

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Bayou Cocodrie

*National Wildlife Refuge  
Bird List*



*Bayou Cocodrie  
National Wildlife Refuge  
represent one of the most  
valuable and productive  
wildlife habitat types in  
Concordia Parish,  
Louisiana and  
throughout the  
southeastern United  
States. Established in  
1990, the refuge protects  
some of the last  
remaining, least  
disturbed bottomland  
hardwoods in the  
Mississippi River Delta.  
This 13,168 acre refuge  
provides habitat for  
migrating waterfowl and  
resident wood ducks,  
breeding neo-tropical  
songbirds and feeding  
shorebirds.*

*Bayou Cocodrie  
National  
Wildlife  
Refuge*



*This blue goose,  
designed by  
“Ding Darling,”  
has become a  
symbol of the  
National  
Wildlife Refuge  
System.*

*Symbols used in  
this list are  
defined as  
follows*

The seasons bring about marked changes in both species and abundance of birdlife. Best opportunities for observing the greatest variety and number of birds are during the fall and spring. Waterfowl are most easily seen on the refuge from mid-November through late December. Neotropical songbirds are best viewed during the spring and summer. Shorebirds are most common during late spring and early fall.

This list is in accordance with the A.O.U. Checklist as amended. Enjoy your visit!

**Sp-** Spring - March-May  
**S-** Summer - June-August  
**F-** Fall - September-November  
**W-** Winter - December-February  
**\*** Nest on Refuge



*photo: USFWS*

**a**-abundant  
a common  
species which  
is very  
numerous

**c**-common  
certain to be  
seen or  
heard 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

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Grebes</b>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe	u	r	u	u
<b>Pelicans and their Allies</b>				
___ White Pelicans	o	o	o	o
___ Brown Pelicans	r	r	r	r
___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	a	a
___ Anhinga*	u	c	u	r
<b>Hérons, Egrets and their Allies</b>				
___ American Bittern	r		r	
___ Least Bittern	r	r	r	
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	a	c	c
___ Great Egret*	c	a	c	u
___ Snowy Egret*	c	a	c	r
___ Little Blue Heron*	c	a	c	
___ Cattle Egret*	c	a	c	u
___ Green-backed Heron*	c	c	u	
___ Blacked-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	u	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	u	a	u	
<b>Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork</b>				
___ White Ibis	u	c	u	
___ Roseate Spoonbill				
___ Wood Stork			r	
<b>Waterfowl</b>				
___ Greater White-fronted Goose				u
___ Snow Goose				u
___ Ross' Goose				o
___ Canada Goose				o
___ Wood Duck*	a	a	a	a
___ Green-winged Teal			c	u
___ American Black Duck				r
___ Mottled Duck				u
___ Mallard				a
___ Northern Pintail				c
___ Blue-winged Teal			c	r
___ Northern Shoveler			c	r
___ Gadwall			c	c
___ American Wigeon				u
___ Ring-necked Duck				u
___ Greater Scaup				r
___ Lesser Scaup				u
___ Hooded Merganser*	u	c	u	u
<b>Vultures, Hawks and Allies</b>				
___ Black Vulture*	a	a	a	a
___ Turkey Vulture*	a	a	a	a
___ Osprey	r			
___ Mississippi Kite*	c	c	c	
___ Bald Eagle	r	r	r	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Northern Harrier			u	u
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	r	u	c
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	a	a	a	a
___ Broad-winged Hawk	u	r	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	u	c	a
___ American Kestrel	c	r	c	c
___ Merlin				r
<b>Gallinaceous birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)</b>				
___ Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Bobwhite*	u	u	u	u
<b>Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes</b>				
___ King Rail	r		r	
___ Sora	u		u	
___ Common Moorhen	r		r	
___ American Coot	u		u	c
<b>Shorebirds</b>				
___ Killdeer*	a	a	a	a
___ Greater Yellowlegs	u		u	r
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	r
___ Solitary Sandpiper	c		u	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	r
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u		u	
___ Least Sandpiper	u		u	u
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	u		u	
___ Western Sandpiper	u		u	r
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	u		u	u
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	r		r	
___ Common Snipes	u		u	c
___ American Woodcock	u		u	c
___ Ringed-billed Gull	u		u	u
<b>Pigeons, Doves</b>				
___ Rock Dove	r	r	r	r
___ Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	a
___ Common Ground-Dove				r
<b>Cuckoos</b>				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	u		r	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	a	u	
<b>Owls</b>				
___ Common Barn Owl	r	r	r	r
___ Eastern Screech Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	a	a	a	a

**Nightjars**

\_\_\_ Common Nighthawk

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c

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\_\_\_ Chuck-will's-widow

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c

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\_\_\_ Whip-poor-will

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**Swifts, Hummingbirds**

\_\_\_ Chimney Swift\*

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c

c

\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird\*

a

a

c

**Kingfishers**

\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher

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c

c

c

**Woodpeckers**

\_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker\*

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c

c

a

\_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker\*

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a

a

a

\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

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c

\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker\*

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c

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\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker\*

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\_\_\_ Northern Flicker

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\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker\*

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c

**Flycatchers**

\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee\*

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c

c

\_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher\*

a

a

a

\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe

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\_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher\*

c

a

c

\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird

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c

c

\_\_\_ Horned Lark\*

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c

**Martins and Swallows**

\_\_\_ Purple Martin

c

c

c

\_\_\_ Tree Swallow

c

c

\_\_\_ Northern Roughed-winged Swallow

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c

\_\_\_ Barn Swallow

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**Jays and Crows**

\_\_\_ Blue Jay\*

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\_\_\_ American Crow\*

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\_\_\_ Fish Crow

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\_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee\*

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\_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse\*

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**Nuthatches**

\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch

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\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch

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\_\_\_ Brown-headed Nuthatch

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**Creepers**

\_\_\_ Brown Creeper

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	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Wrens</b>				
___ Carolina Wren*	a	a	a	a
___ House Wren	r		r	u
___ Winter Wren	r		r	u
___ Sedge Wren	r		r	u
<b>Kinglets and Gnatcatchers</b>				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		u	c
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	a		c	a
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	a	a	a	r
<b>Bluebirds, Thrushes and Robin</b>				
___ Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c
___ Veery	u		r	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	c		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	c		u	
___ Hermit Thrush	c		u	c
___ Wood Thrush*	c	u	u	
___ American Robin	c	r	c	c
<b>Thrashers</b>				
___ Gray Catbird	c	r	c	r
___ Northern Mockingbird*	u	u	u	u
___ Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c
<b>Pipits</b>				
___ American Pipit	r		r	u
<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwings	c		r	c
<b>Starling</b>				
___ European Starling	u	u	u	u
<b>Shrike</b>				
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	c	c	c	c
<b>Vireos</b>				
___ White-eyed Vireo*	a	a	a	r
___ Blue-headed Vireo			u	u
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	u	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	a	a	a	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	u		u	
<b>Warblers</b>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	c		u	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	c		u	
___ Tennessee Warbler	c		u	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	c		u	c
___ Northern Parula*	c	a	c	
___ Yellow warbler	u		c	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	c		u	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Magnolia Warbler	c		u	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		u	a
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	c		u	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	c		u	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Pine Warbler	r		r	u
___ Prairie Warbler	u		u	
___ Palm Warbler	u		u	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	c		u	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	c		u	
___ Cerulean Warbler	u		u	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	c		c	
___ American Redstart*	c	u	c	
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	a	a	a	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	u		u	
___ Swainson's Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Ovenbird	c		u	
___ Northern Waterthrush	c		u	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	c		u	
___ Kentucky Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	u	c	u
___ Hooded Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler	c		u	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	c	

### **Tanagers**

___ Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	
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### **New World Finches**

___ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c		u	
___ Blue Grosbeak	c	u	c	
___ Indigo Bunting*	a	a	a	
___ Painted Bunting*	c	c	c	
___ Dickcissel*	c	c	c	
___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	c	c	c	c

### **Sparrows**

___ Chipping Sparrow	u		u	r
___ Field Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Savannah Sparrow	c		u	c
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Song Sparrow	c		u	c
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		u	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		u	a
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		u	c
___ Lapland Longspur				u



	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles</b>				
___ Bobolink	c		u	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c
___ Rusty Blackbird	u		u	u
___ Brewer's Blackbird	r		r	r
___ Common Grackle*	u	u	u	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	a	a	a	a
___ Orchard Oriole*	c	u	u	u
___ Baltimore Oriole	c		u	
<b>Old World Finches</b>				
___ Purple Finch			u	u
___ House Finch	r	r	r	r
___ Pine Siskin				u
___ American Goldfinch	u		u	c
<b>Weaver Finches</b>				
___ House Sparrow	r	r	r	r

### Ethics for Birdwatching

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.

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.

**Do not litter!** Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.



photo: Nick Milam

**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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