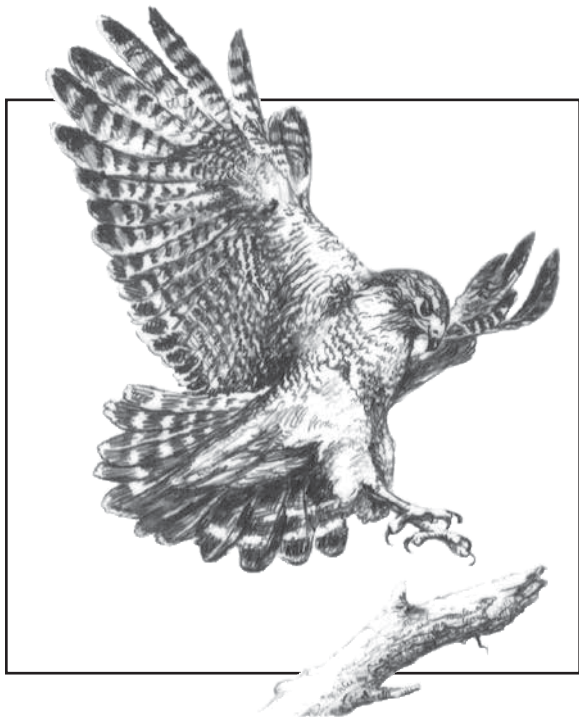


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# BIRDS

OF

# LOCKHART STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2017

Cover: Illustration of Red-shouldered Hawk by Chris Morel.

# INTRODUCTION

**L**ockhart State Park is located approximately 30 miles south of Austin within the city of Lockhart in Caldwell County. The park consists of 263 acres and is located on the Clear Fork of Plum Creek. The park is situated in the Blackland Prairie ecoregion of the state, but it features a variety of landscapes that attract a great diversity of avian life.

The park has built two trails that follow Clear Fork Creek (Creekview and Clear Fork Trail) and mow additional access to the creek for anglers. Explore the creek and ponds to see Green Heron, Great Blue Heron, and the occasional Black-bellied Whistling Duck.

There are many grassland areas scattered throughout the park that display native grass species and provide unique habitat. Explore these areas to find typical Blackland Prairie bird species like the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and Eastern Meadowlark. The open fields and fairways of the park are popular haunts for Painted Buntings, Eastern Bluebirds, Killdeer, and Wild Turkey.

The mixed-oak forests in the park are rich in diversity, with the most common tree species being live oak, shumard oak, and eastern red cedar. Walk one of the many wooded trails (including Chisholm Trail and Rattlesnake Run) and listen close for Red-shouldered Hawks, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, and Pileated Woodpeckers.

TPWD staff and volunteers compiled this checklist from records collected on eBird, which includes contributions from citizen scientists. 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. The organization and nomenclature of the birds listed here follow the American Ornithologist's Union *Checklist of North American Birds*, 7th edition, as currently supplemented.

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## LEGEND

### Seasons

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

### 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 (unexpected, 1 or 2 records)

# CHECKLIST

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.....	u	u	u	r
___ Wood Duck.....	u	u	u	u
___ American Wigeon.....	f		f	f
___ Northern Bobwhite.....	u	u	u	u
___ Wild Turkey.....	c	c	f	f
___ Pied-billed Grebe.....	u	u	u	u
___ Rock Pigeon.....	f	f	f	f
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove.....	u	u	u	
___ Inca Dove.....	f	f	f	f
___ White-winged Dove.....	f	f	f	f
___ Mourning Dove.....	c	c	c	c
___ Greater Roadrunner.....	r	r	r	r
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	f	f		
___ Common Nighthawk.....	f	f		
___ Chuck-will's-widow.....	r	r		
___ Chimney Swift.....	u	u	u	
___ Buff-bellied Hummingbird.....	x			
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	f	f	f	
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird.....	f	f	f	
___ Rufous Hummingbird.....			r	
___ American Coot.....	f	f	f	f
___ Sandhill Crane.....			u	r
___ Black-necked Stilt.....	r			
___ American Avocet.....	r		r	
___ American Golden-Plover.....	x			
___ Killdeer.....	c	c	c	c
___ Upland Sandpiper.....	r		r	
___ Least Sandpiper.....	f		f	f
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper.....	u		u	

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Spotted Sandpiper .....	r		r	r
___ Greater Yellowlegs .....	f		f	f
___ Franklin's Gull.....			r	
___ Wood Stork.....		u		
___ Neotropic Cormorant .....	u	u	u	u
___ Double-crested Cormorant.....	f	f	u	u
___ Anhinga.....			u	r
___ American White Pelican .....	u	u	r	u
___ Great Blue Heron .....	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret.....	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Egret .....	f	f	f	
___ Little Blue Heron.....	f	f	f	
___ Tricolored heron.....	r	u	r	
___ Cattle Egret.....	c	c	c	
___ Green Heron .....	f	f	f	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron .....		r		
___ White Ibis.....	u	u		
___ White-faced Ibis .....	r	r		
___ Black Vulture .....	c	c	c	c
___ Turkey Vulture .....	c	c	c	c
___ Osprey .....	r		r	
___ White-tailed Kite.....	r		r	
___ Mississippi Kite .....	u		u	
___ Northern Harrier.....	u		u	u
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	u		u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk.....	u	u	u	u
___ Bald Eagle.....	r		r	r
___ Red-shouldered Hawk.....	c	c	c	c
___ Broad-winged Hawk.....	u		u	
___ Swainson's Hawk.....	u		u	

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Red-tailed Hawk.....	c	c	c	c
___ Eastern Screech-Owl.....	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl.....	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl.....	u	u	u	u
___ Belted Kingfisher.....	u	u	u	u
___ Green Kingfisher.....	x			
___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker.....			x	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	u		r	u
___ Red-naped Sapsucker.....				x
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker.....	f	f	f	f
___ Downy Woodpecker.....	f	f	f	f
___ Northern Flicker.....	r		r	r
___ Pileated Woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u
___ Crested Caracara.....	c	c	c	c
___ American Kestrel.....	c		c	c
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	r			
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee.....	c	c	c	
___ Acadian Flycatcher.....	x			
___ Willow Flycatcher.....	r			
___ Least Flycatcher.....	u			
___ Eastern Phoebe.....	c	f	c	c
___ Great Crested Flycatcher.....	f	f		
___ Great Kiskadee.....	u	r	u	u
___ Western Kingbird.....	u	u		
___ Eastern Kingbird.....	u		u	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.....	c	c	c	
___ Loggerhead Shrike.....	f	f	f	f
___ White-eyed Vireo.....	c	c	c	r
___ Blue-headed Vireo.....	u		u	u

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Warbling Vireo .....	r			
___ Red-eyed Vireo.....	r	r		
___ Blue Jay.....	u	u	u	u
___ American Crow .....	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow .....	r	r		
___ Purple Martin.....	c	c		
___ Barn Swallow .....	c	c	c	
___ Cliff Swallow.....	f	f		
___ Cave Swallow.....	u	u	u	
___ Carolina Chickadee .....	c	c	c	c
___ Tufted x Black-crested Titmouse.....	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Creeper.....				r
___ House Wren .....	u		u	u
___ Winter Wren.....				r
___ Carolina Wren .....	c	c	c	c
___ Bewick's Wren .....	u	u	u	u
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher .....	c	c	c	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	r		r	r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet .....	c		c	c
___ Eastern Bluebird .....	c	c	c	c
___ Veery.....	x			
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush.....	x			
___ Swainson's Thrush .....	r			
___ Hermit Thrush .....	r		r	r
___ American Robin .....	r		r	r
___ Northern Mockingbird .....	c	c	c	c
___ Gray Catbird.....	r			x
___ European Starling .....	f	f	f	f
___ American Pipit .....	r		r	r
___ Cedar Waxwing .....	f		u	f



	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Ovenbird.....	x			
___ Louisiana Waterthrush .....			r	
___ Northern Waterthrush .....	r			
___ Blue-winged Warbler .....	x			
___ Black-and-white Warbler .....	r	r	r	
___ Prothonotary Warbler .....	r			
___ Tennessee Warbler.....	r			
___ Orange-crowned Warbler.....	u		u	u
___ Nashville Warbler.....	u		r	
___ Mourning Warbler .....			x	
___ Common Yellowthroat.....	r			
___ American Redstart.....	r			
___ Northern Parula.....	f	f		
___ Magnolia Warbler .....	r			
___ Bay-breasted Warbler.....	r			
___ Blackburnian Warbler.....	r			
___ Yellow Warbler.....	r		r	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler.....	r			
___ Pine Warbler.....	u		r	r
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler .....	u		u	c
___ Black-throated Green Warbler .....	u			
___ Wilson's Warbler.....	r		r	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat.....	r			
___ Eastern Towhee.....				r
___ Spotted Towhee.....	r		r	r
___ Chipping Sparrow .....	f		r	f
___ Clay-colored Sparrow.....	r			
___ Field Sparrow.....	u		r	u
___ Vesper Sparrow.....	f		f	f
___ Lark Sparrow .....	f	f	f	r

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Savannah Sparrow.....	f		f	f
___ Grasshopper Sparrow .....			x	
___ Song Sparrow.....	f		f	f
___ Lincoln's Sparrow .....	f		f	f
___ Swamp Sparrow .....	r		r	r
___ White-crowned Sparrow.....	c		c	c
___ Harris's Sparrow .....	u		u	f
___ White-throated Sparrow .....	u		u	u
___ Summer Tanager.....	f	u	r	
___ Northern Cardinal .....	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak .....	r			
___ Blue Grosbeak .....	r	r		
___ Indigo Bunting .....	r	r		
___ Painted Bunting.....	c	c		
___ Dickcissel .....	f	f		
___ Red-winged Blackbird.....	c	f	c	c
___ Western Meadowlark .....	r		f	f
___ Eastern Meadowlark .....	u	r	u	f
___ Brewer's Blackbird .....	u		u	u
___ Common Grackle.....	u	r	u	u
___ Great-tailed Grackle .....	f	u	u	u
___ Bronzed Cowbird .....	r			
___ Brown-headed Cowbird .....	c	c	f	c
___ Orchard Oriole .....	u	u		
___ Baltimore Oriole .....	u		u	
___ House Finch.....	f	c	c	c
___ Pine Siskin .....			u	u
___ Lesser Goldfinch .....	r			
___ American Goldfinch .....	c	u	u	c
___ House Sparrow .....	c	c	c	c

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