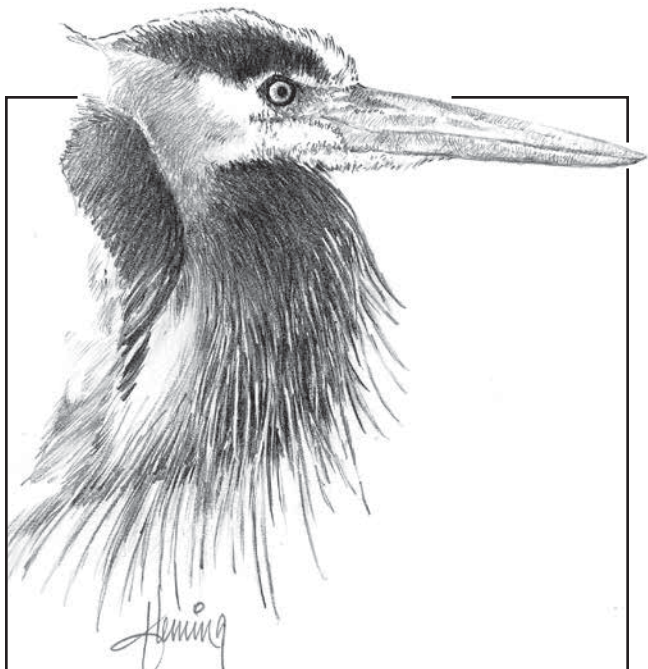


TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

# BIRDS

OF

## EISENHOWER STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2018



# INTRODUCTION

Eisenhower State Park, located on the edge of Lake Texoma, is part of the Cross Timbers and Blackland Prairies regions of Texas. The hillsides and ravines of the park are heavily wooded with eastern red cedar, ash, and cedar elm trees. Older trees in the park include red oak, chinquapin oak, post oak, and bois d'arc. Small areas of pocket prairies feature colorful wildflowers and tall grasses. The rocky limestone shoreline represents a third of the habitat in the park and offers the best vistas for seeing shorebirds.

This checklist represents species seen on Eisenhower Road leading into the park, from the park's shoreline, and within the park boundaries. Because we are interested in maintaining and revising this checklist, we solicit your help and ask that you share new and unusual sightings and/or comments on the status of the park's birdlife with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. You may leave your sightings at the park headquarters (Eisenhower State Park, 50 Park Rd. 20, Denison, Texas 75020) or mail them to the Natural Resource Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

The nomenclature and organization of this listing follow the American Ornithologist's Union *Check-list of North American Birds*, 7th edition as currently supplemented. This list was first compiled by Terry Ferguson in 2003 and updated by Texas Master Naturalist Jack Chiles in 2018.

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# LEGEND

## Abundance

- c – Common (Present, easy to find)
- f – Fairly common (Present, should see or hear)
- 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

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

*Cover: Illustration of Great Blue Heron by Rob Fleming.*

# CHECKLIST

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS</b>				
_____ Greater White fronted Goose.....			r	r
_____ Snow Goose.....			x	
_____ Canada Goose.....	r	r	r	r
_____ Wood Duck .....	r		r	
_____ Gadwall .....	u		u	u
_____ American Wigeon .....	u		u	u
_____ Mallard.....	c	r	f	c
_____ Blue winged Teal .....	r		r	r
_____ Northern Shoveler .....	u		u	u
_____ Northern Pintail.....	u		u	u
_____ Green winged Teal.....	u		u	u
_____ Canvasback.....	u		u	u
_____ Redhead .....	u		u	u
_____ Ring necked Duck.....	u			u
_____ Lesser Scaup.....			u	u
_____ Common Goldeneye.....			r	
_____ Bufflehead .....			u	u
_____ Hooded Merganser.....	u			u
_____ Red-breasted Merganser.....	r			r
_____ Ruddy Duck.....				u
<b>TURKEYS, QUAIL</b>				
_____ Northern Bobwhite .....	r			
_____ Wild Turkey .....	u	u	u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>GREBES</b>				
_____ Pied billed Grebe.....	u		u	u
_____ Western Grebe.....				x
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>				
_____ Rock Dove.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Eurasian Collared Dove .....	u	u	u	u
_____ White-winged Dove.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Inca Dove.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Mourning Dove.....	f	u	u	u
<b>CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS</b>				
_____ Yellow billed Cuckoo.....	u	u	u	
_____ Greater Roadrunner .....	u	u	u	u
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>				
_____ Common Nighthawk .....	u	u	u	
_____ Chuck-will's-widow.....	f	f	r	
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
_____ Chimney Swift.....	u	u	u	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
_____ Ruby throated Hummingbird.....	f	f	f	
<b>GALLINULES, COOTS</b>				
_____ American Coot.....	f		f	f
<b>CRANES</b>				
_____ Sandhill Crane.....			r	
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
_____ Killdeer.....	f	f	f	f

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>SANDPIPER</b>				
_____ Greater Yellowlegs.....	u			
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs.....	u		u	
_____ Solitary Sandpiper .....			u	
_____ Spotted Sandpiper .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Western Sandpiper .....	r		r	
_____ Least Sandpiper .....	u		u	u
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper.....	r		u	
_____ Wilson's Snipe .....			u	u
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>				
_____ Franklin's Gull.....	f		f	r
_____ Bonaparte's Gull.....	u		u	u
_____ Ring billed Gull.....	c		c	c
_____ Herring Gull .....	u		u	u
_____ Forster's Tern .....	f		f	f
<b>LOONS</b>				
_____ Common Loon.....	f		u	f
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
_____ Neotropic Cormorant.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Double crested Cormorant .....	f		f	f
<b>PELICANS</b>				
_____ American White Pelican.....	u		u	u
<b>HERONS, EGRETS</b>				
_____ Great Blue Heron.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Great Egret .....	f	f	f	
_____ Snowy Egret.....	f	f	u	

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
_____ Little Blue Heron .....	f	u	u	
_____ Cattle Egret.....	u	u	u	
_____ Green Heron.....	u	u	u	
_____ Black crowned Night Heron.....			r	
_____ Yellow crowned Night Heron .....		r		
<b>IBISES, SPOONBILLS</b>				
_____ White faced Ibis.....			r	
<b>VULTURES</b>				
_____ Black Vulture.....	f	f	f	f
_____ Turkey Vulture.....	c	c	c	c
<b>KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS</b>				
_____ Osprey.....	r	r	r	r
_____ Mississippi Kite.....	f	f		
_____ Bald Eagle .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Harrier .....	u		u	u
_____ Sharp shinned Hawk.....	u		u	u
_____ Cooper's Hawk .....	u	r	u	u
_____ Red shouldered Hawk .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Red tailed Hawk .....	u	r	u	f
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>				
_____ Eastern Screech Owl .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Great Horned Owl.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Barred Owl.....			r	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
_____ Belted Kingfisher .....	f	f	f	f



**WOODPECKERS**

_____	Red headed Woodpecker.....		r		
_____	Red-bellied Woodpecker .....	c	c	c	c
_____	Yellow bellied Sapsucker .....	r		u	f
_____	Downy Woodpecker .....	f	f	f	f
_____	Hairy Woodpecker.....	r	r	r	r
_____	Northern Flicker.....	f		u	c
_____	Pileated Woodpecker.....	r			

**FALCONS**

_____	American Kestrel .....	f		u	f
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**TYPICAL FLYCATCHERS**

_____	Eastern Wood-Pewee .....	u	u		
_____	Least Flycatcher .....	u		u	
_____	Empidonax sp.....	u		u	
_____	Eastern Phoebe.....	c	c	c	c
_____	Great Crested Flycatcher. ....	f	f	u	
_____	Western Kingbird.....	u	u		
_____	Eastern Kingbird.....	f	r		
_____	Scissor tailed Flycatcher .....	c	c	c	

**SHRIKES**

_____	Loggerhead Shrike.....	r	r	r	u
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**VIREOS**

_____	White-eyed Vireo .....	c	c	c	
_____	Blue-headed Vireo.....	u		u	
_____	Warbling Vireo .....	u			

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
_____ Red-eyed Vireo .....	u	u	u	
<b>JAYS, CROWS</b>				
_____ Blue Jay .....	c	f	c	c
_____ American Crow .....	c	c	c	c
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
_____ Purple Martin .....	u	u	u	
_____ Tree Swallow .....			r	
_____ Northern Rough winged Swallow .....	r	r		
_____ Cliff Swallow .....	u	u	u	
_____ Barn Swallow .....	u	u	u	
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>				
_____ Carolina Chickadee .....	c	c	c	c
_____ Tufted Titmouse .....	c	c	c	c
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch .....	u	u	u	u
<b>CREEPERS</b>				
_____ Brown Creeper .....	u		u	u
<b>WRENS</b>				
_____ House Wren .....	r		r	r
_____ Carolina Wren .....	c	c	c	c
_____ Bewick's Wren .....	u	u	u	u
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
_____ Blue gray Gnatcatcher .....	c	c	c	
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
_____ Golden crowned Kinglet .....	u		r	u
_____ Ruby crowned Kinglet .....	c		f	c

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
_____ Eastern Bluebird.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Swainson's Thrush.....	u			
_____ Hermit Thrush.....	u			u
_____ American Robin.....	c	u	c	c
<b>MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS</b>				
_____ Gray Catbird .....	r	x	r	
_____ Brown Thrasher .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Mockingbird.....	c	c	c	c
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
_____ European Starling.....	c	c	c	c
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
_____ Cedar Waxwing.....	c			c
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
_____ House Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
<b>FINCHES</b>				
_____ Purple Finch.....	r		r	r
_____ House Finch .....	u	u	u	u
_____ Pine Siskin.....	u		r	u
_____ American Goldfinch.....	c		u	c
<b>PIPITS</b>				
_____ American Pipit.....	u			u
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
_____ Eastern Towhee .....	u		u	u
_____ Spotted Towhee .....	u		u	u
_____ American Tree Sparrow .....	x			x

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Chipping Sparrow.....	f		u	f
_____ Field Sparrow .....	u	r	u	u
_____ Vesper Sparrow .....	u		u	u
_____ Lark Sparrow.....	u	u	u	r
_____ Savannah Sparrow .....	u		u	u
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow.....	r			
_____ Fox Sparrow .....	u			u
_____ Song Sparrow .....	c		c	c
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	f		u	f
_____ White-throated Sparrow.....	c		c	c
_____ White-crowned Sparrow .....	c		c	c
_____ Harris' Sparrow.....	c		c	c
_____ Dark-eyed Junco.....	c		c	c

**MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBRIDS, ORIOLES**

_____ Red-winged Blackbird.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Eastern Meadowlark.....	f	f	f	f
_____ Western Meadowlark.....	r			r
_____ Brewer's Blackbird.....				r
_____ Great-tailed Grackle.....	u	u		
_____ Common Grackle.....	u	u	u	r
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Orchard Oriole.....	u	u		
_____ Baltimore Oriole.....	u	u	u	

**WOOD-WARBLERS**

_____ Tennessee Warbler .....	u			
_____ Orange crowned Warbler .....	u		u	u

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
_____ Nashville Warbler .....	f		u	
_____ Yellow Warbler .....	f		f	
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	c		c	c
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler.....	u		u	
_____ Black and white Warbler .....	u	u	u	
_____ Blackpoll Warbler .....	r			
_____ American Redstart.....	u			
_____ Common Yellowthroat.....	u		u	
_____ Wilson's Warbler .....	u		u	

**TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS**

_____ Summer Tanager .....	u	u	u	
_____ Northern Cardinal.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	r		r	
_____ Blue Grosbeak.....	f	f		
_____ Indigo Bunting.....	f	f	u	
_____ Painted Bunting.....	f	f	f	
_____ Dickcissel.....	f	f	u	

## CITATION

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