

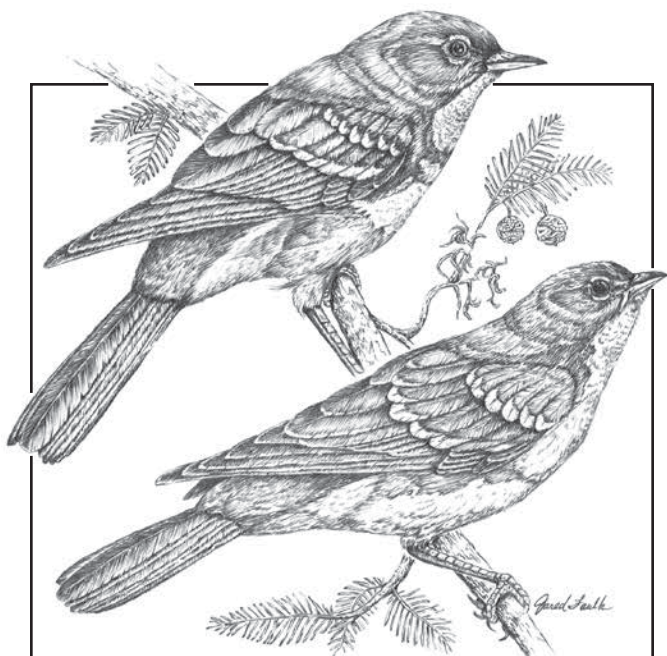
TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

CADDO LAKE

S T A T E P A R K



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2018

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

PIGEONS AND DOVES

_____	Rock Pigeon*	U	U	U	P
_____	Eurasian Collard-Dove*	U	U	U	P
_____	Inca Dove*	U	U	U	P
_____	Mourning Dove*	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	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
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HUMMINGBIRDS

_____	Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	U	U	U	M
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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	P/M

STILTS AND AVOCETS

_____	American Avocet			R	M
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SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, AND ALLIES

_____	Least Sandpiper			R	M
_____	Pectoral Sandpiper	R		R	M
_____	Semipalmated Sandpiper			R	M

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ 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
_____ 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	P/M
_____ Great Egret*.....	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
_____	Cattle Egret*	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	P
_____	Black Vulture*	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
_____	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	P
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....		U	C	M
_____	Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	P
_____	Hairy Woodpecker*	O	U	U	P/M
_____	Northern Flicker.....	U	R	C	C
_____	Pileated Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
CARACARA AND FALCONS					
_____	American Kestrel		O	U	C
_____	Merlin			R	T
_____	Peregrine Falcon ^.....	T		T	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS					
_____	Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	R		R	
_____	Eastern Wood-Pewee*	U	U	U	
_____	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R			
_____	Acadian Flycatcher*	U	U	U	
_____	Willow Flycatcher	R		R	
_____	Least Flycatcher	R		R	
_____	Eastern Phoebe*	U	U	U	C
_____	Great Crested Flycatcher*	U	U	U	
_____	Eastern Kingbird*	U	U	R	
_____	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*.....	U	U	U	
SHRIKES					
_____	Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	U	U
VIREOS					
_____	White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	U	
_____	Yellow-throated Vireo*	U	U	U	
_____	Blue-headed Vireo	R		R	O
_____	Philadelphia Vireo	R			
_____	Warbling Vireo	R		R	
_____	Red-eyed Vireo*	U	C	U	
CROWS AND JAYS					
_____	Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
_____	American Crow*	C	C	C	C

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	Fish Crow*.....C	C	C	U	P
SWALLOWS					
_____	Purple Martin*.....U	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
_____	Swainson's Thrush.....	R			M
_____	Hermit Thrush.....	U	U	U	M
_____	Wood Thrush*.....	U	O		M
_____	American Robin*.....	U	U	C	P/M
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS					
_____	Gray Catbird*.....	U	O	U	M
_____	Northern Mockingbird *.....	C	C	C	P
_____	Brown Thrasher*.....	U	U	C	P/M
STARLINGS					
_____	European Starling*.....	U	U	U	P
WAXWINGS					
_____	Cedar Waxwing.....	U	U	U	M
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
_____	House Sparrow*.....	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
_____	Bachman's Sparrow ^.....		R		P(?)
_____	Chipping Sparrow*.....	U	U	U	C
_____	Field Sparrow.....	U	R	U	C
_____	Vesper Sparrow.....			O	O
_____	Lark Sparrow.....	R	R		R
_____	Savannah Sparrow.....	U		U	U
_____	Grasshopper Sparrow.....			R	
_____	Henslow's Sparrow.....	O		O	O

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	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	P
_____	Eastern Meadowlark.....	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	P/M
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	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	M

		Sp	S	F	W	
_____	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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