



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# 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
<b>Ducks, Geese, and Swans</b>					<b>Kites, Eagles and Hawks</b>				
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	<b>Caracaras and Falcons</b>				
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	<b>Rails, Gallinules and Coots</b>				
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	<b>Cranes</b>				
Common Merganser	O		O	O	Sandhill Crane	R		R	R
Red-breasted Merganser			R	R	Whooping Crane			X	
Ruddy Duck	O		O	O	<b>Plovers</b>				
<b>New World Quail</b>					Black-bellied Plover	O	R	O	R
Northern Bobwhite *	O	O	O	O	American Golden-Plover	O	R	O	
<b>Pheasants</b>					Snowy Plover	R	R	R	
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	X				Semipalmated Plover	O	O	O	
<b>Turkeys</b>					<i>Piping Plover</i>	O	O	O	
Wild Turkey *	U	U	U	U	Killdeer *	U	U	U	U
<b>Loons</b>					Mountain Plover	X			
Red-throated Loon				X	<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>				
Common Loon	R		R	R	Black-necked Stilt	O	O	O	
<b>Grebes</b>					American Avocet	O	O	O	R
Pied-billed Grebe *	U	O	U	U	<b>Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies</b>				
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	
<b>Storks</b>					Lesser Yellowlegs	U	O	U	R
Wood Stork		R	R		Upland Sandpiper	O	O	O	
<b>Cormorants</b>					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	
<b>Pelicans</b>					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	
<b>Anhingas</b>					Sanderling	O		O	
Anhinga *	R	R	R		Semipalmated Sandpiper	O	R	O	
<b>Herons, Bitterns and Egrets</b>					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	
<b>Ibises and Spoonbills</b>					Red-necked Phalarope			R	
White Ibis		O	R		Red Phalarope		R	R	
White-faced Ibis	O	O	O	X					
Roseate Spoonbill		R	R						
<b>Vultures</b>									
Black Vulture *	C	C	C	C					
Turkey Vulture *	C	C	C	C					

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<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</b>					<b>Larks</b>					<b>Sparrows and Allies</b>				
__Sabine's Gull			R	X	__Horned Lark *			U	U	__Green-tailed Towhee	X			
__Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	O	<b>Swallows</b>					__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
__Least Tern *	U	U	U		<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>					__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			<b>Nuthatches</b>					__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
<b>Jaegers</b>					<b>Creepers</b>					__Nelson's Sparrow			R	
__Parasitic Jaeger				X	__Brown Creeper	U		U	U	__Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>					<b>Wrens</b>					__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
<b>Cuckoos and Roadrunners</b>					__Marsh Wren	O		O	O	__Dark-eyed Junco				
__Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	U	U	U		<b>Gnatcatchers</b>					__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	<b>Kinglets</b>					<b>Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Buntings</b>				
<b>Barn Owls</b>					__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
<b>Typical Owls</b>					<b>Thrushes and Allies</b>					__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				<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
<b>Goatsuckers</b>					__American Robin	C	O	C	C	__Bobolink	O		X	
__Common Nighthawk	O	O	O		<b>Mockingbirds, Catbirds, and Thrashers</b>					__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
<b>Swifts</b>					__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
<b>Hummingbirds</b>					__Curve-billed Thrasher			X		__Brewer's Blackbird	O		U	U
__Ruby-thr. Hummingbird *	U	U	U		<b>Starlings</b>					__Common Grackle *	U	U	O	O
__Black-ch. Hummingbird	X				__European Starling (I) *	C	C	C	C	__Great-tailed Grackle *	U	U	O	O
<b>Kingfishers</b>					<b>Pipits</b>					__Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	O
__Belted Kingfisher *	U	U	U	U	__American Pipit	U		U	U	__Orchard Oriole *	O	O	O	O
<b>Woodpeckers</b>					__Sprague's Pipit	R		R	R	__Baltimore Oriole *	O	O	O	O
__Red-headed Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U	<b>Waxwings</b>					<b>Finches</b>				
__Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C	__Cedar Waxwing	U		U	U	__Purple Finch	O		O	O
__Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		U	U	<b>Longspurs</b>					__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	<b>Wood-Warblers</b>					<b>Old World Sparrow</b>				
<b>Flycatchers</b>					__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						
<b>Shrikes</b>					__Black-and-white Warbler *	U	U	U						
__Loggerhead Shrike *	U	U	U	U	__American Redstart	R		R						
<b>Vireos</b>					__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						
<b>Jays and Crows</b>					__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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