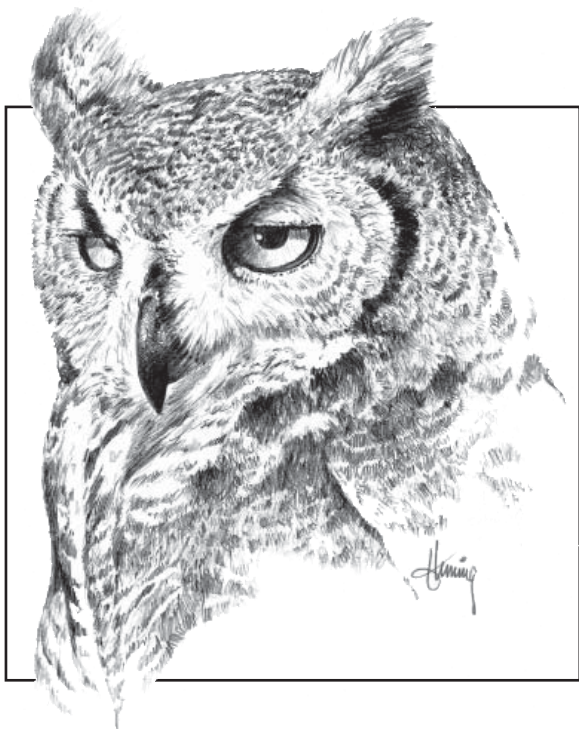


TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

MOTHER NEFF STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2009

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INTRODUCTION

Mother Neff State Park is located on the banks of the Leon River in the east corner of Coryell County within the Grand Prairie unit of the Blackland Prairies region of Texas. More than half of the 259 acres of the park is heavily wooded in pecan, eastern cottonwood, sycamore, red mulberry, elms, cedars and a wide variety of oaks. The remaining acreage is limestone outcroppings and restored native prairie. A diversity of trees and shrubs, stone structures and rugged hills with deep ravines provide the best habitat for birdlife. In the park you will find prairie land typical of this area; cedar and oak woodlands (cedar breaks) and the rocky ravines reminiscent of the Hill Country; and dense vegetation and tall trees which, to many, characterize East Texas. Roadways and trails provide easy access to most birding habitats in the park.

This checklist includes those species for which sightings have been made within or passing over the park. Because we are interested in maintaining the quality of this checklist, we solicit your help and ask that you share new and unusual sightings and/or comments on the status with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Please report your observations to the Natural Resources Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744 or leave your detailed observations at the park headquarters for forwarding. Checklist nomenclature and organization follow the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds* (7th edition) as currently supplemented.

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 lead to nest failure. Thank you for your cooperation.

LEGEND

- SR - Summer Resident: Implies breeding, those species which arrive as early as March and remain as late as October.
- WR - Winter Resident: Those species which may arrive as early as September, remain all winter and may stay as late as May.
- M - Migrant: Those species that pass through the park only in spring and fall.
- PR - Permanent Resident: Implies breeding.
- V - Visitor

CHECKLIST

___	Canada Goose.....	M
___	Snow Goose	M
___	Wood Duck.....	PR
___	Gadwall.....	WR, M
___	American Wigeon	WR, M
___	Mallard	WR, M
___	Blue-winged Teal	M
___	Northern Shoveler	WR, M
___	Northern Pintail	WR, M
___	Green-winged Teal	WR, M
___	Canvasback	WR, M
___	Redhead	WR, M
___	Ring-necked Duck	WR, M
___	Lesser Scaup	WR, M
___	Northern Bobwhite	PR
___	Pied-billed Grebe	WR, M
___	American White Pelican.....	V

___	Double-crested Cormorant	WR, M
___	Great Blue Heron.....	PR
___	Cattle Egret.....	V
___	Green Heron.....	SR
___	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	SR
___	Black Vulture	PR
___	Turkey Vulture	PR
___	Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	WR
___	Northern Harrier	WR
___	Red-shouldered Hawk	PR
___	Broad-winged Hawk.....	M
___	Swainson's Hawk.....	SR, M
___	Red-tailed Hawk.....	PR
___	American Kestrel	WR
___	Sandhill Crane.....	M
___	American Coot	WR, M
___	Killdeer.....	PR
___	Lesser Yellowlegs.....	M
___	Upland Sandpiper.....	M
___	Least Sandpiper.....	M
___	Wilson's Snipe	WR, M
___	Franklin's Gull	M
___	Rock Pigeon	PR
___	Mourning Dove	PR
___	Inca Dove	PR
___	Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	SR
___	Greater Roadrunner	PR
___	Barn Owl	PR
___	Eastern Screech-Owl	PR
___	Great Horned Owl	PR
___	Barred Owl	PR
___	Long-eared Owl	WV

___	Short-eared Owl.....	WR
___	Common Nighthawk	SR
___	Chuck-will's-widow	SR
___	Whip-poor-will	M
___	Chimney Swift.....	SR
___	Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	M
___	Black-chinned Hummingbird.....	SR
___	Belted Kingfisher	PR
___	Red-bellied Woodpecker	PR
___	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	WR
___	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	PR
___	Downy Woodpecker	PR
___	Northern Flicker	WR
___	Eastern Wood-Pewee	M
___	Least Flycatcher.....	M
___	Eastern Phoebe	PR
___	Great Crested Flycatcher	SR
___	Western Kingbird.....	SR
___	Eastern Kingbird.....	SR
___	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	SR
___	Loggerhead Shrike.....	PR
___	White-eyed Vireo	SR
___	Yellow-throated Vireo	M, SR
___	Blue-headed Vireo	WR
___	Red-eyed Vireo	SR
___	Blue Jay	PR
___	American Crow	PR
___	Horned Lark.....	WR
___	Purple Martin.....	SR, M
___	Cliff Swallow	SR, M
___	Barn Swallow	SR, M
___	Carolina Wren.....	PR

___	Black-crested Titmouse	PR
___	Brown Creeper	WR
___	Canyon Wren	PR
___	Carolina Wren	PR
___	Bewick's Wren	PR
___	House Wren	WR
___	Winter Wren	WR
___	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	WR
___	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	SR
___	Eastern Bluebird	PR
___	Swainson's Thrush	M
___	Hermit Thrush	WR
___	American Robin	WR, M
___	Gray Catbird	M
___	Northern Mockingbird	PR
___	Brown Thrasher	PR
___	European Starling	PR
___	Cedar Waxwing	WR
___	Orange-crowned Warbler	M
___	Nashville Warbler	M
___	Yellow Warbler	M
___	Yellow-rumped Warbler	WR
___	Golden-cheeked Warbler	SR
___	Black-and-white Warbler	SR, M
___	Wilson's Warbler	M
___	Summer Tanager	SR
___	Scarlet Tanager	MV
___	Spotted Towhee	WR
___	Chipping Sparrow	WR, M
___	Field Sparrow	PR
___	Vesper Sparrow	WR
___	Lark Sparrow	PR

___	Lark Bunting.....	WR
___	Savannah Sparrow.....	WR
___	Grasshopper Sparrow	PR
___	Fox Sparrow.....	WR
___	Song Sparrow	WR
___	Lincoln's Sparrow	WR
___	White-throated Sparrow	WR
___	Harris's Sparrow.....	WR
___	White-crowned Sparrow	WR
___	Dark-eyed Junco	WR
___	McCown's Longspur.....	WR
___	Lapland Longspur	WR
___	Northern Cardinal.....	PR
___	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M
___	Painted Bunting.....	SR
___	Dickcissel.....	SR, M
___	Red-winged Blackbird	PR
___	Eastern Meadowlark.....	PR
___	Western Meadowlark.....	WR
___	Common Grackle	PR
___	Great-tailed Grackle	PR
___	Brown-headed Cowbird	PR
___	Orchard Oriole	SR
___	Bullock's Oriole.....	M
___	Baltimore Oriole	M
___	Purple Finch	WV
___	House Finch	PR
___	Pine Siskin.....	WR
___	American Goldfinch	WR
___	House Sparrow.....	PR

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