

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

North Louisiana

Refuges Complex Bird List



Prothonotary Warbler

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D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1975, is a 17,421-acre tract that was set aside to preserve bottomland hardwood forests. This refuge also contains permanent open water, a portion of Bayou D'Arbonne, grass/shrub habitat, and upland pines. The Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1978 and encompasses nearly 43,000 acres, including the Mollicy Unit. The original refuge consists of bottomland hardwoods, whereas the 16,000-acre Mollicy tract was an agricultural area, much of which has been restored to bottomland hardwoods.



purple gallinule

Black Bayou Lake NWR, established in 1997, is 4,500 acres which include a 1,600-acre cypress lake, a 3-acre demonstration prairie and an arboretum. Five hundred acres of wetland habitat (shallow lake) are available to waterfowl and wading birds at Handy Brake NWR.



This blue goose, designed by J. N. "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Red-cockaded Woodpeckers can be seen in the upland pine stands on D'Arbonne NWR throughout the year. Birders interested in observing waterfowl will want to visit all refuges during the winter, but particularly in January. Bald Eagles may also be seen at Upper Ouachita and D'Arbonne refuges throughout the winter.

Backwater flooding limits access to many areas during the flooding season. However, there are several boat ramps on or adjacent to the refuges. Some areas are closed to public entry.

This list contains 239 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. Contact: Refuge Manager, 11372 Hwy 143 Farmerville, LA 71241 (phone 318-726-4222).

How to use this checklist

This bird list conforms to the nomenclature and arrangement established by the American Ornithologists' Union (2006). Symbols used in this brochure represent the following:

Seasonal Appearance

- Sp Spring (March-May)
- S Summer (June-August)
- F Fall (September-November)
- W Winter (December-February)



eagle

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

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Waterfowl				
___ Greater White-fronted Goose			c	c
___ Snow Goose			u	c
___ Ross's Goose			o	u
___ Canada Goose			o	o
___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	r	r		
___ *Wood Duck	a	c	c	a
___ Gadwall	c		c	c
___ American Wigeon	c		u	c
___ American Black Duck			o	o
___ Mallard	a	r	a	a
___ *Mottled Duck	o	o	o	o
___ Blue-winged Teal	c		c	u
___ Northern Shoveler	u		c	c
___ Northern Pintail	c		c	c
___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	a
___ Canvasback	u			u
___ Redhead	o			o
___ Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
___ Greater Scaup				r
___ Lesser Scaup	u		u	c
___ Bufflehead	o		o	o
___ *Hooded Merganser	u		u	u
___ Common Merganser	o		o	o
___ Red-breasted Merganser	o			o
___ Ruddy Duck	o		u	u
Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)				
___ *Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
___ *Northern Bobwhite	o	o	o	o
Grebes				
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	u	u	c	c
___ Horned Grebe			r	r

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Pelicans, Cormorants & Darters				
___ American White Pelican	o	o	o	o
___ *Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	a	c
___ *Anhinga	c	c	c	r
Bitterns, Herons & Egrets				
___ American Bittern	o	o		u
___ Least Bittern				r
___ *Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
___ *Great Egret	a	a	c	u
___ *Snowy Egret	u	c	o	
___ *Little Blue Heron	u	c	o	
___ Tricolored Heron		o	o	
___ *Cattle Egret	c	c	c	u
___ *Green Heron	c	c	o	
___ Black-crowned Night-heron	u	u	u	
___ *Yellow-crowned Night-heron	u	c	u	
Ibises, Spoonbills, Storks & New World Vultures				
___ *White Ibis	o	u	u	
___ Roseate Spoonbill		r	r	
___ Wood Stork		o	o	
___ *Black Vulture	c	c	c	c
___ *Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
Hawks, Eagles & Kites				
___ Osprey	o		o	o
___ *Mississippi Kite	u	c	u	
___ *Bald Eagle	u	u	o	u
___ Northern Harrier	u		c	c
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	u	u
___ *Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
___ *Red-shouldered Hawk	c	c	u	u
___ Broad-winged Hawk	o	o	u	
___ *Red-tailed Hawk	c	u	u	c
___ Golden Eagle			o	o
True Falcons				
___ *American Kestrel	u	r	u	u
___ Merlin	r		r	r
___ Peregrine Falcon	o		o	o
Rails, Gallinules, Coots & Cranes				
___ King Rail			o	o
___ Virginia Rail			o	o
___ Sora			o	o
___ *Purple Gallinule	o	o		
___ *Common Moorhen	o	o	o	o
___ *American Coot	a	c	c	a

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Plovers				
___ American Golden-Plover	o			
___ Black-bellied Plover	o		o	
___ Semipalmated Plover	o		o	
___ Piping Plover	o		o	
___ *Killdeer	c	c	c	c
Avocets & Sandpipers				
___ *Black-necked Stilt	u	o	u	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	u	o	u	o
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u	o	u	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	u	o	u	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	o	o	u	
___ Upland Sandpiper	o		o	
___ Whimbrel			r	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c		u	
___ Western Sandpiper	c	o	c	
___ Least Sandpiper	c	o	u	r
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	c	o	c	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	o	o	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o	u	o
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	o	o	u	o
___ Common Snipe	u		o	u
___ *American Woodcock	u	o	o	u
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers				
___ Bonaparte's Gull			o	o
___ Ring-billed Gull			o	o
___ Herring Gull			o	o
___ Caspian Tern			o	o
___ Forster's Tern			o	o
___ Least Tern			o	o
___ Black Tern			o	o
Pigeons & Doves				
___ Rock Dove	u	u	u	u
___ *Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
Cuckoos				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	c	
___ *Greater Roadrunner	o	o	o	o
Owls				
___ Barn Owl	r	r	r	r
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
___ *Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
___ *Barred Owl	c	c	c	c
___ Short-eared Owl				r

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Nightjars				
___*Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	
___*Chuck-will's-widow	u	u	u	r
___Whip-poor-will	u		u	
Swifts & Hummingbirds				
___*Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
___*Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	u	o
Kingfishers				
___*Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	c
Woodpeckers				
___*Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___*Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			u	c
___*Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___*Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___*Red-cockaded Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___*Northern Flicker	u	u	c	c
___*Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Tyrant Flycatchers				
___*Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	c	u	
___*Acadian Flycatcher	c	c	c	
___Eastern Phoebe	u	r	c	c
___*Great Crested Flycatcher	c	u	c	
___*Eastern Kingbird	c	c	c	
___Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	o	r	o	
___Vermilion Flycatcher				r
Shrikes				
___*Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	c
Vireos				
___*White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	r
___*Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	u	
___Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	u
___*Warbling Vireo	o	o		
___Philadelphia Vireo	o		o	
___*Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	u	
Jays & Crows				
___*Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
___*American Crow	a	a	a	a
___*Fish Crow	c	u	u	u
Larks				
___Horned Lark	u	r	u	u

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Martins & Swallows				
___ *Purple Martin	u	u	u	
___ Tree Swallow	u		c	
___ *N. Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
___ Bank Swallow	o		o	
___ *Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
Chickadees & Titmice				
___ *Carolina Chickadee	a	a	a	a
___ *Tufted Titmouse	a	a	a	a
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	u		u	u
___ *White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
___ *Brown-headed Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper			u	u
Wrens				
___ *Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c
___ Bewick's Wren			r	r
___ House Wren	o		o	o
___ Winter Wren			o	o
___ Sedge Wren	o		o	o
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			u	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	o		c	c
___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	u	o	o
Thrushes				
___ *Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c
___ Veery	o		o	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
___ Swainson's Thrush	o		o	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		c	c
___ *Wood Thrush	c	c	u	
___ *American Robin	c	u	a	a
Mockingbirds & Thrashers				
___ *Gray Catbird	u	u	u	u
___ *Northern Mockingbird	a	a	a	a
___ *Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c
Starlings				
___ European Starling	c	c	a	a
Pipits				
___ American Pipit	u		u	u

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Waxwings				
___ Cedar Waxwing	c		u	c
Wood Warblers				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	u		u	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	u		u	
___ Tennessee Warbler	u		u	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	o		u	c
___ Nashville Warbler	o		r	
___ *Northern Parula	c	c	u	
___ Yellow Warbler	u		u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
___ Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	r			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	u		u	c
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler	c	c	u	
___ *Pine Warbler	c	c	c	c
___ *Prairie Warbler	c	u	o	
___ Palm Warbler	u		u	r
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
___ Cerulean Warbler	r		r	
___ *Black-and-white Warbler	u	o	o	
___ American Redstart	u		o	
___ *Prothonotary Warbler	c	c	u	
___ *Worm-eating Warbler	o	o	o	
___ Swainson's Warbler	r	r	r	
___ Ovenbird	o		o	
___ Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush	u	u	o	
___ *Kentucky Warbler	c	u	u	
___ Mourning Warbler	o		o	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	u
___ *Hooded Warbler	c	c	u	
___ Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
___ Canada Warbler	o		o	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u	u	
Tanagers				
___ *Summer Tanager	c	c	u	
___ Scarlet Tanager	o		o	
Sparrows				
___ Eastern Towhee	c	c	c	c
___ *Bachman's Sparrow	o	o	o	o
___ *Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___ *Field Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___ Vesper Sparrow				o
___ Savannah Sparrow	u		c	a
___ Grasshopper Sparrow				r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Henslow's Sparrow				o
___ Le Conte's Sparrow				o
___ Fox Sparrow	o			u
___ Song Sparrow	o		u	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	o
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		u	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	a
___ White-crowned Sparrow	o		o	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco	u		u	c
___ Lapland Longspur				o

New World Finches

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

Blackbirds

___ *Red-winged Blackbird	a	c	c	a
___ *Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	c
___ Rusty Blackbird	o			o
___ Brewer's Blackbird	c		c	c
___ *Common Grackle	c	c	c	c
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	c
___ *Orchard Oriole	u	u	u	
___ *Baltimore Oriole	u	u	u	

Old World Finches

___ Purple Finch	o			u
___ Pine Siskin	o			u
___ American Goldfinch	u		c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak	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.

Please 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.

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Sighting Notes

Date _____

Time _____

Weather _____

No. of species _____

Route or area _____

Observers _____

Remarks _____



Robert Rickett

hummingbird

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