

Cross Creeks

National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



Welcome to Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, one of over 500 national wildlife refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The 8,862 acre refuge stretches 11 miles on either side of Lake Barkley on the Cumberland River in Stewart County, Tennessee. The combination of deciduous woodlands, open water, marsh and croplands provide excellent habitat for various species of birds. Manipulation of water levels in refuge pools resulting in moist soil areas rich in natural plant and animal life create unlimited food resources for wading birds, marsh and shorebirds, raptors, songbirds and waterfowl.

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The refuge is approximately four miles east of Dover, Tennessee off of Highway 49. Travel east from Dover three miles, turn left at the refuge sign and proceed one mile. Signs will direct you to the refuge office/visitor center and main entrance to the refuge.

*How to use your
checklist*

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

*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 only once or twice a year; some years not at all)

x - accidental - (out of normal species range)

* - nests on the refuge.

+ - Irruptive species seen most frequently during invasion years (2-10 year intervals)

photo: Joe Doherty



This checklist includes 251 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. Another 25 species which have been observed very infrequently are presently listed under "Accidental" birds. If you should

find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records.

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Loons				
___ Common Loon	o		u	o
___ Grebes				
___ Pied-billed Grebe	c		c	u
___ Horned Grebe	r		o	r
Pelicans and their Allies				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	o		o	o
___ Anhinga		r		
Hérons, Egrets and their Allies				
___ American Bittern	o		o	r
___ Least Bittern	o	r		
___ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret	u	u	u	r
___ Snowy Egret	r	r	r	
___ Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	
___ Cattle Egret	u	o	o	
___ Green-backed Heron*	c	c	c	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	c	c	r
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	u	r	
Ibises and Storks				
___ White Ibis+	r		r	
___ Wood Stork+	r	r	r	
Waterfowl				
___ Tundra Swan			r	
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	r		r	r
___ Snow Goose	o		u	u
___ Canada Goose*	c	c	a	a
___ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	u
___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
___ American Black Duck	u	r	a	a
___ Mallard*	u	u	a	a
___ Northern Pintail	u		c	c
___ Blue-winged Teal	c	r	c	r
___ Northern Shoveler	c		u	u
___ Gadwall	u		c	c
___ Eurasian Wigeon	r		r	r
___ American Wigeon	u		c	c
___ Canvasback	o		u	c
___ Redhead	u		u	u
___ Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
___ Greater Scaup	r			r
___ Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
___ Oldsquaw				r
___ White-winged Scoter			r	r
___ Common Goldeneye	o		o	u
___ Bufflehead	o		o	o
___ Hooded Merganser*	u		c	c
___ Common Merganser	r		o	u

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___ Red-breasted Merganser	o		o	u
___ Ruddy Duck	o		o	o
Vultures, Hawks and their Allies				
___ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	u
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	u
___ Osprey	u		u	
___ Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Harrier	u		c	c
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		c	u
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	o	u	u
___ Northern Goshawk				
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ Broad-winged Hawk*	u	o	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk+			r	r
___ Golden Eagle			o	o
___ American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
___ Merlin	r		r	
___ Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and their Allies)				
___ Wild Turkey*	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c
Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes				
___ King Rail	o		r	
___ Virginia Rail	o		o	r
___ Sora	u		u	r
___ Common Moorhen	o			
___ American Coot	u		c	u
___ Sandhill Crane			r	r
Shorebirds				
___ Black-bellied Plover			o	
___ Lesser Golden-Plover	u	r	r	
___ Semipalmated Plover	u	o	u	
___ Piping Plover		r	r	
___ Killdeer*	c	c	c	c
___ American Avocet		r	r	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	c	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	o	c	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	c	o	u	
___ Willet		r	r	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	o	u	
___ Upland Sandpiper	r	r	r	
___ Sanderling		r	r	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	o	c	
___ Western Sandpiper		r	r	
___ Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	o	r	r	

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___ Baird's Sandpiper			r	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	c	o	c	
___ Dunlin			o	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	u	u	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper			r	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o	u	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	r		r	
___ Common Snipe	c		u	c
___ American Woodcock*	u	o	o	r
___ Wilson's Phalarope			r	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	o		o	o
___ Ring-billed Gull	u		c	c
___ Herring Gull	o			o
___ Caspian Tern	o	r	o	
___ Common Tern	r		r	
___ Forster's Tern	o	r	o	
___ Least Tern	r	r		
___ Black Tern	u	r	o	
Pigeons, Doves				
___ Rock Dove*	o	o	o	o
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
Cuckoos				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	c	c	
Owls				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Long-eared Owl				
___ Short-eared Owl			r	r
Nightjars				
___ Common Nighthawk	u	u	u	
___ Chuck-will's-widow*	u	u		
___ Whip-poor-will*	c	c	o	
Swifts, Hummingbirds				
___ Chimney Swift*	u	c	c	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	c	u	
Kingfishers				
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	c
Woodpeckers				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	c
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c

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___Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
___Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Flycatchers				
___Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		r	
___Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	u	
___Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
___Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	u	
___Alder Flycatcher	r			
___Willow Flycatcher*	o	u	r	
___Least Flycatcher	o			
___Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	u	o
___Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	o	
___Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	u	
Larks				
___Horned Lark	u	r	u	u
Martins and Swallows				
___Purple Martin*	u	c	o	
___Tree Swallow*	c	u	c	
___Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	
___Bank Swallow	u	u	o	
___Cliff Swallow*	u	u	o	
___Barn Swallow*	c	c	u	
Jays and Crows				
___Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___American Crow*	c	c	c	c
Chickadees and Titmice				
___Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
___Red-breasted Nuthatch+	o		o	o
___White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
Creepers				
___Brown Creeper	u		u	u
Wrens				
___Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
___Bewick's Wren	r	r	r	
___House Wren	o	r	o	
___Winter Wren	u		o	u
___Sedge Wren	u	r	u	r
___Marsh Wren	u		u	

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Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		c	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	o
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	u	
Bluebirds, Thrushes and Robin				
___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
___ Veery	u		o	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	c		u	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___ Wood Thrush*	c	c	u	
___ American Robin*	c	c	c	c
Thrashers				
___ Gray Catbird*	c	c	u	
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	u
Pipits				
___ American Pipit	u		u	u
Waxwings				
___ Cedar Waxwing	u	r	u	u
Starling				
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	a
Shrike				
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
Vireos				
___ White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	
___ Solitary Vireo	o		o	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	o	
___ Warbling Vireo*	u	u	o	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	
Warblers				
___ Blue-winged Warbler*	u	u	r	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	o		r	
___ Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	r		r	
___ Nashville Warbler	c		u	
___ Northern Parula*	u	u	u	
___ Yellow Warbler*	u	u	r	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u	
___ Magnolia Warbler	u		c	
___ Cape May Warbler	o		r	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	r		r	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	u

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___ Black-throated Green Warbler	c		c	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Pine Warbler*	o	o	o	r
___ Prairie Warbler	u	u	o	
___ Palm Warbler		u		u
___ Bay-breasted Warbler		u		c
___ Blackpoll Warbler		c		r
___ Cerulean Warbler*		u	u	o
___ Black-and-white Warbler		u	r	u
___ American Redstart		u	r	u
___ Prothonotary Warbler*		c	c	u
___ Worm-eating Warbler*		u	u	o
___ Ovenbird		u		u
___ Northern Waterthrush		u		u
___ Louisiana Waterthrush*		c	c	r
___ Kentucky Warbler*		u	c	u
___ Connecticut Warbler		r		
___ Mourning Warbler		r		
___ Common Yellowthroat*		c	c	c
___ Hooded Warbler*		u	u	r
___ Wilson's Warbler		u		u
___ Canada Warbler		r		r
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*		c	c	o

Tanagers

___ Summer Tanager*		c	c	u
___ Scarlet Tanager*		u	u	u

New World Finches

___ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		c		c
___ Blue Grosbeak*		u	u	o
___ Indigo Bunting*		c	c	c
___ Dickcissel*		u	c	o

Sparrows

___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	c	c	c	c
___ American Tree Sparrow+				o
___ Chipping Sparrow*	u	u	o	
___ Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
___ Vesper Sparrow	c		u	
___ Lark Sparrow	o	r		
___ Savannah Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	o	r		
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	r		r	r
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow			o	
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Song Sparrow*	c	o	c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	a
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	a

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___ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
___ Lapland Longspur	r		o	o
Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles				
___ Bobolink	u		u	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	a
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c
___ Rusty Blackbird	u		u	u
___ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole*	c	c	r	
___ Northern Oriole	u		o	
Old World Finches				
___ Purple Finch+	c		u	c
___ House Finch	c	u	u	c
___ Pine Siskin+	o		u	u
___ American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
___ Evening Grosbeak+	o		r	u
Weaver Finches				
___ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c

Accidental Birds

The following species have been observed sporadically on the refuge and are considered accidental:



American White Pelican
Tri-colored Heron
Glossy Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
Fulvous Whistling Duck
Mute Swan



Brant
Ross' Goose
Barnacle Goose
Cinnamon Teal
Mississippi Kite
Northern Goshawk
Yellow Rail
Purple Gallinule
Piping Plover
Marbled Godwit
Red-necked Phalarope
Laughing Gull
Franklin's Gull



Common Ground Dove
Snowy Owl
Swainson's Warbler
Snow Bunting
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird

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