

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

- Olive-sided Flycatcher . . . . . m m m
- Eastern Wood-Pewee . . . . . h h h l
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher . . . . . l l . .
- Acadian Flycatcher . . . . . l m l .
- Willow Flycatcher . . . . . m m l .
- Least Flycatcher . . . . . m m l .
- Eastern Phoebe . . . . . h m v v
- Say's Phoebe . . . . . . . l l
- Vermilion Flycatcher . . . . . . . l l l
- Ash-throated Flycatcher . . . . . . . l .
- Great Crested Flycatcher . . . . . h m m l
- Eastern Kingbird . . . . . h h h . \*
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher . . . . . v v v . \*

**SWALLOWS**

- Purple Martin . . . . . h m l . o
- Tree Swallow . . . . . m m h .
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow . . . . . v h h . \*
- Bank Swallow . . . . . m l l . o
- Cliff Swallow . . . . . h h m . \*
- Barn Swallow . . . . . v h v . \*

**JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS**

- Blue Jay . . . . . v v v v \*
- American Crow . . . . . v v v v \*

**TITMICE**

- Carolina Chickadee . . . . . v v v v \*
- Tufted Titmouse . . . . . v v v h \*

**CREEPERS**

- Brown Creeper . . . . . l l l l

**WRENS**

- Carolina Wren . . . . . v v v h \*
- Bewick's Wren . . . . . l h m
- House Wren . . . . . h l h m
- Winter Wren . . . . . . . l l
- Sedge Wren . . . . . l m m
- Marsh Wren . . . . . . . m m

**OLD WORLD WARBLERS, KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS**

- Golden-crowned Kinglet . . . . . m m m
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet . . . . . v l v v
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher . . . . . h h v m o

**SOLITAIRE, THRUSHES & ALLIES**

- Eastern Bluebird . . . . . . . m l
- Veery . . . . . l . . . .
- Gray-checked Thrush . . . . . l . . . .
- Swainson's Thrush . . . . . l . . . .
- Hermit Thrush . . . . . m . h m
- Wood Thrush . . . . . l l l l
- American Robin . . . . . h . h v

**MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS & ALLIES**

- Gray Catbird . . . . . m . l l
- Northern Mockingbird . . . . . v v v v \*
- Brown Thrasher . . . . . v m v h \*

**WAGTAILS & PIPITS**

- American Pipit . . . . . m . h h
- Sprague's Pipit . . . . . h . h h

**WAXWINGS**

- Cedar Waxwing . . . . . h . l m

**SHRIKES**

- Loggerhead Shrike . . . . . v v v v \*

**STARLINGS & ALLIES**

- European Starling . . . . . h m m m \*

**VIREOS**

- White-eyed Vireo . . . . . v v h m o
- Solitary Vireo . . . . . h . h m
- Yellow-throated Vireo . . . . . l l . . o
- Red-eyed Vireo . . . . . m l l . o

**WOOD-WARBLERS**

- Blue-winged Warbler . . . . . l . . . .
- Tennessee Warbler . . . . . m l . .
- Orange-crowned Warbler . . . . . m . h h
- Nashville Warbler . . . . . m . m .
- Northern Parula . . . . . m . . . .
- Yellow Warbler . . . . . m m l . o
- Chestnut-sided Warbler . . . . . m . . . .
- Magnolia Warbler . . . . . m . l l
- Yellow-rumped Warbler . . . . . v . h v
- Black-throated Green Warbler . . . . . m . l .
- Blackburnian Warbler . . . . . l . . . .
- Yellow-throated Warbler . . . . . m . . . .
- Prairie Warbler . . . . . . . l l
- Palm Warbler . . . . . . . l .
- Bay-breasted Warbler . . . . . m . . . .
- Black-and-white Warbler . . . . . h m m .
- American Redstart . . . . . h . l .
- Prothonotary Warbler . . . . . l . . . .
- Worm-eating Warbler . . . . . l . . . .
- Swainson's Warbler . . . . . l . . . .
- Louisiana Waterthrush . . . . . l . . . .
- Kentucky Warbler . . . . . l . . . .
- Mourning Warbler . . . . . m . . . .
- Common Yellowthroat . . . . . h l m l o
- Hooded Warbler . . . . . m . . . .
- Wilson's Warbler . . . . . m . m .
- Canada Warbler . . . . . m . l .
- Yellow-breasted Chat . . . . . m l m .

**TANAGERS**

- Summer Tanager . . . . . m . . . .
- Scarlet Tanager . . . . . l . . . .

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & ALLIES**

- Northern Cardinal . . . . . v v v v \*
- Pyrrhuloxia . . . . . l . . m
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak . . . . . l l . .
- Blue Grosbeak . . . . . m m l . o
- Indigo Bunting . . . . . h l m . o
- Painted Bunting . . . . . h v . . \*
- Dickcissel . . . . . v v m . \*

**SPARROWS & ALLIES**

- Green-tailed Towhee . . . . . l l l
- Rufous-sided Towhee . . . . . l m m
- Cassin's Sparrow . . . . . l m . .
- Chipping Sparrow . . . . . h . m h
- Clay-colored Sparrow . . . . . l l l l
- Field Sparrow . . . . . h . h h o
- Vesper Sparrow . . . . . v . v v o
- Lark Sparrow . . . . . h h h m o
- Lark Bunting . . . . . l . . . .
- Savannah Sparrow . . . . . v l v v
- Grasshopper Sparrow . . . . . h . m m o
- Henslow's Sparrow . . . . . l . . . .
- LeConte's Sparrow . . . . . l . h h
- Fox Sparrow . . . . . m . l m
- Song Sparrow . . . . . h . h h
- Lincoln's Sparrow . . . . . h . h h
- Swamp Sparrow . . . . . m . h h
- White-throated Sparrow . . . . . v l h h
- White-crowned Sparrow . . . . . v l h v
- Harris' Sparrow . . . . . m . m h
- Dark-eyed Junco . . . . . l l l m

**BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES**

- Red-winged Blackbird . . . . . v v v v \*
- Eastern Meadowlark . . . . . v v v v \*
- Western Meadowlark . . . . . l . m l
- Rusty Blackbird . . . . . . . l
- Brewer's Blackbird . . . . . h m m m
- Great-tailed Grackle . . . . . v h m m \*
- Common Grackle . . . . . v h h h \*
- Brown-headed Cowbird . . . . . v h v v \*
- Orchard Oriole . . . . . l h . . o
- Baltimore Oriole . . . . . m l m . o

**FINCHES & ALLIES**

- Pine Siskin . . . . . . . l
- American Goldfinch . . . . . h . m h

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

- House Sparrow . . . . . l m . .

Eighteen additional species were noted on past refuge bird lists, but no sightings have been reported since before 1986:

- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Wilson's Plover
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Common Pauraque
- Common Poorwill
- Western Kingbird
- Horned Lark
- Sage Thrasher
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Bronzed Cowbird
- Purple Finch

*Birds of the*

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**CHICKEN**

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*A Field Checklist*

**BIRDING AT THE**

**ATTWATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN**

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (APCNWR)**

APCNWR is located 6 1/2 miles northeast of Eagle Lake, Texas, off FM 3013. The refuge was established in 1972 to preserve habitat for a remnant population of Attwater's prairie chickens (APCs). APC populations declined from approximately one million birds in Texas and Louisiana before the turn of the century to fewer than 100 wild birds in the mid 1990s. Remaining APCs can only be found in 2 geographically separate Texas populations.

The 10,339-acre refuge is made up of native prairies, croplands, marshes, ponds, woodlots and riparian areas. A variety of birds use the area for nesting and winter habitat. Along with the APC, other interesting species include White-tailed and Ferruginous Hawks, Crested Caracaras, LeConte's Sparrows, Sprague's Pipits, Loggerhead Shrikes and most species of waterfowl common to the central flyway. Many additional species can be seen during spring and fall migrations. Due to low population numbers, APCs are typically not seen.

This checklist contains 266 species and was compiled from 1113 surveys completed between August 1986 and March 1996. Seventeen additional species have been seen on the refuge only once or twice and are considered accidental:

Reddish Egret, White-winged Dove, Black Swan, Black Phoebe, Zone-tailed Hawk, Royal Tern, Harris Hawk, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Wild Turkey, Black Rail, Black-headed Grosbeak, Bobolink, Whooping Crane, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Royal Tern, Red-billed Pigeon, Violet-green Swallow, Lapland Longspur

Species are listed in accordance with the sixth edition (1983) A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds, as amended (1995). Please report sightings of uncommon or rare species to:

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, P.O. Box 519, Eagle Lake, TX 77434. (979) 234-3021.

Seasons are: Sp - Spring : Mar-Apr-May  
Su - Summer : Jun-Jul-Aug  
F - Fall : Sep-Oct-Nov  
W - Winter : Dec-Jan-Feb

Sighting probabilities are:

v - very high: usually present (>75% probability of being seen)  
h - high: often present (>50% probability of being seen)  
m - moderate: occasionally present (>25% prob. of being seen)  
l - low: not expected (<25% probability of being seen)

\* - nests on the refuge

o - possibly nests on refuge

**SPECIES**

Sp Su F W

**GREBES**

Least Grebe . . . . . m m h h \*  
Pied-billed Grebe . . . . . v h v v \*  
Horned Grebe . . . . . . . . m  
Eared Grebe . . . . . m . m h

**PELICANS**

American White Pelican . . . . . l m m m

**CORMORANTS**

Double-crested Cormorant . . . . . h m h h  
Olivaceous Cormorant . . . . . m h m l

**DARTERS**

Aninga . . . . . m h m m

**BITTERNS & HERONS**

American Bittern . . . . . m l h m \*  
Least Bittern . . . . . l l l \*  
Great Blue Heron . . . . . v v v v  
Great Egret . . . . . v v v v  
Snowy Egret . . . . . v v v h o  
Little Blue Heron . . . . . m v h m o  
Tricolored Heron . . . . . m v v h  
Cattle Egret . . . . . v v v h o  
Green-backed Heron . . . . . h v h l o  
Black-crowned Night-Heron . . . . . m h m o  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron . . . . . m m m .

**IBISES & SPOONBILLS**

White Ibis . . . . . m h v h  
Glossy Ibis . . . . . l m m . \*  
White-faced Ibis . . . . . v v v h  
Roseate Spoonbill . . . . . h h h l

**STORKS**

Wood Stork . . . . . h m . .

**SWANS, DUCKS & GEESE**

Fulvous Whistling-Duck . . . . . v v h l \*  
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck . . . . . v v h m \*  
Greater White-fronted Goose . . . . . h l v v  
Snow Goose . . . . . h l v v  
Ross' Goose . . . . . . m m  
Canada Goose . . . . . h l h h  
Wood Duck . . . . . l . m l  
Green-winged Teal . . . . . v l v v \*  
Mottled Duck . . . . . v v v v \*  
Mallard . . . . . m . h v  
Northern Pintail . . . . . h l v v  
Blue-winged Teal . . . . . v h v v o  
Cinnamon Teal . . . . . h . h h  
Northern Shoveler . . . . . v l v v  
Gadwall . . . . . h l v v  
American Widgeon . . . . . m . h h  
Canvasback . . . . . l . m l  
Redhead . . . . . . m m  
Ring-necked Duck . . . . . h . m h  
Greater Scaup . . . . . l . h h  
Lesser Scaup . . . . . l . h h  
Common Goldeneye . . . . . l . m .  
Buffhead . . . . . m . m h  
Hooded Merganser . . . . . h m h h \*  
Ruddy Duck . . . . . . m l \*  
Masked Duck . . . . . . m l \*

**AMERICAN VULTURES**

Black Vulture . . . . . v v v v \*  
Turkey Vulture . . . . . v v v v \*

**KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS & ALLIES**

Swallow-tailed Kite . . . . . l . l .  
White-tailed Kite . . . . . m l l m  
Mississippi Kite . . . . . . . .  
Bald Eagle . . . . . l l h o  
Northern Harrier . . . . . v . v v  
Sharp-shinned Hawk . . . . . l . h h  
Cooper's Hawk . . . . . m . h m  
Red-shouldered Hawk . . . . . m h m m  
Broad-winged Hawk . . . . . m l .  
Swainson's Hawk . . . . . h m m l o  
White-tailed Hawk . . . . . v v v v \*  
Red-tailed Hawk . . . . . v v v v \*  
Ferruginous Hawk . . . . . m . l m  
Rough-legged Hawk . . . . . . . l  
Osprey . . . . . l l l .

**CARACARAS & FALCONS**

Crested Caracara . . . . . v v v v \*  
American Kestrel . . . . . v m v v  
Merlin . . . . . . m l  
Peregrine Falcon . . . . . l l m l  
Prairie Falcon . . . . . m . l m

**PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS & QUAIL**

Attwater's Prairie Chicken . . . . . l l l l \*  
Northern Bobwhite . . . . . v v v v \*

**RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS**

Yellow Rail . . . . . l l  
King Rail . . . . . h h h m \*  
Virginia Rail . . . . . . l l  
Sora . . . . . l l m l  
Purple Gallinule . . . . . l m l o  
Common Moorhen . . . . . h h h l o  
American Coot . . . . . v h v v o

**CRANES**

Sandhill Crane . . . . . h . h v

**PLOVERS & LAPWINGS**

Semipalmated Plover . . . . . l . . .  
Black-bellied Plover . . . . . m . . .  
American Golden-Plover . . . . . m . . .  
Killdeer . . . . . v v v v \*  
Mountain Plover . . . . . l . . .

**STILTS & AVOCETS**

Black-necked Stilt . . . . . h v h l \*  
American Avocet . . . . . l m h l

**SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES & ALLIES**

Greater Yellowlegs . . . . . v h v h  
Lesser Yellowlegs . . . . . h h h m  
Solitary Sandpiper . . . . . m m l  
Willet . . . . . l l l .  
Spotted Sandpiper . . . . . m m m .  
Upland Sandpiper . . . . . v h m .  
Long-billed Curlew . . . . . l l m l \*  
Hudsonian Godwit . . . . . m l .  
Marbled Godwit . . . . . l l .  
Semipalmated Sandpiper . . . . . m m .  
Western Sandpiper . . . . . m m h l

Least Sandpiper . . . . . h h v m  
White-rumped Sandpiper . . . . . m l .  
Pectoral Sandpiper . . . . . m m m .  
Dunlin . . . . . l m .  
Stilt Sandpiper . . . . . m m l .  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper . . . . . l l .  
Short-billed Dowitcher . . . . . l l .  
Long-billed Dowitcher . . . . . v h v h  
Common Snipe . . . . . v l v h  
American Woodcock . . . . . l l m  
Wilson's Phalarope . . . . . h l l .

**SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS**

Franklin's Gull . . . . . l . . .  
Ring-billed Gull . . . . . . . m  
Forster's Tern . . . . . . l .  
Black Tern . . . . . m m .

**PIGEONS & DOVES**

Rock Dove . . . . . m h m l \*  
Mourning Dove . . . . . v v v v \*  
Inca Dove . . . . . l l l . \*  
Common Ground-Dove . . . . . h l h h \*

**CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS & ANIS**

Black-billed Cuckoo . . . . . l . l  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo . . . . . h v h . \*  
Greater Roadrunner . . . . . h h h m \*  
Groove-billed Ani . . . . . . l .

**BARN-OWLS**

Barn Owl . . . . . h h h m \*

**TYPICAL OWLS**

Eastern Screech-Owl . . . . . . l .  
Great Horned Owl . . . . . h h v h \*  
Burrowing Owl . . . . . . l l  
Barred Owl . . . . . h h h m \*  
Short-eared Owl . . . . . . l l

**GOATSUCKERS**

Common Nighthawk . . . . . h v l . \*  
Chuck-will's-widow . . . . . . l .  
Whip-poor-will . . . . . l l .

**SWIFTS**

Chimney Swift . . . . . h l .

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

Ruby-throated Hummingbird . . . . . m m h . o

**KINGFISHERS**

Belted Kingfisher . . . . . h m h m

**WOODPECKERS & ALLIES**

Red-headed Woodpecker . . . . . . m .  
Red-bellied Woodpecker . . . . . v v v v \*  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker . . . . . m . m m  
Ladder-backed Woodpecker . . . . . . l  
Downy Woodpecker . . . . . m h h h o  
Hairy Woodpecker . . . . . l . . .  
Northern Flicker . . . . . h m v h  
Pileated Woodpecker . . . . . . l .