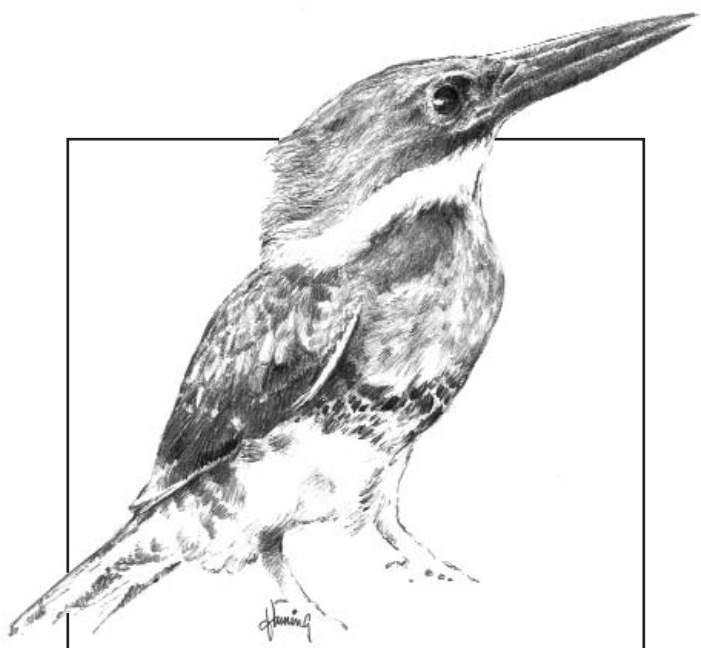


TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

LOST MAPLES STATE NATURAL AREA



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2002

Cover: Illustration of Green Kingfisher by Rob Fleming.

INTRODUCTION

Lost Maples is situated in an area of great biological diversity and species richness. The deeply incised, moist canyons of the Balcones Escarpment harbor some of Texas' most treasured botanical resources, among which are the well-known Bigtooth Maples (*Acer grandidentatum*).

Surprisingly, the park contains numerous species of plants as well as animals of eastern affinity; these are complemented by biota of western, primarily Mexican, affinity. In addition, the park shelters numerous rare species which are endemic to the Balcones Escarpment zone or at least in Texas are restricted to this zone. The park's birdlife clearly illustrates the diversity and mixing of biota; the Golden-cheeked Warbler and to a lesser extent the Black-capped Vireo are endemic to the area, while the Green Kingfisher and Zone-tailed Hawk are of western or Mexican affinity. Species with eastern affinity are conspicuous by their abundance and are familiar to us all.

The park can be separated into three major habitat types: grasslands and scrublands; mixed evergreen and deciduous escarpment woodlands; and floodplain and streamside woodlands. Of all habitat types the floodplain woodlands harbor the greatest variety of birdlife, but because of the canyon landscape and juxtaposition of habitat types, the birding opportunities are great throughout the park. All habitats in the park are easily accessible by trails.

This checklist, compiled by Roy Heideman, is based on observations by numerous individuals, and includes those species which have been observed within or passing over the park.

Because we will be updating this checklist as additional observations are made, we ask that you report details of new or unusual sightings on Bird Sighting Report forms available at the park headquarters. Reports may be sent to the Natural Resources Program, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744 or may be left at park headquarters for forwarding.

Nomenclature and organization for this checklist follow the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds*, 7th edition, 1998 as currently supplemented.

Please help 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

Seasons

- Sp- Spring (March - May)
- S - Summer (June - August)
- F - Fall (September - November)
- W - Winter (December - February)

Abundance

- a = abundant – should be seen on 75% or more of trips in proper habitat and season
- c = common – should be seen on 50% or more of trips in proper habitat and season
- u = uncommon – should be seen on 25% or more of trips in proper habitat and season
- o = occasional – should be seen on 10% or more of trips in proper habitat and season
- r = rare – not seen annually but expected to occur again
- x = accidental – only one or two records in the past ten years
- i = irregular – absent some years, but may be numerous in others

CHECKLIST

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Pied-billed Grebe				r
___ Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	u
___ Little Blue Heron	x			
___ Cattle Egret	o	o		
___ Green Heron		o		
___ Black Vulture	c	c	c	c
___ Turkey Vulture	a	a	a	o
___ Wood Duck	u	u	u	u
___ American Wigeon				r
___ Blue-winged Teal	o		o	
___ Green-winged Teal				r
___ Osprey	o		o	
___ Mississippi Kite	r		r	
___ Bald Eagle				r
___ Northern Harrier	r		r	r
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk	u	r	u	u
___ Common Black-Hawk	x			
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	u
___ Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
___ Short-tailed Hawk	x	x		
___ Swainson's Hawk	u		u	
___ Zone-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
___ Ferruginous Hawk				r
___ Golden Eagle				o
___ American Kestrel	o		o	o
___ Merlin	r		r	r
___ Peregrine Falcon	o		o	
___ Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Bobwhite	c	c	c	c
___ Purple Gallinule		x		

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Sandhill Crane	o		o	
___ Killdeer	u	u	u	u
___ Solitary Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	o
___ Upland Sandpiper	o		o	
___ Common Snipe	o		o	o
___ White-winged Dove	o	o	o	
___ Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
___ Inca Dove	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	u	o	
___ Greater Roadrunner	u	u	u	u
___ Groove-billed Ani	r	r		
___ Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
___ Barred Owl	o	o	o	o
___ Lesser Nighthawk	o	o		
___ Common Nighthawk	c	c	u	
___ Common Poorwill	u	u	u	r
___ Chuck-will's-widow	c	c	u	
___ Whip-poor-will	x			
___ Chimney Swift	o	o	o	
___ Green Violet-ear		x		
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o		o	
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird	a	a	a	
___ Rufous Hummingbird			o	
___ Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	u
___ Green Kingfisher	u	u	u	u
___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o		o	o
___ Red-naped Sapsucker				x
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___ Downy Woodpecker				r
___ Northern Flicker	u		u	u
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	u	
___ Acadian Flycatcher	c	c		
___ Willow Flycatcher	u		u	
___ Least Flycatcher	u		u	
___ Black Phoebe	o			o
___ Eastern Phoebe	c	c	c	
___ Say's Phoebe				r
___ Vermilion Flycatcher	u	u	u	
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	c	c	c	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	c	
___ Brown-crested Flycatcher	x			
___ Western Kingbird	o		o	
___ Eastern Kingbird	o		o	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	u	u	u	
___ Loggerhead Shrike	o		o	o
___ White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
___ Bell's Vireo	o	o	o	
___ Black-capped Vireo	u	u	u	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	c	c	c	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	x			
___ Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
___ Blue Jay	x			r
___ Western Scrub-Jay	c	c	c	c
___ Common Raven	c	c	c	c
___ Purple Martin	o	o	o	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	o		o	
___ Cliff Swallow	c	c	c	
___ Cave Swallow	u	u	u	
___ Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
___ Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
___ Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
___ Bushtit	c	c	c	c
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	x			

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch				x
___ Brown Creeper				o
___ Cactus Wren	o	o	o	o
___ Rock Wren	o	o	o	o
___ Canyon Wren	c	c	c	c
___ Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c
___ Bewick's Wren	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren	u		u	o
___ Winter Wren				r
___ Marsh Wren	r		r	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Bluebird	u	u	u	
___ Mountain Bluebird				r
___ Townsend's Solitaire	x			r
___ Swainson's Thrush	o		o	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___ American Robin	a		a	a
___ Gray Catbird	r		r	x
___ Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
___ Long-billed Thrasher	r	r	r	r
___ Curve-billed Thrasher	o	o	o	o
___ European Starling	u	u	u	u
___ Sprague's Pipit	x		x	
___ American Pipit	r		r	r
___ Cedar Waxwing	a		a	a
___ Blue-winged Warbler	x			
___ Golden-winged Warbler	x			
___ Tennessee Warbler	x			
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	o
___ Nashville Warbler	c		c	
___ Northern Parula	o		o	
___ Tropical Parula	x			

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Yellow Warbler	c		c	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	x			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	u
___ Townsend's Warbler	r			
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	o		o	
___ Golden-cheeked Warbler	c	c	r	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	x			
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	r			
___ Blackpoll Warbler	x			
___ Cerulean Warbler	x			
___ Black-and-white Warbler	c	c	c	
___ American Redstart	o		o	
___ Prothonotary Warbler	x			
___ Worm-eating Warbler	x			
___ Ovenbird	x			
___ Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
___ Louisianan Waterthrush	u	u	u	
___ Kentucky Warbler	x			
___ Mourning Warbler	x			
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	o		o	
___ Common Yellowthroat	u		u	
___ Wilson's Warbler	c		c	
___ Canada Warbler	x			
___ Painted Redstart	x			
___ Rufous-capped Warbler	x			
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	o	o	o	
___ Summer Tanager	c	c	c	
___ Western Tanager	o		o	
___ Green-tailed Towhee				r
___ Spotted Towhee	c		c	c
___ Canyon Towhee	o	o	o	o
___ Cassin's Sparrow	o	o	o	
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___ Chipping Sparrow	c	u	c	c

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	o		o	
___ Field Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___ Vesper Sparrow	o		o	o
___ Lark Sparrow	c	c	c	
___ Black-throated Sparrow	o	o	o	o
___ Lark Bunting	r		r	r
___ Savannah Sparrow	o		o	o
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	o	o	o	
___ Song Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Swamp Sparrow	r		r	r
___ White-throated Sparrow	o		o	o
___ White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Dark-eyed Junco	u		u	u
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur				x
___ Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
___ Pyrrhuloxia	o	o	o	o
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	x			
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	r			
___ Blue Grosbeak	c	c	c	
___ Lazuli Bunting	o			
___ Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	
___ Varied Bunting	r	r	r	
___ Painted Bunting	c	c	c	
___ Dickcissel	i	i		
___ Red-winged Blackbird	u	u	u	u
___ Eastern Meadowlark	o		o	o
___ Western Meadowlark	o		o	o
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	o		o	
___ Brewer's Blackbird	o		o	o
___ Common Grackle				r
___ Bronzed Cowbird	u	u	u	
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	u	u	u	
___ Orchard Oriole	u	u	u	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Hooded Oriole	u	u	u	
___ Baltimore Oriole	r		r	
___ Bullock's Oriole	u	o	u	
___ Scott's Oriole	c	c	c	
___ Purple Finch	x			x
___ House Finch	c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill				x
___ Pine Siskin	i		i	i
___ Lesser Goldfinch	c	c	c	
___ American Goldfinch	c		c	c
___ House Sparrow	u	u	u	u

CITATION

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