



# Mammals of Aransas National Wildlife Refuge

**Abundance**

C Common; suitable habitat is available, should not be missed during appropriate season.

U Uncommon; present in moderate numbers (often due to low availability of suitable habitat); not seen every visit during season.

O Occasional; present, observed only a few times per season; also includes those species which do not occur year, while in some years may be fairly common.

R Rare; observed only every 1 to 5 years; records for species at Aransas are sporadic and few.

**Note**

Please remember that collecting is not allowed on the Refuge. If you should find an unlisted or rare species, contact the Refuge staff and provide a description. We welcome any additions visitors may provide to enhance the accuracy of these lists.

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**Marsupials**

Virginia Opossum	C
<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	

**Armadillos**

Nine-banded Armadillo	C
<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	

**Shrews and Moles**

Elliot's Short-tailed Shrew	R
<i>Blarina hylophaga</i>	
Least Shrew	C
<i>Cryptotis parva</i>	
Eastern Mole	R
<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>	

**Bats**

Eastern Red Bat	R
<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	
Silver-haired Bat	R
<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	
Brazilian Free-tailed Bat	U
<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	
Big Free-tailed Bat	R
<i>Nyctinomops macrotis</i>	

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**Canines**

Coyote	U
<i>Canis latrans</i>	
Common Gray Fox	U
<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	

**Raccoons and Relatives**

Ringtail	R
<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>	
Northern Raccoon	C
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	

**Weasels and Skunks**

Long-tailed Weasel	R
<i>Mustela frenata</i>	
American Mink	R
<i>Mustela vison</i>	
American Badger	R
<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	
Eastern Spotted Skunk	R
<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	
Striped Skunk	U
<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	
Hog-nosed Skunk	R
<i>Conepatus leuconotus</i>	

**Felines**

Mountain Lion	R
<i>Puma concolor</i>	
Bobcat	U
<i>Lynx rufus</i>	

**Whales, Porpoises and Dolphins**

Pygmy Sperm Whale	R
<i>Kogia breviceps</i>	
Dwarf Sperm Whale	R
<i>Kogia sima</i>	
Cuvier's Beaked Whale	R
<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>	
Pygmy Killer Whale	R
<i>Feresa attenuata</i>	
Melon-headed Whale	R
<i>Peponocephala electra</i>	
Risso's Dolphin	R
<i>Grampus griseus</i>	
Bottlenose Dolphin	C
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	
Clymene Dolphin	R
<i>Stenella clymene</i>	

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**Hoofed Mammals**

Feral Pig	C
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	
Collared Peccary	U
<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	
White-tailed Deer	C
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	

**Rodents**

Mexican Ground Squirrel	R
<i>Spermophilus mexicanus</i>	
Eastern Fox Squirrel	U
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	
Attwater's Pocket Gopher	C
<i>Geomys attwateri</i>	
Hispid Pocket Mouse	R
<i>Chaetodipus hispidus</i>	
Marsh Rice Rat	O
<i>Oryzomys palustris</i>	
Fulvous Harvest Mouse	R
<i>Reithrodontomys fulvescens</i>	
White-footed Mouse	R
<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	
Deer Mouse	R
<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	
Northern Pygmy Mouse	C
<i>Baiomys taylori</i>	
Hispid Cotton Rat	U
<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	
Southern Plains Woodrat	R
<i>Neotoma micropus</i>	
Norway Rat	R
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	
Roof Rat	R
<i>Rattus rattus</i>	
House Mouse	R
<i>Mus musculus</i>	
Nutria	O
<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	

**Rabbits and Hares**

Swamp Rabbit	O
<i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i>	
Eastern Cottontail	C
<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	U
<i>Lepus californicus</i>	

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**Reference**

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