Established in 1994, the 18,000-acre Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge is a remnant of what was once a much larger, frequently flooded, bottomland hardwood forest. You are still able to view vast expanses of ridge and swale floodplain features, numerous bayous, oxbow lakes, and cypress/tupelo swamps along the Trinity River. It is one of only 14 priority-one bottomland sites identified for protection in the Texas Bottomland Protection Plan. This type of habitat is used during migration or nesting by nearly 50 percent of the migratory bird species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Over 275 species of birds occur in the hardwood forest and associated wetlands in eastern Texas; while over 100 bird species are known to breed there. These forests also support a wide diversity of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish including the federally listed bald eagle and alligator.

For more information, visit our website: http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/trinityriver

This list follows the standard listings in *Standard Common and Current Scientific Names for North American Amphibians, Turtles, Reptiles and Crocodilians* (5th Edition) by Joseph T. Collins and Travis W. Taggart.

Contact the Refuge staff if you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit and provide a description.

**Alligators**
American Alligator *Alligator mississippiensis*

**Turtles**
Snapping Turtles *Chelydra serpentina serpentina*

Alligator Snapping Turtles *Macrochelys temminckii*

**Cooters**
Eastern River Cooter *Pseudemys concinna*

**Sliders**
Red-eared Slider *Trachemys scripta elegans*

**Skinks**
Ground Skink *Scincella lateralis*

Five-lined Skink *Eumeces fasciatus*

Broadhead Skink *Eumeces laticeps*

**Snakes**
Water Snakes
Diamondback Water Snake *Nerodia rhombifer rhombifer*

Yellowbelly Water Snake *Nerodia erythogaster flavigaster*

Broad-banded Water Snake *Nerodia fasciata confluens*

Crayfish Snakes
Gulf Crayfish Snake *Regina rigida sinicola*

Garter Snakes
Eastern Garter Snake *Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*

Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake *Thamnophis proximus orarius*

Western Ribbon Snake *Thamnophis proximus proximus*

Earth Snakes
Rough Earth Snake *Virginia striatula*

Hognose Snakes
Eastern Hognose Snake *Heterodon platirhinos*

Mud Snakes
Western Mud Snake *Farancia abacura reinwardtii*

Racers
Buttermilk Racer *Clouber constrictor anthicus*

Coachwhip
Eastern Coachwhip *Masticophis flagellum flagellum*

Rough Green Snake
Rough Green Snake *Opheodrys aestivus aestivus*
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**Rat Snakes**  
Texas Rat Snake  
*Elaphe obsoleta lindheimerii*  
**Kingsnakes**  
Speckled Kingsnake  
*Lampropeltis getula hbrooki*  
**Flathead Snakes**  
Flathead Snake  
*Tantilla gracilis*  
**Eastern Coral Snakes**  
Texas Coral Snake  
*Micrurus fulvius tener*  
**Copperheads and Cottonmouths**  
Southern Copperhead  
*Agkistrodon contortrix contortix*  
Western Cottonmouth  
*Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma*  
**Rattlesnakes**  
Timber Rattlesnake  
*Crotalus horridus*  

**Salamanders**  
Central Newt  
*Notophthalmus viridescens louisianensis*  

**Frogs**  
**True Toads**  
Gulf Coast Toad  
*Bufo valliceps valliceps*  
**Cricket Frogs**  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
*Acris crepitans blanchardi*  
**Tree Frogs**  
Northern Spring Peeper  
*Pseudacris crucifer crucifer*  
Green Treefrog  
*Hyla cinerea*  
Gray Treefrog  
*Hyla versicolor*  

**Narrowmouth Toads**  
Eastern Narrowmouth Toad  
*Gastrophryne carolinensis*  

**True Frogs**  
Bullfrog  
*Rana catesbeiana*  
Bronze Frog  
*Rana clamitans clamitans*  
Southern Leopard Frog  
*Rana utricularia*  
Pickerel Frog  
*Rana palustris*  

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