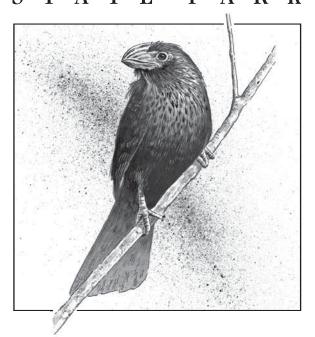
BIRDS

OF

LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI S T A T E P A R K



A FIELD CHECKLIST

INTRODUCTION

he brush-covered slopes, open waters, and quiet, sometimes marshy margins of Lake Corpus Christi and the lush riparian woodlands along the Nueces River combine to form a localized area whose birdlife is rich and diverse.

Lake Corpus Christi State Park represents one of the few remaining stands of Tamaulipan thorn scrub, sometimes called by the local people chaparral, in the nearby vicinity of metropolitan Corpus Christi. The park and nearby natural areas are an important landfall for migrating birds and play an even greater role in the conservation of plants and animals native to the mesquite grassland of South Texas. Indicated abundance refers to species at the proper season in appropriate habitat (see legend). The checklist was compiled by Gene W. Blacklock, co-author, *Birds of Texas, A Field Guide*, Texas A&M Press, 1994 and *Birds of the Texas Coastal Bend*, Texas A&M Press, 1985. Nomenclature and organization are based upon the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds* (7 ed. as currently supplemented).

You may contribute to our knowledge of park birdlife by reporting sightings of rare, casual or accidental records to area officials. Please request Bird Sighting Report Forms available at park headquarters. Return the completed forms to the Natural Resources Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744; or leave them at the park headquarters.

Please help us protect the natural avian communities in our parks by refraining from using playback tapes of bird songs. Frequent use of these tapes disrupts normal avian activity patterns, disrupts essential territorial behavior and may mead to nest failure. Thank you for your cooperation.

LEGEND

- A: Abundant: 50+ seen in one day
- C: Common: 10 + seen in one day
- U: Uncommon: fewer than 5 per day
- R: Rare: 1-5 records each season
- I: Irregular: erratic and unpredictable but can be common
- Ca: Casual: 5 10 records in a decade Acc: Accidental: not normally expected
- p Permanent resident (all year)
- s Summer (second week of June through second week of August)
- w winter (second week of November through second week of March)
- m Migration (migration only)
- sp Spring migration (second week of March through second week of June)
- f Fall migration (third week of August through second week of November)
- 0 Overhead (usually seen flying over)
- E Escaped exotic
- * Has nested

BOLD species are those with a distribution associated with South Texas within the United States.

Cover: Illustration of a Groove-billed Ani.

CHECKLIST

WATERFOWL

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	C-p*
Fulvous-whistling-Duck	I-m; I-s; Ca-w
Greater White-fronted Goose	O-w
Snow Goose	O-w
Ross's Goose	O-w
Cackling Goose	Ca/O-w
Canada Goose	Ca/O-w
Tundra Swan	Acc-w
Wood Duck	U-w; Ca-s*
Gadwall	C-mw
American Widgeon	C-m/w
Mallard	U-w; Ca-s*
Mottled Duck	C-p*
Blue-winged Teal	A-m; C-w; R-s*
Cinnamon Teal	U-w; R-m
Northern Shoveler	C-m/w; Acc-s
Northern Pintail	C-m/w
Green-winged Teal	A-m; C-w
Canvasback	O-w
Redhead	U-w
Ring-necked Duck	C-w
Greater Scaup	Ca-w
Lesser Scaup	C-w; Ca-sp
White-winged Scoter	Acc-w
Bufflehead	U-w
Common Goldeneye	Ca-w
Hooded Merganser	U-w
Red-breasted Merganser	Ca-w
Masked Duck	Ca-p*
Ruddy Duck	U-w; R-s*

GALLIFORMES _____ Scaled Quail Acc* _____ Northern Bobwhite R-p* _____ Wild Turkey Ca-p* LOONS and GREBES _____ Pacific Loon Acc _____ Common Loon Ca-w _____ Least Grebe U-p* _____ Pied-billed Grebe C-p* Horned Grebe Ca-w _____ Eared Grebe U-w/m STORKS Wood Stork O/C-s/f FRIGATEBIRDS _____ Magnificent Frigatebird Acc-s/f CORMORANTS and DARTERS _____ Neotropic Cormorant C-p* _____ Double-crested Cormorant C-w/m; Ca-s _____ Anhinga O/C-m; U-w/s* PELICANS _____ American White Pelican O/C-w/m_____ Brown Pelican O/R-p HERONS, IBISES, and SPOONBILLS _____ American Bittern Ca-w/m ____ Least Bittern Ca-s* ____ Great Blue Heron U-p* ____ Great Egret U-p*

Snowy Egret	U-p*
Little Blue Heron	R-p*
Tricolored Heron	R-p*
Reddish Egret	Acc-s/f
Cattle Egret	C-s/m; U-w*
Green Heron	U-s; C-m; Ca-w
Black-crowned Night-Heron	U-p*
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	R-s; U-m; Ca-w
White Ibis	U-s/m; R-w*
White-faced Ibis	U-s/m; R-w*
Roseate Spoonbill	U-s/m; Ca-w*
VULTURES, KITES, and HAWKS	
Black Vulture	C-p*
Turkey Vulture	C-p*
Osprey	C-w/m; Ca-s
Swallow-tailed Kite	O/R-m
White-tailed Kite	0/I*
Mississippi Kite	O/C-m
Bald Eagle	Ca-w/m
Northern Harrier	U-w; C-m
Sharp-shinned Hawk	C-w/m
Cooper's hawk	C-w/m; R-s*
Northern Goshawk	Acc-w
Harris's Hawk	R-p*
Red-shouldered Hawk	U-p*
Broad-winged Hawk	O/C-m
Gray Hawk	Acc-s/m
Swanson's Hawk	O/C-m; R-s*
White-tailed Hawk	R-p
Zone-tailed Hawk	Ca-w/m
Red-tailed Hawk	U-w/m; R-s*
Ferruginous Hawk	Ca-w/m
Golden Eagle	Ca-w/m

MARSH BIRDS

	King Rail	Ca-w/m
	Virginia Rail	Ca-w/m
	Sora	U-w/m
	Purple Gallinule	U-m/s*
	Common Gallinule	U-p*
	American Coot	C-w/m; R-s*
	Sandhill Crane	O/U-w
SH	OREBIRDS and THEIR ALLIES	
	Black-bellied Plover	R-w/m
	American Golden-Plover	O-sp; Acc-f
	Snowy Plover	Ca-m
	Wilson's Plover	Ac-m/s
	Semipalmated Plover	Ac-m/w
	Piping Plover	Ca-w/m
	Killdeer	U-p*
	Black-necked Stilt	U-s/m; Ca-s*
	American Avocet	C-m; R-w
	Solitary Sandpiper	C-m; R-w
	Greater Yellowlegs	C-m; U-w
	Willet	U-m/s; Acc-w
	Lesser Yellowlegs	R-m/s
	Upland Sandpiper	O/C-m
	Whimbrel	R-m
	Long-billed Curlew	O/w-U; R-s
	Hudsonian Godwit	Ca-m
	Marbled Godwit	U-m; Ca-w
	Ruddy Turnstone	Ca-m/w
	Red Knot	Acc/m-w
	Stilt Sandpiper	R-m/w
	Sanderling	Ca-m/w
	Dunlin	R-m/w
	Baird's Sandniner	IĬ-m

Least Sandpiper	U-m/w
White-rumped Sandpiper	R-sp; Ca-f
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	0/U-m
Pectoral Sandpiper	0/U-m
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Ca-m
Western Sandpiper	R-m/w
Short-billed Dowitcher	R-m/w
Long-billed Dowitcher	0/U-m/w
Wilson's Snipe	U-w
American Woodcock	R-w [∗]
Wilson's Phalarope	R-m; Ca-w
GULLS and TERNS	
Black-legged Kittiwake	Acc-w
Bonaparte's Gull	Acc-m/w
Laughing Gull	С-р
Franklin's Gull	C-m
Ring-billed Gull	U-m/w; Ca-s
Herring Gull	R-m/w; Ca-s
Sooty Tern	Acc-f
Least Tern	R-s/m*
Gull-billed Tern	U-s/m; Ca-w
Caspian Tern	U-p
Black Tern	C-m
Common Tern	Ca-m/w
Forster's Tern	C-m/w; R-s
Royal Tern	R-s/m; Acc-w
Sandwich Tern	Ca-s/m
Black Skimmer	U-m/s; Acc-w
PIGEONS and DOVES	
Rock Pigeon	C-p*
Eurasian Collared-Dove	C-p*
White-winged Dove	C-p*

	Mourning Dove	C-p*
	Inca Dove	C-p*
	Common Ground-Dove	U-p*
	White-tipped Dove	U-p*
CUC	KOOS	
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C-m/s*; Acc-w
	Black-billed Cuckoo	R-m
	Greater Roadrunner	U-p*
	Groove-billed Ani	C-m/s*Ca-w
OWL	S	
	Barn Owl	U-p*
	Eastern Screech-Owl	C-p*
	Great Horned Owl	U-p*
	Burrowing Owl	Ca-w
	Barred Owl	U-p*
	Short-eared Owl	Ca-w
NIGI	HTJARS	
	Lesser Nighthawk	U-m; R-s*; Ca-w
	Common Nighthawk	C-m/s*
	Common Pauraque	C-p*
	Common Poorwill	I-m/s*
	Chuck-will's-widow	C-m
	Eastern Whip-poor-will	R-m
SWII	FTS AND HUMMINGBIRDS	
	Chimney Swift	C-m/s*
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C-m; Ca-w/s*
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	C-s/m*; Ca-w
	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Ca-m/w
	Rufous Hummingbird	R-m/w
	Buff-bellied Hummingbird	C-s/m: R-f

KINGFISHERS

	Ringed Kingfisher	R-p
	Belted Kingfisher	U/m/w
	Green Kingfisher	U-p*
woo	ODPECKERS	
	Red-headed Woodpecker	I-w
	Golden-fronted Woodpecker	C-p*
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Acc
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U-w
	Red-naped Sapsucker	Ca-w
	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C-p*
	Downy Woodpecker	Ca-w
	Northern Flicker	U-w
FAL	CONS	
	Crested Caracara	C-p*
	American Kestrel	C-w/m
	Merlin	U-w/m
	Peregrine Falcon	O/R-w/m
	Prairie Falcon	Ca-w
FLYC	CATCHERS	
	Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	Acc
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	U-m
	Western Wood-Pewee	Acc
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	C-m
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	C-m
	Acadian Flycatcher	C-m
	Alder Flycatcher	R-m
	Willow Flycatcher	C-m
	Least Flycatcher	C-m; ca-w
	Dusky Flycatcher	Acc-w
	Cordilleran Flycatcher	Acc-m/w

Black Phoebe	Ca-w
Eastern Phoebe	C-m/w
Say's Phoebe	R-w
Vermillion Flycatcher	U-m; R-w/s*
Ash-throated Flycatcher	U-m/s*; Ca-w
Gray-crested Flycatcher	C-m; Ca-w
Brown-crested Flycatcher	U-s*; Ca-w
Great Kiskadee	C-s*; U-w
Couch's Kingbird	C-s*; U-w
Western Kingbird	C-s*; U-w
Eastern Kingbird	C-m; R-s*
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C-s; A
SHRIKES	
Loggerhead Shrike	C-m/w; U-s*
VIREOS	
Bell's Vireo	R-m; Ca-s*; Acc-w
Yellow-throated Vireo	C-sp; R-f; Acc-w
Plumbeous Vireo	U-m/w
Cassin's Vireo	Acc-m/w
Blue-headed Vireo	U-m/w
Warbling Vireo	U-m
Philadelphia Vireo	U-m
Red-eyed Vireo	C-sp; U-f; Acc-w
Yellow-green Vireo	Acc
JAYS and ALLIES	
Green Jay	p*
Blue Jay	I^*
American Crow	Acc
Chihuahuan Raven	Acc

LARKS and SWALLOWS ____ Horned Lark O/R-p* _____ Purple Martin C-m/s* _____ Tree Swallow C-m: Ca-w _____ Northern-Rough-winged Swallow C-m: Ca-w _____ Bank Swallow C-m; Ca-w _____ Cliff Swallow U-m/s* ____ Cave Swallow C-m/s*: U-w Barn Swallow C-m: U-s*: Ca-w CHICKADEES, TITMICE and VERDIN _____ Carolina Chickadee Acc _____ Black-crested Titmouse U-p* _____ Verdin R-p* NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS and WRENS _____ Red-breasted Nuthatch Ca-w _____ White-breasted Nuthatch Acc-w _____ Brown Creeper I-w _____ Rock Wren Acc ____ House Wren C-m/w _____ Winter Wren Ca-w _____ Sedge Wren R-m/w _____ Marsh Wren U-m; R-w _____ Carolina Wren C-p* _____ Bewick's Wren R-p* _____ Cactus Wren Ca-p* KINGLETS and GNATCATCHERS ____ Golden-crowned Kinglet U-m; R-w ____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet C-m/w

C-m/w; R-s*

_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird	I-w/m; R-s*
Mountain Bluebird	Ca-w
Veery	U-sp; Ca-f
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U-sp; Ca-f
Swanson's Thrush	U-sp; Ca-f
Hermit Thrush	C-m; U-w
Wood Thrush	U-sp; Ca-f
Clay-colored Thrush	Acc
American Robin	I-w; Ca-s*
THRASHERS	
Gray Catbird	C-m; R-w
Curve-billed Thrasher	Ca-p*
Brown Thrasher	R-m/w
Long-billed Thrasher	C-p*
Sage Thrasher	Ca-w
Northern Mockingbird	C-p*
STARLINGS, WAXWINGS and PIPITS	
Cedar Waxwing	I-m/w
European Starling	C-p*
American Pipit	C-m/w
Sprague's Pipit	R-m/w
WOOD WARBLERS	
Ovenbird	C-m; Ca-w
Worm-eating Warbler	C-sp; R-f
Northern Waterthrush	C-m; Ca-w
Louisiana Waterthrush	U-m
Blue-winged Warbler	U-sp; R-f
Black-and-white Warbler	C-m; R-w
Prothonotary Warbler	C-sp; R-f
Swainson's Warbler	U-sp/f

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Ter	nnessee Warbler	C-sp; U-f
	ange-crowned Warbler	C-m/w
Nas	shville Warbler	C-m; Ca-w
Mc	Gillivray's Warbler	Ca-m
Mo	urning Warbler	C-f; U-sp
Ker	ntucky Warbler	C-m
Cor	nmon Yellowthroat	C-m/w; Ca-s*
Но	oded Warbler	C-sp; U-f
Am	erican Redstart	C-m; Ac-w
Cap	oe May Warbler	Acc
Cer	ulean Warbler	U-sp; Ca-f
No:	rthern Parula	C-m; R-s*
Tro	opical Parula	Acc
Ma	gnolia Warbler	C-sp/f
Bay	y-breasted Warbler	C-sp; R-f
Bla	ckburnian Warbler	C-sp; R-f
Yel	low Warbler	C-m; Acc-w
Che	estnut-sided Warbler	C-sp; R-f
Bla	ckpoll Warbler	R-w; Ca-f
Bla	ck-throated Blue Warbler	Acc
Pin	e Warbler	I-m/w
Yel	low-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler	C-m/w
Yel	low-rumped (Audubon's) Warble	r R-m/w
Yel	low-throated Warbler	C-sp; R-f; Ca-w
Pra	irie Warbler	Ca-m/w
Bla	ck-throated Gray Warbler	Ca-w
Bla	ck-throated Green Warbler	C-m; Ca-w
Car	nada Warbler	C-m
	son's Warbler	C-m; Ca-w
Yel	low-breasted Chat	C-m; Ca-w

SPARROWS

Olive Sparrow	U-p*
Green-tailed Towhee	I-w
Spotted Towhee	R-w
Eastern Towhee	Ca-w
Cassin's Sparrow	I*
Chipping Sparrow	C-w
Clay-colored Sparrow	U-m; R-w
Brewer's Sparrow	Acc-m/w
Field Sparrow	C-w/m; Ca-s*
Vesper Sparrow	C-w
Lark Sparrow	U-ms*
Black-throated Sparrow	Ca-p*
Lark Bunting	I-m/w
Savannah Sparrow	A-w; C-m
Grasshopper Sparrow	U-w; C-m; Ca-s*
Le Conte's Sparrow	C-w
Fox Sparrow	R-w
Song Sparrow	U-w
Lincoln's Sparrow	C-w/m
Swamp Sparrow	U-w/m
White-throated Sparrow	U-w
Harris's Sparrow	Ca-w
White-crowned Sparrow	C-w
Dark-eyed Junco	Ca-w
GROSBEAKS	
Summer Tanager	C-sp; U-f; Ca-w/s*
Western Tanager	Ca-m; w
Scarlet Tanager	U-sp; R-f
Northern Cardinal	C-p*
Pyrrhuloxia	$\mathrm{U} ext{-}p^*$
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C-sp; R-f; Ca-w
Black-headed Grosbeak	Ca-m/w

Blue Grosbeak	U-m/s*
Lazuli Bunting	Ca-m/w
Indigo Bunting	C-m; Ca-w
Varied Bunting	Acc-m
Painted Bunting	C-m/s*
Dickcissel	C-m; R-s*; Ca-w
BLACKBIRDS	
Bobolink	A-m
Red-winged Blackbird	A-m; C-s/w*
Eastern Meadowlark	C-p*
Western Meadowlark	C-m/w
Yellow-headed Blackbird	R-m
Brewer's Blackbird	R-m/w
Common Grackle	I-m/w; Ca-s
Great-tailed Grackle	A-p*
Bronzed Cowbird	C-s*; A-m; R-w
Brown-headed Cowbird	A-s*/m; C-s
Orchard Oriole	C-m; R-s*
Hooded Oriole	Acc-s
Bullock's Oriole	R-s*/m; Ca-w
Audubon's Oriole	Ca
Baltimore Oriole	U-m
FINCHES	
Purple Finch	Ca-w
House Finch	R*
Red Crossbill	Acc.
Pine Siskin	I-w
Lesser Goldfinch	R-w; Ca-m/s*
American Goldfinch	C-w
OLD WORLD SPARROWS	
House Sparrow	A-p*

CITATION

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