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BIRDS

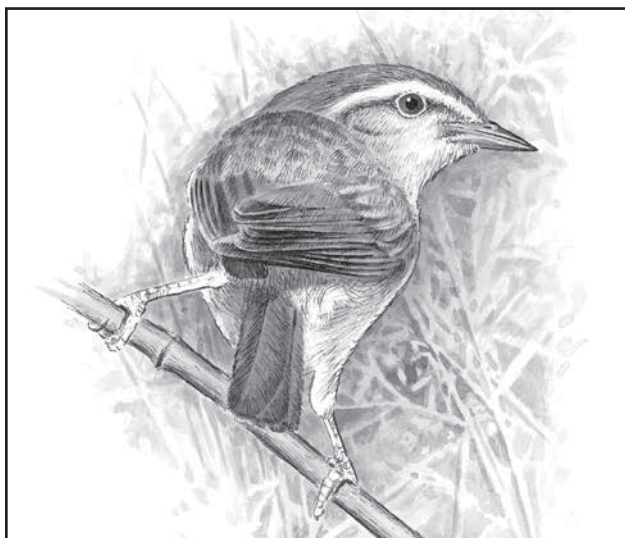
OF

MARTIN DIES, JR.

S T A T E P A R K

AND ANGELINA-NECHES AND DAM-B

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2019

INTRODUCTION

Martin Dies, Jr. State Park, the Angelina-Neches Scientific Area and the Dam-B Wildlife Management Units are located at the edge of B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir at the junction of the Angelina and Neches Rivers in Jasper and Tyler Counties. These managed lands and waters are licensed from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and managed for wildlife and fish, and resource-based recreation. The Corps of Engineers is responsible for water management for the checklist area reservoirs.

This checklist covers all area Texas Parks and Wildlife Department facilities, as well as the area between FM 92 and the west (Dam-B), Steinhagen Reservoir dam on the south, Texas Hwy. 96 on the east (Jasper) and RR 255 on the north (Sam Rayburn Reservoir dam). A total of 235 species are reported from the Angelina and Neches River bottomland hardwoods, the open waters and swamps of Steinhagen Reservoir, the dam at Sam Rayburn Reservoir, the shallow ponds of the Jasper State Fish Hatchery, the old growth pine and hardwoods of the state park and adjacent national forest, and the upland farmlands and mixed pine-hardwoods of the checklist area.

The best areas to bird are all of the state parks for most species occupying old growth pine-hardwoods, and the southern end of the Cherokee Unit on the west side of Steinhagen Lake for migrating songbirds. Swainson's Warblers and other species occupying bottomland hardwoods can be found at Wolf Creek adjacent to the USCOE's Magnolia Ridge Park on the west side of Steinhagen. Waterfowl can be seen from the edge of the Hwy. 190 causeway and the shore of the Hen House Ridge Unit on the northeast corner of the state park. Bald eagles are found periodically during winter below Steinhagen Reservoir and at the Sam Rayburn Reservoir dam. The dam at Sam Rayburn also attracts loons and a variety of gulls and terns over the open water, and LeConte's sparrows and Evening grosbeaks (irregular) in the fields below. Small numbers of shorebirds can be found at the Jasper State Fish Hatchery and on Steinhagen Reservoir when it is drawn down. Marsh and swamp birds, including several heronries, are best viewed from a boat within Steinhagen Lake and the Angelina-Neches Scientific Area. Red-cockaded woodpecker and Bachman's sparrow inhabit posted private property on the north end of the checklist area.

Other birding areas of interest are the June Day compartment (accessible by car on the northwest end of Steinhagen), and the McGee Bend compartment (accessible by car from RR 255) of the Angelina National Forest. Both areas

contain high quality bottomland hardwoods. Farm lands to the northeast in the Peachtree, Bevilport and Curtis communities and avifaunal diversity to this predominantly forested area. The main body of the Angelina-Neches Scientific area is accessible by boat only. Access and registration are available at all boat ramps on Steinhagen Reservoir.

This checklist was updated by Mark McClelland based on previous editions compiled by Rhandy Helton, Fisheries Biologist, and Brent Ortego, Wildlife Biologist, with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Jasper, Texas. Nomenclature and organization for this checklist follow the 7th edition of the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds* as currently supplemented.

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LEGEND

Abundance (in suitable habitat)

- a – Abundant (many should be seen)
- c – Common (should see)
- u – Uncommon (might see)
- r – Rare (seldom seen regular visitor or resident)
- i – Irregular (not seen every year)
- * – Breeds in area

Seasons

- Sp – Spring (March, April, May)
- S – Summer (June, July, August)
- F – Fall (September, October, November)
- W – Winter (December, January, February)

CHECKLIST

| | Sp | S | F | W |
|--|----|---|---|---|
| _____ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | u | u | u | u |
| _____ Snow Goose..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ Greater White-fronted Goose | u | | u | u |
| _____ Canada Goose..... | r | | r | r |
| _____ Tundra Swan..... | | | | i |
| _____ *Wood Duck..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Blue-winged Teal..... | c | | c | u |
| _____ Cinnamon Teal..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ Northern Shoveler | c | | c | c |
| _____ Gadwall | c | | c | c |
| _____ American Wigeon | u | | u | u |
| _____ Mallard..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Northern Pintail..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ Green-winged Teal..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Canvasback..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Redhead | u | | u | u |
| _____ Ring-necked Duck..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Greater Scaup..... | | | | i |
| _____ Lesser Scaup..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Bufflehead..... | | | | u |
| _____ Common Goldeneye..... | | | | u |
| _____ Hooded Merganser..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ Red-breasted Merganser..... | u | | | |
| _____ Ruddy Duck..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ *Northern Bobwhite | r | r | r | r |
| _____ *Wild Turkey | r | r | r | r |
| _____ *Pied-billed Grebe..... | c | u | c | c |

| | Sp | S | F | W |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| _____ Horned Grebe..... | | | | u |
| _____ Western Grebe..... | | | | i |
| _____ *Rock Pigeon | u | u | u | u |
| _____ *Eurasian Collared-Dove | u | u | u | u |
| _____ Inca Dove | u | u | u | u |
| _____ White-winged Dove..... | r | r | r | r |
| _____ *Mourning Dove..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Greater Roadrunner..... | u | u | u | u |
| _____ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ Black-billed Cuckoo | r | | r | |
| _____ *Common Nighthawk..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Chuck-will's-widow..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ Eastern Whip-poor-will..... | u | | u | |
| _____ *Chimney Swift | c | c | a | |
| _____ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird | c | c | a | |
| _____ Rufous Hummingbird | | | | i |
| _____ Sora..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ *Purple Gallinule..... | u | u | u | |
| _____ *Common Gallinule | u | c | u | u |
| _____ American Coot..... | c | u | c | c |
| _____ Black-necked Stilt..... | r | | r | |
| _____ American Avocet | r | | r | |
| _____ Semipalmated Plover | r | | r | |
| _____ Killdeer..... | c | u | c | c |
| _____ Dunlin | | | r | |
| _____ Least Sandpiper | c | | c | |
| _____ Pectoral Sandpiper | r | | r | |
| _____ Semipalmated Sandpiper | r | | | |
| _____ Western Sandpiper | r | | r | |

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| _____ Short-billed Dowitcher | r | | r | |
| _____ Long-billed Dowitcher | r | | r | |
| _____ American Woodcock | u | | u | c |
| _____ Wilson's Snipe | c | | c | c |
| _____ Wilson's Phalarope | | | r | |
| _____ Spotted Sandpiper | c | | c | |
| _____ Solitary Sandpiper | u | | u | |
| _____ Greater Yellowlegs..... | u | | u | |
| _____ Willet..... | u | | u | |
| _____ Lesser Yellowlegs..... | u | r | u | r |
| _____ Bonaparte's Gull | u | | u | u |
| _____ Laughing Gull | | | i | |
| _____ Franklin's Gull | | | u | |
| _____ Ring-billed Gull | c | | c | c |
| _____ Herring Gull | u | | u | u |
| _____ Caspian Tern..... | r | | r | |
| _____ Black Tern..... | c | | u | |
| _____ Forster's Tern | c | u | c | u |
| _____ Royal Tern | | | i | |
| _____ Common Loon..... | r | | r | r |
| _____ Wood Stork | | | u | |
| _____ Neotropic Cormorant..... | u | | | |
| _____ Double-crested Cormorant..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ *Anhinga | c | c | c | c |
| _____ American White Pelican..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ American Bittern | | | u | u |
| _____ *Least Bittern..... | u | u | u | |
| _____ *Great Blue Heron..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Great Egret..... | c | c | c | c |

| | Sp | S | F | W |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| _____ *Snowy Egret | u | c | u | u |
| _____ *Little Blue Heron..... | c | c | c | u |
| _____ *Tricolored heron | u | c | u | u |
| _____ *Cattle Egret | a | a | a | u |
| _____ *Green Heron..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Black-crowned Night-Heron | u | u | u | |
| _____ *Yellow-crowned Night-Heron..... | u | u | u | |
| _____ *White Ibis | u | u | u | u |
| _____ White-faced Ibis..... | | | i | |
| _____ Roseate Spoonbill..... | | | i | |
| _____ *Black Vulture..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Turkey Vulture | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Osprey..... | u | r | u | |
| _____ White-tailed Kite | u | u | u | u |
| _____ Swallow-tailed Kite..... | i | | | |
| _____ Mississippi Kite..... | c | | c | |
| _____ Northern Harrier | u | | u | u |
| _____ Sharp-shinned Hawk | c | | c | c |
| _____ Cooper's Hawk | u | r | u | u |
| _____ Bald Eagle | u | | u | u |
| _____ *Red-shouldered Hawk | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Broad-winged Hawk | c | u | c | |
| _____ Swainson's Hawk | r | r | | |
| _____ *Red-tailed Hawk | c | u | c | c |
| _____ *Barn Owl | r | r | r | r |
| _____ *Eastern Screech-Owl..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Great Horned Owl..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Barred Owl..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Belted Kingfisher..... | c | u | c | c |

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| _____ *Red-headed Woodpecker..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Red-bellied Woodpecker | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ *Downy Woodpecker..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Hairy Woodpecker | u | u | u | u |
| _____ *Red-cockaded Woodpecker..... | r | r | r | r |
| _____ *Northern Flicker | c | u | c | c |
| _____ *Pileated Woodpecker..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *American Kestrel..... | c | u | c | c |
| _____ Merlin | | | r | r |
| _____ Peregrine Falcon | r | | r | |
| _____ *Eastern Wood-Pewee | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Acadian Flycatcher..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ Alder Flycatcher..... | u | | u | |
| _____ Willow Flycatcher | u | | u | |
| _____ Least Flycatcher | u | | u | |
| _____ Eastern Phoebe..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Vermillion Flycatcher..... | r | | | r |
| _____ *Great Crested Flycatcher | c | c | c | |
| _____ Western Kingbird..... | r | | r | |
| _____ *Eastern Kingbird..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Scissor-tailed Flycatcher..... | c | u | c | |
| _____ *Loggerhead Shrike..... | u | u | u | u |
| _____ *White-eyed Vireo..... | c | c | c | r |
| _____ Bell's Vireo | | r | | |
| _____ *Yellow-throated Vireo | c | u | c | |
| _____ Blue-headed Vireo..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Philadelphia Vireo | r | | r | |
| _____ Warbling Vireo | u | | u | |

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| _____ *Red-eyed Vireo | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Blue Jay | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *American Crow | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Fish Crow | | | r | |
| _____ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow | c | u | a | |
| _____ *Purple Martin | c | c | a | |
| _____ Tree Swallow | c | | c | u |
| _____ Bank Swallow | c | | c | |
| _____ *Barn Swallow | c | c | c | |
| _____ Cliff Swallow | u | | u | |
| _____ *Carolina Chickadee | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Tufted Titmouse | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Red-breasted Nuthatch | i | | i | i |
| _____ White-breasted Nuthatch | u | u | u | u |
| _____ *Brown-headed Nuthatch | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Brown Creeper | c | | c | c |
| _____ House Wren | c | | c | c |
| _____ Winter Wren | c | | c | c |
| _____ Sedge Wren | u | | u | u |
| _____ Marsh Wren | u | | u | |
| _____ *Carolina Wren | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | c | c | c | u |
| _____ Golden-crowned Kinglet | c | | c | c |
| _____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet | c | | c | c |
| _____ *Eastern Bluebird | c | u | c | c |
| _____ Veery | u | | u | |
| _____ Gray-cheeked Thrush | u | | u | |
| _____ Swainson's Thrush | u | | u | |
| _____ Hermit Thrush | c | | c | c |

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| _____ *Wood Thrush..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ *American Robin..... | c | c | c | a |
| _____ Gray Catbird..... | c | | c | u |
| _____ *Brown Thrasher..... | c | u | c | c |
| _____ *Northern Mockingbird..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ *European Starling..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Cedar Waxwing..... | c | | c | a |
| _____ *House Sparrow..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ American Pipit..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ Evening Grosbeak..... | | | | i |
| _____ House Finch..... | u | u | u | u |
| _____ Purple Finch..... | u | | u | c |
| _____ Pine Siskin..... | i | | i | i |
| _____ American Goldfinch..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Eastern Towhee..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Spotted Towhee..... | | | r | |
| _____ *Bachman's Sparrow..... | u | u | u | u |
| _____ LeConte's Sparrow..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ *Chipping Sparrow..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Field Sparrow..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ *Lark Sparrow..... | u | u | u | |
| _____ Fox Sparrow..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ Dark-eyed Junco..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ White-crowned Sparrow..... | r | | r | r |
| _____ White-throated Sparrow..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Vesper Sparrow..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ Savannah Sparrow..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Song Sparrow..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ Lincoln's Sparrow..... | u | | u | u |

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| _____ Swamp Sparrow..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ *Yellow-breasted Chat | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Eastern Meadowlark..... | u | u | u | u |
| _____ *Orchard Oriole | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Baltimore Oriole..... | u | u | u | |
| _____ *Red-winged Blackbird | c | c | c | a |
| _____ *Brown-headed Cowbird | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Rusty Blackbird | r | | r | r |
| _____ Brewer's Blackbird..... | u | | u | u |
| _____ *Common Grackle..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Great-tailed Grackle..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Ovenbird | u | | u | |
| _____ Worm-eating Warbler | u | | u | |
| _____ *Louisiana Waterthrush | u | u | | |
| _____ Northern Waterthrush..... | u | | u | |
| _____ Golden-winged Warbler | r | | r | |
| _____ Blue-winged Warbler | u | | u | |
| _____ *Black-and-white Warbler | c | u | c | |
| _____ *Prothonotary Warbler | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Swainson's Warbler..... | u | u | u | |
| _____ Tennessee Warbler | c | | c | |
| _____ Orange-crowned Warbler | c | | c | c |
| _____ Nashville Warbler | u | | u | |
| _____ Mourning Warbler | r | | | |
| _____ *Kentucky Warbler | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Common Yellowthroat | c | c | c | u |
| _____ *Hooded Warbler | c | c | c | |
| _____ *American Redstart | c | r | c | |
| _____ Cerulean Warbler | u | | u | |

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| _____ *Northern Parula..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ Magnolia Warbler..... | c | | c | |
| _____ Bay-breasted Warbler..... | u | | u | |
| _____ Blackburnian Warbler..... | u | | u | |
| _____ Yellow Warbler..... | c | | c | |
| _____ Chestnut-sided Warbler..... | c | | c | |
| _____ Blackpoll Warbler..... | u | | | |
| _____ Palm Warbler..... | r | | r | |
| _____ *Pine Warbler..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Yellow-rumped Warbler..... | c | | c | c |
| _____ *Yellow-throated Warbler..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Prairie Warbler..... | c | u | c | |
| _____ Black-throated Green Warbler..... | c | | c | |
| _____ Canada Warbler..... | r | | r | |
| _____ Wilson's Warbler..... | c | | c | |
| _____ *Summer Tanager..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ Scarlet Tanager..... | u | | u | |
| _____ *Northern Cardinal..... | c | c | c | c |
| _____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak..... | c | | c | |
| _____ *Blue Grosbeak..... | c | u | c | |
| _____ *Indigo Bunting..... | c | c | c | |
| _____ *Painted Bunting..... | u | u | u | |
| _____ *Dickcissel..... | u | u | u | |

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