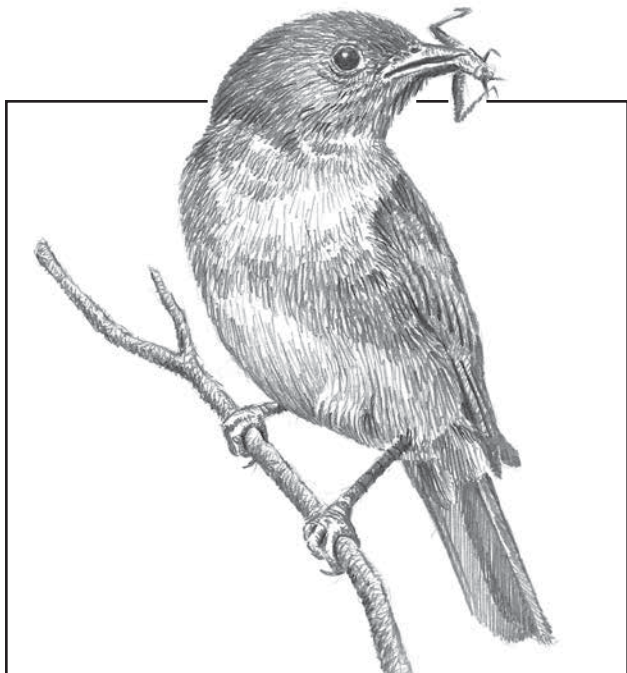


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BIRDS

OF

LAKE ARROWHEAD STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2018

INTRODUCTION

Built in 1965 on the Little Wichita River, Lake Arrowhead covers 13,500 acres with 106 miles of shoreline. The lake provides water for the city of Wichita Falls and excellent habitat for over 200 species of birds.

Lake Arrowhead State Park lies on the northwestern end of the lake and offers several hiking and equestrian trails. Located on the eastern edge of the Rolling Plains, mixed-grass prairies dotted with mesquite comprise much of the landscape in this 524-acre park. Other woody species such as cottonwood, hackberry and wild plum provide welcome food, cover and shade. Cutting through the north end of the park, Sloop Creek provides rich riparian habitat for birds.

Several trails feature nesting boxes for bluebirds. Please do not walk near or open these boxes during nesting season. Disturbance may result in parents abandoning the nest.

Members of the North Texas Bird & Wildlife Club and Texas Master Naturalist, Rolling Plains Chapter compiled this checklist. 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 *Check-list of North American Birds*, 7th edition.

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 and essential territorial behavior, and may lead to nest failure. Thank you for your cooperation.

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)

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CHECKLIST

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose				r
_____ Snow Goose				r
_____ Canada Goose.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Tundra Swan.....				x
_____ Wood Duck			r	
_____ Green-winged Teal.....	c		c	c
_____ Mallard.....	c	r	c	c
_____ Northern Pintail.....			u	u
_____ Blue-winged Teal	c		c	x
_____ Cinnamon Teal.....	r		r	
_____ Northern Shoveler	c		c	c
_____ Gadwall	c		c	c
_____ American Wigeon			u	u
_____ Canvasback.....			r	x
_____ Redhead			r	r
_____ Ring-necked Duck.....			u	u
_____ Greater Scaup.....				x
_____ Lesser Scaup.....				u
_____ Common Goldeneye.....				r
_____ Bufflehead	u			u
_____ Hooded Merganser.....	r			r
_____ Common Merganser				r
_____ Red-breasted Merganser.....				r

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Ruddy Duck.....				u
_____ Northern Bobwhite.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Wild Turkey.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Pied-billed Grebe.....	u		u	c
_____ Horned Grebe.....				u
_____ Eared Grebe.....	r			
_____ Rock Pigeon.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Eurasian Collared-Dove.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Inca Dove.....	r	r	r	r
_____ White-winged Dove.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Mourning Dove.....	c	u	c	c
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....		u		
_____ Greater Roadrunner.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Common Nighthawk.....	u	c	c	
_____ Common Poorwill.....		r		
_____ Chimney Swift.....		c	c	
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....		u	u	
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird.....		u	u	
_____ King Rail.....			x	
_____ Virginia Rail.....			r	
_____ Sora.....			r	
_____ American Coot.....	c		c	c
_____ Whooping Crane.....			x	
_____ Sandhill Crane.....	u		u	u
_____ Black-Bellied Plover.....	u		u	

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ American Golden-Plover.....	r			
_____ Snowy Plover.....	r		r	
_____ Semipalmated Plover.....	r			
_____ Killdeer.....	c	c	c	c
_____ American Avocet.....	r		u	
_____ Greater Yellowlegs.....			c	u
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs.....			u	r
_____ Solitary Sandpiper.....	u		u	
_____ Willet.....	u			
_____ Spotted Sandpiper.....	u		u	
_____ Upland Sandpiper.....	c		u	
_____ Long-billed Curlew.....	r			
_____ Sanderling.....	u	u	u	
_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper.....	c	u		
_____ Western Sandpiper.....	u	u		
_____ Least Sandpiper.....			u	u
_____ White-rumped Sandpiper.....	r			
_____ Baird's Sandpiper.....	u	u	u	
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper.....	r	r		
_____ Stilt Sandpiper.....		r	u	
_____ Short-billed Dowitcher.....	x			
_____ Long-billed Dowitcher.....	u		u	
_____ Wilson's Snipe.....	c		c	c
_____ Wilson's Phalarope.....	u			
_____ Laughing Gull.....				x

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Franklin's Gull	u		u	
_____ Bonaparte's Gull	u			u
_____ Ring-Billed Gull	c		c	c
_____ Herring Gull	X			X
_____ Caspian Tern.....		X		
_____ Common Tern.....	r			
_____ Forster's Tern	u		u	X
_____ Least Tern.....	r		r	
_____ Black Tern.....		u	u	
_____ Common Loon.....				r
_____ Neotropic Cormorant.....	u	u	r	r
_____ Double-crested Cormorant.....	c	c	u	c
_____ American White Pelican.....	c	r	c	c
_____ Brown Pelican		X	X	
_____ American Bittern	X		X	X
_____ Least Bittern		u		
_____ Great Blue Heron.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Great Egret	c	c	u	
_____ Snowy Egret.....	c	c	c	
_____ Little Blue Heron	u	c	u	
_____ Cattle Egret.....	u	u		
_____ Green Heron.....		u		
_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron			r	
_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.....	r	r		
_____ White-faced Ibis.....			u	

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Roseate Spoonbill.....			x	
_____ Turkey Vulture.....	u	c	c	
_____ Black Vulture.....	u	c	c	u
_____ Osprey.....	r		r	
_____ Golden Eagle				r
_____ Northern Harrier			u	c
_____ Cooper's Hawk				r
_____ Sharp-Shinned Hawk.....				r
_____ Bald Eagle				u
_____ Mississippi Kite.....		u		
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Swainson's Hawk.....		u		
_____ Red-tailed Hawk.....	c	u	c	c
_____ Ferruginous Hawk.....				r
_____ Barn Owl.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Eastern Screech-Owl.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Great Horned Owl.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Barred Owl.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Short-eared Owl				r
_____ Long-eared Owl.....	x			x
_____ Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	u
_____ Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
_____ Golden-fronted Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
_____ Ladder-backed Woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....				u
_____ Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
_____ Hairy Woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Flicker.....			c	c
_____ Crested Caracara	x			
_____ American Kestrel	c	r	c	c
_____ Merlin				r
_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	x			
_____ Eastern Phoebe.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Say's Phoebe.....	x	x		
_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher	r	r		
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher		u		
_____ Western Kingbird.....	u	u		
_____ Eastern Kingbird.....	r	r		
_____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	c	c	c	
_____ Loggerhead Shrike.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Bell's Vireo	u	u		
_____ Warbling Vireo		u	u	
_____ Blue Jay.....	c	c	c	c
_____ American Crow.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Horned Lark.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Purple Martin	u	u		
_____ Tree Swallow	u		u	
_____ Bank Swallow	r		r	
_____ Cliff Swallow	c	c		

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Barn Swallow.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Carolina Chickadee.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Black-crested Titmouse	u	u	u	u
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch.....				r
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	r			r
_____ Brown Creeper				r
_____ Rock Wren	x			
_____ Carolina Wren	u	u	u	u
_____ Bewick's Wren.....	c	c	c	c
_____ House Wren.....	u		u	u
_____ Marsh Wren.....	r	r	r	r
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	u		
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u			u
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c			c
_____ Eastern Bluebird.....	c	c	c	c
_____ American Robin.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Northern Mockingbird.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	u
_____ European Starling.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Cedar Waxwing.....				u
_____ House Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
_____ American Pipit.....	u			u
_____ House Finch	u	u	u	u
_____ Pine Siskin.....	r			r
_____ American Goldfinch.....	c	r	u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Eastern Towhee			u	u
_____ Spotted Towhee			c	c
_____ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	x			
_____ American Tree Sparrow				x
_____ Chipping Sparrow			c	r
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow	u			
_____ Field Sparrow	o			u
_____ Vesper Sparrow				u
_____ Lark Sparrow	u	u	u	u
_____ Lark Bunting	r			r
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow	c	c		
_____ Fox Sparrow	u			u
_____ Song Sparrow	c			c
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow	u			u
_____ Swamp Sparrow	x			x
_____ White-throated Sparrow	r			r
_____ White-crowned Sparrow	c			c
_____ Harris's Sparrow	c			c
_____ Dark-eyed Junco	c			c
_____ Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c
_____ Eastern Meadowlark	c	x	c	c
_____ Western Meadowlark	u	x	u	u
_____ Yellow-headed Blackbird	r		r	
_____ Brewer's Blackbird	u			u
_____ Great-tailed Grackle	c	c	c	c

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Common Grackle.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Orchard Oriole	r	r		
_____ Bullock's Oriole.....	u	u		
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler	u			u
_____ Nashville Warbler	u		u	
_____ Yellow Warbler	u		u	
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	c			c
_____ Common Yellowthroat	u			
_____ Wilson's Warbler	u		u	
_____ Northern Cardinal.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Blue Grosbeak.....	u	u		
_____ Indigo Bunting.....	u	u		
_____ Painted Bunting.....	u			
_____ Dickcissel.....	c			

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