

Tensas River

National Wildlife Refuge

Bird List



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Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1980 is located in the Tensas River Basin in northeastern Louisiana. Due to the refuge's tremendous diversity of lands and waters, it has long been noted for its large populations of waterfowl, songbirds and mammals.

Seasonal appearance

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

Seasonal abundance

- a. abundant (a common species which is very numerous)
- c. common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
- u. uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)
- o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
- r. rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)
- * nests on the refuge.

This checklist includes species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records.

For further information contact:

Refuge Manager
Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge
2312 Fred Morgan Sr. Road
Tallulah, LA 71282

Sighting Notes

Date _____

Time _____

Weather _____

Number of Species _____

Route or area _____

Observers _____

Remarks _____



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| Grebes | | | | | ___ American Kestrel | U | R | U | U |
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe | U | R | U | R | ___ Merlin | R | | R | |
| Pelicans and their Allies | | | | | Gallinaceous birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies) | | | | |
| ___ White Pelicans | U | U | U | U | ___ Wild Turkey* | C | C | C | C |
| ___ Double-crested Cormorant | C | C | A | A | ___ Northern Bobwhite* | U | U | U | U |
| ___ Anhinga* | C | C | C | R | Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes | | | | |
| Hérons, Egrets and their Allies | | | | | ___ King Rail | R | R | R | R |
| ___ American Bittern | U | | U | R | ___ Sora | R | | | R |
| ___ Least Bittern | R | R | R | R | ___ Common Moorhen | R | | R | |
| ___ Great Blue Heron* | C | C | C | C | ___ American Coot | R | | R | U |
| ___ Great Egret* | U | C | U | R | Shorebirds | | | | |
| ___ Snowy Egret* | U | U | U | | ___ Killdeer* | U | U | U | U |
| ___ Little Blue Heron* | A | A | A | R | ___ Greater Yellowlegs | C | | C | R |
| ___ Cattle Egret* | C | C | C | R | ___ Lesser Yellowlegs | C | | C | R |
| ___ Green Heron* | U | U | U | | ___ Solitary Sandpiper | U | | U | |
| ___ Blacked-crowned Night-Heron* | R | R | R | R | ___ Spotted Sandpiper | U | | U | |
| ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron* | C | C | C | R | ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper | R | | | |
| Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork | | | | | ___ Least Sandpiper | U | | U | U |
| ___ Glossy Ibis | | R | R | | ___ Pectoral Sandpiper | C | | C | |
| ___ White Ibis | U | U | U | R | ___ Western Sandpiper | R | | | |
| ___ Roseate Spoonbill | | R | R | | ___ Short-billed Dowitcher | U | | U | U |
| ___ Wood Stork | | R | R | | ___ Long-billed Dowitcher | R | | | |
| Waterfowl | | | | | ___ Common Snipes | C | | C | C |
| ___ Greater White-fronted Goose | R | | R | U | ___ American Woodcock | R | R | R | U |
| ___ Snow Goose | U | | U | U | ___ Ringed-billed Gull | U | | U | U |
| ___ Ross' Goose | | | | R | Pigeons, Doves | | | | |
| ___ Canada Goose | R | R | R | R | ___ Rock Dove | R | R | R | R |
| ___ Wood Duck* | C | C | C | A | ___ Mourning Dove* | A | A | A | A |
| ___ Green-winged Teal | U | | U | U | ___ Common Ground-Dove | | R | R | R |
| ___ American Black Duck | R | | R | U | Cuckoos | | | | |
| ___ Mottled Duck | | | | U | ___ Black-billed Cuckoo | R | | R | |
| ___ Mallard | C | R | C | A | ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo* | C | C | C | |
| ___ Northern Pintail | R | | R | U | Owls | | | | |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal | C | R | C | R | ___ Common Barn Owl | R | R | R | R |
| ___ Northern Shoveler | R | | R | U | ___ Eastern Screech Owl* | C | C | C | C |
| ___ Gadwall | C | | C | A | ___ Great Horned Owl* | U | U | U | U |
| ___ American Wigeon | R | | R | U | ___ Barred Owl* | A | A | A | A |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck | R | | R | R | ___ Short-eared Owl | R | | R | R |
| ___ Greater Scaup | R | | R | R | Nightjars | | | | |
| ___ Lesser Scaup | R | | R | R | ___ Common Nighthawk | U | U | U | |
| ___ Hooded Merganser* | R | R | R | R | ___ Chuck-will's-widow | U | U | R | |
| Vultures, Hawks and Allies | | | | | ___ Whip-poor-will | U | U | R | |
| ___ Black Vulture* | U | U | U | C | Swifts, Hummingbirds | | | | |
| ___ Turkey Vulture* | U | U | U | U | ___ Chimney Swift* | U | U | U | |
| ___ Osprey | R | | | | ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird* | A | A | A | |
| ___ Mississippi Kite* | C | U | R | | Kingfishers | | | | |
| ___ Bald Eagle | | | | R | ___ Belted Kingfisher | U | U | U | U |
| ___ Northern Harrier | U | | U | A | | | | | |
| ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk | R | | R | R | | | | | |
| ___ Cooper's Hawk* | R | R | R | R | | | | | |
| ___ Red-shouldered Hawk* | C | C | C | C | | | | | |
| ___ Broad-winged Hawk | U | U | U | | | | | | |
| ___ Red-tailed Hawk* | C | U | C | C | | | | | |

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| | SP | S | F | W | | SP | S | F | W |
|--------------------------------------|----|---|---|---|----------------------------------|----|---|---|---|
| Woodpeckers | | | | | ___ Wood Thrush* | C | C | C | |
| ___ Red-headed Woodpecker* | U | U | U | C | ___ American Robin | C | R | C | A |
| ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker* | A | A | A | A | Thrashers | | | | |
| ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | U | | U | U | ___ Gray Catbird | C | U | C | R |
| ___ Downy Woodpecker* | C | C | C | C | ___ Northern Mockingbird* | C | C | C | C |
| ___ Hairy Woodpecker* | U | U | U | U | ___ Brown Thrasher | C | C | C | C |
| ___ Northern Flicker | U | U | U | A | Pipits | | | | |
| ___ Pileated Woodpecker* | C | C | C | C | ___ American Pipit | R | | R | U |
| Flycatchers | | | | | Waxwings | | | | |
| ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee* | C | C | C | | ___ Cedar Waxwing | C | R | R | C |
| ___ Acadian Flycatcher* | C | C | C | | Starling | | | | |
| ___ Eastern Phoebe | U | | U | C | ___ European Starling | A | C | A | A |
| ___ Great Crested Flycatcher* | C | C | C | | Shrike | | | | |
| ___ Eastern Kingbird | C | U | C | | ___ Loggerhead Shrike* | U | U | U | U |
| ___ Horned Lark* | U | U | U | U | Vireos | | | | |
| Martins and Swallows | | | | | ___ White-eyed Vireo* | A | A | A | R |
| ___ Purple Martin | C | U | C | | ___ Blue-headed Vireo | | | U | U |
| ___ Tree Swallow | C | | C | | ___ Yellow-throated Vireo* | C | C | C | |
| ___ Northern Roughed-winged Swallow | U | R | R | | ___ Red-eyed Vireo* | A | A | A | |
| ___ Barn Swallow | C | U | C | | ___ Philadelphia Vireo | U | | U | |
| Jays and Crows | | | | | Warblers | | | | |
| ___ Blue Jay* | A | A | A | A | ___ Blue-winged Warbler | U | | U | |
| ___ American Crow* | C | C | C | C | ___ Golden-winged Warbler | U | | U | |
| ___ Fish Crow | U | U | U | U | ___ Tennessee Warbler | A | | A | |
| Chickadees and Titmice | | | | | ___ Orange-crowned Warbler | U | | U | U |
| ___ Carolina Chickadee* | A | A | A | A | ___ Northern Parula* | A | A | C | |
| ___ Tufted Titmouse* | A | A | A | A | ___ Yellow warbler | U | | U | |
| Nuthatches | | | | | ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler | C | | C | |
| ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | | R | ___ Magnolia Warbler | C | | C | |
| ___ White-breasted Nuthatch | U | U | U | U | ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler | A | | A | A |
| ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch | R | R | R | R | ___ Black-throated Green Warbler | C | | C | |
| Creepers | | | | | ___ Blackburnian Warbler | U | | | U |
| Brown Creeper | U | | U | U | ___ Yellow-throated Warbler* | C | C | C | |
| Wrens | | | | | ___ Pine Warbler | R | R | R | R |
| ___ Carolina Wren* | A | A | A | A | ___ Prairie Warbler | R | | R | |
| ___ House Wren | U | | U | U | ___ Palm Warbler | U | | U | |
| ___ Winter Wren | U | | U | U | ___ Bay-breasted Warbler | U | | U | |
| ___ Sedge Wren | U | | U | U | ___ Blackpoll Warbler | C | | C | |
| Kinglets and Gnatcatchers | | | | | ___ Cerulean Warbler | U | R | U | |
| ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet | U | | C | C | ___ Black-and-white Warbler | C | R | C | |
| ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet | C | | C | C | ___ American Redstart* | U | U | U | |
| ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* | C | C | C | R | ___ Prothonotary Warbler* | A | A | A | |
| Bluebirds, Thrushes and Robin | | | | | ___ Worm-eating Warbler | U | | U | |
| ___ Eastern Bluebird | U | R | U | U | ___ Swainson's Warbler* | C | C | C | |
| ___ Veery | U | | U | | ___ Ovenbird | C | | U | |
| ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush | U | | U | | ___ Northern Waterthrush | A | | A | |
| ___ Swainson's Thrush | C | | C | | ___ Louisiana Waterthrush | A | R | A | |
| ___ Hermit Thrush | C | | C | C | ___ Kentucky Warbler* | C | C | C | |
| | | | | | ___ Common Yellowthroat* | C | C | C | U |
| | | | | | ___ Hooded Warbler* | C | C | C | |
| | | | | | ___ Wilson's Warbler | R | | R | |

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| ___ Canada Warbler | C | | C | |
| ___ Yellow-breasted Chat* | C | C | C | |

Tanagers

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|-----------------|---|---|---|--|
| Summer Tanager* | C | C | C | |
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New World Finches

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|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Northern Cardinal* | A | A | A | A |
| ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak | C | | C | |
| ___ Blue Grosbeak | C | U | C | |
| ___ Indigo Bunting* | A | A | A | |
| ___ Painted Bunting* | C | C | C | |
| ___ Dickcissel* | C | C | U | |
| ___ Rufous-sided Towhee* | C | C | C | C |

Sparrows

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|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Chipping Sparrow | U | R | U | U |
| ___ Field Sparrow | U | R | U | U |
| ___ Savannah Sparrow | C | | C | C |
| ___ Fox Sparrow | U | | U | U |
| ___ Song Sparrow | C | | C | C |
| ___ Swamp Sparrow | C | | C | C |
| ___ White-throated Sparrow | A | | A | A |
| ___ White-crowned Sparrow | U | | U | |
| ___ Dark-eyed Junco | C | | C | A |
| ___ Lapland Longspur | U | | U | U |

Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Bobolink | U | | U | |
| ___ Red-winged Blackbird* | A | A | A | A |
| ___ Eastern Meadowlark* | C | C | C | C |
| ___ Rusty Blackbird | U | | U | U |
| ___ Brewer's Blackbird | U | | U | U |
| ___ Common Grackle* | C | C | C | A |
| ___ Brown-headed Cowbird* | C | C | C | C |
| ___ Orchard Oriole* | C | C | C | |
| ___ Baltimore Oriole | U | R | U | |

Old World Finches

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|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Purple Finch | U | | U | U |
| ___ House Finch | R | R | R | R |
| ___ Pine Siskin | U | | | |
| ___ American Goldfinch | C | R | C | C |

Weaver Finches

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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ House Sparrow | U | U | U | U |
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