

Bald Knob

National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge was established on September 22, 1993 and is one of over 560 National Wildlife Refuges. The refuge is located one-half mile southwest of Bald Knob and is bordered to the west and south by the Little Red River and contains 15,020 acres. It was identified by the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture as a high priority acquisition to meet the habitat conservation goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Management goals of the refuge are: (1) protect and enhance/restore approximately 14,000 acres of agriculture wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests, (2) provide wintering habitat for migrating waterfowl, (3) provide breeding and non-breeding habitat for wood ducks and songbirds, and (4) to provide the public with recreational opportunities (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, nature photography, environmental education, and interpretation).

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Bald Knob, AR 72010
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The refuge operates a large Cooperative Farming Program consisting of over 4,500 acres of rice, soybeans, corn and millet. Moist-soil production and shorebird management are also covered under this farming agreement. Methods utilized in growing rice and other crops also create favorable habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds and other migratory species.

Bald Knob Refuge is noted for extremely high numbers of wintering waterfowl. In fact, the refuge is the largest staging area in Arkansas for northern pintails (over 200,000 recorded in a single day) as they migrate to the wetlands and coastal marshes of Louisiana. Bald eagles also follow the annual waterfowl migration and heavily utilize this refuge with 78 being the record for one day.

Various species of marsh and wading birds frequent the area as do numerous species of raptors. Refuge personnel provide approximately 150 acres of mudflats in the late summer/ early fall

each year for shorebirds. The least tern, peregrine falcon, piping plover and other threatened or endangered species are often seen on the refuge during late July – September.

W - (December-February)

Sp - (March-May)

S - (June-August)

F - (September-November)

Frequencies of Occurrence per Season within Dates Specified:

C = Common to Abundant (*found regularly and in good numbers*)

FC = Fairly Common (*numbers fluctuate between common and uncommon*)

U = Uncommon (*usually found; occurs in low numbers*)

O = Occasional (*usually found a few times during the season*)

R = Rare (*seldom found during the season; includes species that are outside their normal range that occur every 2-3 years*)

V = Vagrant (*outside normal range; not expected*)

* = Confirmed or probably breeder



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	SP	S	F	W
Whistling-Ducks, Geese, Swans and Ducks				
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		V	V	
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck		V	V	
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	C	FC		C
___ Snow Goose	C	C		C
___ Ross's Goose	U	U		U
___ Cackling Goose	R	R		R
___ Canada Goose *	C	C	C	C
___ Trumpeter Swan	V			
___ Wood Duck *	U	FC	FC	FC
___ Gadwall	C	C	R	C
___ American Wigeon	FC	FC	R	FC
___ American Black Duck	R	R		R
___ Mallard	C	C	U	C
___ Mottled Duck		R	R	
___ Blue-winged Teal		C	O	C
___ Cinnamon Teal		V		
___ Northern Shoveler	C	C	R	C
___ Northern Pintail	C	C	R	C
___ Green-winged Teal	C	C	R	C
___ Canvasback	U	U	R	U
___ Redhead	O	O	R	O
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	U	R	O
___ Greater Scaup		V	V	
___ Lesser Scaup		R	R	
___ Bufflehead		R		
___ Common Goldeneye		V		
___ Hooded Merganser	O	O	O	O
___ Red-breasted Merganser		V		
___ Ruddy Duck		FC	R	
Turkey and Quail				
___ Northern Bobwhite *	FC	FC	FC	FC
___ Wild Turkey *	U	U	U	U
Loons				
___ Common Loon		V	V	
Grebes				
___ Pied-billed Grebe *		FC	U	U
___ Eared Grebe		V		
Storks				
___ Wood Stork			R	V
Cormorants and Anhinga				
___ Neotropic Cormorant		V	V	
___ Double-crested Cormorant	O	C	O	O
___ Anhinga *		R	R	
Pelicans, Herons, Ibis and Spoonbills				
___ American White Pelican		U	U	U
___ Brown Pelican			V	
___ American Bittern	V	R		V
___ Least Bittern		R		
___ Great Blue Heron *	C	C	C	C
___ Great Egret *		FC	FC	U
___ Snowy Egret *		U	FC	U
___ Little Blue Heron *		U	U	
___ Tricolored Heron		V	V	
___ Cattle Egret *	V	FC	FC	FC
___ Green Heron *		U	U	

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___ Black-crowned Night-Heron *			U	U
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *			U	U
___ White Ibis *		R	R	R
___ Glossy Ibis		V	V	
___ White-faced Ibis		R	R	R
___ Roseate Spoonbill			R	
Vultures, Kites, Eagles and Hawks				
___ Black Vulture	R	O	O	O
___ Turkey Vulture	O	U	U	U
___ Osprey		R		
___ Mississippi Kite *		U	U	U
___ Bald Eagle *	C	FC	U	FC
___ Northern Harrier	C	FC	V	C
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	O		U
___ Cooper's Hawk *	O	O	R	U
___ Red-shouldered Hawk *	U	U	U	U
___ Broad-winged Hawk		O		O
___ Swainson's Hawk		V		
___ Red-tailed Hawk *	FC	U	U	FC
___ Golden Eagle	V			
Falcons				
___ American Kestrel	U	U	R	U
___ Merlin	O		R	O
___ Peregrine Falcon		O	O	O
Rails, Gallinules, and Cranes				
___ Yellow Rail				R
___ King Rail *		R	R	
___ Virginia Rail		O		
___ Sora		FC		
___ Common Gallinule		V		
___ American Coot	C	C	U	FC
___ Sandhill Crane	V	V		V
Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls and Terns				
___ Black-bellied Plover		O	U	U
___ American Golden-Plover		FC	U	U
___ Semipalmated Plover		O	FC	U
___ Piping Plover		R	R	R
___ Killdeer *	U	C	C	C
___ Black-necked Stilt *		FC	FC	FC
___ American Avocet		O	O	O
___ Spotted Sandpiper		U	U	U
___ Solitary Sandpiper		O	U	U
___ Greater Yellowlegs		C	C	C
___ Willet		R	R	R
___ Lesser Yellowlegs		C	C	C
___ Upland Sandpiper		R	O	O
___ Whimbrel		V		
___ Hudsonian Godwit		R		
___ Marbled Godwit		R	R	R
___ Ruddy Turnstone		R	R	
___ Red Knot		V		
___ Sanderling		R	O	O
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper		FC	FC	FC
___ Western Sandpiper		O	U	U
___ Least Sandpiper		C	C	C
___ White-rumped Sandpiper		FC	V	V
___ Baird's Sandpiper		O	O	O
___ Dunlin		U	U	U
___ Stilt Sandpiper		U	FC	FC

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___Buff-breasted Sandpiper			O	R	___Great Crested Flycatcher *		C	C	
___Ruff		V			___Western Kingbird		V		
___Short-billed Dowitcher		O	U	U	___Eastern Kingbird *		FC	FC	U
___Long-billed Dowitcher		C	C	C	___Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *		C	C	U
___Wilson's Snipe	FC	FC	R	FC	Shrikes				
___American Woodcock		R			___Loggerhead Shrike	O	R	R	R
___Wilson's Phalarope		O	O	O	Vireos				
___Red-necked Phalarope		V	R	R	___White-eyed Vireo *		C	C	U
___Bonaparte's Gull		R			___Bell's Vireo *		U	U	
___Laughing Gull		V	V		___Yellow-throated Vireo		R		
___Franklin's Gull		R			___Blue-headed Vireo		O		
___Ring-billed Gull		R		R	___Warbling Vireo		U		
___Least Tern		O	O	R	___Philadelphia Vireo		U		
___Caspian Tern		R	R		___Red-eyed Vireo *		U	U	
___Black Tern		FC	U		Jays and Crows				
___Common Tern		R			___Blue Jay *	C	C	C	C
___Forster's Tern		O	O	O	___American Crow *	C	C	C	C
Pigeons and Doves					___Fish Crow *		FC	U	FC
___Rock Pigeon *	O	O	O	O	Larks				
___Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	R	R	R	___Horned Lark	O	R		O
___Mourning Dove *	C	C	C	C	Swallows				
Cuckoos and Roadrunners					___Purple Martin		U	U	
___Yellow-billed Cuckoo *		C	C	O	___Tree Swallow		FC	U	FC
___Greater Roadrunner		R	R		___Northern Rough-winged Swallow *		FC	U	FC
Owls					___Bank Swallow		U		U
___Barn Owl *	O	O	O	O	___Cliff Swallow		FC	U	FC
___Eastern Screech-Owl *	R	R	R	R	___Barn Swallow *		C	C	C
___Great Horned Owl *	U	U	U	U	Chickadees and Titmice				
___Barred Owl *	FC	FC	FC	FC	___Carolina Chickadee *	FC	FC	FC	FC
___Short-eared Owl	U			U	___Tufted Titmouse *	C	C	C	C
Nighthawks and Nightjars					Nuthatches				
___Common Nighthawk		O	O	O	___Red-breasted Nuthatch	R			R
___Chuck-will's-widow		R			___White-breasted Nuthatch *	U	U	U	U
Swifts and Hummingbirds					Creepers				
___Chimney Swift *		U	U	U	___Brown Creeper	O			O
___Ruby-throated Hummingbird *			U	U	Wrens				
Kingfishers					___Carolina Wren *	C	C	C	C
___Belted Kingfisher *	U	U	U	U	___House Wren	U	U		U
Woodpeckers					___Winter Wren	U			U
___Red-headed Woodpecker *	O	O	O	O	___Sedge Wren		U		U
___Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C	___Marsh Wren		U		U
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U			U	Kinglets				
___Downy Woodpecker *	FC	FC	FC	FC	___Golden-crowned Kinglet	O			O
___Hairy Woodpecker *		R			___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	U		U
___Northern Flicker *	U	U		U	Gnatcatchers				
___Pileated Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U	___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *		C	C	O
Flycatchers									
___Olive-sided Flycatcher			O						
___Eastern Wood-Pewee *		C	C	U					
___Acadian Flycatcher		C	C						
___Alder Flycatcher		R							
___Willow Flycatcher		R							
___Least Flycatcher		U							
___Eastern Phoebe *	O	U	U	U					

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Bluebirds and Thrushes									
__ Eastern Bluebird *	U	U	U		__ Clay-colored Sparrow		R		
__ Veery		R			__ Field Sparrow *	U	U	U	U
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush		U			__ Vesper Sparrow		O		O
__ Swainson's Thrush		U			__ Lark Sparrow *		O	R	
__ Hermit Thrush	U			U	__ Savannah Sparrow	C	C		C
__ Wood Thrush *		U	U		__ Grasshopper Sparrow *		R	R	
__ American Robin	U	U	U	U	__ Henslow's Sparrow		V		
					__ LeConte's Sparrow	R			R
					__ Nelson's Sparrow				R
					__ Fox Sparrow	U			U
Mockingbirds and Thrashers									
__ Gray Catbird		O		R	__ Song Sparrow	FC	FC		FC
__ Northern Mockingbird *	FC	FC	FC	FC	__ Lincoln's Sparrow		U		U
__ Brown Thrasher *	U	U	U	U	__ Swamp Sparrow	FC	FC		FC
					__ White-throated Sparrow	C	C		C
					__ Harris's Sparrow	R			R
					__ White-crowned Sparrow	U	U	V	U
					__ Dark-eyed Junco	U	U		U
					Tanagers, Cardinals and Grosbeaks				
					__ Summer Tanager *		FC	FC	
					__ Northern Cardinal *	C	C	C	C
					__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U		
					__ Blue Grosbeak *		FC	FC	O
					__ Indigo Bunting *		C	C	FC
					__ Painted Bunting *		O	O	
					__ Dickcissel *		C	C	U
					Blackbirds and Orioles				
					__ Bobolink		FC		O
					__ Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	C	C
					__ Eastern Meadowlark *	U	U	U	U
					__ Western Meadowlark	R			
					__ Yellow-headed Blackbird		V		
					__ Rusty Blackbird	U	U		U
					__ Brewer's Blackbird	U	U		U
					__ Common Grackle *	U	U	U	U
					__ Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	C
					__ Orchard Oriole *		U	U	
					__ Baltimore Oriole		O		
					Finches				
					__ House Finch	O	O	O	O
					__ American Goldfinch	U	U	O	U
					Old World Sparrows				
					__ House Sparrow *	C	C	C	C
					New World Sparrows				
__ Eastern Towhee *	O	O	O	O					
__ American Tree Sparrow	V								
__ Chipping Sparrow	R	O		O					

