



Birds of

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Snow geese descend like a prairie blizzard upon the 11,320 acre Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge located on Lake Texoma, 10 miles northwest of Sherman, Texas. Just 75 miles north of Dallas where the Red River etches the boundary between Oklahoma and Texas, migratory birds by the thousands refuel for long journeys. The main road through the refuge offers outstanding views of the restless flocks. The refuge was created to provide food and nesting habitat for all types of migratory birds.

Snow, Ross's, and Canada geese spend the entire winter loafing here on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Mississippi kites and scissor-tailed flycatchers hunt the summer skies for insects. Great blue herons call the refuge home in every season.

Hagerman has recorded 330 species of birds that have been seen on the refuge since its establishment in 1946. The information reflected in this list was compiled by refuge staff, volunteers, and visiting ornithologists.

This listing is in accordance with the seventh edition of the *American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds*, (1998) and its supplements through July 2010.

Bird List Introduction and Key

If you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit, please contact the Refuge staff and provide a description. The refuge birds do not recognize traditional calendar seasons, therefore, season designations for species are intended as general guidelines.

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

- Sp** - Spring March - May
- S** - Summer June - July
- F** - Fall August - November
- W** - Winter December - February

Abundance

- A** - Abundant
A common species that is very numerous.
- C** - Common
Likely to be seen in suitable habitats.
- U** - Uncommon
Present, not certain to be seen.
- O** - Occasional
Seen few times during the season
- R** - Rare
Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.
- X** - Accidental
Has been seen only once or twice.
- *** - Nests locally or has previously nested locally
- (I)** Introduced
An established species that is not native to North America.

Italicized bird names indicate threatened or endangered species.

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W	Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, and Swans					Kites, Eagles and Hawks				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck			X		Osprey	O	O	O	R
Fulvous Whistling-Duck			X		Swallow-tailed Kite	X			
Gr. White-fronted Goose	U		C	C	White-tailed Kite	X			
Snow Goose	C		C	C	Mississippi Kite *	U	U	U	
Ross's Goose	C		C	C	<i>Bald Eagle</i>	O		O	O
Brant			X	X	Northern Harrier	U		U	U
Cackling Goose	O		O	O	Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	O
Canada Goose *	U	O	U	U	Cooper's Hawk	O		O	O
Mute Swan (I)	X		X	X	Northern Goshawk	X			
Tundra Swan			X	X	Common Black-Hawk				X
Wood Duck *	U	U	U	U	Harris's Hawk				X
Gadwall	U	R	C	C	Red-shouldered Hawk *	U	U	U	U
Eurasian Wigeon			X		Broad-winged Hawk *	O	O	O	
American Wigeon	O		O	O	Swainson's Hawk *	O	O	O	
American Black Duck	X	X	X	X	Red-tailed Hawk *	U	U	U	U
Mallard *	U	U	C	C	Ferruginous Hawk				X
Mottled Duck			X		Rough-legged Hawk	R		R	R
Blue-winged Teal	C	O	C	R	Golden Eagle			X	X
Cinnamon Teal	O		O	O	Caracaras and Falcons				
Northern Shoveler	C	R	C	C	Crested Caracara			X	
Northern Pintail	U		C	C	American Kestrel	U	R	U	U
Green-winged Teal	U		C	C	Merlin	R		O	R
Canvasback	O		O	O	Peregrine Falcon	R		R	
Redhead	U		U	U	Prairie Falcon	X		X	R
Ring-necked Duck	U		U	U	Rails, Gallinules and Coots				
Greater Scaup			X	X	Black Rail	X			
Lesser Scaup	O	R	U	O	King Rail *	X	X	X	
Surf Scoter				X	Virginia Rail	R		R	R
White-winged Scoter			X	X	Sora	O	R	O	
Long-tailed Duck			R	R	Purple Gallinule	X			
Bufflehead	O		O	O	Common Moorhen	X	X	X	
Common Goldeneye	O		O	O	American Coot	C	O	A	U
Hooded Merganser	O		O	O	Cranes				
Common Merganser	O		O	O	Sandhill Crane	R		R	R
Red-breasted Merganser			R	R	Whooping Crane			X	
Ruddy Duck	O		O	O	Plovers				
New World Quail					Black-bellied Plover	O	R	O	R
Northern Bobwhite *	O	O	O	O	American Golden-Plover	O	R	O	
Pheasants					Snowy Plover	R	R	R	
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	X				Semipalmated Plover	O	O	O	
Turkeys					<i>Piping Plover</i>	O	O	O	
Wild Turkey *	U	U	U	U	Killdeer *	U	U	U	U
Loons					Mountain Plover	X			
Red-throated Loon				X	Stilts and Avocets				
Common Loon	R		R	R	Black-necked Stilt	O	O	O	
Grebes					American Avocet	O	O	O	R
Pied-billed Grebe *	U	O	U	U	Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies				
Horned Grebe	O		O	O	Spotted Sandpiper	U	R	U	
Red-necked Grebe			X		Solitary Sandpiper	O	R	O	X
Eared Grebe	O		O	O	Greater Yellowlegs	O	U	O	U
Western Grebe			R	R	Willet	O	R	O	
Storks					Lesser Yellowlegs	U	O	U	R
Wood Stork		R	R		Upland Sandpiper	O	O	O	
Cormorants					Whimbrel	R	R	R	
Neotropic Cormorant	R	R	R	R	Long-billed Curlew	R	R	R	
Double-crested Cormorant	C	O	C	C	Hudsonian Godwit	O	R	R	
Pelicans					Marbled Godwit	O	R	O	
American White Pelican	C	O	C	O	Ruddy Turnstone	R	R	R	
Brown Pelican	R		R	R	Red Knot		R	R	
Anhingas					Sanderling	O		O	
Anhinga *	R	R	R		Semipalmated Sandpiper	O	R	O	
Herons, Bitterns and Egrets					Western Sandpiper	O	O	O	R
American Bittern	O	O	O	O	Least Sandpiper	U	U	U	O
Least Bittern *	X	X	X		White-rumped Sandpiper	U	R		
Great Blue Heron *	C	C	C	C	Baird's Sandpiper	U	O	U	X
Great Egret *	C	C	C	R	Pectoral Sandpiper	U	O	U	X
Snowy Egret *	C	C	C		Dunlin	O	R	O	R
Little Blue Heron *	U	C	C		Stilt Sandpiper	U	U	U	
Tricolored Heron	R	R	R		Buff-breasted Sandpiper	O	R	O	
Reddish Egret	X	X			Short-billed Dowitcher	U	R	U	
Cattle Egret *	C	C	C	O	Long-billed Dowitcher	U	O	U	R
Green Heron *	U	U	U	X	Wilson's Snipe	U	R	U	O
Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O		American Woodcock			R	R
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *	O	O	O		Wilson's Phalarope	O	R	O	
Ibises and Spoonbills					Red-necked Phalarope			R	
White Ibis		O	R		Red Phalarope		R	R	
White-faced Ibis	O	O	O	X					
Roseate Spoonbill		R	R						
Vultures									
Black Vulture *	C	C	C	C					
Turkey Vulture *	C	C	C	C					

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Gulls, Terns and Skimmers					Larks					Sparrows and Allies				
— Sabine's Gull			R	X	— Horned Lark *			U	U	— Green-tailed Towhee	X			
— Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	O	Swallows					— Spotted Towhee	O		O	O
— Little Gull	X			X	— Purple Martin *	U	U	U		— Eastern Towhee	O		O	O
— Laughing Gull	R	R	R		— Tree Swallow *	O	R	O		— Cassin's Sparrow	X			
— Franklin's Gull	U	R	C	R	— N. Rough-winged Swallow *	O	O	O		— American Tree Sparrow	R		R	R
— Ring-billed Gull	C	O	A	A	— Bank Swallow	O		O		— Chipping Sparrow	O	R	O	O
— Herring Gull	O		O	O	— Cliff Swallow *	C	C	C		— Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
— Glaucous Gull				X	— Barn Swallow *	C	C	C		— Field Sparrow *	U	U	U	C
— <i>Least Tern</i> *	U	U	U		Chickadees and Titmice					— Vesper Sparrow	U		U	O
— Caspian Tern	R	R	R		— Carolina Chickadee *	C	C	C	C	— Lark Sparrow *	U	U	U	O
— Black Tern	U	U	U		— Tufted Titmouse *	C	C	C	C	— Lark Bunting				X
— Common Tern	R	R			Nuthatches					— Savannah Sparrow	A		A	A
— Forster's Tern	C	O	C	R	— Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	O	— Grasshopper Sparrow *	U	U	U	
— Black Skimmer	X		X		— White-breasted Nuthatch *	U	U	U	U	— LeConte's Sparrow	U		U	U
Jaegers					Creepers					— Nelson's Sparrow			R	
— Parasitic Jaeger				X	— Brown Creeper	U		U	U	— Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
Pigeons and Doves					Wrens					— Song Sparrow	U		U	U
— Rock Pigeon (I)	O	O	O	O	— Carolina Wren *	C	C	C	C	— Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	O
— Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)		U			— Bewick's Wren *	U	U	U	U	— Swamp Sparrow	U		U	U
— White-winged Dove	X				— House Wren	O		O	O	— White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
— Mourning Dove *	C	C	C	C	— Winter Wren	O		O	O	— Harris' Sparrow	C		C	C
— Inca Dove		R	R		— Sedge Wren	R		R	R	— White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
Cuckoos and Roadrunners					— Marsh Wren	O		O	O	— Dark-eyed Junco				
— Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	U	U	U		Gnatcatchers					— Slate-colored Junco	C		C	C
— Black-billed Cuckoo		X	X		— Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	C	C	C	X	— Oregon Junco	O		O	O
— Greater Roadrunner *	U	U	U	U	Kinglets					Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Buntings				
Barn Owls					— Golden-crowned Kinglet	O		O	O	— Summer Tanager *	U	U	U	
— Barn Owl	R	R	R	R	— Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U	— Northern Cardinal *	C	C	C	C
Typical Owls					Thrushes and Allies					— Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R		R	
— Eastern Screech-Owl *	O	O	O	O	— Eastern Bluebird *	C	C	C	C	— Black-headed Grosbeak	X		X	
— Great Horned Owl *	O	O	O	O	— Mountain Bluebird			X	X	— Blue Grosbeak *	U	U	U	
— Snowy Owl				X	— Veery	R				— Lazuli Bunting	R			
— Burrowing Owl	X		X		— Gray-cheeked Thrush	R				— Indigo Bunting *	C	C	U	
— Barred Owl *	O	O	O	O	— Swainson's Thrush	O		O		— Painted Bunting *	C	C	U	
— Short-eared Owl			R	R	— Hermit Thrush	O		O	O	— Dickcissel *	C	C	U	
— Northern Saw-whet Owl			X	X	— Wood Thrush	R				Blackbirds and Orioles				
Goatsuckers					— American Robin	C	O	C	C	— Bobolink	O		X	
— Common Nighthawk	O	O	O		Mockingbirds, Catbirds, and Thrashers					— Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	C	C
— Chuck-will's-widow *	R	R	R		— Gray Catbird	O		O	X	— Eastern Meadowlark *	C	C	C	C
— Eastern Whip-poor-will	R		R		— Northern Mockingbird *	C	C	C	C	— Western Meadowlark	O		C	C
Swifts					— Sage Thrasher			X		— Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	R	O	R
— Chimney Swift *	U	U	U		— Brown Thrasher *	U	U	U	U	— Rusty Blackbird	R		R	R
Hummingbirds					— Curve-billed Thrasher			X		— Brewer's Blackbird	O		U	U
— Ruby-thr. Hummingbird *	U	U	U		Starlings					— Common Grackle *	U	U	O	O
— Black-ch. Hummingbird	X				— European Starling (I) *	C	C	C	C	— Great-tailed Grackle *	U	U	O	O
Kingfishers					Pipits					— Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	O
— Belted Kingfisher *	U	U	U	U	— American Pipit	U		U	U	— Orchard Oriole *	O	O	O	O
Woodpeckers					— Sprague's Pipit	R		R	R	— Baltimore Oriole *	O	O	O	O
— Red-headed Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U	Waxwings					Finches				
— Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C	— Cedar Waxwing	U		U	U	— Purple Finch	O		O	O
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		U	U	Longspurs					— House Finch *	O	O	O	O
— Ladder-bac. Woodpecker	R	R	R	R	— McCown's Longspur			R	R	— Red Crossbill			X	X
— Downy Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C	— Lapland Longspur			R	R	— Pine Siskin	O		U	U
— Hairy Woodpecker *	O	O	O	O	— Smith's Longspur			R	R	— American Goldfinch *	U	R	C	C
— Northern Flicker	U	X	U	U	— Chestnut-collared Longspur			R	R	— Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R
— Pileated Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U	Wood-Warblers					Old World Sparrow				
Flycatchers					— Tennessee Warbler	O		O		— House Sparrow (I) *	U	U	U	U
— Olive-sided Flycatcher	O	X	O		— Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O	O					
— Eastern Wood-Pewee *	O	O	O		— Nashville Warbler	O		O	O					
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R		R		— Northern Parula	R		R						
— Acadian Flycatcher	R		R		— Yellow Warbler	O	R	O						
— Alder Flycatcher	R		R		— Chestnut-sided Warbler	R		R						
— Willow Flycatcher	R		R		— Magnolia Warbler	R		R						
— Least Flycatcher	U		O		— Black-thr. Blue Warbler	R		X						
— Black Phoebe			X		— Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C					
— Eastern Phoebe *	U	U	U	U	— Black-thr. Green Warbler	R		R						
— Say's Phoebe	X				— Blackburnian Warbler	R		R						
— Vermilion Flycatcher	X		X		— Yellow-throated Warbler	R		R						
— Ash-throated Flycatcher			X		— Pine Warbler	R		R						
— Great Crested Flycatcher *	U	U	U		— Prairie Warbler	R		R						
— Great Kiskadee			X	X	— Palm Warbler	R		R						
— Western Kingbird *	U	U	U		— Bay-breasted Warbler	R		R						
— Eastern Kingbird *	U	U	U	X	— Blackpoll Warbler	R		R						
— Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *	C	C	C	X	— Cerulean Warbler	R		X						
Shrikes					— Black-and-white Warbler *	U	U	U						
— Loggerhead Shrike *	U	U	U	U	— American Redstart	R		R						
Vireos					— Prothonotary Warbler *	U	U	U						
— White-eyed Vireo *	U	U	U		— Ovenbird	R		R						
— Bell's Vireo *	R	R	R		— Northern Waterthrush	R		R						
— Yellow-throated Vireo	R				— Louisiana Waterthrush *	R	R	R						
— Plumbeous Vireo			X		— Kentucky Warbler *	R	R	R						
— Blue-headed Vireo	O	O	O	X	— Mourning Warbler	R		R						
— Warbling Vireo	O	O	O		— MacGillivray's Warbler	X		X						
— Philadelphia Vireo	R				— Common Yellowthroat *	U	U	U	U					
— Red-eyed Vireo *	U	U	U		— Hooded Warbler	X		X						
Jays and Crows					— Wilson's Warbler	O		O						
— Blue Jay *	C	C	C	C	— Canada Warbler	R		R						
— American Crow *	C	C	C	C	— Yellow-breasted Chat *	R	X	R						
— Fish Crow	X													

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