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Least Bittern

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Hagerman *National Wildlife Refuge*

Birds



Welcome to Birding at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, on Lake Texoma, is located 15 miles northwest of Sherman, Texas. The 11,320 acre refuge was created to provide food and protected nesting habitat for migratory waterfowl during the winter and migration seasons.

Snow geese descend like a prairie blizzard upon Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Just 75 miles north of Dallas where the Red River etches the boundary between Oklahoma and Texas, migratory birds by the thousands refuel for long journeys. A main road through the refuge offers outstanding views of the restless flocks.

Canada geese spend the entire winter loafing here on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Mississippi kites and scissor-tailed flycatchers hunt the summer skies for insects. Great blue herons call the refuge home in every season.

Hagerman Refuge has recorded 315 species of birds that have been seen on the refuge since its establishment in 1946. Of these, 282 are abundant to rare in occurrence and are listed seasonally. Another 31 species, seen once or twice, are considered accidental. The information reflected in this list was compiled by refuge staff, volunteers, and visiting ornithologists.

This listing is in accordance with the 7th edition A.O.U. Checklist (1998) plus the July 2000 and July 2002 Supplements to that checklist.

If you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit, please contact the Refuge staff and provide a description. The refuge birds do not recognize traditional calendar seasons, therefore, season designations for species are intended as general guidelines.

How to use your checklist

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

Occurrence

Sp Spring March - May

S Summer June - July

F Fall August - November

W Winter December - February

* - Nests locally

Federally Endangered or Threatened Species are listed in italics

Abundance

A Abundant

A common species that is very numerous.

C Common

Certain to be seen in suitable habitats.

U Uncommon

Present, not certain to be seen.

O Occasional

Seen few times during the season

R Rare

Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.

X Accidental

Has been seen only once or twice.

^{Ex} Exotic

An introduced species

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
___Common Loon	R		R	R
Grebes				
___*Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	U
___Horned Grebe	O		O	O
___Red-necked Grebe	X		X	
___Eared Grebe	O		O	O
___Western Grebe				
Pelicans				
___American White Pelican	C	O	C	C
___ <i>Brown Pelican</i>				
Cormorants				
___Double-crested Cormorant	C	O	C	C
___Neotropic Cormorant	O	R	R	O
Anhingas				
___Anhinga	R	R		
Hérons, Bitterns, and Egrets				
___American Bittern	O	R	R	
___*Least Bittern	R	R	R	
___*Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___*Great Egret	C	C	C	R
___Snowy Egret	C	C	C	
___Little Blue Heron	U	C	C	
___Tricolored Heron		R	R	
___Cattle Egret	C	U	U	O
___*Green Heron	U	U	C	
___Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	
___Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	
Ibises and Spoonbills				
___White Ibis		O	R	
___White-faced Ibis	O	O	O	
___Roseate Spoonbill		R	R	
Storks				
___ <i>Wood Stork</i>		R	R	X
Vultures				
___Black Vulture	U	U	U	C
___Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
Ducks, Geese, and Swans				
___Greater White-fronted Goose	U		C	C
___Snow Goose	C		C	C
___Ross's Goose	U		U	U
___Canada Goose	C		A	A
___Brant			X	X
___Tundra Swan				X
___*Wood Duck	U	U	U	U
___Gadwall	U	R	C	C
___American Wigeon	O	O	O	O
___American Black Duck	R		R	R
___*Mallard	U	U	C	C
___Blue-winged Teal	C	O	C	R
___Cinnamon Teal	R		R	R

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, and Swans, continued				
__Northern Shoveler	C	R	C	U
__Northern Pintail	U		C	C
__Green-wing Teal	U		C	C
__Canvasback	O		O	O
__Redhead	U		U	U
__Ring-necked Duck	O		U	U
__Greater Scaup				X
__Lesser Scaup	O	R	U	O
__White-winged Scoter			X	
__Long-tailed Duck			R	R
__Bufflehead	O		O	O
__Common Goldeneye	O		O	O
__Hooded Merganser	O		U	U
__Common Merganser	O		O	O
__Red-breasted Merganser			R	R
__Ruddy Duck	O		O	O
Kites, Eagles, and Hawks				
__Osprey	R		R	
__*Mississippi Kite	U	U	U	
__ <i>Bald Eagle</i>	U		U	U
__*Northern Harrier	U	R	U	U
__Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	O
__Cooper's Hawk	O		O	O
__Northern Goshawk	X			
__*Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U
__*Broad-winged Hawk	O	O	O	
__*Swainson's Hawk	U	O	U	
__*Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	C	C
__Ferruginous Hawk			X	X
__Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O
__Golden Eagle			R	R
Falcons				
__American Kestrel	U	R	C	C
__Merlin	R		O	R
__Peregrine Falcon	R		R	
__Prairie Falcon	X		X	R
Turkeys and Old World Quail				
__Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	R			
__*Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
New World Quail				
__*Northern Bobwhite	C	C	U	U
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
__Black Rail		X		
__*King Rail	R	R	R	
__Virginia Rail			R	R
__Sora	O	R	O	
__Purple Gallinule	X		X	
__Common Moorhen	R			
__*American Coot	U	U	A	U

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Cranes				
__ Sandhill Crane	R		R	
__ <i>Whooping Crane</i>			X	
Plovers				
__ Black-bellied Plover	O	R	O	R
__ Lesser Golden-Plover	O	R	O	
__ Snowy Plover	R	R	R	
__ Semipalmated Plover	O	O	O	
__ <i>Piping Plover</i>	O	O	O	
__ *Killdeer	C	C	C	C
__ Mountain Plover	X			
Stilts and Avocets				
__ Black-necked Stilt	R			
__ American Avocet	O	O	O	R
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies				
__ Greater Yellowlegs	U	O	U	O
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	O	U	R
__ Solitary Sandpiper	O	R	O	
__ Willet	O	R	O	
__ Spotted Sandpiper	C	R	U	
__ Upland Sandpiper	U	R	U	
__ Whimbrel	O	R	O	
__ Long-billed Curlew	O	R	O	
__ Hudsonian Godwit	O	R	R	
__ Marbled Godwit	O		O	
__ Ruddy Turnstone	R		R	
__ Red Knot		X	R	
__ Sanderling	R	R	O	
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	O	U	
__ Western Sandpiper	U	O	U	R
__ Least Sandpiper	U	O	U	O
__ White-rumped Sandpiper	U	R		
__ Baird's Sandpiper	U	O	U	R
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	U	O	U	R
__ Dunlin	O		O	R
__ Stilt Sandpiper	U	O	U	
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	O		O	
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	R	O	O	
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	O	U	R
__ Wilson's Snipe	U		U	O
__ American Woodcock			R	
__ Wilson's Phalarope	O	O	O	
__ Red-necked Phalarope	R		R	
__ Red Phalarope	R		R	

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Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers				
___ Laughing Gull		R	R	
___ Franklin's Gull	U	R	U	R
___ Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	O
___ Ring-billed Gull	C	O	A	A
___ Herring Gull	C	O	C	C
___ Glaucous Gull				X
___ Sabine's Gull			X	
___ Caspian Tern	U	O	U	U
___ Common Tern	X		R	
___ Forster's Tern	C	U	C	C
___ *Least Tern	C	C	U	
___ Black Tern	U	C	U	
___ Black Skimmer	X		X	
Pigeons and Doves				
___ Rock Dove	O	O	O	O
___ *Mourning Dove	C	C	O	U
___ Inca Dove	X		X	
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis				
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U	
___ Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U
Barn Owls				
___ Barn Owl				
Typical Owls				
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl	O	O	O	O
___ *Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
___ Snowy Owl				X
___ Burrowing Owl	X			
___ *Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
___ Short-eared Owl			R	R
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl				X
Goatsuckers				
___ *Common Nighthawk	O	O	O	
___ *Chuck-will's-widow	R	O	R	
___ Whip-poor-will	R	R		
Swifts				
___ *Chimney Swift	U	U	U	
Hummingbirds				
___ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U	
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird	X			
Kingfishers				
___ *Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	U

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Woodpeckers				
___*Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
___*Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		U	U
___*Ladder-backed Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
___*Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___*Hairy Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
___Northern Flicker	U	R	C	C
___*Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
Tyrant Flycatchers				
___Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		O	
___*Eastern Wood-Pewee	O	R	O	
___Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R		R	
___Acadian Flycatcher	R		R	
___Alder Flycatcher	R		R	
___Willow Flycatcher	R		R	
___Least Flycatcher	U		O	
___Black Phoebe			X	
___*Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	O
___Say's Phoebe	X			
___Vermilion Flycatcher	X		X	
___*Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	U	
___*Western Kingbird	O	U	U	
___*Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U	
___*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	C	C	
Shrikes				
___*Loggerhead Shrike	U	U	U	C
Vireos				
___*White-eyed Vireo	U	U	O	
___Bell's Vireo	R	R	R	
___*Yellow-throated Vireo	R			
___Blue-headed Vireo	O		O	X
___Warbling Vireo	O		O	
___Philadelphia Vireo	R		R	
___*Red-eyed Vireo	U	U	O	
Jays and Crows				
___*Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
___*American Crow	C	C	C	A
Larks				
___*Horned Lark	R	R	O	O
Swallows				
___*Purple Martin	U	U	U	
___Tree Swallow	O	O	O	
___*Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O	O	O	
___Bank Swallow	O		O	
___Cliff Swallow	U	O	U	
___*Barn Swallow	A	C	A	
Titmice				
___*Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
___*Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C

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Nuthatches				
___Red-breasted Nuthatch			R	R
___*White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
Creepers				
___Brown Creeper	O		U	U
Wrens				
___*Carolina Wren	U	U	U	U
___*Bewick's Wren	U	U	U	U
___House Wren	O		O	R
___Winter Wren			O	O
___Sedge Wren	R		R	R
___Marsh Wren	O		O	O
Kinglets				
___Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	O
___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U
Gnatcatchers				
___*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	C	U	
Thrushes and Allies				
___*Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C
___Mountain Bluebird	X		X	X
___Veery	R		R	
___Gray-cheeked Thrush	R			
___Swainson's Thrush	U			
___Hermit Thrush	O		O	O
___Wood Thrush	X			
___*American Robin	U	U	C	A
Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies				
___Gray Catbird	O		O	
___*Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
___Sage Thrasher			X	
___*Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	U
___Curve-billed Thrasher			X	
Starlings				
___*European Starling	C	C	A	A
Pipits				
___American Pipit	U		C	U
___Sprague's Pipit			R	
Waxwings				
___Cedar Waxwing	U		U	C
Wood-Warblers				
___Blue-winged Warbler			X	
___Tennessee Warbler	O		O	
___Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O	O
___Nashville Warbler	O		O	
___Northern Parula	R		R	
___Yellow Warbler	O	R	O	
___Chestnut-sided Warbler	R			
___Magnolia Warbler	R		R	
___Black-throated Blue Warbler	X		R	
___Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C

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Wood-Warblers, continued				
___Black-throated Green Warbler	O		O	
___Blackburnian Warbler	O		O	
___Yellow-throated Warbler	R			
___Pine Warbler				X
___Prairie Warbler			R	
___Palm Warbler	R		R	
___Bay-breasted Warbler	R			
___Blackpoll Warbler	R			
___Cerulean Warbler	R			
___*Black-and-White Warbler	O	O	O	
___American Redstart	O		O	
___*Prothonotary Warbler	U	U	R	
___Ovenbird	R		R	
___Northern Waterthrush	O			
___*Louisiana Waterthrush	O	O		
___*Kentucky Warbler	O	U		
___Mourning Warbler	R	R	R	
___MacGillivray's Warbler	X		X	
___*Common Yellowthroat	O	O	O	O
___Hooded Warbler	R	R		
___Wilson's Warbler	O		O	
___Canada Warbler	R		R	
___*Yellow-breasted Chat	O	R	O	
Tanagers				
___*Summer Tanager	U	U	U	
Sparrows, Towhee, and Allies				
___Eastern Towhee	O		O	O
___Chipping Sparrow	O	R	O	R
___American Tree Sparrow			R	R
___Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
___*Field Sparrow	U	U	C	C
___Vesper Sparrow	U		U	O
___*Lark Sparrow	U	U	U	R
___Savannah Sparrow	A		A	A
___*Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	R	
___LeConte's Sparrow	O		U	U
___Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			R	
___Fox Sparrow	O		U	U
___Song Sparrow	U		U	U
___Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	U
___Swamp Sparrow	O		O	O
___White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
___Harris's Sparrow	C		C	C
___White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
___Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
___Slate-colored	C		C	C
___Oregon	O		O	O

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Sparrows, Towhee, and Allies, continued				
___McCown's Longspur				R
___Lapland Longspur			R	R
___Smith's Longspur	R		R	R
___Chestnut-collared Longspur			R	R
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Buntings				
___*Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
___Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O		O	
___Black-headed Grosbeak	X		X	
___*Blue Grosbeak	U	U	O	
___Lazuli Bunting	X			
___*Indigo Bunting	C	C	U	
___*Painted Bunting	C	C	U	
___*Dickcissel	C	C	U	X
Blackbirds, Orioles, and Allies				
___Bobolink	O		X	
___*Red-winged Blackbird	A	C	A	A
___*Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	A	A
___Western Meadowlark	O		U	U
___Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	R	O	R
___Rusty Blackbird	O		O	O
___Brewer's Blackbird	O		U	U
___*Common Grackle	C	U	C	U
___Great-tailed Grackle	O	O	O	O
___*Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	U
___*Orchard Oriole	O	O	O	
___*Baltimore Oriole	O	O	O	R
Finches, Goldfinchs, and Allies				
___Purple Finch	U		U	U
___House Finch	O	O	O	O
___Red Crossbill	R		R	R
___Pine Siskin	O		U	U
___American Goldfinch*	U	R	C	C
___Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R
Old World Sparrow				
___*House Sparrow	C	C	C	C



Canada Goose

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