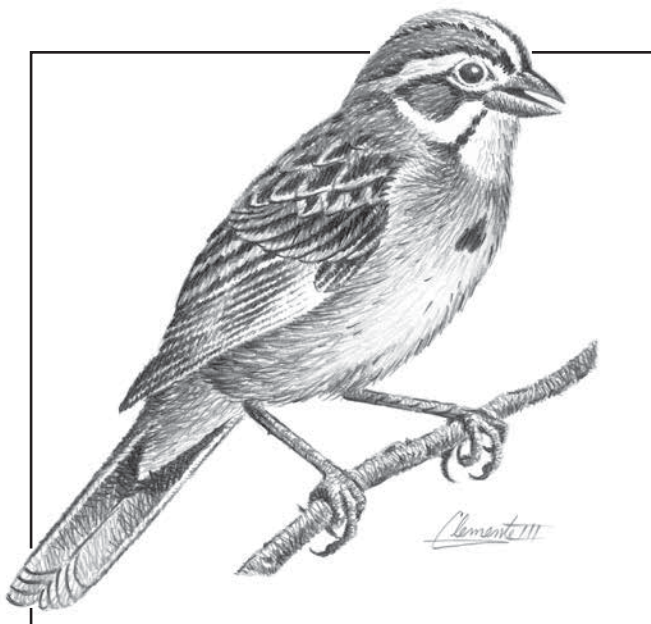


TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

# BIRDS

OF

## LAKE CASA BLANCA INTERNATIONAL STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2018

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# INTRODUCTION

**L**ake Casa Blanca International State Park is located in the city limits of Laredo in Webb County. The park consists of 525 acres and is located Lake Casa Blanca, a lake built for recreation.

You will find typical monte (brush) species year-round along the hiking trails. These include vermilion flycatcher, golden-fronted and ladder-backed woodpeckers, cactus wren, pyrrhuloxia, mourning and white-winged doves, Couch's kingbird and greater roadrunner. Summer residents of the park include Bullock's and hooded orioles, scissor-tailed and brown-crested flycatchers, and western kingbirds. The fall and spring migrations bring a variety of warbler species, vireos and flycatchers. Green jays and great kiskadees live here year-round. Lark sparrows are frequent in the summer, while winter brings other sparrows such as Lincoln's and grasshopper. The lake provides habitat for wading birds such as great blue heron, snowy egret and great egret year-round. American white pelicans and various waterfowl (such as northern shoveler and blue-winged teal) make their homes here in the winter months.

Susan Foster compiled this checklist using Cornell Labs of Ornithology's eBird reports. This checklist is preliminary and will be periodically updated. Additional records are needed and contributions of sightings, even of the most common birds, can be very helpful.

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# LEGEND

## Abundance

- c – Common (Present, easy to find)
- u – Uncommon (Present, harder to find)
- r – Rare (Present, hard to find, or may not occur every year)
- x – Accidental (not usually present, lost, result of an event)

## Seasons

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

# CHECKLIST

	W	Sp	S	F
<b>DUCKS &amp; GEESE</b>				
_____ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck .....	r	u		u
_____ Fulvous Whistling-Duck .....				r
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose .....	u	r		
_____ Wood Duck .....	r			
_____ Gadwall .....	c	c		c
_____ American Wigeon .....	c	u		c
_____ Mallard.....	u	u		r
_____ Mottled Duck.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Blue-winged Teal .....	c	c	r	c
_____ Cinnamon Teal.....	u	u		r
_____ Northern Shoveler .....	c	c		r
_____ Northern Pintail.....	u	r		u
_____ Green-winged Teal.....	c	u		r
_____ Canvasback.....	f	f	f	f
_____ Redhead .....	r			r
_____ Ring-necked Duck.....	c	u		
_____ Greater Scaup.....	r			r
_____ Lesser Scaup.....	u	u		u
_____ Bufflehead .....	u			u
_____ Common Goldeneye.....				u
_____ Hooded Merganser .....	r			
_____ Red-breasted Merganser.....	r			
_____ Ruddy Duck.....	u	u		u
<b>CHACHALACAS &amp; GUANS</b>				
_____ Plain Chachalaca .....		x		
<b>NEW WORLD QUAIL</b>				
_____ Northern Bobwhite .....	r	r	x	r
_____ Scaled Quail .....	r	r	u	r

	W	Sp	S	F
<b>GREBES</b>				
_____ Least Grebe.....	u	u		r
_____ Pied-billed Grebe.....	c	c		c
_____ Eared Grebe .....	c	r		r
_____ Horned Grebe.....	x			
_____ Western Grebe.....	u	u		r
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>				
_____ Rock Pigeon .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Eurasian Collared-Dove .....	c	c	c	c
_____ Inca Dove .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Common Ground Dove.....	u	u	u	u
_____ White-tipped Dove .....	u	u		x
_____ White-winged Dove.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Mourning Dove.....	c	c	c	c
<b>CUCKOOS &amp; ANIS</b>				
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....		u	u	u
_____ Greater Roadrunner .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Groove-billed Ani.....		u	u	
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>				
_____ Lesser Nighthawk.....		c	c	c
_____ Common Nighthawk .....		u	u	
_____ Common Pauraque.....	u	u	u	
_____ Common Poorwill.....		r		
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
_____ Chimney Swift .....	u	u	u	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....				r
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird .....		u	u	u
<b>RAILS</b>				
_____ Virginia Rail.....		r		
_____ Sora.....	c	c		c

	<b>W</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>
_____ Common Gallinule.....	c	c	u	c
_____ American Coot.....	c	c	u	c
<b>CRANES</b>				
_____ Sandhill Crane.....	r			
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>				
_____ Black-necked Stilt.....	u	c	u	
_____ American Avocet.....		r		r
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
_____ American Golden-Plover.....	u			
_____ Semipalmated Plover.....			r	
_____ Snowy Plover.....		r		
_____ Killdeer.....	c	c	c	c
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
_____ Spotted Sandpiper.....	c	c	r	c
_____ Solitary Sandpiper.....	r	r	x	
_____ Sanderling.....				r
_____ Greater Yellowlegs.....	u	u	r	u
_____ Willet.....			r	r
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs.....		u		u
_____ Long-billed Curlew.....		r		
_____ Baird's Sandpiper.....		x		
_____ Least Sandpiper.....	c	c	c	c
_____ White-breasted Sandpiper.....		r		
_____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper.....				r
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper.....		r		
_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper.....		r		
_____ Western Sandpiper.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Short-billed Dowitcher.....		r	r	
_____ Long-billed Dowitcher.....		u		u
_____ Wilson's Snipe.....	u	u		u
_____ Wilson's Phalarope.....		x	x	

	W	Sp	S	F
<b>GULLS &amp; TERNS</b>				
_____ Bonaparte's Gull .....	u	u		
_____ Franklin's Gull .....	u	u		u
_____ Laughing Gull .....	u	u		u
_____ Ring-billed Gull .....	c	c		c
_____ Herring Gull .....	u	u		u
_____ Slaty-backed Gull.....	x			
_____ Lesser Black-backed Gull .....	u	u		
_____ Least Tern.....		u	u	
_____ Caspian Tern.....	r	r		
_____ Black Tern.....		r	r	
_____ Forster's Tern .....	u	u	u	u
<b>LOONS</b>				
_____ Common Loon.....	u	u		r
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
_____ Neotropic Cormorant.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Double-crested Cormorant .....	c	c	r	c
<b>ANHINGAS</b>				
_____ Anhinga .....	c	u		r
<b>PELICANS</b>				
_____ American White Pelican.....	c	u		u
_____ Brown Pelican .....	r	r		x
<b>HERONS</b>				
_____ American Bittern .....		r		
_____ Least Bittern .....		u	r	
_____ Great Blue Heron.....	c	c	u	c
_____ Great Egret .....	c	c	c	c
_____ Snowy Egret.....	c	c	u	c
_____ Little Blue Heron .....	u	u	r	r
_____ Tricolored Heron.....	c	u	x	r
_____ Reddish Egret .....			x	x



	<b>W</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>
_____ Cattle Egret.....	c	u	u	c
_____ Green Heron.....	r	c	c	c
_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	u	u		u
_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.....		r	r	
<b>IBIS &amp; SPOONBILLS</b>				
_____ White Ibis.....	r	r	x	
_____ White-faced Ibis.....	u	u		u
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
_____ Black Vulture.....	c	c	u	c
_____ Turkey Vulture.....	c	c	c	c
<b>OSPREYS</b>				
_____ Osprey.....	c	c	u	c
<b>HAWKS, KITES &amp; EAGLES</b>				
_____ White-tailed Kite.....		x		
_____ Northern Harrier.....	c	u		x
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	u	u		u
_____ Cooper's Hawk.....	u	u		u
_____ Mississippi Kite.....			x	
_____ White-tailed Hawk.....	r			
_____ Harris's Hawk.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Gray Hawk.....	r		r	
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk.....	u			r
_____ Broad-winged Hawk.....				x
_____ Swainson's Hawk.....		c	u	u
_____ Zone-tailed Hawk.....	r			
_____ Red-tailed Hawk.....	c	u		u
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>				
_____ Great Horned Owl.....	r	r		r
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
_____ Ringed Kingfisher.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Belted Kingfisher.....	u	u	u	u

	<b>W</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>
_____ Green Kingfisher.....	u	u		u
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
_____ Golden-fronted Woodpecker .....	c	c	c	c
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	r	r		
_____ Red-naped Sapsucker.....	x			
_____ Ladder-backed Woodpecker.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Northern Flicker.....	u	u		
<b>FALCONS &amp; CARACARAS</b>				
_____ Crested Caracara .....	c	c	u	c
_____ American Kestrel .....	u	u		u
_____ Merlin .....	u	u		u
_____ Peregrine Falcon .....	u			
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher.....				u
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee .....		u		
_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....				u
_____ Willow Flycatcher .....		u	u	
_____ Least Flycatcher .....		c		u
_____ Black Phoebe .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Eastern Phoebe.....	c	u	u	c
_____ Say's Phoebe.....	u	u		u
_____ Vermillion Flycatcher.....	c	u	u	c
_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher .....		u	r	
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher .....		r	r	r
_____ Brown-crested Flycatcher .....		u	c	
_____ Great Kiskadee.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Tropical Kingbird.....	r		r	
_____ Couch's Kingbird .....	c	c	c	c
_____ Western Kingbird.....		c	c	
_____ Eastern Kingbird.....			r	
_____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher .....	r	c	c	c

	W	Sp	S	F
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
_____ Loggerhead Shrike.....	u	r		u
<b>VIREOS</b>				
_____ White-eyed Vireo .....	r	r	r	r
_____ Bell's Vireo .....		r		
_____ Blue-headed Vireo.....	u			r
_____ Warbling Vireo .....		r		
<b>JAYS &amp; CROWS</b>				
_____ Green Jay.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Chihuahuan Raven.....	c	c	r	c
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
_____ Purple Martin .....	u	c	c	
_____ Tree Swallow .....	u	u		
_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow.....	r	u	u	r
_____ Bank Swallow .....		u	u	
_____ Cliff Swallow .....		u	u	
_____ Cave Swallow .....	u	u	u	
_____ Barn Swallow.....	u	c	c	c
<b>TITMICE</b>				
_____ Black-crested Titmouse .....	u	u	u	u
<b>VERDINS</b>				
_____ Verdin .....	u	u	u	u
<b>WRENS</b>				
_____ House Wren.....	c	c		c
_____ Sedge Wren .....				r
_____ Marsh Wren.....	u	u		u
_____ Carolina Wren .....	r		r	r
_____ Bewick's Wren.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Cactus Wren .....	c	c	c	c
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher .....	c	c	u	c

	<b>W</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>
_____ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher.....	r	r	r	r
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet .....	r			
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c	c		c
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
_____ Eastern Bluebird.....	r			
_____ Swainson's Thrush.....		r		
_____ Hermit Thrush.....	r			
_____ American Robin.....	r			
<b>THRASHERS &amp; MOCKINGBIRDS</b>				
_____ Gray Catbird .....	r	r		
_____ Curve-billed Thrasher.....	u	u	x	u
_____ Long-billed Thrasher .....	u	u		u
_____ Northern Mockingbird.....	c	c	c	c
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
_____ European Starlings .....	u	u	u	u
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
_____ Cedar Waxwing.....		r		r
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
_____ House Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
<b>PIPITS</b>				
_____ American Pipit.....	c	r		u
<b>FINCHES</b>				
_____ House Finch .....	c	c	c	c
_____ Lesser Goldfinch.....	r	x		r
_____ American Goldfinch.....	r	r		
<b>NEW WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
_____ Olive Sparrow.....	c	c	c	u
_____ Green-tailed Towhee.....	r			
_____ Spotted Towhee .....	r			
_____ Brewer's Sparrow .....	r			

	W	Sp	S	F
_____ Cassin's Sparrow.....	r	c	u	
_____ Chipping Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow.....	u	u		r
_____ Field Sparrow.....	r	r		r
_____ Vesper Sparrow.....	u	u		u
_____ Lark Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Black-throated Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Lark Bunting.....	r			x
_____ Savannah Sparrow.....	c	c		c
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow.....	r	r		u
_____ Fox Sparrow.....	x			
_____ Song Sparrow.....	u			r
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	c	c		c
_____ Swamp Sparrow.....	r	r		r
_____ White-crowned Sparrow.....	r			r

**YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT**

_____ Yellow-breasted Chat.....	r	r	r	
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**BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES**

_____ Red-winged Blackbird.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Eastern Meadowlark.....	u	u		u
_____ Western Meadowlark.....	u	u		u
_____ Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	u			
_____ Brewer's Blackbird.....	x	x		
_____ Great-tailed Grackle.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Bronzed Cowbird.....	r	c	c	r
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Orchard Oriole.....			r	
_____ Hooded Oriole.....	u	u	u	
_____ Bullock's Oriole.....	u	c	u	
_____ Altamira Oriole.....	r	r		
_____ Audubon's Oriole.....	r	r	r	

	<b>W</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>
_____ Baltimore Oriole.....	x		x	
<b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>				
_____ Northern Waterthrush.....	r			
_____ Black-and-white Warbler.....	u		u	
_____ Tennessee Warbler.....	r		r	
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler.....	c	c		c
_____ Nashville Warbler.....	u	u		u
_____ MacGillivray's Warbler.....	r			
_____ Common Yellowthroat.....	c	c	c	c
_____ American Redstart.....	x	u		u
_____ Yellow Warbler.....	u	c		c
_____ Pine Warbler.....	u			x
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	c	u		c
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler.....		u		u
<b>CARDINALS and GROSBEAKS</b>				
_____ Summer Tanager.....				x
_____ Northern Cardinal.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Pyrrhuloxia.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Blue Grosbeak.....	r	r		
_____ Indigo Bunting.....	r		r	
_____ Varied Bunting.....		x		
_____ Painted Bunting.....	r	r		
_____ Dickcissel.....	x			r
<b>TANAGERS</b>				
_____ Morelet's Seedeater.....	u	c	c	u

## CITATION

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