

Birds



Hawk

Look for several different species soaring or perched in the tops of trees.

Ducks

Look in saltwater bays and freshwater ponds for these visitors.



Great Egret

This large white bird is found year around in the marshes.



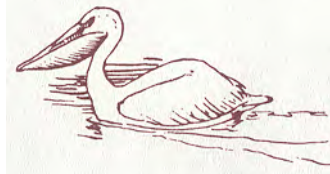
Sandhill Crane

This more abundant cousin of the endangered Whooping Crane winters on the Texas coastal marsh.



Vulture

These large, dark scavengers are seen soaring on warm air, called thermals.



Pelican

Feeding on fish, they scoop up large quantities of water in their pouch-like bill.

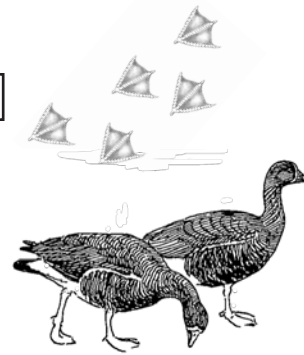
Bobwhite

Found along trails, a group of quail is called a covey.



Geese

Several species of geese, including white-fronted, Canada, and snow geese frequent the refuge ponds and marshes during the winter months.



Mammals



Rabbit

Shy and secretive, they are found at the edge of oak mottes and marshes.

Squirrel

Look up under the trees on trails and at the picnic area for these acrobats.



Armadillo

This small armored creature relies on its hearing to warn it of danger.



Feral Hogs

Non-native to Texas, these locally-abundant animals are very destructive to refuge wildlife and their habitats.



Coyote

This bushy-tailed dog is rarely seen during the day because they are sleeping.



Raccoon

Very curious, raccoons have human-like hands that can pry open and hold their food.

Each of the animals you see while you are here is worth 10 points. Check off the ones you see and look on the back to find how you scored.

Mom and Dad can help, but to score high you must keep your sharp eyes and ears open to every movement. Most of the animals will want to hide from you.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Alligator

These large reptiles will stay in underground dens during the winter and drought season.



Snake

Although most are harmless, these fascinating reptiles are better left alone.



Turtle

Most common is the red-eared slider. Look for the red spots behind the eye.

Frog

These amphibians can be found in water, on the ground and up in the trees.



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Scoring

Add up your check marks and count each one 10 points plus 5 points for each animal track identified.

50-75 is good, you have been quiet and observant.

75-100 you have sharp eyes and ears.

Above 100 you are hereby declared a Junior Refuge Ranger.

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