R			
___ *Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U			___ Swainson's Thrush	O		R	
___ Western Kingbird		O			___ Hermit Thrush	U	O		U
___ *Eastern Kingbird	C	C	O		___ *Wood Thrush	U	U		
___ *Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	C	U	O	___ *American Robin	C	U	A	A
<b>Shrikes</b>					<b>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers</b>				
___ *Loggerhead Shrike	U	U	U	U	___ *Gray Catbird	U	O	U	O
<b>Vireos</b>					___ *Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
___ *White-eyed Vireo	C	C	U		___ *Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	C
___ Bell's Vireo	R								
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	O						

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<b>Starlings</b>					___ Song Sparrow	C		O	C
___ *European Starling	C	C	A	A	___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	O
					___ Swamp Sparrow	C		U	C
<b>Pipits</b>					___ White-throated Sparrow	A		U	A
___ American Pipit	U		U	U	___ Harris' Sparrow	O			O
					___ White-crowned Sparrow	C		U	C
<b>Waxings</b>					___ Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	C
___ Cedar Waxwing	A		U	C	___ Lapland Longspur				O
<b>Wood Warblers</b>					<b>New World Finches</b>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	U		U		___ *Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A
___ Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		O	
___ Tennessee Warbler	U		U		___ *Blue Grosbeak	U	U	O	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	O		U	C	___ *Indigo Bunting	C	C	U	
___ Nashville Warbler	O		R		___ *Painted Bunting	U	U	U	
___ *Northern Parula	C	U	C		___ *Dickcissel	A	C	O	
___ Yellow Warbler	U		U		___ Bobolink	U		R	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		O		<b>Blackbirds</b>				
___ Magnolia Warbler	U		O		___ *Red-winged Blackbird	A	C	C	A
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		U	C	___ *Eastern Meadowlark	A	A	C	C
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		___ Western Meadowlark	O			O
___ Blackburnian Warbler	O		R		___ Rusty Blackbird	U			U
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler	C	U			___ Brewer's Blackbird	R			U
___ *Prairie Warbler	U	O			___ *Common Grackle	A	C	C	A
___ *Pine Warbler	C	C	C	C	___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	A	A	A	A
___ Palm Warbler	O			O	___ *Orchard Oriole	C	C	O	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		___ *Baltimore Oriole	C	C	O	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		<b>Old World Finches</b>				
___ Black-and-white Warbler	U	U	O		___ House Finch	C	U	U	C
___ American Redstart	U		U		___ Purple Finch	O		O	U
___ *Prothonotary Warbler	C	C	U		___ American Goldfinch	C		U	C
___ *Worm-eating Warbler	R	R	R		<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
___ Swainson's Warbler	U		U		___ House Sparrow	C	C	U	U
___ Northern Waterthrush	U		O		<b>Ethics for Birdwatching</b>				
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush	U	U	O		Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation. <b>*Do not remove bird nests or any bird parts from the refuge. This is a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.</b>				
___ *Kentucky Warbler	U	U	O		Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.				
___ Mourning Warbler	O		O		Please 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.				
___ *Common Yellowthroat	C	C	U	U					
___ *Hooded Warbler	C	C	U						
___ Wilson's Warbler	O		U						
___ Canada Warbler	O		O						
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	C	U	U						
<b>Tanagers</b>									
___ *Summer Tanager	C	C	U						
___ Scarlet Tanager	O		O						
<b>Sparrows</b>									
___ Eastern Towhee	U		O	C					
___ *Chipping Sparrow	A	U	U	A					
___ *Field sparrow	C	U	U	C					
___ Vesper Sparrow	O		U	U					
___ *Lark Sparrow	U		O	U					
___ Savannah Sparrow	A		C	A					
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	U	R		R					
___ Henslow's Sparrow				O					
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	O		O	U					
___ Fox Sparrow	O		O	U					

**Sighting Notes**

*Date*

*Time*

*Weather*

*Number of species*

*Route or area*

*Observers*

*Remarks*