

**Birds
of
Sequoiah
National Wildlife
Refuge**



Sequoayah National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 500 refuges throughout the United States. These National Wildlife Refuges are administrated by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. The mission of the Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others “to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitat.”

Birding at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge

“Birding” is the sport of watching, listening and marveling at the colors, shapes, sounds, and antics of birds. People of all ages are discovering that a little time and patience will be well rewarded by the ability to identify many species of birds. You may even learn to recognize some of the needs and traits we share with our feathered neighbors. A note of caution — birding is habit-forming! Should you become hooked on this delightful pastime there is no known cure!

How to use your checklist

This list follows the order of the sixth edition of the A.O.U. checklist. So grab your book, binoculars and a pencil, and as you spot birds during your tour of the refuge, check them off on this list. If you should find an unlisted, or “rare” species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We’ll appreciate your help in updating our records.

This list of 256 species, not counting accidentals, was compiled from refuge records and local chapters of the National Audubon Society.

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

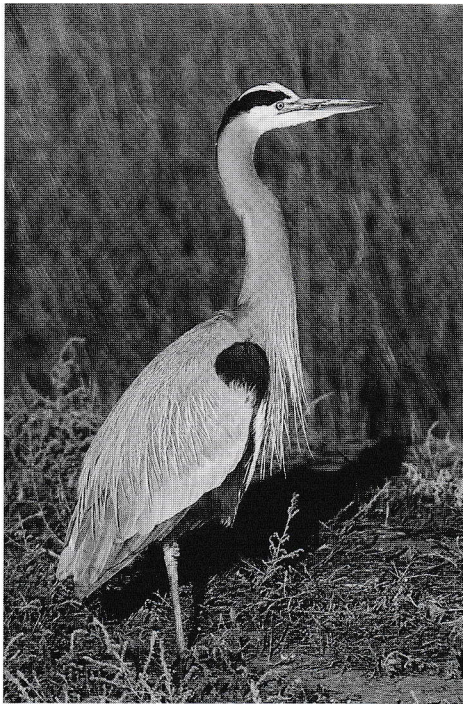
Occurrence

- | | | |
|----|--------|----------------------|
| Sp | Spring | March - May |
| S | Summer | June - August |
| F | Fall | September - November |
| W | Winter | December - February |
| * | - | Nests locally |

Abundance

- A Abundant
A common species that is very numerous.
- C Common
Certain to be seen in suitable habitats.
- U Uncommon
Present, not certain to be seen.
- O Occasional
Seen few times during the season
- R Rare
Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.
- X Accidental
Has been seen only once or twice.

Great Blue Heron



Photograph by George Jameson

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
___ Common Loon	r		r	r
Grebes				
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	c	u	c	c
___ Horned Grebe			r	r
___ Eared Grebe			r	r
Pelicans				
___ American White Pelican	a	u	a	c
Cormorants				
___ *Double-crested Cormorant	a	u	a	a
Herons, Bitterns, and Egrets				
___ American Bittern	o	r	o	
___ Least Bittern	u	u	o	
___ *Great Blue Heron	a	a	a	a
___ Great Egret	c	a	c	
___ Snowy Egret	u	u	u	
___ Little Blue Heron	c	c	c	
___ Tricolored Heron	r	r		
___ Cattle Egret	u	u	u	
___ Green Heron	c	c	c	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	r	r	r	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	
Ibises				
___ White-faced Ibis			r	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
___ Tundra Swan			r	r
___ White-fronted Goose	c		c	c
___ Snow Goose	c		c	a
___ Ross' Goose			u	u
___ *Canada Goose	c	u	c	a
___ *Wood Duck	c	c	c	c
___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
___ *Blue-winged Teal	c	u	c	o
___ American Black Duck			r	r
___ *Mallard	c	u	a	a
___ Northern Pintail	u		c	c
___ Northern Shoveler	c		c	c
___ Gadwall	c		a	a
___ American Wigeon	c		c	c
___ Canvasback			o	o
___ Redhead	o		o	o
___ Ring-necked Duck	o		o	u
___ Lesser Scaup	o		o	u
___ Common Goldeneye			u	u
___ Bufflehead			u	u
___ Ruddy Duck			u	u
___ Hooded Merganser	u		u	u
___ Common Merganser			u	u
___ Red-breasted Merganser				o

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
American Vultures				
___*Black Vulture	u	u	u	u
___*Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	u
Kites, Hawks, and Eagles				
___Osprey	o		o	
___Mississippi Kite	r	r	r	
___*Bald Eagle	u	u	c	c
___Golden Eagle			r	r
___Northern Harrier	c	o	c	c
___Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
___*Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
___Northern Goshawk			r	
___*Red-shouldered Hawk	c	c	c	c
___*Broad-winged Hawk	u	u	o	
___*Swainson's Hawk	o	u	o	
___*Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	a
___Rough-legged Hawk			r	r
Falcons				
___*American Kestrel	u	o	c	c
___Merlin	r		r	r
___Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
Grouse, Turkeys, and Quail				
___*Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
___*Northern Bobwhite	c	c	c	c
Rails and Coots				
___King Rail	r	r	r	u
___Virginia Rail	u		u	u
___Sora	u		u	
___*American Coot	c	c	a	a
Crances				
___Sandhill Crane			r	
Plovers				
___Black-bellied Plover	o		r	
___Lesser Golden-Plover	o		r	
___Semipalmated Plover	o		o	
___Piping Plover	r		r	
___*Killdeer	c	a	c	c
Stilts and Avocets				
___American Avocet	r		r	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
___Greater Yellowlegs	u		u	o
___Lesser Yellowlegs	u	o	u	
___Solitary Sandpiper	u		u	
___Willet	o	u	r	
___Spotted Sandpiper	c	o	u	
___Upland Sandpiper	r		r	
___Hudsonian Godwit	r			
___Marbled Godwit	r			
___Ruddy Turnstone			r	
___Red Knot			r	

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___Sanderling	o		o	
___Semipalmated Sandpiper	u		u	
___Western Sandpiper	o	o	o	
___Least Sandpiper	u	o	u	o
___White-rumped Sandpiper	o			
___Baird's Sandpiper	o		o	
___Pectoral Sandpiper	u		u	
___Dunlin	o		o	
___Stilt Sandpiper	u		u	
___Buff-breasted Sandpiper	o		o	
___Long-billed Dowitcher	u		u	
___Common Snipe	c		c	c
___American Woodcock	u	r	u	o
___Wilson's Phalarope	u		u	
Gulls and Terns				
___Franklin's Gull	u		u	
___Bonaparte's Gull	u		u	c
___Ring-billed Gull	a	o	a	a
___Herring Gull				o
___Caspian Tern	u	o	c	
___Forster's Tern	u		u	
___*Least Tern	u	c		
___Black Tern	u	u	o	
Doves				
___Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
___*Mourning Dove	c	c	a	c
Cuckoos and Roadrunners				
___Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
___*Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	c	c	
___*Greater Roadrunner	o	o	o	o
Barn-owls				
___Barn-Owl	r	r	r	r
Typical Owls				
___*Eastern Screech-Owl	o	o	o	o
___*Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
___*Barred Owl	c	c	c	c
___Short-eared Owl				r
Goatsuckers				
___*Common Nighthawk	c	c	c	
___*Chuck-will's-widow	c	c		
___*Whip-poor-will	u	u	o	
Swifts				
___*Chimney Swift	u	u	u	
Hummingbirds				
___*Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	u	
Kingfishers				
___*Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	c

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Woodpeckers				
___*Red-headed Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___*Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
___*Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___*Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___*Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
___*Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Tyrant Flycatchers				
___*Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	
___Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r			
___*Acadian Flycatcher	c	c		
___Alder Flycatcher	r		r	
___Willow Flycatcher	r		r	
___Least Flycatcher	o		o	
___*Eastern Phoebe	c	c	u	r
___*Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	c	
___Western Kingbird	r	r	r	
___*Eastern Kingbird	c	a	c	
___*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	c	a	c	
___Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
Larks				
___*Horned Lark	u	u	c	c
Swallows				
___Purple Martin	u	u		
___*Tree Swallow	c	c	u	
___*N. Rough-winged Swallow	c	u	c	
___*Bank Swallow	o	o	o	
___*Cliff Swallow	o	o	o	
___*Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
Jay and Crows				
___*Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
___*American Crow	c	c	a	a
___*Fish Crow	u	u	u	r
Chickadees and Titmice				
___*Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
___*Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
___*White-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
___Red-breasted Nuthatch				r
Creepers				
___Brown Creeper			u	u
Wrens				
___*Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c
___*Bewick's Wren	o	o	o	o
___*House Wren	u	o	o	
___Winter Wren			o	u
___Sedge Wren	r		o	r
___Marsh Wren	u		u	u

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Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
___Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u
___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
___*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	u	
Thrushes				
___*Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c
___Veery	r			
___Gray-cheeked Thrush	o			
___Swainson's Thrush	u		r	
___Hermit Thrush	r		u	c
___*Wood Thrush	o	o		
___*American Robin	c	c	c	c
Mockingbirds and Thrushes				
___*Gray Catbird	c	c	u	
___*Northern Mockingbird	c	a	c	c
___*Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	o
Pipits				
___American Pipit	o		o	o
___Sprague's Pipit	r		r	r
Waxwing				
___Cedar Waxwing	u		u	u
Shrikes				
___*Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	c	c
Starlings				
___*European Starling	c	c	c	c
Vireos				
___*White-eyed Vireo	o	u	u	
___*Bell's Vireo	c	c	u	
___Blue-headed Vireo	o			
___Yellow-throated Vireo	o	o	o	
___*Warbling Vireo	c	c	u	
___Philadelphia Vireo	r		r	
___*Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	u	
Wood-warblers				
___Blue-winged Warbler	r			
___Tennessee Warbler	o		o	
___Orange-crowned Warbler	o		o	
___Nashville Warbler	o		o	
___*Northern Parula	c	c	u	
___*Yellow Warbler	c	c		
___Chestnut-sided Warbler	o		o	
___Magnolia Warbler	o		o	
___Yellow-rumped Warbler	u		u	c
___Black-throated Green Warbler	o		o	
___Blackburnian Warbler	o			
___*Yellow-throated Warbler	u	u	u	
___Prairie Warbler	r	r		
___Blackpoll Warbler	o			
___*Black-and-White Warbler	u	u	u	
___American Redstart	o		o	

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___*Prothonotary Warbler	c	c	u	
___Worm-eating Warbler	r		r	
___Ovenbird	o		r	
___Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
___*Louisiana Waterthrush	u	u	u	
___*Kentucky Warbler	c	c	u	
___Mourning Warbler	o		o	
___*Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u	o
___Hooded Warbler	r		r	
___Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
___Canada Warbler	r		r	
___*Yellow-breasted Chat	c	c	c	
Tanagers				
___*Summer Tanager	u	u	u	
___Scarlet Tanager	r			
Grosbeaks and Buntings				
___*Northern Cardinal	a	a	a	a
___Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o		o	
___*Blue Grosbeak	u	u	u	
___*Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	
___*Painted Bunting	u	u	o	
___*Dickcissel	c	c	c	
Sparrows				
___Eastern (Rufous-sided) Towhee	o		u	u
___American Tree Sparrow				u
___Chipping Sparrow	o	r	o	
___*Field Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___Vesper Sparrow	o		o	r
___*Lark Sparrow	c	c	u	
___Savannah Sparrow	c		c	c
___Grasshopper Sparrow	o	o	o	
___LeConte's Sparrow	o		o	o
___Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___Song Sparrow	c		c	c
___Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	o
___Swamp Sparrow	c		u	u
___White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
___White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	c
___Harris' Sparrow	u		u	u
___Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	a
Blackbirds and Orioles				
___Bobolink	o		o	
___*Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	a
___*Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	c
___Western Meadowlark	o			r
___Yellow-headed Blackbird	o			
___Rusty Blackbird			u	u
___Brewer's Blackbird	o		o	o
___*Great-tailed Grackle	u	o	u	u
___*Common Grackle	c	c	c	c

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___*Brown-headed Cowbird	u	u	u	u
___*Orchard Oriole	c	c		
___*Baltimore Oriole	c	c	u	
Finches				
___House Finch	o	o	o	o
___Purple Finch	o		o	u
___Pine Siskin	o		o	o
___*American Goldfinch	u	u	u	c
___Evening Grosbeak			r	r
Old World Sparrows				
___*House Sparrow	c	c	c	c

Accidentals

Brown Pelican	Common Moorhen
Anhinga	Whimbrel
Roseate Spoonbill	Long-eared Owl
Oldsquaw	Pine Warbler
White-winged Scoter	Lapland Longspur