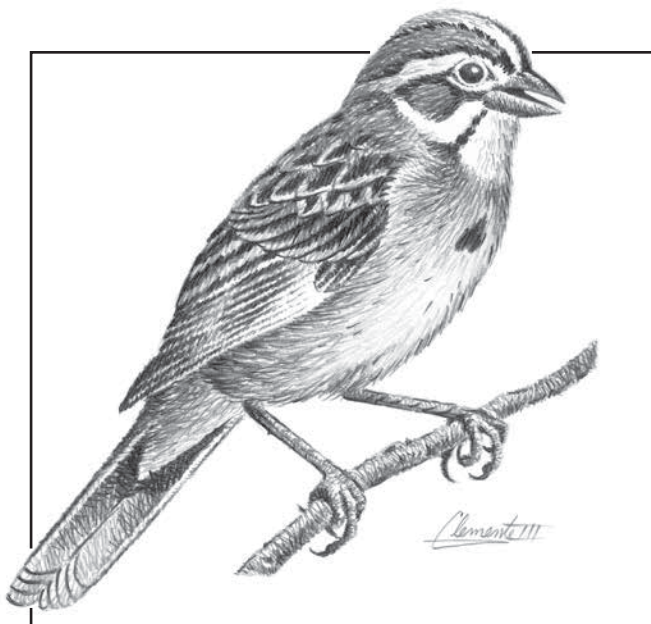


TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

LAKE CASA BLANCA INTERNATIONAL STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2018

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INTRODUCTION

Lake 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
DUCKS & GEESE				
_____ 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
CHACHALACAS & GUANS				
_____ Plain Chachalaca		x		
NEW WORLD QUAIL				
_____ Northern Bobwhite	r	r	x	r
_____ Scaled Quail	r	r	u	r

	W	Sp	S	F
GREBES				
_____ Least Grebe.....	u	u		r
_____ Pied-billed Grebe.....	c	c		c
_____ Eared Grebe	c	r		r
_____ Horned Grebe.....	x			
_____ Western Grebe.....	u	u		r
PIGEONS & DOVES				
_____ 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
CUCKOOS & ANIS				
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....		u	u	u
_____ Greater Roadrunner	u	u	u	u
_____ Groove-billed Ani.....		u	u	
NIGHTJARS				
_____ Lesser Nighthawk.....		c	c	c
_____ Common Nighthawk		u	u	
_____ Common Pauraque.....	u	u	u	
_____ Common Poorwill.....		r		
SWIFTS				
_____ Chimney Swift	u	u	u	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....				r
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird		u	u	u
RAILS				
_____ Virginia Rail.....		r		
_____ Sora.....	c	c		c

	W	Sp	S	F
_____ Common Gallinule.....	c	c	u	c
_____ American Coot.....	c	c	u	c
CRANES				
_____ Sandhill Crane.....	r			
STILTS & AVOCETS				
_____ Black-necked Stilt.....	u	c	u	
_____ American Avocet.....		r		r
PLOVERS				
_____ American Golden-Plover.....	u			
_____ Semipalmated Plover.....			r	
_____ Snowy Plover.....		r		
_____ Killdeer.....	c	c	c	c
SANDPIPERS				
_____ 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
GULLS & TERNS				
_____ 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
LOONS				
_____ Common Loon	u	u		r
CORMORANTS				
_____ Neotropic Cormorant	c	c	c	c
_____ Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	r	c
ANHINGAS				
_____ Anhinga	c	u		r
PELICANS				
_____ American White Pelican	c	u		u
_____ Brown Pelican	r	r		x
HERONS				
_____ 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

	W	Sp	S	F
_____ 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	
IBIS & SPOONBILLS				
_____ White Ibis.....	r	r	x	
_____ White-faced Ibis.....	u	u		u
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
_____ Black Vulture.....	c	c	u	c
_____ Turkey Vulture.....	c	c	c	c
OSPREYS				
_____ Osprey.....	c	c	u	c
HAWKS, KITES & EAGLES				
_____ 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
TYPICAL OWLS				
_____ Great Horned Owl.....	r	r		r
KINGFISHERS				
_____ Ringed Kingfisher.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Belted Kingfisher.....	u	u	u	u

	W	Sp	S	F
_____ Green Kingfisher.....	u	u		u
WOODPECKERS				
_____ 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		
FALCONS & CARACARAS				
_____ Crested Caracara	c	c	u	c
_____ American Kestrel	u	u		u
_____ Merlin	u	u		u
_____ Peregrine Falcon	u			
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
_____ 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

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SHRIKES				
_____ Loggerhead Shrike.....	u	r		u
VIREOS				
_____ White-eyed Vireo	r	r	r	r
_____ Bell's Vireo		r		
_____ Blue-headed Vireo.....	u			r
_____ Warbling Vireo		r		
JAYS & CROWS				
_____ Green Jay.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Chihuahuan Raven.....	c	c	r	c
SWALLOWS				
_____ 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
TITMICE				
_____ Black-crested Titmouse	u	u	u	u
VERDINS				
_____ Verdin	u	u	u	u
WRENS				
_____ 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
GNATCATCHERS				
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	u	c

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

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_____ 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	

	W	Sp	S	F
_____ Baltimore Oriole.....	x		x	
WOOD WARBLERS				
_____ 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
CARDINALS and GROSBEAKS				
_____ 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
TANAGERS				
_____ Morelet's Seedeater.....	u	c	c	u

CITATION

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