

Legend

Spring (Sp) March – May
 Summer (Su) June - July
 Fall (Fa) August – November
 Winter (Wi) December - February

a Abundant: 40+ per day
 c Common: 10-40
 f Fairly common: 4-10
 u Uncommon: Less than 4
 r Rare: 1-3 per season
 x Accidental: Out of normal range

* - Nest in the park and/or adjacent area

Species	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi	Common Loon	Peregrine Falcon	White-winged Dove*
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *	f	c	c	c	x	r	u
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	u	u	u	u		u	c
Greater White-fronted Goose	u		c	a		r	u
Snow Goose	u		c	a		r	u
Ross' Goose		x		u			
Cackling Goose	u		r	c			
Canada Goose	u		r	c			
Tundra Swan				x			
Wood Duck *	f	c	c	c			
Gadwall	f		c	a			
American Wigeon	f		c	a			
Mallard	u		c	c			
Mottled Duck *	u	u	u	u			
Blue-winged Tea I*	c	r	c	a			
Cinnamon Teal	r		r	u			
Northern Shoveler	c		c	a			
Northern Pintail	u		f	a			
Green-winged Teal	f		f	a			
Canvasback	r			u			
Redhead			u	u			
Ring-necked Duck	f		f	a			
Greater Scaup	r		r				
Lesser Scaup	f		f	f			
White-winged Scoter				x			
Bufflehead	u		f	f			
Common Goldeneye				r			
Hooded Merganser	r		u	u			
Red-breasted Merganser	r						
Masked Duck	r		r	r			
Ruddy Duck	u	r	f	f			
Wild Turkey *	u	u	u	u			
Northern Bobwhite *	f	f	f	f			
Least Grebe *					x		
Pied-billed Grebe	c	f	c	c			
Eared Grebe	u		r	u			
American White Pelican	u		c	c			
Brown Pelican				r			
Neotropic Cormorant	r			r			
Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	f	c			
Anhinga *	c	c	c	f			
American Bittern	u			f			
Least Bittern *	u	f					
Great Blue Heron *	f	f	f	f			
Great Egret *	c	c	c	c			
Snowy Egret *	f	f	f	f			
Little Blue Heron *	f	f	f	f			
Tricolored Heron	f	f	f	f			
Reddish Egret				x			
Cattle Egret *	c	c	c	u			
Green Heron *	f	c	f	r			
Black-crowned Night-Heron *	u	u	u	c			
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *	c	c	c	r			
White Ibis *	a	a	a	a			
Glossy Ibis	r			x			
White-faced Ibis	f	f	f	c			
Roseate Spoonbill *	u	c	f	r			
Wood Stork			f	f			
Black Vulture *	c	c	c	c			
Turkey Vulture *	c	c	a	a			
Osprey	r	r	r	r			
Swallow-tailed Kite	r	r					
White-tailed Kite *	u	u	u	u			
Mississippi Kite *	u	c	c				
Bald Eagle	u			r	u		
Northern Harrier	r			u	f		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u			u	u		
Cooper's Hawk	u			u	u		
Harris' Hawk				r	r		
Red-shouldered Hawk *	c	c	c	c			
Broad-winged Hawk	u			f			
Swainson's Hawk	u	r	u	x			
White-tailed Hawk *	r	r	r	r			
Red-tailed Hawk *	u	u	f	c			
Ferruginous Hawk					r		
Rough-legged Hawk					x		
Golden Eagle					x		
Crested Caracara *	f	u	f	f			
American Kestrel	u		c	c			
Merlin				r	u		
King Rail	u	r				u	
Virginia Rail	r						
Sora	r				r		
Purple Gallinule *	f	c	u				
Common Moorhen *	c	c	f	f			
American Coot *	c	u	c	c			
Sandhill Crane	f			c	c		
Whooping Crane						x	
Black-bellied Plover	r						
American Golden-Plover	f				u		
Snowy Plover	r	r					
Wilson's Plover	r						
Semipalmated Plover						r	
Piping Plover	r						
Killdeer *	c	c	c	c			
Black-necked Stilt *	f	c	f				
American Avocet		r					
Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	f	u			
Lesser Yellowlegs	f	u	f	u			
Solitary Sandpiper	u		u				
Willet					x		
Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	u			
Upland Sandpiper	u		u				
Long-billed Curlew	u	r	r	u			
Ruddy Turnstone					x		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u				
Western Sandpiper	u	u	u	u			
Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	c			
Baird's Sandpiper	x						
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	u	r			
Dunlin						r	
Stilt Sandpiper						r	
Long-billed Dowitcher	u		u				
Wilson's Snipe	f		u	f			
American Woodcock						r	
Laughing Gull	u		u				
Franklin's Gull	u		u	r			
Ring-billed Gull			u	u			
Herring Gull						x	
Caspian Tern	u		u	u			
Royal Tern						r	
Forster's Tern		u	u	u			
Least Tern	u	u	u				
Black Tern	u	u	u				
Black Skimmer	x	x					
Rock Pigeon*	f	f	f	f			
Eurasian Collared-Dove *	c	c	c	c			
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c			
Inca Dove*	u						u
Common Ground-Dove *	u						u
Black-billed Cuckoo	r						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	f	f	f				
Greater Roadrunner	r						
Groove-billed Ani							r
Barn Owl *	u	u	u	u			
Eastern Screech-Owl *	r	r	r	r			
Great Horned Owl *	u	u	u	u			
Barred Owl *	f	f	f	c			
Burrowing Owl							r
Common Nighthawk *	f	f	f				
Chuck-Will's-Widow	r						
Chimney Swift	f	u	u				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird *	f	u	f				r
Black-chinned Hummingbird							x
Rufous Hummingbird	r					r	
Ringed Kingfisher							x
Belted Kingfisher *	r	u	u	u			
Red-headed Woodpecker	r						r
Red-bellied Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u			f	f		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker *	r	r	r	r			
Downy Woodpecker	f	f	f	f			
Hairy Woodpecker							r
Northern Flicker	f			f	f		
Pileated Woodpecker *	f	f	f	f			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r						r
Eastern Wood-Pewee *	f	u	r				
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	u	r	f				
Acadian Flycatcher *	c	c					
Alder Flycatcher	r		u				
Willow Flycatcher	r						
Least Flycatcher	r						
Black Phoebe	x						x
Eastern Phoebe	u			c	c		
Say's Phoebe	x		x	x			
Vermilion Flycatcher	u		u	u			
Ash-throated Flycatcher							r
Great Crested Flycatcher *	f	f	f				
Great Kiskadee	x						
Couch's Kingbird							x
Western Kingbird	r						
Eastern Kingbird *	f	f	f				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *	c	c	c				
Loggerhead Shrike *	f	f	f	f			



BIRDS of

Brazos Bend State Park and adjacent areas

Species	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi											
___ White-eyed Vireo *	c	c	f	u	___	Chestnut-sided Warbler	u	u	___	White-crowned Sparrow	u	f	u		
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	f	___	Magnolia Warbler	u	u	r	___	Harris' Sparrow		r		
___ Yellow-throated Vireo *	u	u	u		___	Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c	a	___	Dark-eyed Junco	u	u	u	
___ Warbling Vireo	r				___	Black-throated Green Warbler	f	u	r	___	Lapland Longspur			r	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	u		r		___	Blackburnian Warbler	u	u	x	___	Northern Cardinal *	a	a	a	
___ Red-eyed Vireo *	u	u	u		___	Yellow-throated Warbler *	u	u		___	Pyrrhuloxia			x	
___ Blue Jay *	f	f	f	f	___	Pine Warbler	u	u	f	___	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r	r		
___ American Crow *	c	c	a	a	___	Prairie Warbler	r	r	r	___	Black-headed Grosbeak			x	
___ Horned Lark	u	u		u	___	Palm Warbler	u	u	f	___	Blue Grosbeak	u	r		
___ Purple Martin*	f	c	u		___	Bay-breasted Warbler	u			___	Indigo Bunting *	f	f	u	
___ Tree Swallow	c		f	r	___	Blackpoll Warbler	r			___	Painted Bunting *	f	f	u	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c		c	u	___	Cerulean Warbler	r			___	Dickcissel *	f	c		
___ Bank Swallow	u	u	u		___	Black-and-white Warbler	f	r	f	u	___	Red-winged Blackbird *	a	c	a
___ Cliff Swallow*	c	u	u		___	American Redstart	u	r	u	r	___	Eastern Meadowlark *	c	c	c
___ Cave Swallow*	u	u	u		___	Prothonotary Warbler *	c	c	u	x	___	Yellow-headed Blackbird		r	
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	r	___	Worm-eating Warbler	r				___	Rusty Blackbird			r
___ Carolina Chickadee *	c	c	c	c	___	Swainson's Warbler	r	r			___	Brewer's Blackbird		u	u
___ Tufted Titmouse *	c	c	c	c	___	Ovenbird	r	r	r		___	Common Grackle	c	c	c
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch				r	___	Northern Waterthrush	u	u			___	Boat-tailed Grackle *	f	f	u
___ Brown Creeper	u		u	u	___	Louisiana Waterthrush	u	r	u		___	Great-tailed Grackle *	f	f	u
___ Carolina Wren *	c	c	c	c	___	Kentucky Warbler	u	r	u		___	Brown-headed Cowbird *	c	c	a
___ Bewick's Wren				r	___	Mourning Warbler	r	r			___	Orchard Oriole *	u	u	f
___ House Wren	u		u	u	___	Common Yellowthroat *	f	u	f	u	___	Streak-backed Oriole	x		x
___ Winter Wren	r		r	r	___	Hooded Warbler	f	u	u		___	Bullock's Oriole	x		x
___ Sedge Wren	r		u	u	___	Wilson's Warbler	u		f	u	___	Baltimore Oriole	u		f
___ Marsh Wren	u		u	u	___	Canada Warbler	u		u		___	Purple Finch			r
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u	___	Yellow-breasted Chat	f		u		___	Pine Siskin	u		r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c	___	Summer Tanager *	u	u	u		___	American Goldfinch	c		u
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	f		c	c	___	Scarlet Tanager	r				___	House Sparrow *	f	f	f
___ Eastern Bluebird *	f	f	f	c	___	Western Tanager	r			x					
___ Swainson's Thrush	u		u		___	Green-tailed Towhee				x		Notes:			
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	f	___	Eastern Towhee	r	r	r						
___ Wood Thrush *	u	u	u		___	Spotted Towhee				r					
___ American Robin	c	r	f	c	___	Chipping Sparrow	f		c	c					
___ Gray Catbird	f		u	u	___	Field Sparrow	u			u					
___ Northern Mockingbird *	f	c	f	f	___	Vesper Sparrow	u			u	c				
___ Brown Thrasher	u		u	f	___	Lark Sparrow				r	r				
___ European Starling *	c	c	c	a	___	Lark Bunting				x					
___ American Pipit	f		f	c	___	Savannah Sparrow	c		c	a					
___ Sprague's Pipit	r			r	___	Grasshopper Sparrow				r					
___ Cedar Waxwing	f		f	f	___	Henslow's Sparrow				u					
___ Blue-winged Warbler	u		u		___	LeConte's Sparrow				f					
___ Tennessee Warbler	f		u		___	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				x					
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	f		f	c	___	Fox Sparrow				u					
___ Nashville Warbler	u		u	r	___	Song Sparrow	u			f	f				
___ Northern Parula *	c	c	f	r	___	Lincoln's Sparrow	f			u	f				
___ Yellow Warbler	f		u	r	___	Swamp Sparrow	f			c	c				
					___	White-throated Sparrow	c			c	c				



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Field Checklist