

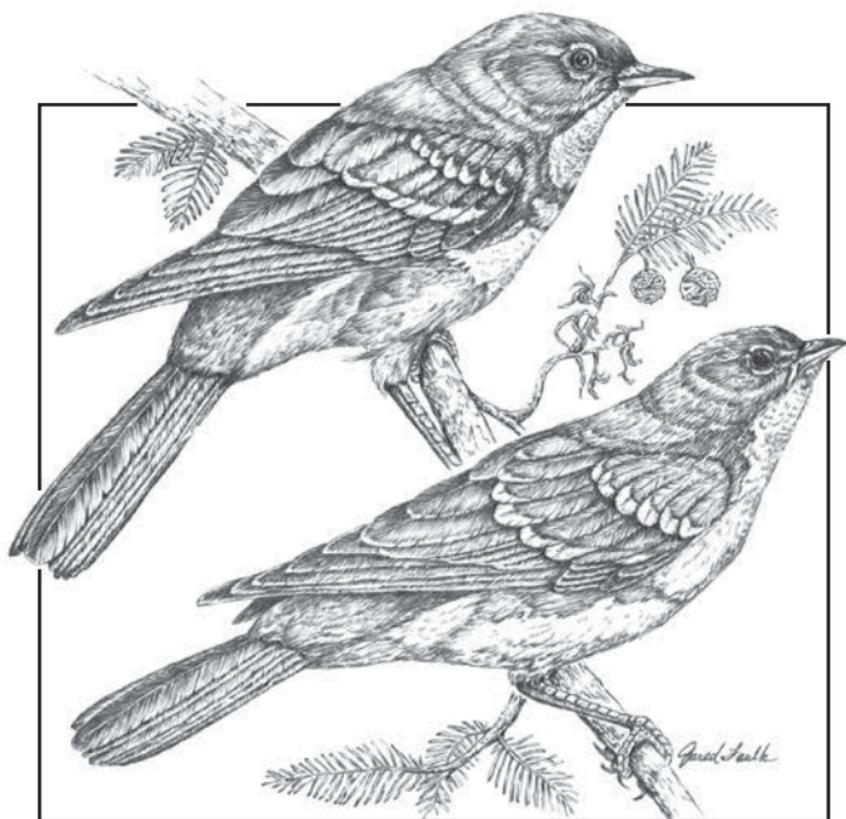
TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

CADDO LAKE

S T A T E P A R K



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2019

INTRODUCTION

Caddo Lake State Park is located in Northeast Texas, 14 miles northeast of Marshall on State Highway 43, then east one mile on FM 2198, in Harrison County. The nearest communities are two small towns, Karnack and Uncertain. The park, adjacent to Big Cypress Bayou, consists of 484 acres on the southern shore of the bayou.

The state park is part of what was once the South's largest natural lake ecosystem (now reinforced with a dam). Caddo Lake covers a 26,800-acre maze of channels, meandering bayous, sloughs, and bald cypress thickets draped in Spanish moss. In October 1993, Caddo Lake was designated a Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention, an international treaty which seeks to conserve wetlands throughout the world. There are currently 38 recognized Ramsar sites in the United States.

Topography is irregular, rolling, hilly uplands and flat floodplains and terraces. The climate is warm, moist, humid, and subtropical, with an annual rainfall of approximately 48 inches. The diverse habitats found throughout the park provide an ideal home for a wide variety of plants and animals. The area, especially its wetlands, provides significant and regionally critical habitat for a variety of migratory and resident wildlife. These include waterfowl, raptors, colonial waterbirds, songbirds, and furbearers.

This checklist was compiled by Vanessa Neace of Caddo Lake Wildlife Management Area and is based on observations by numerous individuals, in particular members of the Northeast Texas Field Ornithologists.

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 Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Nomenclature and organization for this checklist follow the 7th edition of the American Ornithologists Union *Check-list of North American Birds* as currently supplemented.

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 Suitable habitat is available; should not be missed during appropriate season.
- U – Uncommon Present, but in moderate numbers; not seen on every visit during appropriate season.
- O – Occasional present, only a few times per season; also includes those species that do not occur each year, while in some years may be fairly common.
- R – Rare Records are sporadic and few.
- T – Transient Occurs in variable numbers; passing through, usually flying overhead.

* – Nests locally

Italics – Federal Threatened or Endangered Species

^ – State Listed Threatened or Endangered Species

Seasons

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

Status (St)

- P – Permanent
- M – Migratory

Casual: Out of normal range, very seldom seen over several years, but can be expected again: Mottled Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Ground-Dove, Neotropical Cormorant, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Cape May Warbler, *Red-cockaded Woodpecker*^

Did you find a rare bird? The Visitor Center has an eBird Trail Tracker for you to record your findings and to discover what others have been seeing. So Good Birding! And be sure to let us know if you find an accidental, hypothetical, or unlisted bird. If its really rare, remember a picture is worth a thousand words.

CHECKLIST

	Sp	S	F	W	St
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS					
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose	T		T		M
_____ Snow Goose.....			T	T	M
_____ Ross's Goose.....				T	M
_____ Canada Goose*			T	T	M
_____ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		O			
_____ Wood Duck*.....	C	U	C	C	P
_____ Gadwall	U		U	U	M
_____ American Wigeon	U		U	U	M
_____ Mallard.....	C	U	C	C	P/M
_____ Blue-winged Teal	U		U	R	M
_____ Green-winged Teal.....	U		U	U	M
_____ Northern Shoveler	O		O	U	M
_____ Northern Pintail.....			R		M
_____ Canvasback.....	O		O	U	M
_____ Redhead			R	O	M
_____ Ring-necked Duck.....	U		U	C	M
_____ Greater Scaup.....	R		R	R	M
_____ Lesser Scaup.....	U		U	C	M
_____ Bufflehead.....	R		R	U	M
_____ Common Goldeneye.....				R	M
_____ Hooded Merganser.....			U	U	M
_____ Ruddy Duck.....	U		U	U	M
TURKEYS					
_____ Wild Turkey*	O	O	R	R	P
NEW WORLD QUAIL					
_____ Northern Bobwhite	R	R	R	R	P
GREBES					
_____ Pied-billed Grebe.....	U	R	U	C	M
_____ Horned Grebe.....				R	M
_____ Eared Grebe				R	M

	Sp	S	F	W	St
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
_____ Rock Pigeon*	U	U	U	U	P
_____ Eurasian Collard-Dove*	U	U	U	U	P
_____ Inca Dove*	U	U	U	U	P
_____ Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C	P/M
CUCKOOS AND ROADRUNNERS					
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	U	C	U		M
_____ Black-billed Cuckoo	R				M
_____ Greater Roadrunner*	O	O	O	O	P
GOATSUCKERS					
_____ Common Nighthawk*	U	U	R		M
_____ Chuck-will's-widow*	O	U			M
_____ Eastern Whip-poor-will	R				M
SWIFTS					
_____ Chimney Swift*	U	U	U		M
HUMMINGBIRDS					
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	U	U	U		M
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS					
_____ King Rail	R	R	R		M
_____ Virginia Rail			R	R	M
_____ Sora	R		R	R	M
_____ Purple Gallinule	R	R			M
_____ Common Moorhen	R	R			M
_____ American Coot	C		C	C	M
PLOVERS					
_____ Black-bellied Plover			R		M
_____ Killdeer*	C	C	U	C	P/M
STILTS AND AVOCETS					
_____ American Avocet			R		M
SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, AND ALLIES					
_____ Least Sandpiper			R		M
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper	R		R		M
_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper			R		M

	Sp	S	F	W	St
_____ Western Sandpiper			R		M
_____ Long-billed Dowitcher			R		M
_____ Wilson's Snipe	O		U	U	M
_____ American Woodcock*.....	O		U	U	M
_____ Spotted Sandpiper	U	O	U	O	M
_____ Solitary Sandpiper	R		R		M
_____ Greater Yellowlegs.....	R		R		M
_____ Willet.....	R				M
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs.....	R		R		M
GULLS AND TERNS					
_____ Bonaparte's Gull			R	O	M
_____ Franklin's Gull			R		M
_____ Ring-billed Gull	U		U	C	M
_____ Herring Gull				R	M
_____ Black Tern.....	R				M
_____ Forster's Tern			O	U	M
LOONS					
_____ Common Loon.....				R	M
STORKS					
_____ Wood Stork		U	U		M
CORMORANTS					
_____ Double-crested Cormorant	U		U	U	M
DARTERS					
_____ Anhinga*	U	C	U		M
PELICANS					
_____ American White Pelican.....	R		R	O	M
HERONS, EGRETS, AND ALLIES					
_____ American Bittern			R		M
_____ Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	C	P/M
_____ Great Egret*.....	C	C	C	U	P/M
_____ Snowy Egret	U	U	U		M
_____ Little Blue Heron*.....	U	C	U		M
_____ Tricolored Heron.....			R		M

	Sp	S	F	W	St
_____ Cattle Egret*	C	C	C		M
_____ Green Heron*	U	C	U		M
_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	U			M
_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	U	C	U		M
IBIS AND SPOONBILLS					
_____ White Ibis*	U	C	U		M
_____ White-faced Ibis.....			R		M
_____ Roseate Spoonbill.....		R	R		M
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
_____ Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Black Vulture*	C	C	C	C	P
OSPREYS, HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES AND ALLIES					
_____ Osprey*	O	C	U	O	M
_____ Mississippi Kite*	U	C	U		M
_____ Bald Eagle*^	R		R	U	M
_____ Northern Harrier	R		U	U	P/M
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		U	U	M
_____ Cooper's Hawk*	O	O	U	U	M
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk*	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Broad-winged Hawk*	T	U	T		M
_____ Swainson's Hawk	T		T		M
_____ Red-tailed Hawk*	C	U	C	C	P
_____ Golden Eagle				T	M
BARN OWLS					
_____ Barn Owl*	R	R	R	R	P
TYPICAL OWLS					
_____ Eastern Screech-Owl*	U	U	U	U	P
_____ Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U	P
_____ Barred Owl*	C	C	C	C	P
KINGFISHERS					
_____ Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	U	U	P
WOODPECKERS					
_____ Red-headed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U	P

	Sp	S	F	W	St
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	U		U	C	M
_____ Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Hairy Woodpecker*	O	O	U	U	P/M
_____ Northern Flicker.....	U	R	C	C	M
_____ Pileated Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	P

CARACARA AND FALCONS

_____ American Kestrel	O		U	C	M
_____ Merlin			R	T	M
_____ Peregrine Falcon ^.....	T		T		M

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	R		R		M
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	U	U	U		M
_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R				M
_____ Acadian Flycatcher*	U	U	U		M
_____ Willow Flycatcher	R		R		M
_____ Least Flycatcher	R		R		M
_____ Eastern Phoebe*	U	U	U	C	P/M
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher*	U	U	U		M
_____ Eastern Kingbird*	U	U	R		M
_____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*.....	U	U	U		M

SHRIKES

_____ Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	U	U	P/M
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VIREOS

_____ White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	U		M
_____ Yellow-throated Vireo*	U	U	U		M
_____ Blue-headed Vireo	R		R	O	M
_____ Philadelphia Vireo	R				M
_____ Warbling Vireo	R		R		M
_____ Red-eyed Vireo*	U	C	U		M

CROWS AND JAYS

_____ Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C	P/M
_____ American Crow*	C	C	C	C	P/M

	Sp	S	F	W	St
_____ Fish Crow*.....	C	C	C	U	P
SWALLOWS					
_____ Purple Martin*	U				M
_____ Tree Swallow	T				M
_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow.....	T		T		M
_____ Bank Swallow			T		M
_____ Cliff Swallow	T				M
_____ Barn Swallow*.....	U	C	U		M
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE					
_____ Carolina Chickadee*.....	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C	P
NUTHATCHES					
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R	M
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	U	P
_____ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	U	U	U	U	P
CREEPERS					
_____ Brown Creeper	U		U	U	M
WRENS					
_____ House Wren.....			O	U	M
_____ Winter Wren			U	U	M
_____ Sedge Wren			O	O	M
_____ Marsh Wren.....	R			O	M
_____ Carolina Wren*.....	C	C	C	C	M
_____ Bewick's Wren.....	R		R	R	M
GNATCATCHERS					
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*.....	U	C	U	R	M
KINGLETS					
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	O		U	U	M
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	U		U	U	M
THRUSHES					
_____ Eastern Bluebird*.....	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Veery	R		R		M
_____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R				M

	Sp	S	F	W	St
_____ Swainson's Thrush.....	R	R			M
_____ Hermit Thrush.....	U		U	U	M
_____ Wood Thrush*.....	U	U	O		M
_____ American Robin*.....	U	U	U	C	P/M
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS					
_____ Gray Catbird*.....	U	O	U		M
_____ Northern Mockingbird *.....	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Brown Thrasher*.....	U	U	U	C	P/M
STARLINGS					
_____ European Starling*.....	U	U	U	U	P
WAXWINGS					
_____ Cedar Waxwing.....	U		U	U	M
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
_____ House Sparrow*.....	U	U	U	U	P
PIPETS					
_____ American Pipit.....			R	R	M
FINCHES AND ALLIES					
_____ House Finch.....	R		R	R	P/M
_____ Purple Finch.....	R		R		M
_____ Red Crossbill.....				R	M
_____ Pine Siskin.....				R	M
_____ American Goldfinch.....	U		U	C	M
TOWHEES, SPARROWS, AND ALLIES					
_____ Spotted Towhee.....	R			R	M
_____ Eastern Towhee.....	U	R	U	U	M
_____ Bachman's Sparrow ^.....			R		P(?)
_____ Chipping Sparrow*.....	U	U	U	C	P
_____ Field Sparrow.....	U	R	U	C	M
_____ Vesper Sparrow.....			O	O	M
_____ Lark Sparrow.....	R	R		R	M
_____ Savannah Sparrow.....	U		U	U	M
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow.....			R		M
_____ Henslow's Sparrow.....	O		O	O	M

	Sp	S	F	W	St
_____ LeConte's Sparrow	U		O	U	M
_____ Fox Sparrow	O		U	U	M
_____ Song Sparrow	U		U	C	M
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	O		O	U	M
_____ Swamp Sparrow.....	U		U	C	M
_____ White-throated Sparrow.....	C		C	C	M
_____ Harris's Sparrow.....				R	M
_____ White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	U	M
_____ Dark-eyed Junco.....	U		U	C	M
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT					
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	U	O		M
BLACKBIRDS					
_____ Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Eastern Meadowlark.....	U	U	U	U	P/M
_____ Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	R				M
_____ Rusty Blackbird			R	U	M
_____ Brewer's Blackbird.....				R	M
_____ Common Grackle.....	C	U	C	C	P/M
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	U	U	U	P/M
_____ Orchard Oriole*	U	U			M
_____ Baltimore Oriole.....	U	R	U		M
WOOD-WARBLERS					
_____ Ovenbird	R		R		M
_____ Worm-eating Warbler			R		M
_____ Louisiana Waterthrush*	U	U	R		M
_____ Northern Waterthrush.....	R		R		M
_____ Golden-winged Warbler.....	R		R		M
_____ Blue-winged Warbler	R		R		M
_____ Black-and-white Warbler*	C	U	U		M
_____ Prothonotary Warbler*	C	C	U		M
_____ Swainson's Warbler*.....	U	O			M
_____ Tennessee Warbler	U		R		M
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler	O		U	U	M

	Sp	S	F	W	St
_____ Nashville Warbler	O		U		M
_____ Kentucky Warbler*	U	U			M
_____ Mourning Warbler	R		R		M
_____ Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	U	R	M
_____ Hooded Warbler*	U	U	O		M
_____ American Redstart*	O	O	O		M
_____ Northern Parula*	C	C	U		M
_____ Magnolia Warbler	R				M
_____ Bay-breasted Warbler	R		R		M
_____ Cerulean Warbler			R		M
_____ Blackburnian Warbler	R				M
_____ Yellow Warbler	U	R	O		M
_____ Chestnut-sided Warbler	R				M
_____ Blackpoll Warbler	R		R		M
_____ Pine Warbler*	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	U		U	C	M
_____ Yellow-throated Warbler*	C	C	U		M
_____ Prairie Warbler*	U	O			M
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler	U		O		M
_____ Canada Warbler	R		R		M
_____ Wilson's Warbler	R		O		M
GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS					
_____ Summer Tanager*	C	C	U		M
_____ Scarlet Tanager	R		R		M
_____ Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R		R		M
_____ Blue Grosbeak*	U	U	R		M
_____ Indigo Bunting*	C	C	U		M
_____ Painted Bunting*	U	U	O		M
_____ Dickcissel	O	R	R		M

CITATION

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