



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Birds of

Washita National Wildlife Refuge

Welcome to Birding at Washita National Wildlife Refuge

Washita National Wildlife Refuge is located in west-central Oklahoma on the north end of Foss Reservoir. The 8,075 acre refuge is located in the Central Flyway, providing a resting and feeding area for migrating and wintering waterfowl and sandhill cranes. Washita's diverse habitats include open waters, shallow marshes, mixed grass prairies, small woodlands, and planted crops that provide food and shelter for 271 documented species of migratory and resident birds. This checklist follows the order of the 7th edition (1998) AOU checklist with modifications presented through the 57th Supplement to the AOU Checklist (July 2016). You are requested to report sightings of birds not on our checklist or if listed as rare or accidental.

The seasonal designations for species, intended as general guidelines, are treated as follows on the checklist:

Seasons

- Sp** Spring—period of spring migration (depending on species) from mid-February to early June
- S** Summer—June to August
- F** Fall—period of fall migration (depending on species) from mid-July to November
- W** Winter—December to February

Abundance

- A** Abundant: Common species that is very numerous.
- C** Common; suitable habitat is available; should not be missed during appropriate season.
- U** Uncommon; present, but in moderate numbers; not seen on every visit during season.
- O** Occasional; present, only a few times per season; also includes those species that do not occur each year, while in some years may be fairly common.
- R** Rare; observed only every 1 to 5 years; records are sporadic and few.
- X** Accidental; Has been seen only once or twice.
- * Nests locally



Northern bobwhite. /USFWS

Italics = Federal Threatened or Endangered Status

Common Name

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Gr. White-fronted Goose	u		u	c
___ Snow Goose	c		c	a
___ Ross's Goose	c		c	a
___ Brant			x	x
___ Cackling Goose	u		u	u
___ Canada Goose*	c	u	a	a
___ Trumpeter Swan				x
___ Tundra Swan	r			o
___ Wood Duck*	u	u	u	r
___ Gadwall	c		c	c
___ American Wigeon	c		a	a
___ American Black Duck			x	x
___ Mallard*	a	u	a	a
___ Blue-winged Teal*	c	o	c	r
___ Cinnamon Teal	o		r	
___ Northern Shoveler	c		c	u
___ Northern Pintail	c		u	c
___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
___ Canvasback	u		c	u
___ Redhead	c		c	c
___ Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
___ Greater Scaup			r	r
___ Lesser Scaup	u		u	o
___ Long-tailed Duck				x
___ Bufflehead	u		c	u
___ Common Goldeneye	u		o	u
___ Barrow's Goldeneye			r	r
___ Hooded Merganser	u	x	c	c
___ Common Merganser	o	x	o	c
___ Red-br. Merganser	r		u	u
___ Ruddy Duck	u		c	o

New World Quail

___ Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c
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Pheasants, Grouse, and Turkeys

___ Ring-necked Pheasant	r		r	r
___ Lesser Prairie-Chicken			x	x
___ Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c

Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe	c	u	c	c
___ Horned Grebe	o		c	c
___ Eared Grebe	u			o
___ Western Grebe		x	o	r

Pigeons and Doves

___ Rock Pigeon	o	o	o	o
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	c	c	c	c
___ Inca Dove				r
___ White-winged Dove	x			
___ Mourning Dove*	c	a	a	c

Cuckoos and Roadrunners

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	u	
___ Greater Roadrunner*	u	u	u	u

Goatsuckers

___ Common Nighthawk*	c	c	c	
___ Common Poorwill	o		o	
___ Chuck-will's-widow	o			
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will	x			

Swifts

___ Chimney Swift	u	o	u	
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Common Name

	Sp	Su	F	W
Hummingbirds				
___ Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	u	o	u	
___ Black-ch. Hummingbird*	u	c	u	
___ Rufous Hummingbird	x	x	x	
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
___ Sora		o	o	o
___ Common Moorhen	r	r		
___ American Coot	c	r	a	c
Cranes				
___ Sandhill Crane	u		c	u
___ Whooping Crane	r		r	
Stilts and Avocets				
___ Black-necked Stilt	r			
___ American Avocet	u	o	u	
Plovers				
___ Black-bellied Plover	u		o	
___ American Golden-Plover	o		r	
___ Snowy Plover	o	r	o	
___ Semipalmated Plover	o		o	
___ Killdeer*	c	c	c	c
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
___ Upland Sandpiper	u	u	o	
___ Whimbrel		o		
___ Long-billed Curlew	u	r		
___ Hudsonian Godwit	r			
___ Marbled Godwit	u	o		
___ Ruddy Turnstone	r			
___ Stilt Sandpiper	c	o	o	
___ Sanderling		o		o
___ Baird's Sandpiper	c	u	u	
___ Least Sandpiper	c	u	u	r
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	u	o		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	o	o	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	u	u	
___ Western Sandpiper	u	u	u	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	c	o	o	
___ Wilson's Snipe	u		u	o
___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	o	u	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	u	o	o	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	u	r
___ Willet		u	o	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	o	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	c	o	o	
Gulls and Terns				
___ Bonaparte's Gull	u		u	c
___ Franklin's Gull	c	o	o	
___ Ring-billed Gull	c	r	c	c
___ Herring Gull	o		o	u
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull				x
___ Least Tern		o	o	o
___ Black Tern		u	u	u
___ Common Tern		r	r	
___ Forster's Tern	u	o	o	
Loons				
___ Red-throated Loon				x
___ Pacific Loon				x
___ Common Loon	u	x	u	u
Cormorants				
___ Neotropic Cormorant	x			
___ Double-cr. Cormorant	c	o	c	c
Darters				
___ Anhinga	x	x		

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Pelicans					Vireos					Longspurs				
___ American White Pelican	c	o	u	u	___ White-eyed Vireo	x				___ Lapland Longspur	u		o	u
___ <i>Brown Pelican</i>				x	___ Bell's Vireo*	u	u	o		___ Chestnut-col. Longspur	o		r	o
Hérons, Bitterns, and Allies					Crows and Jays					Wood-warblers				
___ American Bittern	u		u		___ Yellow-throated Vireo	r				___ Smith's Longspur				r
___ Least Bittern	r		r		___ Blue-headed Vireo	r				___ McCown's Longspur	o		r	o
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	u	___ Warbling Vireo*	c	c	u		Wood-warblers				
___ Great Egret	u	u	u		___ Red-eyed Vireo	r				___ Orange-cr. Warbler	o		u	r
___ Snowy Egret	u	u	u		Larks					___ Nashville Warbler	r		r	
___ Little Blue Heron	u	o	u		___ Horned Lark *	u	u	u	u	___ Common Yellowthroat*	u	u	o	
___ Tricolored Heron		x			Swallows					___ American Redstart	r			
___ Cattle Egret	u	u	u		___ Purple Martin	o	o	o		___ Yellow Warbler	u	u	u	
___ Green Heron	c	u	u		___ Tree Swallow*	u	u	u		___ Pine Warbler				x
___ Black-cr. Night-Heron	u	o	u		___ N. Rough-wing. Swallow*	u	u	u		___ Yellow-rumped Warbler				u
___ Yellow-cr. Night-Heron	o	o	o		___ Bank Swallow	u	u	u		___ Black-thr. Green Warbler	r			
Ibis					Chickadees and Titmice					Towhees, Sparrows, and Allies				
___ White Ibis			x		___ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c	___ Spotted Towhee	u		u	u
___ White-faced Ibis	c	r	u		___ Tufted Titmouse	o	o	o	o	___ Rufous-cr. Sparrow	r			
New World Vultures					Nuthatches					Cassin's Sparrow				
___ Turkey Vulture *	c	c	c		___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o		___ American Tree Sparrow	u		u	c
Hawks, Kites, and Eagles					Creepers					Chipping Sparrow				
___ Osprey	c	r	u	r	___ Brown Creeper				o	u				
___ Mississippi Kite*	c	c	u		Wrens					___ Clay-colored Sparrow	c	r	o	
___ Bald Eagle	o	o	o	u	___ Rock Wren				r					
___ Northern Harrier*	c	o	c	c	___ House Wren*	o	r	o		___ Fox Sparrow	o	o	u	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u	___ Winter Wren	r		r	o	___ Song Sparrow	u		u	c
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	o	u	u	___ Sedge Wren	r		r	r	___ Lincoln's Sparrow	o	o	o	
___ Northern Goshawk				x	___ Marsh Wren	o	o	o		___ Swamp Sparrow				o
___ Harris's Hawk				x	___ Carolina Wren*	u	u	u	o	___ White-throated Sparrow	o	o	o	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk				x	___ Bewick's Wren*	u	u	u	u	___ Harris's Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Swainson's Hawk*	c	u	c		Gnatcatchers					___ White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c	___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	u	u	u		___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk	r		r	o	Kinglets					Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Buntings				
___ Ferruginous Hawk	o		o	u	___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	o		o	o	___ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
___ Golden Eagle	r		r	o	___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u	___ Black-headed Grosbeak	x		x	
Barn Owls					Thrushes					Blue Grosbeak*				
___ Barn Owl*	u	u	u	u	___ Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	u	u	___ Lazuli Bunting	o			
Typical Owls					Starlings					Indigo Bunting*				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	o	o	o	o	___ European Starling*	u	u	u	u	___ Painted Bunting*	u	u	u	
___ Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c	Waxwings					Dickeissel*				
___ Snowy Owl			x	x	___ Cedar Waxwing	c		u	c	Blackbirds				
___ Burrowing Owl	r	r	r	r	Old World Sparrow					___ Bobolink			o	r
___ Barred Owl	u	u	u	u	___ House Sparrow*	u	u	u	u	___ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	a
___ Long-eared Owl	r		r	r	Pipits					___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c
___ Short-eared Owl	o		o	o	___ American Pipit	u		u	u	___ Western Meadowlark*	u	u	u	u
Kingfishers					Finches					Yellow-headed Blackbird				
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	u	___ House Finch	u	u	u	u	___ Rusty Blackbird	o	o	o	
Woodpeckers					Mockingbirds and Thrashers					Brewer's Blackbird				
___ Red-head. Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	___ Gray Catbird*	x	x	x		___ Common Grackle*	u	c	u	o
___ Golden-fr. Woodpecker	r		r		___ Curve-billed Thrasher	x		x		___ Great-tailed Grackle	o	o	o	r
___ Red-bel. Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	o	___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	a
___ Yellow-bel. Sapsucker	o		o	o	___ Sage Thrasher	x		x	x	___ Orchard Oriole*	c		c	
___ Ladder-bac. Woodpecker	r		r		___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	u	___ Bullock's Oriole	o	r	o	
___ Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	c	Starlings					___ Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	u	
___ Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	c	___ European Starling*	u	u	u	u	Please reuse or return to the Visitor Center Desk				
___ Northern Flicker*	c	u	c	c	Waxwings									
Caracaras and Falcons					Old World Sparrow					<i>Canada goose.</i> /USFWS				
___ American Kestrel*	c	u	c	u	___ House Sparrow*	u	u	u	u					
___ Merlin	o		o	o	Pipits									
___ Peregrine Falcon	r	x	r		___ American Pipit	u		u	u					
___ Prairie Falcon	o		o	u	___ Sprague's Pipit	r		r	x					
Tyrant Flycatchers					Finches									
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	o				___ House Finch	u	u	u	u					
___ Least Flycatcher	o				___ Purple Finch				r					
___ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	u	r	___ Red Crossbill				x					
___ Say's Phoebe	r				___ Pine Siskin	u		o	u					
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	r		r		___ American Goldfinch*	u	u	u	c					
___ Great Cr. Flycatcher*	c	c	u		___ Evening Grosbeak				r					
___ Western Kingbird*	c	u	c											
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c											
___ Scissor-tail. Flycatcher*	c	c	a											
Shrikes														
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u										