

## Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge -- Birds

\* - Nesting recorded in the Lower Rio Grande Valley

### GAVIIDAE

Common Loon

*Gavia immer*

### PODICIPEDIDAE

Least Grebe\*

*Tachybaptus dominicus*

Pied-billed Grebe\*

*Podilymbus podiceps*

Horned Grebe

*Podiceps auritus*

Eared Grebe

*Podiceps nigricollis*

### PELECANIDAE

American White Pelican\*

*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Brown Pelican\*

*Pelecanus occidentalis*

### PHALACROCORACIDAE

Double-crested Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax auritus*

Neotropic Cormorant\*

*Phalacrocorax olivaceus*

### ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga\*

*Anhinga anhinga*

### FREGATIDAE

Magnificent Frigatebird

*Fregata magnificens*

### ARDEIDAE

American Bittern

*Botaurus lentiginosus*

Least Bittern\*

*Ixobrychus exilis*

Great Blue Heron\*

*Ardea herodias*

Great Egret\*

*Ardea alba*

Snowy Egret\*

*Egretta thula*

Little Blue Heron\*

*Egretta caerulea*

Tricolored Heron\*  
Reddish Egret \*  
Cattle Egret\*  
Green Heron\*  
Black-crowned Night-Heron\*  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron \*

*Egretta tricolor*  
*Egretta rufescens*  
*Bubulcus ibis*  
*Butorides striatus*  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*  
*Nycticorax violacea*

#### THRESKIORNITHIDAE

White Ibis\*  
Glossy Ibis  
White-faced Ibis\*  
Roseate Spoonbill\*

*Eudocimus albus*  
*Plegadis falcinellus*  
*Plegadis chihi*  
*Ajaia ajaja*

#### CICONIIDAE

Wood Stork

*Mycteria americana*

#### CATHARTIDAE

Black Vulture\*  
Turkey Vulture\*

*Coragyps atratus*  
*Cathartes aura*

#### ANATIDAE

Fulvous Whistling-Duck\*  
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck\*  
Tundra Swan  
Trumpeter Swan  
Greater White-fronted Goose  
Snow Goose  
Canada Goose  
Muscovy Duck\*  
Wood Duck\*  
Green-winged Teal  
American Black Duck  
Mottled Duck\*  
Mallard  
Northern Pintail

*Dendrocygna bicolor*  
*Dendrocygna autumnalis*  
*Cygnus columbianus*  
*Cygnus buccinator*  
*Anser albifrons*  
*Chen caerulescens*  
*Branta canadensis*  
*Cairina moschata*  
*Aix sponsa*  
*Anas crecca*  
*Anas rubripes*  
*Anas fulvigula*  
*Anas platyrhynchos*  
*Anas acuta*

Blue-winged Teal\*  
Cinnamon Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Gadwall  
American Wigeon  
Canvasback  
Redhead  
Ring-necked Duck  
Greater Scaup  
Lesser Scaup  
Common Goldeneye  
Bufflehead  
Hooded Merganser  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Masked Duck\*  
Ruddy Duck\*

*Anas discors*  
*Anas cyanoptera*  
*Anas clypeata*  
*Anas strepera*  
*Anas americana*  
*Aythya valisineria*  
*Aythya americana*  
*Aythya collaris*  
*Aythya marila*  
*Aythya affinis*  
*Bucephala clangula*  
*Bucephala albeola*  
*Lophodytes cucullatus*  
*Mergus merganser*  
*Mergus serrator*  
*Nomonyx dominicus*  
*Oxyura jamaicensis*

#### ACCIPITRIDAE

Osprey  
Hook-billed Kite\*  
Swallow-tailed Kite  
White-tailed Kite\*  
Mississippi Kite  
Bald Eagle  
Crane Hawk  
Northern Harrier  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk\*  
Northern Goshawk  
Common Black-Hawk\*  
Harris' Hawk\*  
Gray Hawk\*  
Roadside Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk\*

*Pandion haliaetus*  
*Chondrohierax uncinatus*  
*Elanoides forficatus*  
*Elanus caeruleus*  
*Ictinia mississippiensis*  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
*Geranospiza caerulescens*  
*Circus cyaneus*  
*Accipiter striatus*  
*Accipiter cooperii*  
*Accipiter gentilis*  
*Buteogallus anthracinus*  
*Parabuteo unicinctus*  
*Buteo nitidus*  
*Buteo magnirostris*  
*Buteo lineatus*

Broad-winged Hawk  
Swainson's Hawk\*  
White-tailed Hawk\*  
Zone-tailed Hawk

*Buteo platypterus*  
*Buteo swainsoni*  
*Buteo albicaudatus*  
*Buteo albonotatus*

#### ACCIPITIDRAE

Short-tailed Hawk

*Buteo brachyurus*

#### ACCIPITRIDAE

Red-tailed Hawk\*  
Ferruginous Hawk  
Rough-legged Hawk  
Golden Eagle

*Buteo jamaicensis*  
*Buteo regalis*  
*Buteo lagopus*  
*Aquila chrysaetos*

#### FALCONIDAE

Crested Caracara\*  
American Kestrel\*  
Merlin  
Aplomado Falcon (Northern)\*  
Peregrine Falcon  
Prairie Falcon

*Caracara plancus*  
*Falco sparverius*  
*Falco columbarius*  
*Falco femoralis (septentrionalis)*  
*Falco peregrinus*  
*Falco mexicanus*

#### CRACIDAE

Plain Chachalaca\*

*Ortalis vetula*

#### PHASIANIDAE

Wild Turkey\*  
Northern Bobwhite\*  
Scaled Quail

*Meleagris gallopavo*  
*Colinus virginianus*  
*Callipepla squamata*

#### RALLIDAE

Yellow Rail  
Clapper Rail\*  
King Rail\*  
Virginia Rail

*Coturnicops noveboracensis*  
*Rallus longirostris*  
*Rallus elegans*  
*Rallus limicola*

Sora\*  
Purple Gallinule\*  
Common Moorhen\*  
American Coot\*

*Porzana carolina*  
*Porphyryla martinica*  
*Gallinula chloropus*  
*Fulica americana*

GRUIDAE

Sandhill Crane

*Grus canadensis*

CHARADRIIDAE

Black-bellied Plover  
American Golden-Plover  
Snowy Plover\*  
Wilson's Plover\*  
Semipalmated Plover  
Piping Plover  
Killdeer\*  
Mountain Plover

*Pluvialis squatarola*  
*Pluvialis dominica*  
*Charadrius alexandrinus*  
*Charadrius wilsonia*  
*Charadrius semipalmatus*  
*Charadrius melodus*  
*Charadrius vociferus*  
*Charadrius montanus*

HAEMATOPODIDAE

American Oystercatcher

*Haematopus palliatus*

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Black-necked Stilt\*  
American Avocet\*

*Himantopus mexicanus*  
*Recurvirostra americana*

JACANIDAE

Northern Jacana

*Jacana spinosa*

SCOLOPACIDAE

Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Willet\*  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Upland Sandpiper

*Tringa melanoleuca*  
*Tringa flavipes*  
*Tringa solitaria*  
*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*  
*Actitis macularia*  
*Bartramia longicauda*

Whimbrel  
Long-billed Curlew  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Marbled Godwit  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Baird's Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Dunlin  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Common Snipe  
American Woodcock  
Wilson's Phalarope

*Numenius phaeopus*  
*Numenius americanus*  
*Limosa haemastica*  
*Limosa fedoa*  
*Arenaria interpres*  
*Calidris canutus*  
*Calidris alba*  
*Calidris pusilla*  
*Calidris mauri*  
*Calidris minutilla*  
*Calidris fuscicollis*  
*Calidris bairdii*  
*Calidris melanotos*  
*Calidris alpina*  
*Calidris himantopus*  
*Tryngites subruficollis*  
*Limnodromus griseus*  
*Limnodromus scolopaceus*  
*Gallinago gallinago*  
*Scolopax minor*  
*Phalaropus tricolor*

#### LARIDAE

Laughing Gull\*  
Franklin's Gull  
Bonaparte's Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Gull-billed Tern\*  
Caspian Tern\*  
Royal Tern\*  
Sandwich Tern\*  
Common Tern  
Forster's Tern\*

*Larus atricilla*  
*Larus pipixcan*  
*Larus philadelphia*  
*Larus delawarensis*  
*Larus argentatus*  
*Sterna nilotica*  
*Sterna caspia*  
*Sterna maxima*  
*Sterna sandvicensis*  
*Sterna hirundo*  
*Sterna forsteri*

Least Tern\*  
Sooty Tern  
Black Tern

*Sterna antillarum*  
*Sterna fuscata*  
*Chlidonias niger*  
*Rynchops niger*

#### COLUMBIDAE

Rock Pigeon\*  
Red-billed Pigeon\*  
White-winged Dove\*  
Mourning Dove\*  
Inca Dove\*  
Common Ground-dove \*  
Ruddy Ground-dove  
White-tipped Dove\*

*Columba livia*  
*Columba flavirostris*  
*Zenaida asiatica*  
*Zenaida macroura*  
*Columbina inca*  
*Columbina passerina*  
*Columbina talpacoti*  
*Leptotila verreauxi*

#### PSITTACIDAE

Green Parakeet  
Red-crowned Parrot\*

*Aratinga holochlora*  
*Amazona viridigenalis*

#### CUCULIDAE

Black-billed Cuckoo  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo\*  
Mangrove Cuckoo  
Greater Roadrunner\*  
Groove-billed Ani\*

*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*  
*Coccyzus americanus*  
*Coccyzus minor*  
*Geococcyx californianus*  
*Crotophaga sulcirostris*

#### TYTONIDAE

Barn Owl\*

*Tyto alba*

#### STRIGIDAE

Eastern Screech-Owl\*  
Great Horned Owl\*  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl\*  
Elf Owl\*  
Burrowing Owl  
Barred Owl

*Otus asio*  
*Bubo virginianus*  
*Glaucidium brasilianum*  
*Micrathene whitneyi*  
*Athene cunicularia*  
*Strix varia*

Long-eared Owl  
Short-eared Owl

*Asio otus*  
*Asio flammeus*

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lesser Nighthawk\*  
Common Nighthawk\*  
Pauraque\*  
Common Poorwill  
Chuck-will's-widow  
Whip-poor-will

*Chordeiles acutipennis*  
*Chordeiles minor*  
*Nyctidromus albicollis*  
*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*  
*Caprimulgus carolinensis*  
*Caprimulgus vociferus*

APODIDAE

Chimney Swift

*Chaetura pelagica*

TROCHILIDAE (Hummingbirds)

Green Violet-ear  
Green-breasted Mango  
Broad-billed Hummingbird  
Buff-bellied Hummingbird\*  
Blue-throated Hummingbird  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Black-chinned Hummingbird\*  
Anna's Hummingbird  
Rufous Hummingbird  
White-eared Hummingbird

*Colibri thalassinus*  
*Anthracothorax prevostii*  
*Cyananthus latirostris*  
*Amazilia yucatanensis*  
*Lampornis clemenciae*  
*Archilochus colubris*  
*Archilochus alexandri*  
*Calypte anna*  
*Selasphorus rufus*  
*Hylocharis leucotis*

TROGONIDAE

Elegant Trogon

*Trogon elegans*

ALCEDINIDAE

Ringed Kingfisher\*  
Belted Kingfisher\*  
Green Kingfisher\*

*Ceryle torquata*  
*Ceryle alcyon*  
*Chloroceryle americana*



PICIDAE

Golden-fronted Woodpecker\*  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Ladder-backed Woodpecker\*  
Northern Flicker

*Melanerpes aurifrons*  
*Melanerpes carolinus*  
*Sphyrapicus varius*  
*Picoides scalaris*  
*Colaptes auratus*

TYRANNIDAE

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Western Wood-Pewee  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
Acadian Flycatcher  
Alder Flycatcher  
Willow Flycatcher  
Least Flycatcher  
Black Phoebe  
Eastern Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe  
Vermilion Flycatcher\*  
Ash-throated Flycatcher  
Great Crested Flycatcher  
Brown-crested Flycatcher\*  
Great Kiskadee \*  
Tropical Kingbird  
Couch's Kingbird\*  
Cassin's Kingbird  
Western Kingbird  
Eastern Kingbird  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher\*  
Rose-throated Becard

*Camptostoma imberbe*  
*Contopus cooperi*  
*Contopus sordidulus*  
*Contopus virens*  
*Empidonax flaviventris*  
*Empidonax virescens*  
*Empidonax alnorum*  
*Empidonax traillii*  
*Empidonax minimus*  
*Sayornis nigricans*  
*Sayornis phoebe*  
*Sayornis saya*  
*Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*  
*Myiarchus crinitus*  
*Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
*Pitangus sulphuratus*  
*Tyrannus melancholicus*  
*Tyrannus couchii*  
*Tyrannus vociferans*  
*Tyrannus verticalis*  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*  
*Tyrannus forficatus*  
*Pachyramphus agiaiae*

ALAUDIDAE

Horned Lark\*

*Eremophila alpestris*

HIRUNDINIDAE

Purple Martin\*  
Tree Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Barn Swallow\*  
Cliff Swallow\*  
Cave Swallow\*

*Progne subis*  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
*Riparia riparia*  
*Hirundo rustica*  
*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*  
*Petrochelidon fulva*

CORVIDAE

Blue Jay  
Green Jay\*  
Brown Jay  
Tamaulipas Crow  
Chihuahuan Raven\*

*Cyanocitta cristata*  
*Cyanocorax yncas*  
*Cyanocorax morio*  
*Corvus imparatus*  
*Corvus cryptoleucus*

PARIDAE

Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse\*  
Black crested Titmouse\*

*Parus carolinensis*  
*Parus bicolor*

REMIZIDAE

Verdin\*

*Auriparus flaviceps*

SITTIDAE

Red-breasted Nuthatch

*Sitta canadensis*

CERTHIIDAE

Brown Creeper

*Certhia americana*

TROGLODYTIDAE

Cactus Wren\*  
Rock Wren  
Carolina Wren\*

*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*  
*Salpinctes obsoletus*  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus*

Bewick's Wren\*  
House Wren  
Winter Wren  
Sedge Wren  
Marsh Wren

*Thryomanes bewickii*  
*Troglodytes aedon*  
*Troglodytes troglodytes*  
*Cistothorus platensis*  
*Cistothorus palustris*

#### REGULIDAE

Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

*Regulus satrapa*  
*Regulus calendula*

#### MUSCICAPIDAE

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Western Bluebird  
Mountain Bluebird  
Townsend's Solitaire  
Veery  
Gray-cheeked Thrush  
Swainson's Thrush  
Hermit Thrush  
Wood Thrush  
Clay-colored Robin  
Rufous-backed Robin  
American Robin

*Polioptila caerulea*  
*Polioptila melanura*  
*Sialis sialis*  
*Sialis mexicana*  
*Sialis currucoides*  
*Myadestes townsendi*  
*Catharus fuscescens*  
*Catharus minimus*  
*Catharus ustulatus*  
*Catharus guttatus*  
*Hylocichla mustelina*  
*Turdus grayi*  
*Turdus rufopalliatus*  
*Turdus migratorius*

#### MIMIDAE

Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird\*  
Sage Thrasher  
Brown Thrasher  
Long-billed Thrasher\*  
Curve-billed Thrasher

*Dumetella carolinensis*  
*Mimus polyglottos*  
*Oreoscoptes montanus*  
*Toxostoma rufum*  
*Toxostoma longirostre*  
*Toxostoma curvirostre*

STURNIDAE

European Starling\*

*Sturnus vulgaris*

MOTACILLIDAE

American Pipit

*Anthus spinoletta*

Sprague's Pipit

*Anthus spragueii*

BOMBYCILLIDAE

Cedar Waxwing

*Bombycilla cedrorum*

PTILOGONATIDAE

Phainopepla

*Phainopepla nitens*

LANIIDAE

Loggerhead Shrike

*Lanius ludovicianus*

VIREONIDAE

White-eyed Vireo\*

*Vireo griseus*

Bell's Vireo

*Vireo bellii*

Black-capped Vireo

*Vireo atricapillus*

Blue-headed Vireo

*Vireo solitarius*

Yellow-throated Vireo

*Vireo flavifrons*

Warbling Vireo

*Vireo gilvus*

Philadelphia Vireo

*Vireo philadelphicus*

Red-eyed Vireo

*Vireo olivaceus*

Yellow-green Vireo\*

*Vireo olivaceus flaviventri*

EMBERIZIDAE

Blue-winged Warbler

*Vermivora pinus*

Golden-winged Warbler

*Vermivora chrysoptera*

Tennessee Warbler

*Vermivora peregrina*

Orange-crowned Warbler

*Vermivora celata*

Nashville Warbler

*Vermivora ruficapilla*

Virginia's Warbler

*Vermivora virginiae*

Northern Parula

*Parula americana*

Tropical Parula*	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulecins</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Dendroica nigrescens</i>
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>
Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Dendroica dominica</i>
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>
Prairie Warbler	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>
Palm Warbler	<i>Dendroica palmarum</i>
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Dendroica castanea</i>
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>
Black-and-White Warbler	<i>Mniotilta variaa</i>
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>
Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus motacilla</i>
Connecticut Warbler	<i>Oporornis agilis</i>
Mourning Warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>
Common Yellowthroat*	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Gray-crowned Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis poliocephala</i>
Hooded Warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>
Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>
Yellow-breasted Chat*	<i>Icteria virens</i>

THRAUPIDAE

Summer Tanager\*

Scarlet Tanager

Western Tanager

*Piranga rubra*

*Piranga olivacea*

*Piranga ludoviciana*

FRINGILLIDAE

Crimson-collared Grosbeak

Northern Cardinal\*

Pyrrhuloxia\*

Rose-Breasted Grosbeak

Black-headed Grosbeak

Blue Bunting

Blue Grosbeak\*

Lazuli Bunting

Indigo Bunting

Varied Bunting

Painted Bunting\*

Dickcissel\*

Olive Sparrow\*

Green-tailed Towhee

Spotted Towhee

Eastern Towhee

White-collared Seedeater

Yellow-faced Grassquit

Botteri's Sparrow\*

Cassin's Sparrow\*

Chipping Sparrow

Clay-colored Sparrow

Brewer's Sparrow

Field Sparrow

Vesper Sparrow

Lark Sparrow\*

Black-throated Sparrow

Lark Bunting

Savannah Sparrow

*Rhodothraupis celaeno*

*Cardinalis cardinalis*

*Cardinalis sinuatus*

*Pheucticus ludovicianus*

*Pheucticus melanocephalus*

*Cyanocompsa parellina*

*Guiraca caerulea*

*Passerina amoena*

*Passerina cyanea*

*Passerina versicolor*

*Passerina ciris*

*Spiza americana*

*Arremonops rufivirgatus*

*Pipilo chlorurus*

*Pipilo maculatus*

*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

*Sporophila torqueola*

*Tiaris olivacea*

*Aimophila aestivalis*

*Aimophila cassinii*

*Spizella passerina*

*Spizella pallida*

*Spizella breweri*

*Spizella pusilla*

*Pooecetes gramineus*

*Chondestes grammacus*

*Amphispiza bilineata*

*Calamospiza melanocorys*

*Passerculus sandwichensis*

Baird's Sparrow  
Grasshopper Sparrow  
LeConte's Sparrow  
Nelson's Sharp-Tailed Sparrow  
Seaside Sparrow\*  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
House Finch  
Pine Siskin  
Lesser Goldfinch  
American Goldfinch

*Ammodramus bairdii*  
*Ammodramus savannarum*  
*Ammodramus leconteii*  
*Ammodramus nelsoni*  
*Ammodramus maritimus*  
*Passerella iliaca*  
*Melospiza melodia*  
*Melospiza lincolni*  
*Melospiza georgiana*  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys*  
*Junco hyemalis*  
*Carpodacus mexicanus*  
*Carduelis pinus*  
*Carduelis psaltria*  
*Carduelis tristis*

#### ICTERIDAE

Red-winged Blackbird\*  
Eastern Meadowlark\*  
Western Meadowlark  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Brewer's Blackbird  
Great-tailed Grackle\*  
Common Grackle  
Bronzed Cowbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird\*  
Orchard Oriole  
Hooded Oriole\*  
Altamira Oriole\*  
Audubon's Oriole\*  
Baltimore Oriole  
Bullock's Oriole

*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
*Sturnella magna*  
*Sturnella neglecta*  
*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*  
*Euphagus cyanocephalus*  
*Quiscalus mexicanus*  
*Quiscalus quiscula*  
*Molothrus aeneus*  
*Molothrus ater*  
*Icterus wagleri*  
*Icterus cucullatus*  
*Icterus gularis*  
*Icterus graduacauda*  
*Icterus galbula*  
*Icterus bullockii*

PASSERIDAE (Old World Sparrows)  
House Sparrow\*

*Passer domesticus*