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National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



*Birds of
Reelfoot
National
Wildlife
Refuge*

Welcome to Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, one of over 560 refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This 48,280 acre refuge Located in three counties (Noxubee, Oktibbeha, and Winston) was established on June 14, 1940, created from lands obtained through the 1930s Resettlement Administration, with the purpose of being a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.



The endangered red-cockaded woodpecker receives considerable attention through active management on the refuge. Habitat management practices, such as forest management, prescribed burning, and control encroaching hardwood trees are the primary management tools utilized to maintain and improve conditions for this habitat-specific species.

A diversity of habitat encourages a wide variety of wildlife. White-tailed deer, turkey, squirrels (both gray and fox), bobwhite quail, wading birds, raccoons, bobcat, opossum, skunks, coyotes, river otter, fox, and over 200 species of birds are among some of the animals which Refuge visitors may see on their visit. The wetland and bottomland hardwood forest habitats are home to reclusive amphibians, reptiles, insects, and fish species.

Over 220,000 visitors annually participate in activities including fishing, hunting, hiking, wildlife photography, wildlife observation,



environmental education, interpretation, and research. The refuge serves as an outdoor classroom for Mississippi State University and other local educational institutions. The National Audubon Society has designated Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as an Important Bird Area (IBA), one of five of global importance in Mississippi.

*How to use your
checklist*

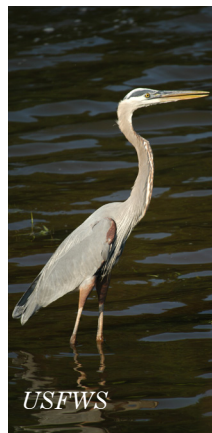
The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

*Seasonal
appearance*

- W Winter...December - February
- Sp Spring... March - May
- S Summer... June - August
- F Fall... September - November

*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 (unusual, 2-5 years)
- x. accidental (not to be expected out of normal species range or season, only a few records)
- * known or suspected to have nested on refuge or known to nest locally
- (*) former or irregularly nesting species



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Ducks, Geese, and Swans					Cormorants & Darters				
_____ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	x	-	-	-	_____ Double-crested Cormorant	c	o	c	a
_____ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	-	-	-	x	_____ Anhinga*	c	c	c	r
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose	u	-	u	u	Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, and Allies				
_____ Snow Goose	o	-	o	o	_____ American White Pelican	o	o	o	o
_____ Ross's Goose	o	-	o	o	_____ Brown Pelican	x	-	-	-
_____ Cackling Goose	-	-	-	x	_____ American Bittern	u	-	-	r
_____ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c	_____ Least Bittern(*)	r	r	-	x
_____ Tundra Swan	r	-	r	r	_____ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
_____ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	c	_____ Great Egret*	c	c	c	u
_____ Gadwall	c	x	c	c	_____ Snowy Egret*	c	c	c	-
_____ Eurasian Wigeon	x	-	-	-	_____ Little Blue Heron*	c	c	c	-
_____ American Wigeon	c	-	c	c	_____ Tricolored Heron	r	r	r	-
_____ American Black Duck	o	r	o	o	_____ Reddish Egret	-	x	-	-
_____ Mallard	c	r	c	c	_____ Cattle Egret*	a	a	a	r
_____ Blue-winged Teal	c	u	c	r	_____ Green Heron*	c	c	c	-
_____ Northern Shoveler	c	r	c	c	_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	u	-
_____ Northern Pintail	o	r	u	u	_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	u	-
_____ Green-winged Teal	c	o	c	c	_____ White Ibis*	c	c	c	x
_____ Canvasback	o	-	o	o	_____ Glossy Ibis	r	r	-	-
_____ Redhead	o	-	o	o	_____ White-faced Ibis	r	-	r	-
_____ Ring-necked Duck	c	x	c	c	_____ Roseate Spoonbill	-	r	r	-
_____ Greater Scaup	-	-	o	o	Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies				
_____ Lesser Scaup	u	-	u	u	_____ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c
_____ Surf Scoter	-	-	x	-	_____ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c
_____ White-winged Scooter	-	-	-	x	_____ Osprey	o	o	o	r
_____ Bufflehead	u	-	u	u	_____ Swallow-tailed Kite	r	r	r	-
_____ Common Goldeneye	o	-	o	o	_____ Mississippi Kite*	u	u	u	-
_____ Hooded Merganser*	c	u	c	c	_____ Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u
_____ Common Merganser	-	-	-	x	_____ Northern Harrier	u	r	u	u
_____ Red-breasted Mergansero	-	o	o		_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	u	u
_____ Ruddy Duck	c	r	c	c	_____ Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
Grouse, Quail, and Allies					_____ Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Bobwhite*	u	u	u	u	_____ Broad-winged Hawk*	u	u	u	-
_____ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u	_____ Red-tailed Hawk*	u	u	u	u
Loons					_____ Golden Eagle	r	-	r	o
_____ Common Loon	r	-	r	r	Cranes and Rails				
Grebes					_____ Yellow Rail	x	-	-	-
_____ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	u	c	c	_____ King Rail(*)	r	r	r	r
_____ Horned Grebe	o	-	o	o	_____ Virginia Rail	r	-	r	r
_____ Eared Grebe	-	-	-	r	_____ Sora	o	r	r	r
_____ Western Grebe	x	-	-	-	_____ Purple Gallinule*	u	u	u	-
Storks					_____ Common Gallinule*	u	u	u	r
_____ Wood Stork	r	c	c	-	_____ American Coot(*)	c	r	c	c
					_____ Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	r

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Plovers, Sandpipers, and Allies					Owls				
Black-necked Stilt	x	-	-	-	Barn Owl	r	r	r	r
American Avocet	-	r	r	-	Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
Black-bellied Plover	-	r	r	-	Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
American Golden-Plover	o	r	o	-	Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u
Semipalmated Plover	o	o	o	-	Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	r
Piping Plover	-	r	-	-	Goatsuckers				
Killdeer*	c	c	c	c	Common Nighthawk	u	o	u	-
Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	-	Chuck-will's-widow*	c	c	-	-
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	-	Eastern Whip-poor-will	r	-	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	u	u	Swifts and Hummingbirds				
Willet	r	r	r	-	Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	x	Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	c	-
Marbled Godwit	-	x	-	-	Kingfishers and Allies				
Ruddy Turnstone	-	x	-	-	Belted Kingfisher*	c	u	c	c
Stilt Sandpiper	r	o	o	-	Woodpeckers				
Sanderling	-	r	r	-	Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Dunlin	-	-	o	r	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Baird's Sandpiper	-	r	r	-	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c	-	c	c
Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	r	Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
White-rumped Sandpiper	o	-	-	-	Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	o	o	-	Red-cockaded Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	r	Northern Flicker*	c	u	c	c
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	-	Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Western Sandpiper	-	o	o	-	Falcons				
Short-billed Dowitcher	r	o	o	-	American Kestrel(*)	u	r	u	u
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	o	o	-	Merlin	-	-	r	r
Wilson's Snipe	u	r	u	u	Peregrine Falcon	r	-	r	x
American Woodcock*	u	u	u	u	Perching Birds				
Wilson's Phalarope	-	r	r	-	Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	r	-	-
Red-necked Phalarope	-	-	r	-	Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	-
Black-legged Kittiwake	-	-	-	x	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	x	-	r	-
Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	o	o	Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	c	-
Laughing Gull	r	r	r	r	Willow Flycatcher	-	-	x	-
Franklin's Gull	r	-	r	r	Least Flycatcher	-	-	o	-
Ring-billed Gull	u	r	u	u	Eastern Phoebe*	c	u	c	c
Herring Gull	o	-	o	o	Vermilion Flycatcher	-	-	x	x
Least Tern	r	r	r	-	Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	-
Caspian Tern	o	r	o	-	Western Kingbird	-	-	x	-
Black Tern	o	o	o	-	Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	u	-
Common Tern	r	r	r	-	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	x	-	x	-
Forster's Tern	o	o	o	o	Loggerhead Shrike(*)	o	o	o	o
Pigeons and Doves					White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	r
Rock Pigeon	r	r	r	r	Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	c	-
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	Blue-headed Vireo	u	-	u	u
Cuckoos					Warbling Vireo	o	-	o	-
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	c	-					
Black-billed Cuckoo	r	-	r	-					

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Philadelphia Vireo	r	-	o	-	Connecticut Warbler	x	-	-	-
Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	-	Mourning Warbler	r	-	-	-
Blue Jay *	c	c	c	c	Kentucky Warbler *	c	c	c	-
American Crow *	c	c	c	c	Common Yellowthroat *	c	c	c	u
Fish Crow *	c	c	c	u	Hooded Warbler *	c	c	c	-
Purple Martin*	c	c	u	o	American Redstart*	u	u	c	-
Tree Swallow*	c	u	c	o	Cape May Warbler	r	-	r	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	c	u	c	x	Cerulean Warbler	u	r	-	-
Bank Swallow	u	u	u	-	Northern Parula*	c	c	c	-
Cliff Swallow	u	u	u	-	Magnolia Warbler	u	o	c	-
Barn Swallow *	c	c	c	-	Bay-breasted Warbler	u	-	u	-
Carolina Chickadee *	c	c	c	c	Blackburnian Warbler	u	r	u	-
Tufted Titmouse *	c	c	c	c	Yellow Warbler	u	u	u	-
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	-	r	r	Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	o	u	x
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c	Blackpoll Warbler	u	-	-	-
Brown-headed Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c	Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	r	-
Brown Creeper	u	-	u	u	Palm Warbler	c	-	u	r
House Wren	u	-	u	u	Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c
Winter Wren	c	-	c	c	Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	c
Sedge Wren	u	x	u	u	Yellow-throated Warbler *	c	c	u	-
Marsh Wren	u	x	u	u	Prairie Warbler*	c	c	o	-
Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c	Black-throated Green Warbler	c	o	c	-
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	r	Canada Warbler	o	o	u	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	c	Wilson's Warbler	-	r	o	-
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	c	Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	c	-
Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c	Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	c
Veery	u	-	u	-	Bachman's Sparrow*	u	u	u	r
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	-	u	-	Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
Swainson's Thrush	u	-	u	-	Field Sparrow(*)	u	r	u	u
Hermit Thrush	c	-	c	c	Vesper Sparrow	o	-	o	r
Wood Thrush*	c	c	c	-	Lark Sparrow	r	r	r	r
American Robin*	c	u	c	c	Savannah Sparrow	c	-	c	c
Gray Catbird*	c	u	c	r	Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	r	r
Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	c	Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	-	r
Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c	LeConte's Sparrow	u	-	u	u
European Starling	o	o	o	o	Nelson's Sparrow	-	-	-	x
American Pipit	u	-	u	u	Fox Sparrow	u	-	u	u
Cedar Waxwing	c	r	u	c	Song Sparrow	c	-	c	c
Lapland Longspur	-	-	-	x	Lincoln's Sparrow	r	-	r	-
Ovenbird*	u	o	u	-	Swamp Sparrow	c	-	c	c
Worm-eating Warbler*	u	u	u	-	White-throated Sparrow	c	-	c	c
Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u	o	-	White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	o	-
Northern Waterthrush	u	u	u	-	Dark-eyed Junco	c	-	c	c
Golden-winged Warbler	o	o	u	-	Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	-
Blue-winged Warbler	u	u	u	x	Scarlet Tanager*	u	u	u	-
Black-and-white Warbler*	c	c	c	-	Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
Prothonotary Warbler *	c	c	c	-	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	-	u	x
Swainson's Warbler*	u	u	o	-	Black-headed Grosbeak	-	-	-	x
Tennessee Warbler	c	o	c	-	Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	u	-	u	u	Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	-
Nashville Warbler	u	-	u	-	Dickcissel(*)	o	o	o	-
					Bobolink	u	o	o	-

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Red-winged Blackbird *	c	c	a	a
Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	u
Yellow-headed Blackbird	x	-	x	-
Rusty Blackbird	u	-	u	u
Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	u	u
Orchard Oriole*	c	c	o	-
Baltimore Oriole	u	o	u	-
House Finch	-	-	r	r
Purple Finch	u	-	u	u
Red Crossbill(*)	x	-	-	x
Pine Siskin	u	-	o	u
American Goldfinch*	c	u	c	c
Evening Grosbeak	r	-	-	r
House Sparrow	r	r	r	r



Mark Ramirez

Sighting Notes

Date _____

Time _____

Weather _____

No. of species _____

Route or area _____

Observers _____

Remarks _____



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