

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Eufaula

*National Wildlife Refuge
Bird List*



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Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1964, is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. The refuge is located on the Chattahoochee River and is superimposed on the Walter F. George Reservoir, a river and harbor project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Situated between Alabama and Georgia, the refuge encompasses 11,184 acres of land, marsh and water. The refuge office is located about 6 miles north of Eufaula, Alabama, on Old Highway 165.

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 at intervals of 2 to 5 years)

x-accidental - (out of normal species range)

*-known or suspected to have nested on refuge.

This checklist includes 287 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. Special acknowledgment is given to Dr. Julian L. Dusi, Auburn University, for compiling this list from years of personal observation. 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	o	u	u
Red-throated Loon	x			
Grebes				
Pied-billed Grebe*	c	u	c	c
Horned Grebe	r		r	o
Eared Grebe	x			
Shearwaters, Petrels				
Leach's Storm-Petrel			x	
Pelicans and their Allies				
Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	u	c
Anhinga*	u	u	r	r
Brown Pelican	r		r	
White Pelican	r	r	x	x
Hérons, Egrets and Allies				
American Bittern	o	r	o	o
Least Bittern*	u	u		
Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	a
Great Egret*	c	c	a	a
Snowy Egret*	u	u	o	o
Little Blue Heron*	c	c	u	o
Tricolored Heron	o	o	o	r
Reddish Egret	r		r	r
Cattle Egret*	c	a	a	u
Green Heron*	c	c	u	r
Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	c
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	o	r	
Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork				
Glossy Ibis	r	r		r
White Ibis*	u	u	u	u
Roseate Spoonbill		r	r	r
Wood Stork	o	o	u	

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Waterfowl				
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	x			x
Tundra Swan	x		r	o
Greater White-fronted Goose	o		o	u
Snow Goose	u		u	c
Ross's Goose				r
Canada Goose*	c	c	a	a
Wood Duck*	a	a	a	a
Green-winged Teal	c		a	a
American Black Duck	u		u	u
Mallard	a	c	a	a
Northern Pintail	u		a	a
Blue-winged Teal	c	o	a	a
Northern Shoveler	c		c	a
Gadwall	u		a	a
American Wigeon	c		a	a
Canvasback	o		o	u
Redhead	o		u	u
Ring-necked Duck	c		a	a
Greater Scaup				r
Lesser Scaup	u		c	c
Oldsquaw	x			x
Common Goldeneye			r	o
Bufflehead	u		u	c
Hooded Merganser*	u	r	u	c
Common Merganser	r		r	r
Red-breasted Merganser	r		u	u
Ruddy Duck	u		u	c
Vultures, Hawks and Allies				
Black Vulture	c	c	c	c
Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
Osprey*	c	c	u	o
Mississippi Kite		o		
Bald Eagle	o	o	o	u
Northern Harrier	u		c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	u	u
Cooper's Hawk	u	o	u	u
Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
Broad-winged Hawk	o	o	o	r
Swainson's Hawk			x	x
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk			x	x
Golden Eagle		r	r	o
American Kestrel	o	o	c	c
Merlin	r		o	o
Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r

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Gallinaceous Birds				
(Quail, Turkey and Allies)				
Wild Turkey*	o	u	u	o
Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c
Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes				
Yellow Rail	x	r		x
Black Rail	x			
King Rail*	u	u	u	o
Virginia Rail*	o		x	r
Sora	o	x	o	o
Purple Gallinule	u	u	o	r
Common Moorhen*	c	c	u	u
American Coot	c	u	a	a
Sandhill Crane	o		o	o
Shorebirds				
Black-bellied Plover	u	r	u	o
Lesser Golden Plover	u		u	
Wilson's Plover			x	
Semipalmated Plover	u	o	o	x
Piping Plover	r	r		
Killdeer*	c	c	a	a
Black-necked Stilt		x		
American Avocet		r	r	r
Greater Yellowlegs	c	u	u	u
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	c	u
Solitary Sandpiper	u	o	o	r
Willet	o	r	o	r
Spotted Sandpiper	c	u	u	o
Upland Sandpiper	u	r	r	
Whimbrel		x		
Marbled Godwit		x		
Ruddy Turnstone	x	x	x	
Red Knot			x	
Sanderling	o	o	o	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	r
Western Sandpiper	u	r	o	u
Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	c
White-rumped Sandpiper	u	x	r	
Baird's Sandpiper	r	r	o	
Pectoral Sandpiper	c	u	c	u
Dunlin	u		c	c
Stilt Sandpiper	o	o	o	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	x	r	r	
Ruff	x	x		
Short-billed Dowitcher	o	o	u	u
Long-billed Dowitcher	u	x	u	
Common Snipe	a	u	c	c
American Woodcock*	o	r	u	u
Wilson's Phalarope	o	r	o	

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Red-necked Phalarope		x		
Red Phalarope			x	
Laughing Gull	o	o	r	o
Bonaparte's Gull	u		u	u
Ring-billed Gull	c	o	c	a
Herring Gull	u	o	u	u
Gull-billed Tern				x
Caspian Tern	u	o	r	r
Royal Tern		x		
Sandwich Tern		x		
Common Tern	x	x		r
Forster's Tern	u	u	c	u
Least Tern		r	o	u
Black Tern	o	u		
Black Skimmer		x		
Pigeons, Doves				
Rock Dove*	c	c	c	c
Mourning Dove*	c	a	a	a
Common Ground-Dove*	u	c	u	u
Cuckoos				
Black-billed Cuckoo	o		o	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	o	
Groove-billed Ani			x	
Owls				
Barn Owl*	u	u	u	u
Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c
Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl				x
Short-eared Owl	o			o
Northern Saw-whet Owl				x
Goatsuckers				
Common Nighthawk*	u	o	o	
Chuck-will's-widow*	u	u		
Whip-poor-will	r			
Swifts, Hummingbirds				
Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	r	
Kingfishers				
Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	c
Woodpeckers				
Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	o	o	o
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	c

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Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker*	u	o	u	u
Red-cockaded Woodpecker				x
Northern Flicker*	u	u	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher			x	
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	o	o	r	
Acadian Flycatcher*	u	c	u	
Alder Flycatcher	x			
Least Flycatcher	o	x		
Eastern Phoebe	u	c	c	c
Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	r	
Vermillion Flycatcher				x
Eastern Kingbird*	c	c		
Gray Kingbird			x	
Larks				
Horned Lark				x
Martins and Swallows				
Purple Martin*	c	c	o	u
Tree Swallow	c	u	a	o
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	a	a	x
Bank Swallow	u	a	u	
Cliff Swallow	r		o	
Barn Swallow*	c	c	a	
Jays and Crows				
Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
American Crow*	c	c	c	a
Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c
Chickadees and Titmice				
Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r			o
White-breasted Nuthatch				r
Brown-headed Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	o		o	u
Wrens				
Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
Bewick's Wren				r
House Wren	o	x	o	u

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

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Magnolia Warbler	r			
Cape May Warbler	r		u	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	a
Black-throated Green Warbler	o		r	
Blackburnian Warbler	o		o	
Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	o	
Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c
Prairie Warbler*	u	u	o	
Bay-breasted Warbler			u	
Palm Warbler	c		c	c
Blackpoll Warbler	o			
Cerulean Warbler	x		x	
Black-and-white Warbler	u	x	u	o
American Redstart	u		o	
Prothonotary Warbler*	u	c		
Worm-eating Warbler	o	r		
Swainson's Warbler	r			
Ovenbird	o		u	
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	r
Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u		
Kentucky Warbler*	c	c	c	c
Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	c
Hooded Warbler*	u	c	u	
Wilson's Warbler	x		x	
Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u	u	
Tanagers				
Summer Tanager*	u	u	x	
Scarlet Tanager	o			
New World Finches				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o			
Blue Grosbeak*	u	c	u	
Indigo Bunting*	u	c	u	
Dickcissel	r		x	
Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
Sparrows				
Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	c
Bachman's Sparrow*		o	r	
Chipping Sparrow*	c	u	c	a
Clay-colored Sparrow	x			
Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
Vesper Sparrow	u		u	c
Lark Sparrow		x		
Savannah Sparrow	c		c	a
Grasshopper Sparrow*	o	o	o	u
Henslow's Sparrow			x	
Le Conte's Sparrow	o		r	u
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				x
Fox Sparrow	o		o	u

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Song Sparrow	c		c	a
Lincoln's Sparrow			x	x
Swamp Sparrow	c		c	a
White-throated Sparrow	c		u	a
White-crowned Sparrow	o		o	o
Dark-eyed Junco	o		u	c

Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles

Bobolink	c	c		
Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c
Yellow-headed Blackbird			x	
Rusty Blackbird	u		o	u
Brewer's Blackbird				o
Common Grackle*	c	c	a	a
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	a	a
Orchard Oriole*	u	c		
Northern Oriole	r			r

Old World Finches

Purple Finch			o	u
Pine Siskin				u
American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c
Evening Grosbeak				r

Weaver Finches

House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
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Sighting Notes

Date: _____ Time: _____ to: _____

Weather: _____

No. of species: _____

Route or area: _____

Observers: _____

Remarks: _____

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Ethics for Birdwatching

Take care not to disturb nesting birds. This exposes eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.

Disturb wintering bird life as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

Do not litter

Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

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