

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Holla Bend

National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



green heron



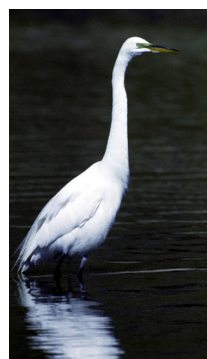
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Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1957 primarily as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl, and is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge is located in the Arkansas River Valley about 8 miles from the town of Dardanelle. Holla Bend NWR manages

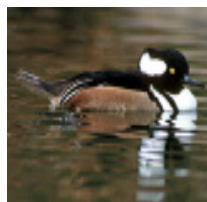
7,057 acres of diversified wildlife habitat including agricultural fields, mixed forest, irregularly flooded timber, mudflats and open water.

Season abundance

Because of the Refuge's habitat diversity and geographical location near the transitional zone for eastern and western species, a birding visit may be unusually rewarding. Ducks in numbers often exceeding 30,000 are common sights funneling into grain fields during December and January. Mallards make up 90% of the flight but American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Gadwall and Green-winged Teal are also common. Snow and Canada



great egret



hooded merganser

Geese, along with lesser numbers of Greater White-fronted and Ross' Geese, are usually found resting in the old river channel or feeding in the wheat, corn and milo fields along with the ducks. Bald Eagles frequent the refuge November through February and on rare occasion Golden Eagles may also be observed. These magnificent birds perch regally on solitary large trees scattered throughout the farm unit and along the river bank. The Greater Roadrunner resides in limited numbers and the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher is common from spring through fall. Northern Bobwhites and Mourning Doves find the farmland and field edges to be ideal year round as do seasonal residents or migrants such as Bobolinks and many species of sparrows. A variety of herons, egrets, and shorebirds frequent the pools and mudflats. Seven species of owls, including Burrowing and Long-eared, have occurred in proper habitat on the refuge. Numerous vireos, warblers, buntings and orioles inhabit the woodlands, especially during migration and some remain to nest.

How to use your checklist

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. Taxonomy and nomenclature of this list follow the Checklist of North American Birds. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

SP Spring, March – May

S Summer, June – July

F Fall, August – November

W Winter, December – February



eastern wild turkey

- 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)

This checklist includes 266 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 will appreciate your help in updating our records.

	SP	S	F	W
Loons and Grebes				
Common Loon				r
Pied-billed Grebe	c	r	c	c
Horned Grebe				r
Eared Grebe				r
Pelicans and Allies				
American White Pelican	u		u	c
Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	c
Anhinga				r
Herons, Egrets, Ibises and Vultures				
American Bittern		o		o
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	o	c	c	u
Snowy Egret		o		
Little Blue Heron	r	r		
Cattle Egret	r	r		
Green Heron	u	u	u	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		r		
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		r		
White Ibis		r		
Glossy Ibis	r		r	
Wood Stork			r	
Black Vulture	c	u	c	c
Turkey Vulture	a	a	a	a
Swans, Geese and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose				o
Snow Goose	u		c	c
Ross' Goose	u		u	o
Canada Goose	c	u	c	c
Cackling Goose				r
Trumpeter Swan	o			o

Tundra Swan	SP	S	F	W
Wood Duck	c	u	o	c
Gadwall	u		c	c
American Wigeon	u		c	c
American Black Duck	r		r	r
Mallard	u	u	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	u	u	c	o
Northern Shoveler	u		c	c
Northern Pintail	u		o	o
Green-winged Teal			o	o
Canvasback				r
Redhead	r		r	r
Ring-necked Duck	u		u	o
Greater Scaup				r
Lesser Scaup	u		u	r
Bufflehead			u	r
Common Goldeneye				r
Hooded Merganser	u	u	u	u
Red-breasted Merganser				r
Common Merganser			u	u
Rudy Duck			r	r
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	r			r
Hawks and Falcons				
Osprey	u	r	u	
Bald Eagle	c	u	c	c
Northern Harrier	c	o	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	r		u	o
Cooper's Hawk	r		r	o
Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	c	c
Broad-winged Hawk		r		
Swainson's Hawk	o			
Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk				r
Golden Eagle				r
American Kestrel	o		o	o
Merlin				r
Peregrine Falcon			r	r
Prairie Falcon				r
Mississippi Kite	a	a		
Turkey and Quail				
Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c
Northern Bobwhite	c	c	c	c
Rails, Gallinules and Cranes				
Sora	r		r	
American Coot	r		c	u
Sandhill Crane	r			
Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls, and Terns				
Black-bellied Plover	o		u	
American Golden-Plover	o			

	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
Semipalmated Plover	u	r	r		Barred Owl	u	u	u	
Killdeer	c	c	c	c	Long-eared Owl				u
American Avocet			r		Short-eared Owl			r	u
Greater Yellowlegs	o		u						
Lesser Yellowlegs	u				Goatsuckers				
Solitary Sandpiper	o				Common Nighthawk	u	u	c	
Upland Sandpiper	r		o		Chuck-will's-widow	u	u		
Hudsonian Godwit	o				Whip-poor-will	r	r		
Ruddy Turnstone			o						
Sanderling	o				Swifts and Hummingbirds				
Semipalmated Sandpiper	r				Chimney Swift	o	c	c	
Baird's Sandpiper	r				Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	u	
Western Sandpiper	r								
Least Sandpiper	u				Kingfishers				
White-rumped Sandpiper	r				Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	c
Spotted Sandpiper	u	r							
Pectoral Sandpiper	o				Woodpeckers				
Dunlin	r				Red-headed Woodpecker	c	o	o	u
Stilt Sandpiper	r				Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Short-billed Dowitcher	r				Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o		o	c
Long-billed Dowitcher	u			o	Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Wilson's Snipe	u		u	c	Hairy Woodpecker	o	u	r	o
American Woodcock	u			r	Northern Flicker	c	o	c	c
Wilson's Phalarope	u		u		Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Franklin's Gull			r						
Bonaparte's Gull				r	Flycatchers				
Ring-billed Gull	u		c	c	Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c		
Laughing Gull			r		Acadian Flycatcher	u	u		
Herring Gull				r	Alder Flycatcher	u			
Caspian Tern		r			Least Flycatcher	u			
Forster's Tern	o				Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	c
Least Tern		r			Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c		
Black Tern	u	o	u		Western Kingbird	r			
Willet	r				Eastern Kingbird	c	c		
					Willow Flycatcher	u	u		
Doves					Olive-sided Flycatcher	r			
Rock Dove	o			o	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	c	c	c	
Morning Dove	a	a	a	a					
Eurasian Collared Dove				r	Shrikes				
Common Ground Dove	r				Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	o
Cuckoos and Roadrunners					Vireos				
Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r		White-eyed Vireo	c	c	u	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	o		Bell's Vireo	c	c		
Greater Roadrunner	r			u	Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u		
					Warbling Vireo	o			
Owls					Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
Barn Owl	o	o	o	o	Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u	Blue-headed Vireo	r			r
Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	o					
Burrowing Owl				r	Jays and Crows				
					Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
					American Crow	a	a	a	a
					Fish Crow	c	c	u	u

	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
Larks					Pipits				
Horned Lark	o	u	u	o	American Pipit			r	o
Swallows					Waxwing				
Purple Martin		o			Cedar Waxwing	c		r	c
Tree Swallow	c	r	u		Wood Warblers				
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	o		Tennessee Warbler	u			
Bank Swallow	r	r			Orange-crowned Warbler			r	r
Cliff Swallow	c	c	u		Nashville Warbler	u			
Barn Swallow	c	o	c		Northern Parula	c	c		
Chickadees and Titmice					Yellow Warbler	o			
Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c	Magnolia Warbler	r			
Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c	Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	a
Nuthatches					Black-throated Green Warbler	r			
Red-breasted Nuthatch				r	Yellow-throated Warbler	r			
White-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o	o	Pine Warbler			r	r
Creepers					Prairie Warbler	c	c		
Brown Creeper				u	Palm Warbler			r	r
Wrens					Blackpoll Warbler	u			
Carolina Wren	a	c	c	a	Black-and-White Warbler	c	c		
Bewick's Wren				o	American Redstart	r			
House Wren				o	Prothonotary Warbler	c	c		
Winter Wren				u	Swainson's Warbler	o	o		
Sedge Wren			u	r	Ovenbird	u			
Marsh Wren	r		r	r	Northern Waterthrush	u			
Kinglets					Louisiana Waterthrush	r			
Golden-crowned Kinglet			u	c	Kentucky Warbler	c	c		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			o	c	Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	
Gnatcatchers					Hooded Warbler	r			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	r	Wilson's Warbler	u			
Thrushes					Yellow-breasted Chat	a	a		
Eastern Bluebird	c	c	u	c	Baybreasted Warbler	r			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	r				Worm-eating Warbler	r			
Swainson's Thrush	r				Morning Warbler	r			
Hermit Thrush				u	Canada Warbler	r			
Wood Thrush	r				Chestnut-sided Warbler	r			
American Robin	c	c	a	a	Blackburian Warbler	r			
Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies					Tanagers				
Gray Catbird	o	o	o		Summer Tanager	c	c		
Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c	Scarlet Tanager	r			
Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c	New World Sparrows				
Starlings					Eastern Towhee	a	a	o	o
European Starling	o	c	c	c	American Tree Sparrow				o
					Chipping Sparrow	o	r		o
					Clay-colored Sparrow	r			
					Field Sparrow	a	a	a	a
					Vesper Sparrow	o			o
					Lark Sparrow	u	u		
					Savannah Sparrow	c		c	a
					Grasshopper Sparrow	r			

	SP	S	F	W	Sighting Notes
		r		u	
Le Conte's Sparrow				r	Date _____
Bachman's Sparrow					Time _____
Henslow's Sparrow				c	Weather _____
Nelson's Sparrow			r	c	No. of species _____
Fox Sparrow			o	c	Route or area _____
Song Sparrow	c		c	c	Observers _____
Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	o	Remarks _____
Swamp Sparrow	o		o	c	_____
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	a	_____
Harris' Sparrow	r			r	_____
White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	a	_____
Dark-eyed Junco	u		u	a	_____
Lapland Longspur				u	_____
Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies					
Northern Cardinal	a	a	a	a	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u				
Blue Grosbeak	c	c			
Indigo Bunting	c	c	c		
Painted Bunting	c	c			
Dickcissel	a	a			
Blackbirds and Allies					
Bobolink	o				
Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	a	
Eastern Meadowlark	a	a	a	a	
Western Meadowlark	r		r	o	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	r				
Rusty Blackbird	r			o	
Brewer's Blackbird				u	
Common Grackle	c	c	o	c	
Brown-headed Cowbird	a	a	c	c	
Orchard Oriole	c	c			
Baltimore Oriole	c	c			
Finches					
Purple Finch	u			o	
House Finch	r		r	r	
Pine Siskin				r	
American Goldfinch	c	c	c	c	
Evening Grosbeak				r	
Old World Sparrows					
House Sparrow	c	c	c	c	

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