

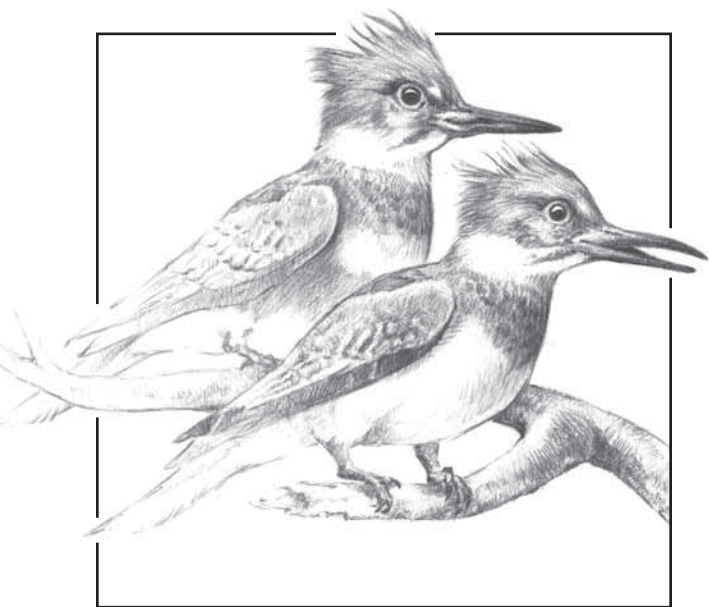
TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

STATE PARK AND HISTORIC SITE



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2011

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INTRODUCTION

Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site and the Ranch unit of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park lie along the Pedernales River near Stonewall, on the margin of the Llano Uplift portion of the Edwards Plateau. The park units straddle the Gillespie and Blanco county line.

The park offers a rich variety of avian habitats: mesquite grasslands; live oak, post oak, and cedar woodlands; open water and the margins of the Pedernales River including a narrow pecan gallery woodland. Live oak, post oak, mesquite, juniper, native pecan, sugarberry hackberry, yaupon, and sumac are abundant. Among the approximately 100 types of grasses that are found in this region are little bluestem, bushy bluestem, Canada wild rye, switchgrass, and eastern gamma grass. Dove weed (croton), giant ragweed, and goldenrod are common. Twenty-seven species of conspicuous wildflowers bloom in profusion during spring and early summer.

Bird sightings within the parks reflect the mingling of eastern and western species characteristic of the avifauna of the Edwards Plateau. Although the Hill Country specialties are rarely found, eastern and western subspecies commonly overlap. Among Yellow-rumped Warblers one finds both Audubon's and Myrtle subspecies, although Myrtle is by far the more common. The same is true among Northern Flickers where Red-shafted outnumber Yellow-shafted. Many of the approximately 40 permanent resident species, along with numerous summer residents, nest in the parks. Of the permanent residents, look for Eastern Bluebird, Blue Jay, Northern Mockingbird, Mourning Dove, Northern Cardinal, Eastern Phoebe, Bewick's and Carolina Wrens. Summer visitors nesting in the parks include Summer Tanager, Painted Bunting, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Scissor-tailed and Great Crested Flycatchers and a variety of

swallow species. Migration on the Edwards Plateau is rarely spectacular, but occasionally following thunderstorms or the passage of spring cold fronts, several species of warblers can be found. The most common migrant warblers are Nashville, Orange-crowned, Yellow and Wilson's. Birding along the Pedernales River in the winter can be productive, with a number of ducks, cormorants and waders frequently found.

The most rewarding areas for birding are the nature trails, the oak woodlands adjacent to the state park headquarters and picnic areas, and the riverbanks. The best months for birding are March through May, although numerous wintering species yield good counts from late November through February.

Dr. Stanley Archer of College Station, Texas, originally compiled this checklist, based on his observations between 1971 and 1987. This edition has been updated by Terry Young of LBJ State Park and Mark Lockwood of the Natural Resource Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife. It includes birds observed within or over the state park as well as the Ranch Unit of the LBJ National Historical Park. Nomenclature and organization of this list follow the A.O.U. *Checklist of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998).

You can contribute to this checklist by reporting new and unusual sightings or changes in status. You may leave your sightings at the park headquarters or mail them to the Natural Resource Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

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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
_____ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.....	O	O	O	
_____ Canada Goose.....				R
_____ Wood Duck.....	U	U	U	U
_____ Gadwall.....	C		U	C
_____ American Wigeon	C			C
_____ Mallard.....	C	R	R	C
_____ Blue-winged Teal.....	C	R	U	U
_____ Cinnamon Teal.....	U			
_____ Northern Shoveler	U			U
_____ Northern Pintail	U			U
_____ Green-winged Teal.....	C		U	C
_____ Redhead.....	R			R
_____ Ring-necked Duck	R			

	Sp	S	F	W
Lesser Scaup	U			U
Ruddy Duck.....				U
Northern Bobwhite	R	R	R	R
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C
Pied-billed Grebe	O		O	O
American White Pelican	R	R	R	
Double-crested Cormorant.....	C	U	U	C
American Bittern				R
Great Blue Heron.....	C	C	C	C
Great Egret.....	U	R	R	U
Snowy Egret.....	R			
Little Blue Heron	R	U		R
Tricolored Heron		I		
Cattle Egret	O	O	U	
Green Heron	U	U		
Black Vulture.....	U	A	A	C
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	O
Osprey.....		R		R
Mississippi Kite	R	R		
Bald Eagle	R	R		
Northern Harrier	R		R	R
Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	R			R
Cooper's Hawk	R			R
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U
Broad-winged Hawk.....	R		R	
Swainson's Hawk.....	U			
Red-tailed Hawk.....	U	U	U	U
Crested Caracara	O	U	A	O
American Kestrel	U			C
American Coot	U	R	U	U
Sandhill Crane	R		R	R
Killdeer.....	C	U	U	C
Spotted Sandpiper.....	U	U	U	U
Solitary Sandpiper.....	U			
Greater Yellowlegs.....	U			
Lesser Yellowlegs	U			
Upland Sandpiper.....	I		R	
Hudsonian Godwit.....	X			

	Sp	S	F	W
Western Sandpiper	I			
Least Sandpiper.....	I			
Stilt Sandpiper.....	O			
Long-billed Dowitcher.....	U			
Wilson's Snipe.....	U		U	U
Wilson's Phalarope.....	I			
Franklin's Gull				R
Ring-billed Gull				R
Forster's Tern				R
Rock Pigeon	R	R	R	R
Band-tailed Pigeon		R	R	I
Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	U
White-winged Dove	U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A
Inca Dove	U	U	U	U
Common Ground Dove.....			O	O
White-tipped Dove.....			I	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	C	C	U	
Greater Roadrunner	O	O	O	O
Eastern Screech Owl	O	O	O	O
Great Horned Owl.....	O	O	O	O
Common Nighthawk	R	U		
Chuck-will's-widow.....	U	U		
Chimney Swift.....	A	A		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	R		U	
Black-chinned Hummingbird.....	C	C	U	
Belted Kingfisher	C	U	C	C
Green Kingfisher.....	O	O	O	I
Red-headed Woodpecker	O		O	O
Golden-fronted Woodpecker.....	C	A	A	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	U
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
Downy Woodpecker	U			U
Hairy Woodpecker.....	X			
Northern Flicker	U		U	U
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U			
Eastern Wood Pewee.....	R	R		
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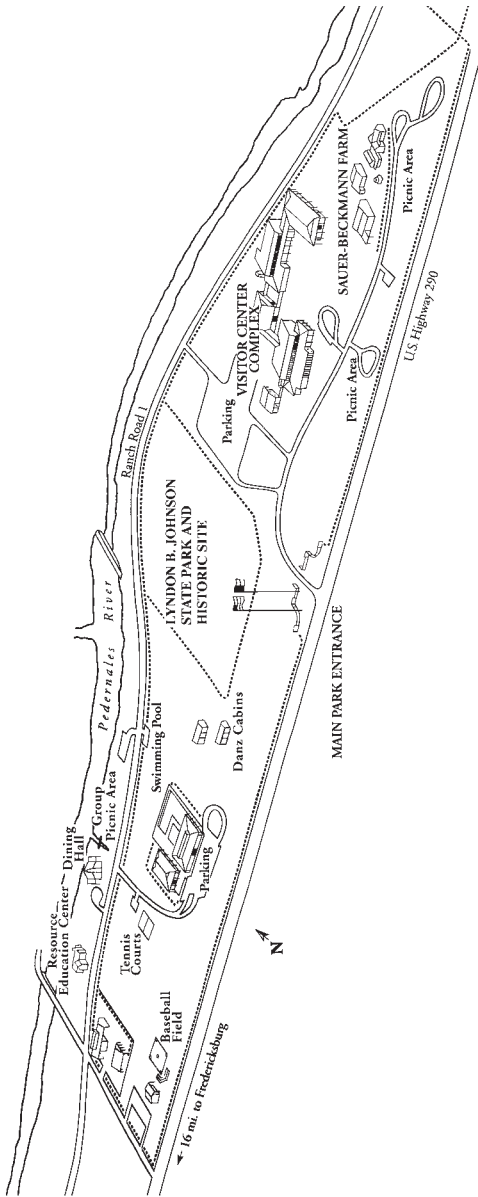
	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	U			
_____ Willow Flycatcher	U			
_____ Least Flycatcher.....	U		U	
_____ Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	C
_____ Say's Phoebe				X
_____ Vermilion Flycatcher				R
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U		
_____ Western Kingbird.....	U			
_____ Eastern Kingbird.....	U	U		
_____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A	A	C	
_____ Loggerhead Shrike.....	U	O	U	U
_____ White-eyed Vireo	R			
_____ Bell's Vireo.....	U	U		
_____ Black-capped Vireo.....	X			
_____ Yellow-throated Vireo	R	R		
_____ Blue-headed Vireo				U
_____ Red-eyed Vireo	O	O		
_____ Blue Jay	U	U	U	U
_____ Western Scrub-Jay	R			
_____ American Crow	R	R	R	R
_____ Chihuahuan Raven	R	R	R	R
_____ Common Raven.....	R	R	R	R
_____ Purple Martin.....	A	A	U	
_____ Tree Swallow	R		R	
_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C		
_____ Cliff Swallow	A	A		
_____ Barn Swallow	A	A	C	
_____ Carolina Chickadee.....	A	C	C	A
_____ Tufted Black-crested Titmouse	C	C	C	A
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch.....				O
_____ Brown Creeper.....	R		R	R
_____ Carolina Wren.....	U	U	U	U
_____ Bewick's Wren.....	C	C	C	C
_____ House Wren	U		R	R
_____ Winter Wren				U
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....				R
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	C		U	C
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	U	O		

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Eastern Bluebird	U	C	U	C
_____ Veery		X		
_____ Hermit Thrush.....	U			U
_____ American Robin	A	O	O	A
_____ Gray Catbird	U			
_____ Northern Mockingbird.....	C	C	C	C
_____ Brown Thrasher	R		R	U
_____ European Starling.....	C	C	C	C
_____ American Pipit.....	U			U
_____ Cedar Waxwing.....	C			C
_____ Blue-winged Warbler.....	X			
_____ Tennessee Warbler.....	U			
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler.....	U		U	U
_____ Nashville Warbler	U		U	
_____ Yellow Warbler	C		U	
_____ Chestnut-sided Warbler.....	X			
_____ Magnolia Warbler	R			
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		U	C
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler.....	R			
_____ Blackburnian Warbler	X			
_____ Black-and-white Warbler	U		U	
_____ American Redstart.....	R			
_____ Louisiana Waterthrush	R			
_____ Mourning Warbler	R			
_____ MacGillivray's Warbler.....	U			
_____ Common Yellowthroat.....	C		U	
_____ Wilson's Warbler.....	U		U	
_____ Spotted Towhee.....	O		O	O
_____ Chipping Sparrow	C		U	C
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow.....	I			
_____ Field Sparrow	C		U	C
_____ Vesper Sparrow.....	U			U
_____ Lark Sparrow	U	U	U	O
_____ Savannah Sparrow.....	U		R	U
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow	R			
_____ Le Conte's Sparrow	U		R	U
_____ Fox Sparrow.....			U	U
_____ Song Sparrow	U		U	U

	Sp	S	F	W
Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C	C
White-throated Sparrow	C		U	C
Harris's Sparrow	R			U
White-crowned Sparrow	C		U	C
Dark-eyed Junco	U		U	U
Summer Tanager	C	C	U	
Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A
Pyrrhuloxia	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O			
Blue Grosbeak	U	U		
Indigo Bunting	U	R		
Painted Bunting	C	C	R	
Dickcissel	U	U	R	
Red-winged Blackbird	O	U	U	O
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark	U		U	U
Yellow-headed Blackbird	O			
Rusty Blackbird				O
Brewer's Blackbird				C
Common Grackle	C	C	U	U
Great-tailed Grackle	U	U	U	U
Bronzed Cowbird	U	U		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	U
Orchard Oriole	C	C		
Baltimore Oriole	O			
Bullock's Oriole	U			
Purple Finch				I
House Finch	U	U	U	U
Pine Siskin	U		U	A
Lesser Goldfinch	U	C		
American Goldfinch	C		U	C
House Sparrow	A	A	A	A

CITATION

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