

Bird Checklists of the United States

Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge



Gautier, Mississippi

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Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1975 to provide protection for the endangered Mississippi sandhill crane and to preserve and manage the unique plant communities which comprise the crane's critical habitat. The refuge which is in three separate land units of more than 19,000 acres consists of open pine savanna, planted pine plantations, meandering creeks, and food plots.

Savanna soils are acidic and poorly drained and yet they produce an amazing variety of plants. However, the species diversity of birds is low. Spring and fall migrations through the refuge account for many of the listed sightings.

Seasonal Appearance

W - Winter Dec. - Feb.

s - Spring March - May

S - Summer June - August

F - Fall Sept. - Nov.

Seasonal Abundance

a - abundant -- a common species which is very abundant

c - common -- certain to be seen or heard 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 2-5 years
- x - accidental -- has been seen once or twice
- * - Nests on refuge

This checklist includes species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel, ornithologists, and members of the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society. Observations of birds at the West Jackson County Land Treatment Facility, which includes some refuge property, are not included on this checklist. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at the refuge office. We appreciate your efforts in updating our records.

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GREBES	W	s	S	F
___ Pied-billed Grebe	o	-	-	o
PELICANS	W	s	S	F
___ American White Pelican	-	o	-	o
___ Brown Pelican	r	-	-	-
CORMORANTS	W	s	S	F
___ D.C. Cormorant	o	o	-	-
FRIGATEBIRDS	W	s	S	F
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	-	-	-	r
BITTERNS & HERONS	W	s	S	F
___ American Bittern	-	o	-	o
___ Least Bittern	-	u	-	u
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	u	u	u
___ Great Egret	c	u	u	u
___ Snowy Egret	-	u	u	-
___ Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	u
___ Tricolored Heron	u	o	o	o
___ Cattle Egret	o	u	c	u
___ Green Heron*	u	u	u	u
___ B.C. Night-Heron	c	-	-	-
___ Y.C. Night-Heron	-	o	o	-
IBISES	W	s	S	F

___	Purple Gallinule	-	o	o	-
___	Common Moorhen	u	u	u	u
___	American Coot	c	c	o	c

CRANES		W	s	S	F
___	Sandhill Crane*	u	u	u	u

PLOVERS		W	s	S	F
___	Black-bellied Plover	u	o	-	o
___	Semipalmated Plover	u	-	-	o
___	Killdeer*	a	c	u	u

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES		W	s	S	F
___	Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	-	u
___	Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	-	u
___	Solitary Sandpiper	-	u	-	-
___	Spotted Sandpiper	u	-	-	u
___	Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	-	u
___	Western Sandpiper	u	u	-	u
___	Least Sandpiper	u	u	-	u
___	Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	-	u
___	Long-billed Dowitcher	-	o	o	o
___	Common Snipe	u	u	u	u
___	American Woodcock	u	u	-	u

GULLS & TERNS		W	s	S	F
___	Laughing Gull	o	o	o	o
___	Least Tern	-	-	u	-

DOVES		W	s	S	F
___	Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
___	Eurasian Collared-Dove	-	-	r	-
___	Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	a
___	Common Ground Dove	u	u	u	u

CUCKOOS		W	s	S	F
___	Black-billed Cuckoo	-	o	o	u
___	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	u	o	u

BARN OWLS		W	s	S	F
___	Barn Owl	o	o	o	o

OWLS		W	s	S	F
___	Eastern Screech Owl*	u	u	u	u

___	Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___	American Crow*	a	a	a	a
___	Fish Crow	c	c	c	c

SWALLOWS		W	s	S	F
___	Purple Martin*	o	u	u	u
___	Tree Swallow*	-	u	u	u
___	N. Rough-winged Swallow	-	u	u	u
___	Bank Swallow	-	u	u	u
___	Cliff Swallow	-	u	u	u
___	Barn Swallow	-	u	u	u

CHICKADEES & TITMICE		W	s	S	F
___	Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___	Tufted Titmouse*	u	u	u	u

NUTHATCHES		W	s	S	F
___	Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	r	-	-
___	Brown-headed Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c

WRENS		W	s	S	F
___	Carolina Wren*	u	u	u	u
___	House Wren*	c	u	-	u
___	Winter Wren	u	u	-	u
___	Sedge Wren	c	c	-	c
___	Marsh Wren	u	u	-	u

THRUSHES		W	s	S	F
___	Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	u	-	u
___	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	u	-	u
___	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	o	u
___	Eastern Bluebird*	a	c	c	c
___	Veery	u	-	-	u
___	Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	-	-	u
___	Swainson's Thrush	u	-	-	u
___	Hermit Thrush	c	u	-	u
___	Wood Thrush	-	u	u	-
___	American Robin*	a	c	u	c

MIMIC THRUSHES		W	s	S	F
___	Gray Catbird*	u	u	u	u
___	Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___	Brown Thrasher*	a	a	a	a

STARLINGS		W	s	S	F
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___ European Starling*	u	u	u	u
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PIPITS	W	s	S	F
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___ American Pipit	u	u	-	u
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WAXWINGS	W	s	S	F
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___ Cedar Waxwing	a	c	o	c
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WARBLERS & SPARROWS	W	s	S	F
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___ Tennessee Warbler	-	u	-	u
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___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u	-	u	-
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___ Northern Parula*	-	u	u	-
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___ Yellow Warbler	-	u	-	u
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___ Magnolia Warbler	-	-	-	o
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___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	c	u	c
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___ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	-	o
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___ Yellow-throated Warbler	o	-	-	-
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___ Pine Warbler*	c	c	a	c
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___ Prairie Warbler*	-	c	c	u
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___ Palm Warbler	u	o	-	o
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___ Black-and-white Warbler	-	u	-	u
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___ American Redstart	-	u	-	u
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___ Prothonotary Warbler*	-	o	u	o
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___ Worm-eating Warbler	-	u	u	-
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___ Ovenbird	o	o	-	-
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___ Northern Waterthrush	o	o	-	-
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___ Kentucky Warbler	-	u	-	u
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___ Common Yellowthroat*	u	c	c	c
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___ Hooded Warbler*	-	u	c	u
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___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	-	o	u	o
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TANAGERS	W	s	S	F
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___ Summer Tanager	-	u	-	u
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___ Scarlet Tanager	-	u	-	u
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SPARROWS	W	s	S	F
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___ Eastern Towhee*	a	a	a	a
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___ Bachman's Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
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___ Chipping Sparrow	c	u	o	u
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___ Field Sparrow	u	u	u	u
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___ Vesper Sparrow	u	-	-	u
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___ Savannah Sparrow	c	c	o	c
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___ Henslow's Sparrow	c	o	-	o
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___ Le Conte's Sparrow	u	o	-	o
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___ Fox Sparrow	u	u	-	u
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___ Song Sparrow	c	u	-	u
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___ Swamp Sparrow	u	u	-	u
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___ White-throated Sparrow	u	-	u	u
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JUNCOS	W	s	S	F
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c	u	-	u

GROSBEAKS & ALLIES	W	s	S	F
___ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	r	-	r
___ Blue Grosbeak*	o	c	c	c
___ Indigo Bunting*	-	c	c	u
___ Painted Bunting	-	r	-	-
___ Dickcissel	x	-	-	-
___ Bobolink	-	o	-	o
___ Red-winged Blackbird	a	c	c	c
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	u	c
___ Common Grackle	c	c	c	c
___ Boat-tailed Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole*	x	c	c	c
___ Baltimore Oriole	x	u	-	u

FINCHES	W	s	S	F
___ Purple Finch	u	u	-	r
___ House Finch	o	o	o	o
___ American Goldfinch	u	u	-	u

WEAVERS	W	s	S	F
___ House Sparrow	o	o	o	o

NOTES

DATE _____

OBSERVER(S) _____

WEATHER _____

TIME AFIELD _____

SPECIES _____

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