

Bird Checklists of the United States

Dahomey and Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuges



Cleveland and Grenada, Mississippi

Dahomey and Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuges are located respectively near Cleveland, Mississippi and Grenada, Mississippi. The refuges are comprised of a mixture of bottomland hardwoods, marshes, swamps, sloughs, and croplands. The surrounding area of catfish ponds, croplands and the close proximity to the Mississippi River often works in conjunction with these refuge habitats to attract an unusual variety of migratory birds in the Mississippi Flyway.

The best opportunities for observing the greatest variety and number of birds are during fall and spring migration periods. Visitors are encouraged to report any observations on seasonal abundance and nesting occurrence.

This list is in accordance with the Fifth A.O.U. Check-list as amended. Enjoy your visit!

Ethics for Birdwatching

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.

Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

Do not litter. Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

Seasonal appearance

Sp - Spring - March to May

S - Summer - June to August

F - Fall - September to November

W - Winter - December to February

Seasonal abundance

a - abundant: a common species which is very numerous

c - common: certain to be seen in suitable habitat

u - uncommon: present but not certain to be seen

o - occasional: seen only a few times during a season

r - rare: seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years

* - nests on refuge

LOONS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Common Loon	c	-	u	c
GREBES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	u	c	c
PELICANS AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
___ American White Pelican	o	-	o	-
___ Double-crested Cormorant	o	-	o	a
HERONS, EGRETS AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Bittern	o	-	o	o
___ Least Bittern*	u	c	u	-
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret	u	u	c	u
___ Snowy Egret	o	o	o	-
___ Little Blue Heron*	o	c	c	o
___ Tricolored Heron	-	o	o	-
___ Cattle Egret*	u	c	c	u
___ Green Heron*	c	c	c	o
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	o
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	o	u	u	o
IBISES, SPOONBILL, STORK	Sp	S	F	W
___ Glossy Ibis	-	-	o	o
___ White Ibis	o	u	c	o
WATERFOWL	Sp	S	F	W
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	-	-	-	r
___ Tundra Swan	-	-	-	o
___ Greater White-Fronted Goose	-	-	-	c

___	Snow Goose	-	-	-	c
___	Canada Goose	-	-	u	c
___	Wood Duck*	a	a	a	a
___	Green-winged Teal	u	-	u	u
___	American Black Duck	o	-	o	u
___	Mallard	c	u	c	c
___	Northern Pintail	o	-	o	u
___	Blue-winged Teal	c	-	c	o
___	Cinnamon Teal	-	-	r	r
___	Northern Shoveler	c	-	c	c
___	Gadwall	c	-	c	c
___	American Wigeon	c	-	c	c
___	Canvasback	o	-	o	o
___	Redhead	-	-	-	o
___	Ring-necked Duck	-	-	c	c
___	Greater Scaup	-	-	-	o
___	Lesser Scaup	o	-	o	o
___	Common Goldeneye	-	-	-	o
___	Bufflehead	o	-	o	u
___	Hooded Merganser	u	u	-	u
___	Common Merganser	-	-	-	r
___	Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	r
___	Ruddy Duck	u	-	o	c
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	VULTURES, HAWKS AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
___	Black Vulture	o	o	o	o
___	Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
___	Osprey	r	-	r	r
___	Mississippi Kite*	o	c	u	-
___	Bald Eagle	-	-	o	o
___	Northern Harrier	u	-	u	c
___	Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	-	o	u
___	Cooper's Hawk	u	-	u	u
___	Red-shouldered Hawk	u	-	u	u
___	Broad-winged Hawk	u	-	o	-
___	Red-tailed Hawk	c	u	c	c
___	Golden Eagle	-	-	r	o
___	American Kestrel	c	o	c	c
___	Merlin	-	-	o	u
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	GALLINACEOUS BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W
___	Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c
___	Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c
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	RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS AND CRANES	Sp	S	F	W
___	King Rail	o	o	o	o
___	Sora	u	o	u	o
___	Purple Gallinule*	u	u	u	r
___	Common Moorhen*	c	c	u	o
___	American Coot	c	o	o	c
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	SHOREBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W
___	American Golden Plover	o	-	-	-
___	Semipalmated Plover	o	-	o	o
___	Killdeer*	c	c	c	c
___	Black-necked Stilt	r	-	-	-

___	American Avocet	-	-	r	-
___	Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	u	-
___	Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	-
___	Solitary Sandpiper	u	-	u	-
___	Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
___	Upland Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
___	Semipalmated Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
___	Western Sandpiper	o	o	o	-
___	Least Sandpiper	o	-	o	o
___	Baird's Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
___	Pectoral Sandpiper	o	o	o	-
___	Dunlin	a	r	o	o
___	Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	o	-
___	Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	o	o
___	Common Snipe	c	-	c	c
___	American Woodcock	u	-	u	u
___	Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	r	r
___	Ring-billed Gull	-	-	u	u
___	Forster's Tern	r	-	-	-
___	Least Tern	r	-	-	-
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PIGEONS, DOVES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Rock Dove	c	c	c	c
___	White-winged Dove	-	-	r	-
___	Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
___	Common Ground-Dove	-	o	o	-
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CUCKOOS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	o	-
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OWLS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Barn Owl*	o	o	o	o
___	Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c
___	Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___	Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
___	Short-eared Owl	-	-	r	r
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NIGHTJARS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Common Nighthawk*	o	u	o	-
___	Chuck-will's-widow*	o	o	-	-
___	Whip-poor-will	o	o	-	-
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SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Chimney Swift*	u	c	u	-
___	Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	c	u	-
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KINGFISHERS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	c
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WOODPECKERS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	-	u	c

___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
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FLYCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	u	u	u	-
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	-	-
___ Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	u
___ Vermilion Flycatcher	-	-	-	o
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	u	u	-	-
___ Western Kingbird	-	-	r	-
___ Eastern Kingbird*	u	c	c	o
___ Gray Kingbird*	c	c	u	-
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	-	-	o	-
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MARTINS AND SWALLOWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Purple Martin*	c	c	c	-
___ Tree Swallow	c	-	c	o
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	u	u	u
___ Barn Swallow	u	c	u	-
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JAYS AND CROWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ American Crow*	c	c	c	c
___ Fish Crow	o	o	o	o
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CHICKADEES AND TITMICE	Sp	S	F	W
___ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
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NUTHATCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	o	o
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	r	-	r	o
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CREEPERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Brown Creeper	-	-	r	o
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WRENS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren	u	u	u	u
___ Winter Wren	u	-	u	u
___ Sedge Wren	o	-	o	o
___ Marsh Wren*	o	-	o	u
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KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	c
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	o	u	u	o
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BLUEBIRDS, THRUSHES AND ROBINS	Sp	S	F	W

___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	o
___ Veery	u	-	u	-
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	-	u	-
___ Swainson's Thrush	u	-	u	-
___ Hermit Thrush	u	-	u	u
___ Wood Thrush*	u	c	u	-
___ American Robin*	c	u	c	u
THRASHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Gray Catbird*	u	o	o	o
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	u
PIPITS	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Pipit	u	-	-	u
WAXWINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cedar Waxwing	u	-	u	u
STARLINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	c
SHRIKES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
VIREOS	Sp	S	F	W
___ White-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	o
___ Solitary Vireo	o	-	o	u
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	o	u	o	-
WARBLERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue-winged Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Golden-winged Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Tennessee Warbler	c	-	u	-
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	-	u
___ Northern Parula*	c	c	u	-
___ Yellow Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	c	-	u	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	r	-	u	-
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	u	u	c	-
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	u	-	o	-
___ Blackburnian Warbler	u	-	o	-
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	u	u	u	-
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	u	-	o	-
___ Prairie Warbler	o	-	-	-
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u	-	o	-
___ Cerulean Warbler	o	-	-	-
___ Black-and-white Warbler	u	o	o	-
___ American Redstart	u	-	u	-
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	u	-
___ Worm-eating Warbler	o	-	-	-
___ Swainson's Warbler	o	o	-	-

___ Ovenbird	u	-	u	-
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	u	u	u	-
___ Kentucky Warbler*	u	u	u	-
___ Nashville Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	u	-
___ Hooded Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u	-	-
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TANAGERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	-
___ Scarlet Tanager	u	-	u	-
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NEW WORLD FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	-	o	-
___ Blue Grosbeak	o	o	-	-
___ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	-
___ Painted Bunting*	u	u	u	-
___ Dickcissel*	c	c	c	-
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SPARROWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	u	u	u	u
___ Chipping Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Field Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Vesper Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Savannah Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Henslow's Sparrow	r	-	-	-
___ Song Sparrow	c	-	c	c
___ Swamp Sparrow	u	-	u	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	u	-	u	c
___ White-crowned Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco	u	-	u	c
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BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, COWBIRDS AND ORIOLES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Bobolink	u	-	o	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	u	c	c
___ Rusty Blackbird	u	-	u	c
___ Brewer's Blackbird	u	-	u	u
___ Common Grackle	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole*	u	c	u	-
___ Northern Oriole	u	c	u	r
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OLD WORLD FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Purple Finch	u	-	u	u
___ American Goldfinch	u	-	u	c
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WEAVER FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ House Sparrow	c	c	c	c

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