

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

# BIRDS

of the

# HIGH PLAINS AND ROLLING PLAINS OF TEXAS

A Field Checklist

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## INTRODUCTION

This checklist encompasses 81 counties, wholly or in part, and two vegetational areas, the Rolling Plains (also known as the “Rolling Red Plains”) on the east and the High Plains (also known as the “Pecos and Staked Plains”) on the west, often characterized as the “wide open spaces.” Elevations range from 954 feet in Wichita County in the northeast to 4893 feet in Dallam County in the northwest, while rainfall ranges from 13.1 inches in the arid west to 28.9 inches in the more humid east. The northern portion of the High Plains is split from the southern portion by a westward extension of the Rolling Plains by way of the Canadian River Valley. This riparian pathway has allowed the far westward penetration of such typical eastern species as the Red-headed Woodpecker, Carolina Chickadee, House Wren, and Eastern Bluebird. The High Plains, or Llano Estacado, make up a vast area of gently rolling terrain with deep and fine-textured soils dominated by blue grama and buffalograss – hence the name “short grass prairie” – along with mesquite-grasslands. Some areas of it today are the most intensely cultivated in the nation. A dominant characteristic are the thousands of playas and saline lakes dotting the landscape that are important habitat for such nesting species as Snowy Plover, avocets, and a variety of ducks, winter habitat for untold numbers of ducks and geese, and stopoff points for countless shorebirds. One hundred fourteen non-waterfowl species have been found at playas.

The Rolling Plains are dominated by sandsage-mesquite brush/grasslands with canyon bottoms, creeks, and drainageways of mesquite-hackberry and saltcedar brush/woods. The Cap Rock Escarpment, carved by the Prairie Dog Town Fork of Red River, is an area of juniper-mixed brush and by way of the Palo Duro Canyon allows for the northern extension of such typical residents as the Golden-fronted Woodpecker, black-crested race of the Tufted Titmouse, Bushtit, Canyon Towhee, and Western Scrub-Jay, as well as providing a winter haven for northern species such as the Mountain Bluebird and Townsend’s Solitaire.

This checklist includes 451 species, which is 73% of the species documented in Texas. A total of 172 of these species (or 38%) have nested. These are denoted with an asterisk after the common name. Nesting include species with just a few successful breeding records in the two regions (e.g., Little Blue Heron, Wilson’s Phalarope, Pine Siskin, and Red Crossbill) as well as those that breed widely throughout in large numbers (e.g., meadowlarks, Horned Larks, Northern Mockingbirds, and Red-winged Blackbirds). The latitudinal distance is so great that a species denoted in this checklist as common to abundant resident in the southern portion of the area may rarely if ever be found in the far northern portion (e.g., Pyrrhuloxia), while a species that may winter in the north (e.g., Northern Shrike) is never found in the far south. This possible difference must always be borne in mind when interpreting the abundance legend. Likewise, some species are highly localized, the best example being the Lesser Prairie-Chicken.

Accidentals are defined as those species for which there is only one record for the ecoregion. Twenty-three species are listed as accidental, and on the list are depicted with one open dot. All were documented with either a specimen, photograph, or written description, and with one or two exceptions all were seen by more than one experienced observer. It would be difficult to single out the most bizarre surprise among them. Numerous

other species have been recorded in the two regions only on a few occasions, as casual vagrants or very rare migrants, but are perhaps more likely to occur again in the future.

This checklist can be used with any standard field guide or reference book, and there are several site-finding guides that suggest a wide variety of birding localities within the two regions, including many sites with public access. The area is well covered by a number of important publications, including regional checklists.

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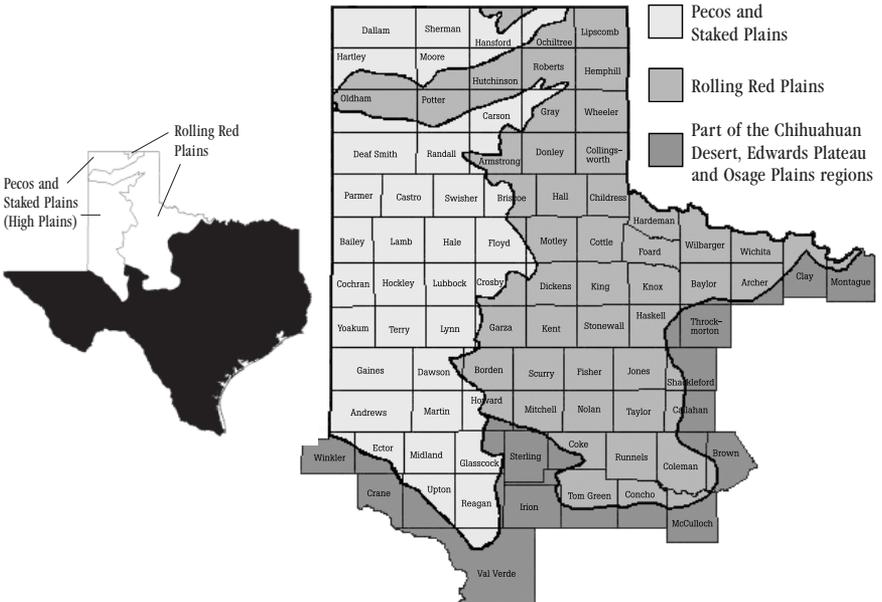
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# CHECKLIST

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Red-throated Loon											○	
Pacific Loon	•	••			•						•••••	
Common Loon	.....	.....	.....	•	•	•••••	•••••	•	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow-billed Loon	○											○
Pied-billed Grebe*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Horned Grebe	.....	.....	.....	•	•				•	.....	.....	.....
Red-necked Grebe	•••••	•••••	•	•	•				•	•	•••••	•••••
Eared Grebe*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Western Grebe	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	•••••	•	•	•••	.....	.....	.....
Clark's Grebe	••		••	•••••	•		•				•••	
American White Pelican	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	—————
Brown Pelican	•	•	•	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•		•••	•	•
Neotropic Cormorant			—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•
Double-crested Cormorant*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Anhinga					•			•		••	•	
American Bittern	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Least Bittern*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Great Blue Heron*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Great Egret	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Snowy Egret*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Blue Heron*			.....	.....	••	••	••	.....	.....	•••••	••	•
Tricolored Heron	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reddish Egret							••	••		••		
Cattle Egret*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Green Heron*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	•	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•
White Ibis							••					•
White-faced Ibis*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Roseate Spoonbill				•	•		•	•	•••••			
Wood Stork	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Black Vulture*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Turkey Vulture*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fulvous Whistling-Duck			••		•		•					
Greater White-fronted Goose	.....	.....	.....	.....	•		•	•	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Snow Goose	■	■	■	—	.....	•	•				—	■
Ross's Goose	■	■	■	.....	•						.....	■
Canada Goose*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Brant	•	•	•	•	•	•						•
Trumpeter Swan	•	—	•	•								•
Tundra Swan	.....		•	•						•	.....	
Wood Duck*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Gadwall*	■	■	■	■	■	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eurasian Wigeon	•	•	•	•	•	•						•
American Wigeon	■	■	■	■	■	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
American Black Duck		○										○
Mallard*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Blue-winged Teal*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cinnamon Teal*				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northern Shoveler*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northern Pintail*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Garganey											○	
Green-winged Teal*	■	■	■	■	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canvasback	■	■	■	■	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redhead*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Ring-necked Duck	■	■	■	■	.....	•	•		•	■	■	■
Greater Scaup	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lesser Scaup*	■	■	■	■	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Surf Scoter	•			•	•						•	•
White-winged Scoter	•	•	•	•	•						•	•
Black Scoter			•									•
Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)	•	•	•	•	•						•	•
Bufflehead	■	■	■	■	■	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Common Goldeneye		.....	•								.....	
Hooded Merganser					•	•	•	•	•	■	■	■
Common Merganser	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Red-breasted Merganser			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ruddy Duck*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Osprey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swallow-tailed Kite								•	•	•		
White-tailed Kite	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•
Mississippi Kite*			•	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	•
Bald Eagle			.....	•					•	•	•	■

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Northern Harrier*	—————					.....			.....	—————		
Sharp-shinned Hawk					.....		•	..				
Cooper's Hawk*					.....				.....			
Northern Goshawk	•	•	•						••	••	•••	•
Common Black-Hawk*			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•••••				
Harris's Hawk*												
Red-shouldered Hawk*	.....											
Broad-winged Hawk				.....		•	•	•	.....			
Swainson's Hawk*		••	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	
Zone-tailed Hawk			•		•	•	•	•	•			
Red-tailed Hawk*	—————											
Ferruginous Hawk*	—————			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rough-legged Hawk				.....						.....	.....	
Golden Eagle*	.....											
Crested Caracara				○								
American Kestrel*	—————								—————	—————	—————	—————
Merlin	.....				•				•	.....		
Peregrine Falcon	••	.....	.....	.....	.....	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	.....	•••	•••
Prairie Falcon*				.....	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	.....		
Ring-necked Pheasant*	—————											
Lesser Prairie-Chicken*	.....											
Wild Turkey*	—————											
Scaled Quail*	—————											
Northern Bobwhite*	—————											
Yellow Rail								•	•	••		•
Black Rail			•				••		•••	••		•
Clapper Rail								○				
King Rail*			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		•	•	•
Virginia Rail*	.....											
Sora			—————	.....	••	••	••	.....	—————	—————		
Purple Gallinule		•		•••	•	•••	•	••	•		•	
Common Moorhen*	.....											
American Coot*	—————					.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandhill Crane	—————			.....	•	•	•	•	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whooping Crane	•	.....	•••							•••••	•••••	•••••
Black-bellied Plover	••		.....	.....	•		•	.....	.....	.....		
American Golden-Plover			•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•
Snowy Plover*	•	•	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	••

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Semipalmated Plover			.....■	—	•			.....	—	—	•	•
Piping Plover				•	••		•		•			
Killdeer*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Mountain Plover*	•••••	•••••	•••••	.....	•••••	•••••	•	.....	.....	•••••	•••••	•••••
Black-necked Stilt*				.....	■	■	■	■	■	.....		
American Avocet*	•	•	.....	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	.....	••
Greater Yellowlegs	■	■	■	■	■	.....	■	■	■	■	■	■
Lesser Yellowlegs	.....	.....	■	■	■	•	■	■	■	■	.....	.....
Solitary Sandpiper	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willet		••	•	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	.....			••
Spotted Sandpiper*	■	■	■	■	■	•••••	•	■	■	.....		
Upland Sandpiper*				.....	.....	.....	■	■	■	•		•
Whimbrel				•••••	•••••	•	•	•••••	•			•
Long-billed Curlew*			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Hudsonian Godwit			•••••	•••••	•••••	•	•	•	•	•		
Marbled Godwit		.....	.....	.....	.....	•	•	.....	.....	•	•	•••••
Ruddy Turnstone			•	•	••			•	•••••	•••••	•••••	
Red Knot					•	•	•••••	•••••	•••••			
Sanderling			•••••	•••••	•••••	•	••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•	
Semipalmated Sandpiper			•	.....	.....		■	■	■	.....	•	
Western Sandpiper	•••••	•••••	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	•••••	•••••
Least Sandpiper	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
White-rumped Sandpiper				••	.....	•		•••••				
Baird's Sandpiper	•	•	■	■	■	•		■	■	■	••	••
Pectoral Sandpiper			••	.....	.....		•	.....	.....		•	
Dunlin	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••		•	••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Stilt Sandpiper		•	.....	■	■	.....	•	■	■	.....	•	•
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				••				•••••	•••••			
Short-billed Dowitcher					•			•	•			
Long-billed Dowitcher	■	■	■	■	■	•	•	■	■	■	■	■
Common Snipe	■	■	■	■	.....		••	.....	■	■	■	■
American Woodcock	•••	••	•	•	•						•••	••
Wilson's Phalarope*			■	■	■	.....	■	■	■	.....	••	••
Red-necked Phalarope				•	•	•		•••••	•••••	•••••		
Red Phalarope									•	••		
Pomarine Jaeger										○		
Parasitic Jaeger								•••				
Long-tailed Jaeger								○○				

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Laughing Gull				• •	• • •	•	•	•	•	• •		
Franklin's Gull	•		•	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Little Gull				○								
Bonaparte's Gull	—	—	—	—	—	•	•	—	—	—	—	—
Ring-billed Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
California Gull		•									•	
Herring Gull	—	—	—	• •	• •	•	•	•	—	—	—	—
Thayer's Gull			○									
Lesser Black-backed Gull					•	•					• •	
Glaucous Gull	• • •	• • •	• • •									• •
Sabine's Gull									• • • • •	• • • • •		
Black-legged Kittiwake	•		• •								• • • • •	• •
Caspian Tern						• •	•	•	•	•	•	
Common Tern			• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •			• • • • •	• • • • •	•		• • •
Forster's Tern	• • • •	—	—	—	—	• •	• • •	—	—	—	• • • • •	• • •
Least Tern*										•		
Black Tern												•
Black Skimmer									○			
Rock Dove*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Band-tailed Pigeon				•		• • •	•			• •	• •	• •
Eurasian Collared-Dove*												
White-winged Dove*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mourning Dove*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inca Dove*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Ground-Dove	•	•		•	• • • • •	• • •	•			• • • • •	•	•
Monk Parakeet	•	•					•			•		•
Black-billed Cuckoo					• •				•	•		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*				—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Greater Roadrunner*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Groove-billed Ani					• •		• •	• • • • •	•	• • •		• •
Barn Owl*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flammulated Owl									• • • •			
Western Screech-Owl*												
Eastern Screech-Owl*												
Great Horned Owl*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elf Owl							○					
Burrowing Owl*				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barred Owl*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Long-eared Owl*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	••	•	.....	.....	.....	.....
Short-eared Owl	.....	.....	.....	.....	••	.....	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	.....
Northern Saw-whet Owl	.....	••	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	•••	•	.....
Lesser Nighthawk	.....	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	.....
Common Nighthawk*	•	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	••
Common Poorwill*	•••	•	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	•••	••
Chuck-will's-widow*	.....	.....	.....	.....	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	.....	.....
Whip-poor-will	.....	.....	.....	.....	•••	.....	.....	.....	••	•	•	.....
Chimney Swift*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	.....
White-throated Swift	••••	•	.....	•	••	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	•	••••
Broad-billed Hummingbird	.....	.....	.....	•	•	•	.....	•	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blue-throated Hummingbird	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	••••	.....	.....	.....
Lucifer Hummingbird	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	○	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	.....	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	.....
Black-chinned Hummingbird*	••••	••••	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	••••	••••
Anna's Hummingbird	••••	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	.....	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Calliope Hummingbird	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	••••	••••	••••	•	.....	.....
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	.....
Rufous Hummingbird	••••	••••	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	••••	••••
Belted Kingfisher*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Kingfisher	.....	•	•	••	•	•	.....	•	•	.....	•	.....
Lewis's Woodpecker	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	.....	•	•	•	••••	••••
Red-headed Woodpecker*	••••	••••	••••	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	.....	.....	••••
Acorn Woodpecker	••••	••••	••••	••••	•	.....	.....	.....	••	.....	••••	••••
Golden-fronted Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Williamson's Sapsucker	.....	••	••••	••••	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	••	••	••
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	.....	.....	.....	.....	••	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red-naped Sapsucker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ladder-backed Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Downy Woodpecker*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hairy Woodpecker*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northern Flicker*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Olive-sided Flycatcher	.....	.....	.....	.....	•••	.....	•	.....	.....	•	.....	.....
Western Wood-Pewee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	•	•	.....
Eastern Wood-Pewee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Acadian Flycatcher*	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willow Flycatcher	.....	.....	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Least Flycatcher			.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....			
Hammond's Flycatcher					••			••••••				
Gray Flycatcher							•	••••		•		•
Dusky Flycatcher					•••			••••••		•		
Cordilleran Flycatcher				.....	.....			.....	.....			
Black Phoebe*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Phoebe*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Say's Phoebe*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermilion Flycatcher*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dusky-capped Flycatcher									○			
Ash-throated Flycatcher*		•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		•
Great Crested Flycatcher*			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Brown-crested Flycatcher					•							•
Great Kiskadee			•	•								
Couch's Kingbird									○	○		
Cassin's Kingbird*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	
Thick-billed Kingbird										○		
Western Kingbird*			••	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Eastern Kingbird*			•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loggerhead Shrike*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northern Shrike	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White-eyed Vireo*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Bell's Vireo*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Black-capped Vireo*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Gray Vireo*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Yellow-throated Vireo*			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Plumbeous Vireo	••••••••	••••••	••••••	.....	.....				.....	.....	••••••	••••••
Cassins' Vireo			•	•					•			
Blue-headed Vireo				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Warbling Vireo*		•	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	
Philadelphia Vireo				••••	••••	•		••••	••••	••••		
Red-eyed Vireo*			••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Steller's Jay	••••••••	••••••	••••••	•						••••	••••	••••
Blue Jay*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Jay				•						•		
Western Scrub-Jay*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pinyon Jay	••••••	••••	•	•					••••	••••	••••	••••

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Clark's Nutcracker	••••	••••	••••	•						••••	••••	••••
Black-billed Magpie	••••		•	•						•		••••
American Crow*	—————											
Chihuahuan Raven*	—————											
Common Raven*	—————											
Horned Lark*	—————											
Purple Martin*		•••••	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————			
Tree Swallow*	••••	••••	•	—————	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Violet-green Swallow				•	•	•	•		••••	•	•	
N. Rough-winged Swallow*		••	•	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	••••
Bank Swallow			•••••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cliff Swallow*		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cave Swallow*				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Barn Swallow*		•••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Carolina Chickadee*	—————											
Mountain Chickadee	••••	••••	••••							••••	••••	••••
Juniper Titmouse	••••	••••	••••	•							••••	••••
Tufted Titmouse*	—————											
Verdin*	—————											
Bushtit*	—————											
Red-breasted Nuthatch	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••
White-breasted Nuthatch*	—————											
Pygmy Nuthatch	••••	••••	••••	••••						••••	••••	••••
Brown Creeper	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	••	•			••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Cactus Wren*	—————											
Rock Wren*	—————											
Canyon Wren*	—————											
Carolina Wren*	—————											
Bewick's Wren*	—————											
House Wren*				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Winter Wren	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	••	•				•••••	•••••	•••••
Sedge Wren	•	•	•	•						•	•	•
Marsh Wren	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••
American Dipper					○							
Golden-crowned Kinglet			••••	•	•	•				••	••	••
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	—————											
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	••••	••••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Eastern Bluebird*	—————											

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Western Bluebird	•••••	•••••	•••••	•	•				••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Mountain Bluebird	—————	—————	—————	•••••	••	•			•	—————	—————	—————
Townsend's Solitaire	—————	—————	—————	•••••	••				••	•	—————	—————
Veery				•	•••••				•	•		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	•	•		•	•••••				•••••	••		
Swainson's Thrush			•••••	•••••	—————	••			•••••	•••••	•••••	
Hermit Thrush	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	•••••	•••••	•••••	—————	—————	—————	—————
Wood Thrush				•••••	•••••				•••••	•••••	•	
American Robin*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Varied Thrush	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••								••
Gray Catbird*	•••••	•••••	•	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Northern Mockingbird*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Sage Thrasher				•••••	•		•	•	•••••	•••••		
Brown Thrasher*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Long-billed Thrasher				○	—————	—————	○					
Curve-billed Thrasher*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Crissal Thrasher										•	•	
European Starling*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
American Pipit	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————				—————	—————	—————
Sprague's Pipit	—————	—————	—————	—————					—————	—————	—————	—————
Bohemian Waxwing	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•					•••••	•••••	•••••
Cedar Waxwing	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	•••••		•••••	•••••	•••••	—————	—————
Phainopepla	•••••	•	•	•	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Olive Warbler				○								
Blue-winged Warbler				•••••	•••••	•			•		•	
Golden-winged Warbler				•••••	•••••				•••••	•••••		
Tennessee Warbler			•	•••••	•••••			•••••	•••••	•••••		
Orange-crowned Warbler	—————	—————	—————	—————	•			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Nashville Warbler	•		•	—————	—————		•	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Virginia's Warbler				•••••	•••••			•••••	•••••	•		
Northern Parula			•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•	•••••	•••••	•••••		
Tropical Parula				○								
Yellow Warbler*			•	—————	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••
Chestnut-sided Warbler		•	•	•••••	•••••			•••••	•••••			•
Magnolia Warbler				•••••	•••••			•	•	•••••		•
Cape May Warbler			•	•••••						•		
Black-throated Blue Warbler				•	•••••			•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	—————	—————	—————	—————	•••••	••	•	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————

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Black-throated Gray Warbler		•		•••	•••			••••	•	•	•	•
Black-throated Green Warbler				••••	••••			•••••	•••••	••••	•	
Townsend's Warbler				••••	••••			•••••	•••••	••••		•
Hermit Warbler					••			•				
Blackburnian Warbler					•••			••	•			
Yellow-throated Warbler			•••••	••••	•			•	•			
Grace's Warbler				•	•							
Pine Warbler	•••••	••••	•		••				•••••	•	••••	
Prairie Warbler			•••••	••••	••				•••			
Palm Warbler	••			•••	••			••	••	••	••	•
Bay-breasted Warbler				••••	••••			••••	••••			
Blackpoll Warbler			•	••••••	•		•		••	•		
Cerulean Warbler					•				•			
Black-and-white Warbler	•	•	.....	—————	•		•	.....	—————		•	•
American Redstart				•.....	.....			.....	.....	•	•	
Prothonotary Warbler				•••	••		•	•••	••			
Worm-eating Warbler				•••••	••••			•		•		
Swainson's Warbler				•••••	••••				•			
Ovenbird	•		••.....	.....	•				.....			••
Northern Waterthrush				.....	—————		••	—————	—————			•
Louisiana Waterthrush			•••••	••••	••		•••••	•••••	••••			
Kentucky Warbler				•••••	••••		•	•	•	•		
Mourning Warbler				•••••	••••			••••	••••			
MacGillivray's Warbler			.....	—————	••		•	•.....	.....			
Common Yellowthroat*	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Hooded Warbler				•••••••	••••			•••	•			
Wilson's Warbler				—————	•••••	•	•	.....	—————	••••	•	
Canada Warbler				••	•			•••	•			
Red-faced Warbler				••								
Painted Redstart		•		••								
Yellow-breasted Chat*				—————	—————	—————	—————	.....		•		
Hepatic Tanager				•••								
Summer Tanager				—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Scarlet Tanager				••••	•	•		•••				
Western Tanager	•			.....	•		•	.....	.....			
Green-tailed Towhee	—————	—————	—————	—————	••		•	.....	—————	—————	—————	—————
Spotted Towhee	—————	—————	—————	—————	•		•	•	—————	—————	—————	—————
Eastern Towhee	•	•	•	•						•	•	•••



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Lazuli Bunting*			•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	• • • •	•	•
Indigo Bunting*	•	•	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Varied Bunting				•			•					
Painted Bunting*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	• • • •		• •
Dickcissel*		•		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Bobolink			•	•	• • • •			• • •	•			
Red-winged Blackbird*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Meadowlark*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Meadowlark*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow-headed Blackbird*	• •	• • • •	•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	• • • •	• • • •
Rusty Blackbird	• • •	•		• • • •	• • •					• • • •	• • • •	• • • •
Brewer's Blackbird	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•			•	.....	.....	.....
Common Grackle*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Great-tailed Grackle*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bronzed Cowbird*			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Brown-headed Cowbird*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orchard Oriole*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•	
Hooded Oriole					• • •	• •			•			
Bullock's Oriole*	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	• • • •	• • • •
Audubon's Oriole	○										○	
Baltimore Oriole*				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	•		
Scott's Oriole*	•		•	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	• • •		
Pine Grosbeak	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •							•	•	•
Purple Finch	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •				• • • •	• • • •	• • • •
Cassins's Finch	• • • •	• • • •	•						• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •
House Finch*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red Crossbill*	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •
White-winged Crossbill		•	•									•
Common Redpoll	• •	•									• • • •	
Pine Siskin*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lesser Goldfinch*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
American Goldfinch*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evening Grosbeak	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	•	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •
House Sparrow*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

**Hypotheticals (no accepted or confirmed records):**

- Barnacle Goose
- Mottled Duck
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Gray Hawk
- Common Crane
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Ruff
- Western Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Snowy Owl
- Northern Pygmy-Owl
- Black Swift
- Allen's Hummingbird
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Alder Flycatcher
- Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
- Connecticut Warbler

**Extinct or Extirpated from the region:**

- Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Passenger Pigeon

**LEGEND**

Abundant .....		Very rare or casual .....	• or ●—●
Very Common .....		(connected dots indicate one record over a period of time)	
Common .....		Accidental .....	○ or ○—○
Uncommon .....		(connected dots indicate one record over a period of time)	
Scarce, occasional, or highly localized in a few localities .....		Breeding record for region .....	*

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