



Birds of Uvalde National Fish Hatchery

Welcome to birding at Uvalde National Fish Hatchery

The Uvalde National Fish Hatchery offers 100 acres of mesquite grasslands in the Rio Grande plains of southwest Texas—a wonderful place for birdwatchers. A two-acre wildlife pond situated within the property has two bird blinds. Since it is away from major highways and roads, it offers a peaceful environment perfect for viewing and hearing the different birds that come through the area.

The two bird blinds are located on the north corner of the station where it is considered the wetland area. This area attracts numerous species of ducks in the winter and provides feeding ground for herons, egrets and a variety of shore birds. Belted kingfishers and occasionally ringed kingfishers may be seen. Vermilion flycatchers and black phoebes hawk for insects over the water, while the surrounding shrubs provide cover for northern cardinals, pyrrhuloxias and migrant warblers. The grasslands surrounding the hatchery ponds support sparrows, scissor-tailed flycatchers and meadowlarks. Watch for occasional surprises such as osprey, American white pelican or even a Wilson's phalarope.

Please note and inform the station's office personnel of any new or unusual bird sightings that you might encounter during your visit.

This information came from the Uvalde County Birdlist and the Uvalde National Fish Hatchery Birdlist compiled by Susan Cooper, TAMU Ext Service, Lytle H. Blankenship, Ph D., and June Osborne, Texas Hill Country River Region.

How to use your checklist

This list was developed using hatchery observations and studies reported since 1940. The 193 species are listed in accordance with the 7th edition (1998) A.O.U. Checklist and the 42nd Supplement to the A.O.U. Checklist. (July 2000).

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

Occurrence

Sp Spring March - May

Su Summer June - July

F Fall August - November

W Winter December - February

Abundance

A Abundant. Present, widespread, and conspicuous

C Common. Present in smaller numbers and/or not widespread.

U Uncommon. Present but harder to find and/or habitat limited.

O Occasional. Not always present or found.

R Rare. Scarce. Generally only a few records per year. Not expected.

X Accidental. Usually a single record.

Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W
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Grebes

___Least Grebe	R	R	R	R
___Pied-billed Grebe	C	U	C	C
___Horned Grebe			R	R
___Eared Grebe	R	R	R	R

Pelicans

___American White Pelican	Hypothetical			
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Cormorants

___Double-crested Cormorant	U	R	U	C
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Herons, Bitterns, and Allies

___Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___Great Egret	O	O	O	O
___Snowy Egret	R			
___Little Blue Heron	R			
___Cattle Egret	U	C	R	
___Green Heron	C	C	U	R
___Black-cr. Night-Heron	U	U		

New World Vultures

___Black Vulture	C	C	U	U
___Turkey Vulture	A	A	C	C

Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W
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Ducks, Geese, and Swans

___Black-bel. Whistling-Duck	C	C	U	
___Gr. White-fronted Goose			R	O
___Snow Goose				X
___Canada Goose				O
___Wood Duck	R	R	R	R
___Gadwall	U		C	C
___American Wigeon	U		U	U
___Mallard				R
___Blue-winged Teal	U	U	C	C
___Cinnamon Teal	O			R
___Northern Shoveler	U			U
___Northern Pintail				U
___Green-winged Teal	U		U	U
___Ring-necked Duck	U		U	U
___Greater Scaup				R
___Lesser Scaup	U			U
___Bufflehead	R		R	R
___Ruddy Duck	O		O	R

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

___Osprey	O	O	O	
___White-tailed Kite		R	R	
___Mississippi Kite	U		U	
___Northern Harrier	U		U	U
___Sharp-shinned Hawk	R		U	U
___Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U
___Harris's Hawk	R		R	R
___Red-shouldered Hawk	O	R	R	O
___Swainson's Hawk	O		O	
___Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
___Ferruginous Hawk	O		O	O
___Rough-legged Hawk			X	X

Caracaras and Falcons

___Crested Caracara				X
___American Kestrel	U	R	O	C
___Merlin			R	
___Peregrine Falcon			R	R

New World Quail

___Scaled Quail				Hypothetical
___Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	U

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

___Sora	R		R	R
___Purple Gallinule	X			
___Common Moorhen				X
___American Coot	U	R	U	U

Cranes

___Sandhill Crane	U		U	C
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Plovers

___Collared Plover	X			
___Snowy Plover				X
___Killdeer	C	C	C	C
___Mountain Plover	R		R	

Stilts and Avocets

___Black-necked Stilt	U	U	U	
___American Avocet	O		O	

Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W	Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W	Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies					Vireos					Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies					
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U		U	U	___ White-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	U	___ Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U		R	R	___ Bell's Vireo	U	U	U	U	___ Pyrrhuloxia	U	U	U	U	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	R			___ Blue-headed Vireo	U			U	___ Blue Grosbeak	U	U	U		
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U	R	U	U	Crows and Jays					___ Indigo Bunting	U		U		
___ Whimbrel	X				___ Chihuahuan Raven	U	U	U	U	___ Painted Bunting	C	U	U		
___ Long-billed Curlew	O		O		Swallows					___ Dickeissel	U				
___ Sanderling			X		___ Purple Martin	U	U	O		Blackbirds					
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		U		___ Tree Swallow		R			___ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	U	U	
___ Western Sandpiper	U		U	U	___ N. Rough-wingd Swallow	U	C	U	R	___ Eastern Meadowlark	U		U	C	
___ Least Sandpiper	U	R	U	U	___ Bank Swallow	U	O	U		___ Western Meadowlark	U	U	U		
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	U	X			___ Cliff Swallow	C	U	U	R	___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	R		U	R	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	O		O		___ Cave Swallow	U	U	U	X	___ Brewer's Blackbird	U		U	U	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	R		R		___ Barn Swallow	C	C	U	R	___ Great-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	O	
___ Dunlin	X				Titmice					___ Bronzed Cowbird	U	U		O	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	U		R	R	___ Black-crested Titmouse	U	U	U	U	___ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	O	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	R				Verdins					___ Bullock's Oriole	U	U	U		
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	R		R		___ Verdin				Hypothetical	Finches					
___ Wilson's Snipe	O		O	C	Wrens					___ Purple Finch	O			O	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	X				___ Cactus Wren	U	U	U	U	___ House Finch	C	C	C	C	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	X				___ Carolina Wren	U	U	U	U	___ Lesser Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
Gulls and Terns					___ Bewick's Wren	U	U	U	U	___ American Goldfinch	U			U	
___ Franklin's Gull	O	O			___ House Wren	U		U	U	Old World Sparrows					
___ Common Tern	X				___ Marsh Wren				R	___ House Sparrow	A	A	A	A	
___ Black Tern	X				Kinglets					NOTES					
Pigeons and Doves					___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	O		O	U	Date _____ Time _____					
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	R	R	R	___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		U	C						
___ White-winged Dove	C	C	C	X	Gnatcatchers					Observers _____					
___ Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A	___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U	O						
___ Inca Dove	U	U	U	U	Thrushes					Weather _____					
___ Common Ground-Dove	R	R	R	R	___ American Robin	R		U	U						
Roadrunners and Allies					Mockingbirds and Thrashers					Species _____					
___ Greater Roadrunner	R	R	R	R	___ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C						
___ Groove-billed Ani				Hypothetical	___ Long-billed Thrasher	U	U	U	U	Comments _____					
Typical Owls					___ Curve-billed Thrasher	U	U	U	U						
___ Eastern Screech-Owl	X				Starlings					Please reuse or return to office Thank you					
___ Great Horned Owl			X		___ European Starling	C	C	C	C						
Goatsuckers					Pipits					June 2004					
___ Lesser Nighthawk	U	U	O		___ American Pipit	U		U	C						
___ Common Nighthawk	U	U	O		___ Sprague's Pipit	R			R						
Swifts					Waxwings										
___ Chimney Swift	U	U	O		___ Cedar Waxwing	U			U						
Hummingbirds					Wood-Warblers										
___ Ruby-throated Hmngbrd				Hypothetical	___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U									
___ Black-chinned Hmngbrd	R	R			___ Nashville Warbler	U		O							
___ Rufous Hummingbird				Hypothetical	___ Yellow Warbler	U		U							
Kingfishers					___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C						
___ Ringed Kingfisher			X	X	___ Palm Warbler	R		R							
___ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C	___ Black-and-white Warbler	R			R						
___ Green Kingfisher	X			X	___ MacGillivray's Warbler				Hypothetical						
Woodpeckers					___ Common Yellowthroat	U		U	U						
___ Golden-fr. Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	___ Wilson's Warbler	U		U							
___ Yellow-bel. Sapsucker				Hypothetical	Tanagers										
___ Ladder-back. Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	___ Summer Tanager	R									
___ Northern Flicker	C			C	Towhees, Sparrows, and Allies										
Tyrant Flycatchers					___ Spotted Towhee	R			R						
___ Least Flycatcher	U		U		___ Canyon Towhee	X									
___ Black Phoebe	C	U	U	O	___ Cassin's Sparrow	U	U	U	U						
___ Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	C	___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	O	O	O	O						
___ Say's Phoebe	O	O	O	O	___ Chipping Sparrow	U		U	C						
___ Vermilion Flycatcher	U	U	U	X	___ Clay-colored Sparrow	U		U	R						
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	R	R			___ Field Sparrow	U		U	C						
___ Couch's Kingbird				Hypothetical	___ Vesper Sparrow	C		C	C						
___ Western Kingbird	C	C			___ Lark Sparrow	C	C	C	U						
___ Eastern Kingbird			X		___ Lark Bunting	U									
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A	A	U	X	___ Savannah Sparrow	U		C	C						
Shrikes					___ Grasshopper Sparrow	U		O	U						
___ Loggerhead Shrike	C	R	U	C	___ Song Sparrow	U			U						
					___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	C						
					___ Swamp Sparrow	U			U						
					___ White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	C						