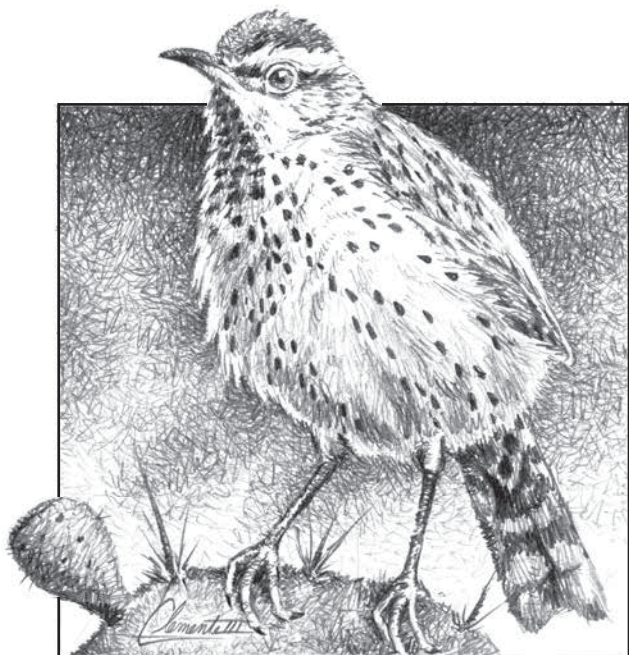


TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

SAN ANGELO STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2016

INTRODUCTION

San Angelo State Park occupies about 7,500 acres of land on the south, west and north shorelines of O.C. Fisher Lake, adjacent to the northwest city limits of the City of San Angelo. The park sits astride the junction of four ecological zones: The High Plains to the north, the Edwards Plateau and Texas Hill Country to the south, the Rolling Plains to the east, and the arid Trans-Pecos and Chihuahuan Desert to the west. Consequently, the plant and animal life is highly diversified, including 251 species of birds and about 50 species of mammals. At present there are over 50 miles of trails with another 28 planned.

The habitat is primarily Mesquite brushland with Mesquite-Juniper growth on the dry hillsides. There are stands of Black Willow along the waterline, and Pecan Trees along the river, particularly in the north end of the park. A few Live Oak Trees may be found along the north end of the North Concho River. The Hackberry is a very common tree in all sections of the park. A few Wild Plum exist in the draws and dry creek beds. The underbrush is primarily Agarita, Catclaw, White Brush or Bee-Brush, Lotebush, Small Leaf Sumac and Western Soapberry. Yucca and Sacahuista, also called Basketgrass or Bear Grass, occur in the Mesquite-Juniper habitat. Bluestem is probably the most common of the grasses. All of the park is heavily infested with Prickly-Pear and Tasajillo cactus. Extensive mud flats occur along the lake shore.

The birds on this checklist are from the records of many observers over many years of birding the O.C. Fisher Lake area, as well as many years of mist netting and banding birds at various sites in the park. Additional birds will probably be seen from time to time. Return these reports to the park office or send them to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Program, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Nomenclature and taxonomic order used in this checklist follow that of The American Ornithologists' Union *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition, 1998, and as supplemented.

This checklist was compiled by Delbert G. Tarter from the data collected over many years by many birders of the San Angelo area and by many park visitors. This edition includes updates by Mark Lockwood.

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LEGEND

- C – common, easy to find most days
- U – uncommon, usually present, not easy to find.
- O – occasional, probably present every year in low numbers; hard to find
- R – rare, not expected every year and in low numbers
- X – accidental, fewer than five occurrences within the state park
- ? – recorded or expected, but status unknown

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

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CHECKLIST

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Greater White-fronted Goose.....	O		O	
___ Snow Goose	O		O	
___ Canada Goose.....	O		O	O
___ Tundra Swan.....				O
___ Wood Duck.....	U	U	U	U
___ Gadwall.....	C		C	C
___ American Wigeon.....	U		C	C
___ Mallard.....	U	O	U	U
___ Blue-winged Teal	C		C	O
___ Cinnamon Teal.....	O		O	O
___ Northern Shoveler.....	C		C	C
___ Northern Pintail	C		C	C
___ Green-winged Teal	C		C	C
___ Canvasback.....	U		U	U
___ Redhead	O		O	O
___ Ring-necked Duck.....	U		U	U
___ Lesser Scaup.....	U		U	U
___ Bufflehead	U		U	U
___ Common Goldeneye.....				O
___ Common Merganser				O
___ Red-breasted Merganser.....				O
___ Ruddy Duck.....	O		O	O
___ Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	U
___ Scaled Quail.....	U	U	U	U
___ Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
___ Common Loon	O		O	U
___ Pied-billed Grebe.....	C		C	C
___ Horned Grebe.....				O
___ Red-necked Grebe				X

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Eared Grebe.....	U		U	U
___ Western Grebe				O
___ Clark's Grebe				X
___ Neotropic Cormorant.....	U	O	O	
___ Double-crested Cormorant	C		C	C
___ American White Pelican	U		U	U
___ Brown Pelican			R	
___ American Bittern.....	?		?	
___ Great Blue Heron.....	C	C	C	C
___ Great Egret.....	O	O	O	O
___ Snowy Egret	O	O	O	O
___ Little Blue Heron.....	R		R	
___ Cattle Egret	O	O	O	
___ Green Heron.....	U		U	O
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	?	O	
___ White-faced Ibis.....	O	?	O	
___ Black Vulture.....	O	O	O	
___ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	U
___ Osprey.....	U		U	U
___ Mississippi Kite	U	C	U	
___ Bald Eagle.....				?
___ Northern Harrier	U		U	U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	U		U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk.....	O	?	O	O
___ Harris's Hawk.....	O	O	O	
___ Swainson's Hawk	U	U	U	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	U
___ Ferruginous Hawk				O
___ Rough-legged Hawk.....				O
___ Golden Eagle.....				?

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Virginia Rail.....	R		R	
___ Sora.....	U		U	O
___ American Coot.....	C		C	C
___ Sandhill Crane.....	U		U	U
___ Black-bellied Plover.....	O		O	
___ American Golden-Plover.....	?		?	
___ Snowy Plover.....	O		O	
___ Semipalmated Plover.....	O		O	
___ Killdeer.....	U	U	U	U
___ Black-necked Stilt.....	U	?	U	
___ American Avocet.....	U		U	
___ Spotted Sandpiper.....	U		O	O
___ Solitary Sandpiper.....	O		O	
___ Greater Yellowlegs.....	U		U	O
___ Lesser Yellowlegs.....	O		O	O
___ Upland Sandpiper.....	O		O	
___ Long-billed Curlew.....	O		O	O
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper.....	U		O	
___ Western Sandpiper.....	U		U	O
___ Least Sandpiper.....	U		U	U
___ Baird's Sandpiper.....	U		U	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper.....	O		O	
___ Dunlin.....	R			
___ Long-billed Dowitcher.....	U		U	O
___ Wilson's Snipe.....	U		U	U
___ American Woodcock.....				R
___ Wilson's Phalarope.....	C		U	
___ Red-necked Phalarope.....	X			
___ Laughing Gull.....	R			
___ Franklin's Gull.....	O			

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Bonaparte's Gull				O
___ Ring-billed Gull.....	C		C	C
___ Herring Gull.....	?		?	O
___ Least Tern		U		
___ Black Tern	O		O	
___ Common Tern.....	?		?	
___ Forster's Tern.....	O		O	O
___ Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	U
___ White-winged Dove	U	U	U	U
___ Mourning Dove.....	C	C	C	C
___ Inca Dove	U	U	U	U
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U	
___ Greater Roadrunner.....	U	U	U	U
___ Barn Owl	O	O	O	O
___ Eastern Screech-Owl.....	U	U	U	U
___ Western Screech-Owl.....	U	U	U	U
___ Great Horned Owl.....	U	U	U	U
___ Burrowing Owl				R
___ Long-eared Owl				R
___ Short-eared Owl.....	O			O
___ Lesser Nighthawk.....	U	U	U	
___ Common Nighthawk.....	C	C	C	
___ Common Poorwill.....	C	C	C	?
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will			R	
___ Chimney Swift	C	C	C	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird			?	
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird.....	C	C	C	
___ Rufous Hummingbird			?	
___ Belted Kingfisher.....	U	O	U	U

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Lewis's Woodpecker				X
___ Red-headed Woodpecker.....				O
___ Acorn Woodpecker.....	X			
___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker		R		
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	O		O	U
___ Red-naped Sapsucker	O		O	U
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Flicker	C		C	C
___ American Kestrel.....	C		C	C
___ Merlin.....	O		O	O
___ Peregrine Falcon.....			O	O
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	?		?	
___ Western Wood-Pewee	O		O	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U	
___ Willow Flycatcher.....			O	
___ Least Flycatcher	O		U	
___ Eastern Phoebe.....	U	U	U	U
___ Say's Phoebe	U		U	U
___ Vermilion Flycatcher.....	U	U	U	U
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	C	C	C	
___ Western Kingbird.....	C	C	C	
___ Eastern Kingbird.....	O			
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.....	C	C	C	
___ Loggerhead Shrike.....	C	O	C	C
___ White-eyed Vireo.....	O		O	
___ Bell's Vireo	U	U	U	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	O		O	
___ Warbling Vireo.....	O			
___ Philadelphia Vireo	R			

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Red-eyed Vireo	O	?	O	
___ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
___ Western Scrub-Jay.....	?	?	?	?
___ Chihuahuan Raven	U	U	U	
___ Common Raven.....	O	O	O	O
___ Horned Lark	O	O	O	O
___ Purple Martin	C	C	C	
___ Tree Swallow.....	U		C	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U	
___ Bank Swallow	O		O	
___ Cliff Swallow	C	U	C	
___ Cave Swallow	C	C	C	
___ Barn Swallow.....	C	C	C	
___ Carolina Chickadee.....	O	O	O	U
___ Black-crested Titmouse	C	C	C	C
___ Verdin.....	U	U	U	U
___ Bushtit.....	O	O	O	O
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch.....				U
___ Brown Creeper				U
___ Rock Wren.....	C	O	C	C
___ House Wren.....	U		U	U
___ Winter Wren	O		O	U
___ Sedge Wren.....				R
___ Marsh Wren.....	U		U	U
___ Carolina Wren.....	U	U	U	U
___ Bewick's Wren	C	C	C	C
___ Cactus Wren.....	C	C	C	C
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....				O
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	C		C	C
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	O	O	O	O

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Eastern Bluebird.....	C	C	C	C
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush.....	R		R	
___ Swainson's Thrush.....	O		O	
___ Hermit Thrush.....	U		U	U
___ American Robin.....	U	O	U	U
___ Gray Catbird.....	R		R	
___ Curve-billed Thrasher.....	C	C	C	C
___ Brown Thrasher.....	O			O
___ Sage Thrasher.....	O			O
___ Northern Mockingbird.....	C	C	C	C
___ European Starling.....	C	C	C	C
___ American Pipit.....	C		C	C
___ Sprague's Pipit.....	U		U	U
___ Cedar Waxwing.....	C		C	C
___ Northern Waterthrush.....	O		O	
___ Black-and-white Warbler.....	O		O	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler.....	C		C	C
___ Nashville Warbler.....	C		C	O
___ MacGillivray's Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Mourning Warbler.....	R			
___ Common Yellowthroat.....	C	?	C	C
___ American Redstart.....	R		R	
___ Northern Parula.....	R			
___ Yellow Warbler.....	U		U	O
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	C		C	C
___ Wilson's Warbler.....	C		C	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat.....	U	U	U	
___ Green-tailed Towhee.....	U		U	U
___ Spotted Towhee.....	U		U	U
___ Eastern Towhee.....	R			

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	U	U	U	U
___ Canyon Towhee.....	C	C	C	C
___ Cassin's Sparrow.....	C	C	C	O
___ American Tree Sparrow				X
___ Chipping Sparrow	C	O	C	U
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	C		C	O
___ Brewer's Sparrow	U		U	O
___ Field Sparrow	U	O	U	U
___ Vesper Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Lark Sparrow.....	C	C	C	U
___ Black-throated Sparrow.....	U	U	U	U
___ Lark Bunting.....	C		C	C
___ Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U	O
___ Baird's Sparrow	X			
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	O		O	O
___ Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
___ Song Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	C		C	C
___ Swamp Sparrow.....	U		U	U
___ White-throated Sparrow.....	O		O	O
___ Harris's Sparrow.....	O		O	O
___ White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Dark-eyed Junco.....	U		U	U
___ Summer Tanager.....	U	U	U	
___ Northern Cardinal.....	C	C	C	C
___ Pyrrhuloxia.....	C	C	C	C
___ Black-headed Grosbeak.....	O			
___ Blue Grosbeak	C	C	C	
___ Lazuli Bunting.....	?		?	

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Indigo Bunting.....		R		
___ Painted Bunting	C	C	C	
___ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
___ Eastern Meadowlark.....	U	U	U	U
___ Western Meadowlark.....	C	U	C	C
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	C		C	
___ Brewer's Blackbird	C		C	C
___ Common Grackle.....	C	C	C	C
___ Great-tailed Grackle.....	C	C	C	C
___ Brown-headed Cowbird.....	C	C	C	C
___ Orchard Oriole.....	U	U	U	
___ Bullock's Oriole.....	C	C	C	
___ Baltimore Oriole.....			R	
___ House Finch.....	C	C	C	C
___ Pine Siskin.....	U		U	C
___ Lesser Goldfinch.....	U	U	U	U
___ American Goldfinch.....	C		C	C
___ House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

CITATION

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