

Holla Bend

National Wildlife Refuges Bird List



Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1957 primarily as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl, and is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge is located in the Arkansas River Valley about 8 miles from the town of Dardanelle. Holla Bend NWR contains 7,057 acres of diversified wildlife habitat including agricultural fields, mixed forest, irregularly flooded timber, mudflats and open water.

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Season abundance

Because of the Refuge's habitat diversity and geographical location near the transitional zone for eastern and western species, a birding visit may be unusually rewarding. Ducks in numbers often exceeding 30,000 are common sights funneling into grain fields during December and January. Mallards make up 90% of the flight but American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Gadwall and Green-winged Teal are also common. Snow and Canada Geese, along with lesser numbers of Greater White-fronted and Ross' Geese, are usually found resting in the old river channel or feeding in the wheat, corn and milo fields along with the ducks. Bald Eagles frequent the refuge November through February and occasional Golden Eagles may also be observed. These magnificent birds perch regally on solitary large trees scattered throughout the farm unit and along the river bank. The Greater Roadrunner resides in limited numbers and the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher is common from spring through fall. Northern Bobwhites and Mourning Doves find the farmland and edges to be ideal year round as do seasonal residents or migrants such as Bobolinks and many species of sparrows. A variety of herons, egrets, and shorebirds frequent the pools and mudflats. Seven species of owls, including Burrowing and Long-eared, have occurred in proper habitat on the refuge. Numerous vireos, warblers, buntings and orioles inhabit the woodlands, especially during migration and some remain to nest.

How to use your checklist

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. Taxonomy and nomenclature of this list follow the Checklist of North American Birds. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

- SP Spring, March – May
- S Summer, June – July
- F Fall, August – November
- W Winter, December – February

- 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)

This checklist includes 266 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at refuge headquarters. We will appreciate your help in updating our records.



photo: Tim Carr

king fisher



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eastern wild turkey

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Loons and Grebes

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Common Loon				r
Pied-billed Grebe	c	r	c	c
Horned Grebe				r
Eared Grebe				r

Pelicans and Allies

American White Pelican	u		u	c
Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	c
Anhinga				r

Hérons, Egrets, Ibises and Vultures

American Bittern		o		o
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	o	c	c	u
Snowy Egret		o		
Little Blue Heron	r	r		
Cattle Egret	r	r		
Green Heron	u	u	u	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		r		
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		r		
White Ibis		r		
Glossy Ibis	r		r	
Wood Stork			r	
Black Vulture	c	u	c	c
Turkey Vulture	a	a	a	a

Swans, Geese and Ducks

Greater White-fronted Goose				o
Snow Goose	u		c	c
Ross' Goose	u		u	o
Canada Goose	c	u	c	c
Cackling Goose				r
Trumpeter Swan	o			o
Tundra Swan				r
Wood Duck	c	u	o	c
Gadwall	u		c	c
American Wigeon	u		c	c
American Black Duck	r		r	r
Mallard	u	u	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	u	u	c	o
Northern Shoveler	u		c	c
Northern Pintail	u		o	o
Green-winged Teal			o	o
Canvasback				r
Redhead	r	r	r	
Ring-necked Duck	u		u	o
Greater Scaup				r
Lesser Scaup	u		u	r
Bufflehead			u	r
Common Goldeneye				r
Hooded Merganser	u	u	u	u
Red-breasted Merganser				r
Common Merganser			u	u
Rudy Duck			r	r
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	r			r

Hawks and Falcons

Osprey	u	r	u	
Bald Eagle	c	u	c	c
Northern Harrier	c	o	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	r		u	o
Cooper's Hawk	r		r	o
Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	c	c

Broad-winged Hawk				
Swainson's Hawk	o			
Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk				r
Golden Eagle				r
American Kestrel	o		o	o
Merlin				r
Peregrine Falcon			r	r
Prairie Falcon				r
Mississippi Kite	a	a		

Turkey and Quail

Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c
Northern Bobwhite	c	c	c	c

Rails, Gallinules and Cranes

Sora	r		r	
American Coot	r		c	u
Sandhill Crane	r			

Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls, and Terns

Black-bellied Plover	o		u	
American Golden-Plover	o			
Semipalmated Plover	u	r	r	
Killdeer	c	c	c	c
American Avocet				r
Greater Yellowlegs	o		u	
Lesser Yellowlegs	u			
Solitary Sandpiper	o			
Upland Sandpiper	r		o	
Hudsonian Godwit	o			
Ruddy Turnstone				o
Sanderling	o			
Semipalmated Sandpiper	r			
Baird's Sandpiper	r			
Western Sandpiper	r			
Least Sandpiper	u			
White-rumped Sandpiper	r			
Spotted Sandpiper	u	r		
Pectoral Sandpiper	o			
Dunlin	r			
Stilt Sandpiper	r			
Short-billed Dowitcher	r			
Long-billed Dowitcher	u			o
Wilson's Snipe	u		u	c
American Woodcock	u			r
Wilson's Phalarope	u		u	
Franklin's Gull			r	
Bonaparte's Gull				r
Ring-billed Gull	u		c	c
Laughing Gull			r	
Herring Gull				r
Caspian Tern		r		
Forster's Tern	o			
Least Tern		r		
Black Tern	u	o	u	
Willet	r			

Doves

Rock Dove	o			o
Morning Dove	a	a	a	a
Eurasian Collared Dove				r
Common Ground Dove	r			

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	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Cuckoos and Roadrunners				
Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	o	
Greater Roadrunner	r			u

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Owls				
Barn Owl	o	o	o	o
Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	o
Burrowing Owl				r
Barred Owl	u	u	u	u
Long-eared Owl				r
Short-eared Owl			r	u

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Goatsuckers				
Common Nighthawk	u	u	c	
Chuck-will's-widow	u	u		
Whip-poor-will	r	r		

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Swifts and Hummingbirds				
Chimney Swift	o	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	u	

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Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	c

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Woodpeckers				
Red-headed Woodpecker	c	o	o	u
Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o		o	c
Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker	o	u	r	o
Northern Flicker	c	o	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Flycatchers				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c		
Acadian Flycatcher	u	u		
Alder Flycatcher	u			
Least Flycatcher	u			
Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	c
Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c		
Western Kingbird	r			
Eastern Kingbird	c	c		
Willow Flycatcher	u	u		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r			
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	c	c	c	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Shrikes				
Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	o

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Vireos				
White-eyed Vireo	c	c	u	
Bell's Vireo	c	c		
Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u		
Warbling Vireo	o			
Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
Blue-headed Vireo	r			r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Jays and Crows				
Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
American Crow	a	a	a	a
Fish Crow	c	c	u	u

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Larks				
Horned Lark	o	u	u	o

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Swallows				
Purple Martin		o		
Tree Swallow	c	r	u	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	o	
Bank Swallow	r	r		
Cliff Swallow	c	c	u	
Barn Swallow	c	o	c	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Chickadees and Titmice				
Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch				r
White-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o	o

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Creepers				
Brown Creeper				u

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Wrens				
Carolina Wren	a	c	c	a
Bewick's Wren				o
House Wren				o
Winter Wren				u
Sedge Wren			u	r
Marsh Wren	r		r	r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet			u	c
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			o	c

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Gnatcatchers				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird	c	c	u	c
Gray-cheeked Thrush	r			
Swainson's Thrush	r			
Hermit Thrush				u
Wood Thrush	r			
American Robin	c	c	a	a

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Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies				
Gray Catbird	o	o	o	
Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c

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Starlings				
European Starling	o	c	c	c

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Pipits				
American Pipit			r	o

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Waxwing				
Cedar Waxwing	c		r	c

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Wood Warblers				
Tennessee Warbler	u			
Orange-crowned Warbler			r	r
Nashville Warbler	u			
Northern Parula	c	c		

