U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



Welcome to the Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge, one of over 500 refuges administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This 4,218 acre refuge is bordered on its East by almost 7 miles of the Tombigbee River, which is part of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. The refuge was established in 1964 in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Coffeeville Lock & Dam Project.

The refuge activities are primarily focused to provide for: threatened/endangered species, maintaining diversity, wildlife dependent recreation, habitat for wintering waterfowl and wood duck production and banding. Over 400 artificial wood duck nesting boxes are maintained for brood production.

The refuge habitat is a combination of hardwood bottomlands, fields, croplands, moist soil units, ponds, and sloughs. This diverse habitat, which lies between 30-50 feet above sea level, combined with its variety of management provides for excellent bird and wildlife watching.



	How to use your checklist	The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:
	Seasonal appearance	 W Winter December - February Sp Spring March - May S Summer June - August F Fall September - November
	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)
S	J.A.	o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
USFWS		s. suspected (not recorded on the refuge, but may occur based on nearby records)

x. accidental (out of normal species range)

known or suspected to have nested on refuge or known to nest locally.





Loone	W	SP	S	F
Loons Common Loon	s			
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Grebes				
Pied-billed Grebe	c			u
Pelicans				
American White Pelican				0
Cormorants				
Double-crested Cormorant	0	s		s
Darters				
*Anhinga		с	с	0
Herons, egrets and allies				
*Great Blue Heron	c	с	с	с
*Great Egret	c	с	c	c
*Snowy Egret *Little Blue Heron		u	c	S
Tricolored Heron		c s	с	u
*Cattle Egret		c c	с	
Green Heron		u	u	
*Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	0	c	c	
Ibises and Spoonbill				
*White Ibis	a	0	с	
Storks				
Wood Stork			u	
New World Vultures				
Black Vulture	c	u	u	u
*Turkey Vulture	c	с	c	с
Duck Coose and Surens				
Duck, Geese and Swans Snow Goose	0			
Canada Goose	o r			r
*Wood Duck	a	a	a	a
Gadwall	c	а	a	а
American Wigeon	c			
American Black Duck	0			
Mallard	a			
Mottled Duck	s			
Blue-winged Teal	u	u		u
Northern Shoveler	0			
Northern Pintail	0			
Green-winged Teal	c			
Canvasback	r			
Redhead	r			

	W	SP	S	F	
Ring-necked Duck	с	~-	~	-	
Lesser Scaup	r				
*Hooded Merganser	u	u	u	u	
Ruddy Duck	s			s	
Hawks, Kites, Eagles and Allies					
Osprey	0	0	0		
Swallow-tailed Kite		u	u		
Mississippi Kite		u	u		
*Bald Eagle	0	0			
adult	0	0			
immature	0	0			
Northern Harrier	0			0	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0			0	
Cooper's Hawk	0			0	
*Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	u	
Broad-winged Hawk		0	0		
Red-tailed Hawk	u				
Caracaras and Falcons					
*American Kestrel	u	0	0	u	
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail *Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u	
	u	u	u	u	
New World Quail					
Northern Bobwhite	r	r	r	r	
Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes					
King Rail	s	\mathbf{s}	s	\mathbf{s}	
Virginia Rail	\mathbf{s}				
Sora	s				
*Purple Gallinule		u	u		
*Common Moorhen		u	u		
American Coot	a	с			
Lapwings and Plovers					
Killdeer	С			с	
Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies					
Lesser Yellowlegs	r				
Spotted Sandpiper		0		0	
Least Sandpiper	s	\mathbf{s}		\mathbf{s}	
Common Snipe	u				
American Woodcock	s	\mathbf{s}			
Skuas, Gulls, Terns and Skimmers					
Laughing Gull		r			

W	SP	S	F
Bonaparte's Gull s	~-	~	-
Ring-billed Gull s			
Herring Gull s			
Capian Tern	r	\mathbf{r}	
Pigeons and Doves			
*Mourning Dove u	u	u	u
Cuckoos, Roadrunners and Anis			
*Yellow-billed Cuckoo	с	с	r
Barn Owls			
Barn Owl s			
Typical Owls			
*Eastern Screech-Owl o	0	s	\mathbf{s}
Great Horned Owl o	0	0	0
*Barred Owl u	u	u	u
Goatsuckers			
Chuck-will's-widow	0	0	
	0	0	
Swifts			
Chimney Swift	u	u	0
Hummingbirds			
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	0	0	
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Kingfishers			
*Belted Kingfisher u	u	u	u
Woodpeckers and Allias			
*Red-headed Woodpecker c	с		с
*Red-bellied Woodpecker a	a	a	a
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker u			0
*Downy Woodpecker c	с	с	с
*Hairy Woodpecker u	u	u	u
*Northern Flicker c	0		с
*Pileated Woodpecker c	с	с	с
Tyrant Flycatchers			
Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u
*Acadian Flycatcher	c	c	r
Eastern Phoebe a	U	e	a
*Great Crested Flycatcher	с	с	
*Eastern Kingbird	c	c	
Shrikes		·	
Loggerhead Shrike s	\mathbf{s}	s	\mathbf{s}

	W	SP	S	F
Vireos				
*White-eyed Vireo	u	a	с	u
Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	0	u
Blue-Headed Vireo	\mathbf{r}			
*Red-eyed Vireo		a	c	
crows and Jays				
*Blue Jay	с	u	u	с
*American Crow	a	a	a	a
*Fish Crow	с	с	с	с
Swallows				
Purple Martin		u	u	
*Northern Rough-winged Swal	low	a	c	u
Barn Swallow		0		
Chickadees and Titmice				
*Carolina Chickadee	a	a	a	a
*Tufted Titmouse	a	a	a	a
Nuthatches				
Brown-headed Nuthatch			\mathbf{r}	
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	s			
Wrens				
*Carolina Wren	с	с	с	с
House Wren		S		r
Winter Wren	u			u
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet	r c	u		r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	u		u
Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers	S			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		u	0	
Thrushes *Eastern Bluebird				
Hermit Thrush	c r	u	u	
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American Robin	а	a	1	C.
Mockingbirds, thrashers and Allies				
Gray Catbird		u		с
Northern Mockingbird	\mathbf{r}			r

Brown Thrasher	W u	SP	${ m s} { m r}$	F u
Starlings				
*European Starling	0	0		
Wagtails and pipits American Pipit	0			
	0			
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing	u			
Wood warblers				
Blue-winged Warbler				\mathbf{r}
*Northern Parula		a	с	\mathbf{r}
Yellow Warbler		r		
Magnolia Warbler				\mathbf{r}
Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	с		c
Black-throated Green Warbler	•			\mathbf{r}
*Yellow-throated Warbler		с	0	
Pine Warbler	u	0		0
Prairie Warbler		r		
Blackpoll Warbler		r		
Black-and-white Warbler		r		\mathbf{r}
*American Redstart		a	u	u
*Prothonotary Warbler		a	u	0
Swainson's Warbler		s		
Ovenbird				r
Louisiana Waterthrush				
s Kentucky Warbler		u	0	
*Common Yellowthroat	с	с	0	c
*Hooded Warbler		с	u	0
*Yellow-breasted Chat		с	0	
Tanagers				
*Summer Tanager		с	0	
Scarlet Tanager		0		
Emberizids				
Eastern Towhee	u	0		0
Chipping Sparrow	0	r		
Savannah Sparrow	u			
Fox Sparrow	s			
Song Sparrow	c			0
Swamp Sparrow	c	-		0
White-throated Sparrow	a	с		0
Dark-eyed Junco	s			
Cardinals, Saltators and Allies				
*Northern Cardinal	a	a	a	a
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		r		



W	SP	S	F
Blue Grosbeak	r		0
*Indigo Bunting	a	с	a
Blackbirds			
Bobolink	u		
*Red-winged Blackbird a	с	с	a
Eastern Meadowlark r			
*Common Grackle u	0	0	u
*Brown-headed Cowbird u	0	0	0
Orchard Oriole	0	0	
Baltimore Oriole	s		
Fringilline and Cardueline Finces and Allies			
Purple Finch s			
House Finch	s	s	
Pine Siskin s	\mathbf{s}		
American Goldfinch c	c		

This 1997-99 revised checklist is based on observations by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service refuge personnel; Elizabeth French, PhD., University of Mobile and associates; Mobile Bay Audubon Society members; and local authorities from Alabama D.C.N.R., Division of Game & Fish. If you should have an unusual sighting or find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in keeping all our records updated.

The refuge is divided into three sections by two wide creeks. Only the north end of the refuge is accessible by vehicle. The rest of the refuge from the mouth of Okatuppa Creek south can only be accessed by boat using the waters of the Tombigbee River, Okatuppa and/or Turkey Creeks.

Please take care not to disturb refuge visitors, or any nesting, feeding or resting birds. <u>DO NOT</u> <u>LITTER</u>. Help prevent the refuge birds from becoming entangled in trash or mistaking garbage for food.

Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

No. of species

Route or area

Observers

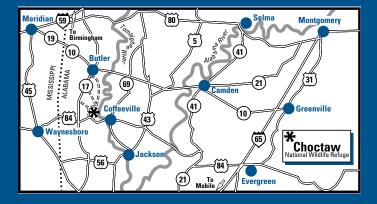
Remarks



This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 808 1310 College Avenue Jackson, AL 36545 662/323 5548 http://www.fws.gov/choctaw U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1 800/344 WILD

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Driving Direction:

From Coffeeville, Alabama take Highway 84 across Tombigbee River going West. Take County Road 21 to Barrytown. Turn right on County Road 14 to refuge road. Watch for refuge signs from Highway 84 on to the refuge.