

# FIELD NOTES

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## TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE



# SEA CENTER TEXAS

## NATURE CHECKLIST

BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES,  
DRAGONFLIES,  
DAMSELFLIES,  
AMPHIBIANS AND  
REPTILES RECORDED  
AT SEA CENTER TEXAS

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# BIRDS

Likelihood of encountering a species in a proper habitat is shown by season. Bird names are in accordance with the American Ornithologists Union's *Check-list of North American Birds*.

**Sp** – spring (Mar-May)      **c** – common (75-100%)      # – seen three or fewer times in a season  
**S** – summer (Jun-Jul)      **u** – uncommon (25-75%)  
**F** – fall (Aug-Nov)      **o** – occasional (10-25%)      \* – breeding observed  
**W** – winter (Dec-Feb)      **r** – rare (less than 10%)

Bird Species	Sp	S	F	W	Bird Species	Sp	S	F	W
Pied-billed Grebe	u		u	u	Swainson's Hawk	3		2	
American White Pelican				1	Red-tailed Hawk	2		3	o
Double-crested Cormorant	2		r	o	Crested Caracara				1
Neotropic Cormorant		o	1		American Kestrel	r		u	u
Anhinga			1	1	Merlin			2	
Great Blue Heron	o	u	u	u	Peregrine Falcon			2	
Great Egret	u	u	u	u	King Rail	2	1	1	
Snowy Egret	u	u	u	u	Sora	3		1	3
Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	u	Purple Gallinule	1			
Tricolored Heron	u	o	u	r	Common Moorhen	2		2	
Reddish Egret			1		American Coot	o		u	u
Cattle Egret	u	u	u	u	Sandhill Crane			1	
Green Heron	r	o	r	2	Black-bellied Plover	1		2	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1		American Golden Plover	1			
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	u	r	2	Semipalmated Plover	2	1	3	
White Ibis	u	u	u	u	Killdeer*	c	c	c	c
White-faced Ibis	1			1	Black-necked Stilt*	u	c	u	1
Roseate Spoonbill	r	3	o	1	American Avocet			3	2
Wood Stork		2	1		Greater Yellowlegs	u	o	u	o
Black Vulture	o	o	r	o	Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	o
Turkey Vulture	u	u	u	u	Solitary Sandpiper	u		r	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*	o	u	o	1	Willet	1		1	
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	2				Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	c	c
Greater White-fronted Goose			1		Upland Sandpiper			1	
Snow Goose			r	o	Whimbrel	1		1	
Ross' Goose			1		Long-billed Curlew			1	1
Wood Duck	1	1	2		Rudy Turnstone	1	1		
Blue-winged Teal	u		r	1	Sanderling	2		1	
Ring-necked Duck			r		Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	o	
Greater Scaup			2		Western Sandpiper	o	u	u	3
Lesser Scaup	r		o	u	Least Sandpiper	u	u	c	u
Bufflehead			1	2	White-rumped Sandpiper	o	2		
Hooded Merganser				3	Baird's Sandpiper	1		1	
Osprey	u	o	u	u	Pectoral Sandpiper	o	o	r	
White-tailed Kite	1				Dunlin	1		o	
Mississippi Kite		o			Stilt Sandpiper	o	o	r	
Bald Eagle	1			2	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1			
Northern Harrier	1		1	o	Short-billed Dowitcher	1		1	
Cooper's Hawk			2	1	Long-billed Dowitcher	r			
Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	u					

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## BIRDS *continued*

Bird Species	Sp	S	F	W	Bird Species	Sp	S	F	W
Common Snipe	2		o	o	Barn Swallow	u	u	o	
American Woodcock				3	Cliff Swallow	o	r	3	
Wilson's Phalarope	1		1		Cave Swallow	o	o	r	
Laughing Gull	u	u	u	c	Carolina Chickadee	u	u	u	u
Ring-billed Gull	3		2	u	Tufted Titmouse	u	o	o	o
Herring Gull				1	Carolina Wren	u	u	u	u
Gull-billed Tern		1			House Wren	r		o	u
Caspian Tern	2	1	o	2	Sedge Wren	o			2
Royal Tern		1			Golden-crowned Kinglet			1	2
Forster's Tern*	r	u	r	o	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1		r	u
Least Tern*	o	u	o		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			o	o
Black Tern			1		Eastern Bluebird*	r	3	r	o
Black Skimmer		1	1		Hermit Thrush				3
Rock Dove	o	o	o	o	American Robin	1		1	u
Mourning Dove	u	u	u	c	Gray Catbird	1		3	
Inca Dove		3	r	1	Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
Common Ground-Dove			1		European Starling	u	u	r	o
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	r	r	1		American Pipit	u		o	c
Eastern Screech Owl				1	Tennessee Warbler			2	
Great Horned Owl	1				Orange-crowned Warbler			r	o
Barred Owl	3	3	3	o	Nashville Warbler			2	
Common Nighthawk	1	2	r		Northern Parula	2			
Chimney Swift	o	u	o	1	Yellow Warbler			3	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	2	u		Magnolia Warbler			1	
Black-chinned Hummingbird			1		Yellow-rumped Warbler	r	r	r	u
Rufous Hummingbird			r		Black-throated Green Warbler			2	
Belted Kingfisher	r	1	u	o	Pine Warbler			1	3
Red-headed Woodpecker	1		1	1	Palm Warbler				o
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	Black-and-white Warbler			2	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				r	Common Yellowthroat	r		o	o
Downy Woodpecker	o	o	o	o	Hooded Warbler			1	
Northern Flicker	1		1	1	Wilson's Warbler			3	
Pileated Woodpecker	o	u	u	o	Field Sparrow	1		1	3
Eastern Wood-Pewee			3		Savannah Sparrow	u		o	c
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1				Song Sparrow				2
Least Flycatcher			2		Lincoln's Sparrow			2	o
Eastern Phoebe	2		u	u	Swamp Sparrow	u		o	u
Vermilion Flycatcher			2	1	Northern Cardinal*	u	c	u	u
Great-crested Flycatcher	2		1		Blue Grosbeak			3	
Western Kingbird			1	2	Indigo Bunting	r		o	
Eastern Kingbird	1		2		Painted Bunting*	u	u		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	r	1	1	2	Dickcissel	2		2	
Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u	Red-winged Blackbird	u		r	u
White-eyed Vireo	r		r		Eastern Meadowlark			2	2
Blue Jay	1	1	o	3	Common Grackle	o	o	r	3
American Crow	c	u	c	c	Great-tailed Grackle*	o	o	o	o
Purple Martin	c	u	3	2	Bronzed Cowbird	3	o		
Tree Swallow	r				Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1	1	1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	2		r		American Goldfinch	1		3	u
Bank Swallow	2	1	r		House Sparrow*	c	c	o	r

## BUTTERFLIES

Black Swallowtail (*Papilio polyxenes*)  
 Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (*Papilio glaucus*)  
 Checkered White (*Pontia protodice*)  
 Great Southern White (*Ascia monuste*)  
 Cloudless Sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*)  
 Large Orange Sulphur (*Phoebis philea*)  
 Little Yellow (*Eurema lisa*)  
 Dainty Sulphur (*Nathalis tole*)  
 Gray Hairstreak (*Strymon melinus*)  
 Red-banded Hairstreak (*Calycopis cecrops*)  
 Ceraunus Blue (*Hermiargus ceraunus*)  
 Gulf Fritillary (*Agraulis vanillae*)  
 Variegated Fritillary (*Euptoieta claudia*)  
 Phaon Crescent (*Phyciodes phaon*)  
 Pearl Crescent (*Phyciodes tharos*)  
 Question Mark (*Polygonia interrogationis*)  
 American Lady (*Vanessa virginiensis*)  
 Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*)  
 Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*)  
 Common Buckeye (*Junonia coenia*)  
 Hackberry Emperor (*Asterocampa celtis*)  
 Tawny Emperor (*Asterocampa clyton*)  
 Carolina Satyr (*Hermeuptychia sosybius*)  
 Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)  
 Queen (*Danaus gilippus*)  
 White-striped Longtail (*Chioides catillus*)  
 Long-tailed Skipper (*Urbanus proteus*)  
 Southern Cloudywing (*Thorybes bathyllus*)  
 Horace's Duskywing (*Erynnis horattus*)  
 Funereal Duskywing (*Erynnis funeralis*)  
 Common Checkered Skipper (*Pyrgus communis*)  
 Clouded Skipper (*Lerema accius*)  
 Least Skipper (*Ancyloxypha numitor*)  
 Southern Skipperling (*Copaeodes minimus*)  
 Fiery Skipper (*Hylephila phyleus*)  
 Whirlabout (*Polites vibex*)  
 Southern Broken Dash (*Wallengrenia otho*)  
 Dun Skipper (*Euphyes vestries*)  
 Eufala Skipper (*Lerodea eufala*)  
 Brazilian Skipper (*Calpodetes ethlius*)  
 Obscure Skipper (*Panoquina panoquinoides*)



## DRAGONFLIES

Common Green Darner (*Anax junius*)  
 Widow Skimmer (*Libellula luctuosa*)  
 Common Whitetail (*Libellula lydia*)  
 Needham's Skimmer (*Libellula needhami*)  
 Slaty Skimmer (*Libellula incesta*)  
 Roseate Skimmer (*Orthemis ferruginea*)  
 Variegated Meadowhawk (*Sympetrum corruptum*)  
 Seaside Dragonlet (*Erythrodiplax berenice*)  
 Eastern Amberwing (*Perithemis tenera*)  
 Blue Dasher (*Pachydiplax longipennis*)  
 Eastern Pondhawk (*Erythemis simplicicollis*)  
 Wandering Glider (*Pantala flavescens*)  
 Black Saddlebags (*Tramea lacerata*)  
 Carolina Saddlebags (*Tramea carolina*)  
 Red Saddlebags (*Tramea onusta*)  
 Hyacinth Glider (*Miathyria marcella*)  
 Marl Pennant (*Macrodiplax balteata*)  
 Red-tailed Pennant (*Brachymesia furcata*)  
 Four-spotted Pennant (*Brachymesia gravida*)  
 Halloween Pennant (*Celithemis eponina*)

## DAMSELFLIES

Double-striped Bluet (*Enallagma basidens*)  
 Familiar Bluet (*Enallagma civile*)  
 Big Bluet (*Enallagma durum*)  
 Citrine Forktail (*Ischnura hastata*)  
 Rambur's Forktail (*Ischnura ramburii*)

## AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

Gulf Coast Toad (*Bufo valliceps valliceps*)  
 Northern Cricket Frog (*Acris crepitans*)  
 Eastern Narrowmouth Toad (*Gastrophryne carolinensis*)  
 Green Treefrog (*Hyla cinerea*)  
 Squirrel Treefrog (*Hyla squirella*)  
 Bull Frog (*Rana catesbeiana*)  
 Southern Leopard Frog (*Rana sphenoccephala*)  
 Red-eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta*)  
 Broad-banded Water Snake (*Nerodia fasciata confluens*)  
 Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake (*Thamnophis proximus orarius*)  
 Yellowbelly Water Snake (*Nerodia erythrogaster flavigaster*)  
 Western Cottonmouth (*Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma*)