

**MARTINS & SWALLOWS**

- \_\_\_ Purple Martin **S**
- \_\_\_ Tree Swallow **M**
- \_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow **M**
- \_\_\_ Bank Swallow **M**
- \_\_\_ Cliff Swallow **S**
- \_\_\_ Cave Swallow **P**
- \_\_\_ Barn Swallow **S**

**CHICKADEES & TITMICE**

- \_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee **P**
- \_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse **P**

**NUTHATCHES**

- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch **W**

**CREEPERS**

- \_\_\_ Brown Creeper **W**

**WRENS**

- \_\_\_ Carolina Wren **P**
- \_\_\_ ► Bewick's Wren **W**
- \_\_\_ House Wren **W**
- \_\_\_ Winter Wren **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Sedge Wren **W**
- \_\_\_ Marsh Wren **W**

**KINGLETS**

- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet **W**
- \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet **W**

**GNATCATCHERS**

- \_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher **W**

**THRUSHES**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird **P**
- \_\_\_ Veery **M** (*presumed*)
- \_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush **M** (*presumed*)
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush **M**
- \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Wood Thrush **M**
- \_\_\_ American Robin **W**

**MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS**

- \_\_\_ Gray Catbird **W**
- \_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird **P**
- \_\_\_ Brown Thrasher **W**

**STARLINGS**

- \_\_\_ European Starling **P**

**PIPITS**

- \_\_\_ American Pipit **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Sprague's Pipit **W**

**WAXWINGS**

- \_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing **W**

**WOOD-WARBLERS**

- \_\_\_ ► Blue-winged Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Golden-Winged Warbler **M** (*presumed*)
- \_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler **W**
- \_\_\_ Nashville Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Northern Parula **S**
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler **W**
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler **M**



Yellow-rumped Warbler

- \_\_\_ Pine Warbler **P**
- \_\_\_ ► Prairie Warbler **M** (*presumed*)
- \_\_\_ Palm Warbler **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Bay-breasted Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Cerulean Warbler **M** (*presumed*)
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ American Redstart **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Prothonotary Warbler **S**
- \_\_\_ ► Worm-eating Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Swainson's Warbler **M** (*presumed*)
- \_\_\_ Ovenbird **M**
- \_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Louisiana Waterthrush **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Kentucky Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Mourning Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat **P**
- \_\_\_ Hooded Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Canada Warbler **M**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat **S**

**TANAGERS**

- \_\_\_ Summer Tanager **S**
- \_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager **M**

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS**

- \_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Spotted Towhee **W**
- \_\_\_ Eastern Towhee **W**
- \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Field Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Lark Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Lark Bunting **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Grasshopper Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Henslow's Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Le Conte's Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Harris's Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow **W**
- \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco **W**
- \_\_\_ Lapland Longspur **W**

**CARDINALS & ALLIES**

- \_\_\_ Northern Cardinal **P**
- \_\_\_ Pyrrhuloxia **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak **M**
- \_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak **M**
- \_\_\_ Indigo Bunting **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Painted Bunting **S**
- \_\_\_ ► Dickcissel **S**

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, & ALLIES**

- \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird **P**
- \_\_\_ Eastern Meadowlark **P**
- \_\_\_ Western Meadowlark **W**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-headed Blackbird **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Rusty Blackbird **W**
- \_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird **W**



Blue Grosbeak

- \_\_\_ Common Grackle **P**
- \_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle **P**
- \_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird **P**
- \_\_\_ Orchard Oriole **S**
- \_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole **M rare**
- \_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole **M**

**FINCHES & ALLIES**

- \_\_\_ Purple Finch **W**
- \_\_\_ House Finch **P**
- \_\_\_ Pine Siskin **W**
- \_\_\_ American Goldfinch **W**

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

- \_\_\_ House Sparrow **P**

**ESTRILDID FINCHES**

- \_\_\_ Nutmeg Mannikin **P**

**\*Historically occurring species include**

- \_\_\_ Trumpeter Swan
- \_\_\_ ► Greater Prairie-Chicken
- \_\_\_ ► Whooping Crane
- \_\_\_ ► Eskimo Curlew
- \_\_\_ Groove-billed Ani

**\*Accidental species include**

- \_\_\_ Least Grebe
- \_\_\_ ► Marbled Godwit
- \_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Cassin's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ ► Bachman's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ ► McCown's Longspur
- \_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ Bobolink

**Additional species may occur in nearby**

- neighborhoods, e.g., wintering
- \_\_\_ ► Rufous and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds at feeders

**KATY PRAIRIE HABITATS**

Examples of the diversity of Katy Prairie habitats that has resulted in this checklist containing almost 300 species of birds.



Coastal Prairie



Wetlands



Riparian Forest



Farmland and Ranches

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Attwater's Greater Prairie-Chicken once lived on the Katy Prairie

# KATY PRAIRIE BIRD CHECKLIST



Bald Eagle

September 2009 Update  
by Fred Collins and Robert Honig

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Observers + phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

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This is not a complete list of all species recorded on the Katy Prairie in west Harris, east Waller, and northern Fort Bend Counties, Texas. Species only recorded once, twice, or appearing to be accidental are not included (see note at end of checklist). Currently there is not a central repository for observation data. ... Species names, taxonomic order, and family divisions follow the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds, 7th Edition* and supplements (through the 49th supplement, 2008), <http://www.aou.org/checklist/north/full.php>.

► indicates species of conservation concern listed by the BirdLife International/National Audubon Society Important Bird Area program for Texas including federal and state endangered and threatened species.

**S** = summer resident and migrant; **W** = winter resident and migrant; **M** = migrant only, spring and/or fall; **P** = permanent resident or can occur at any time of year, but does not necessarily breed on the Katy Prairie;

**(presumed)** = presumed to occur; **rare** = not expected every year or season, provide documentation for reports of rare species. Seasons indicated are when expected; there may be out-of-season records for some species.

#### DUCKS, GEESE, & SWANS

- \_\_\_ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck **P**
- \_\_\_ Fulvous Whistling-Duck **S**
- \_\_\_ Greater White-fronted Goose **W**
- \_\_\_ Snow Goose **W**
- \_\_\_ Ross' Goose **W**
- \_\_\_ Cackling Goose **W**
- \_\_\_ Canada Goose **W**
- \_\_\_ Tundra Swan **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Wood Duck **P**
- \_\_\_ Gadwall **W**
- \_\_\_ American Wigeon **W**
- \_\_\_ Mallard **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Mottled Duck **P**
- \_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal **W**
- \_\_\_ Cinnamon Teal **W**
- \_\_\_ Northern Shoveler **W**
- \_\_\_ Northern Pintail **W**
- \_\_\_ Green-winged Teal **W**
- \_\_\_ Canvasback **W**
- \_\_\_ Redhead **W**
- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck **W**
- \_\_\_ Greater Scaup **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Lesser Scaup **W**
- \_\_\_ White-winged Scoter **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Long-tailed Duck **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Bufflehead **W**
- \_\_\_ Common Goldeneye **W**
- \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser **W**
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Duck **W**
- \_\_\_ Masked Duck **W rare**

#### GROUSE AND ALLIES

- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant\* **P**

#### NEW WORLD QUAIL

- \_\_\_ ► Northern Bobwhite\* **P**

#### LOONS

- \_\_\_ Common Loon **W rare**

Northern Bobwhite



#### GREBES

- \_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe **P**
- \_\_\_ Horned Grebe **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Eared Grebe **W**

#### PELICANS

- \_\_\_ American White Pelican **W**

#### CORMORANTS

- \_\_\_ Neotropic Cormorant **S**
- \_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant **W**

#### DARTERS (ANHINGA)

- \_\_\_ Anhinga **S**

#### HERONS, EGRETS, & BITTERNS

- \_\_\_ American Bittern **W**
- \_\_\_ Least Bittern **S**
- \_\_\_ Great Blue Heron **P**
- \_\_\_ Great Egret **P**
- \_\_\_ Snowy Egret **P**
- \_\_\_ ► Little Blue Heron **S**
- \_\_\_ Tricolored Heron **S**
- \_\_\_ Cattle Egret **P**
- \_\_\_ Green Heron **S**
- \_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron **P**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron **S**

#### IBISES & SPOONBILLS

- \_\_\_ White Ibis **P**
- \_\_\_ Glossy Ibis **P rare**
- \_\_\_ ► White-faced Ibis **P**
- \_\_\_ Roseate Spoonbill **S**

#### STORKS

- \_\_\_ ► Wood Stork **S**

#### NEW WORLD VULTURES

- \_\_\_ Black Vulture **P**
- \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture **P**

#### HAWKS & ALLIES

- \_\_\_ Osprey **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Swallow-tailed Kite **M**
- \_\_\_ White-tailed Kite **W**
- \_\_\_ Mississippi Kite **S**
- \_\_\_ ► Bald Eagle **P**
- \_\_\_ ► Northern Harrier **W**
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk **W**
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk **W**
- \_\_\_ Harris's Hawk **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk **P**
- \_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Swainson's Hawk **S**
- \_\_\_ ► White-Tailed Hawk **P**
- \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk **P**
- \_\_\_ ► Ferruginous Hawk **W**
- \_\_\_ Rough-legged Hawk **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Golden Eagle **W rare**

#### FALCONS & CARACARAS

- \_\_\_ ► Crested Caracara **P**
- \_\_\_ American Kestrel **W**
- \_\_\_ Merlin **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Peregrine Falcon **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Prairie Falcon **W rare**

#### RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS

- \_\_\_ ► Yellow Rail **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Black Rail **M rare**
- \_\_\_ King Rail **P**

Crested Caracara



- \_\_\_ Virginia Rail **M**
- \_\_\_ Sora **W**
- \_\_\_ Purple Gallinule **S**
- \_\_\_ Common Moorhen **P**
- \_\_\_ American Coot **P**

#### CRANES

- \_\_\_ Sandhill Crane **W**

#### PLOVERS

- \_\_\_ Black-bellied Plover **M**
- \_\_\_ ► American Golden-Plover **M**
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover **M**
- \_\_\_ Killdeer **P**
- \_\_\_ ► Mountain Plover **W rare**

#### STILTS & AVOCETS

- \_\_\_ ► Black-necked Stilt **S**
- \_\_\_ American Avocet **W**

#### SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, & ALLIES

- \_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Solitary Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs **W**
- \_\_\_ Willet **M rare**
- \_\_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Upland Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Whimbrel **M rare**
- \_\_\_ ► Long-billed Curlew **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Hudsonian Godwit **M**
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Turnstone **M**
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ Western Sandpiper **W**
- \_\_\_ Least Sandpiper **W**
- \_\_\_ White-rumped Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ Baird's Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ Pectoral Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ Dunlin **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Stilt Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Buff-breasted Sandpiper **M**
- \_\_\_ ► Short-billed Dowitcher **M rare**
- \_\_\_ Long-billed Dowitcher **W**
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Snipe **W**
- \_\_\_ ► American Woodcock **W**
- \_\_\_ ► Wilson's Phalarope **M**

#### GULLS & TERNS

- \_\_\_ Laughing Gull **P rare**
- \_\_\_ Franklin's Gull **M**
- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull **W**
- \_\_\_ Herring Gull **W rare**
- \_\_\_ ► Least Tern **S**
- \_\_\_ Caspian Tern **W**
- \_\_\_ Forster's Tern **W**
- \_\_\_ Royal Tern **P rare**

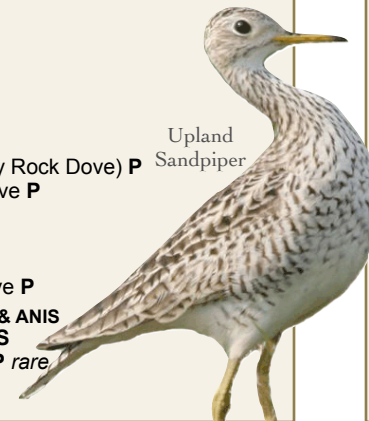
#### PIGEONS & DOVES

- \_\_\_ Rock Pigeon (formerly Rock Dove) **P**
- \_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove **P**
- \_\_\_ White-winged Dove **P**
- \_\_\_ Mourning Dove **P**
- \_\_\_ Inca Dove **P**
- \_\_\_ Common Ground-Dove **P**

#### CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, & ANIS

- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo **S**
- \_\_\_ Greater Roadrunner **P rare**

Upland Sandpiper



#### BARN OWLS

- \_\_\_ Barn Owl **P**

#### TYPICAL OWLS

- \_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl **P**
- \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl **P**
- \_\_\_ ► Burrowing Owl **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Barred Owl **P**
- \_\_\_ Long-eared Owl **W rare**
- \_\_\_ ► Short-Eared Owl **W**

#### NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS

- \_\_\_ Lesser Nighthawk **M rare**
- \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk **S**
- \_\_\_ ► Chuck-Will's-Widow **S**
- \_\_\_ ► Whip-Poor-Will **M**

#### SWIFTS

- \_\_\_ Chimney Swift **S**

#### HUMMINGBIRDS

- \_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird **S**
- \_\_\_ Black-chinned Hummingbird **M rare**

#### KINGFISHERS

- \_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher **W**

#### WOODPECKERS

- \_\_\_ ► Red-headed Woodpecker **P**
- \_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker **P**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **W**
- \_\_\_ Ladder-backed Woodpecker **P**
- \_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker **P**
- \_\_\_ Northern Flicker **W**
- \_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker **P**

#### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- \_\_\_ ► Olive-sided Flycatcher **M**
- \_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee **M**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher **M**
- \_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher **M**
- \_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher **M**
- \_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher **M**
- \_\_\_ Least Flycatcher **M**
- \_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe **W**
- \_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher **W**
- \_\_\_ Ash-throated Flycatcher **W**
- \_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher **S**
- \_\_\_ Great Kiskadee **P rare**
- \_\_\_ Couch's Kingbird **W rare**
- \_\_\_ Western Kingbird **S**
- \_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird **S**
- \_\_\_ ► Scissor-tailed Flycatcher **S**

Loggerhead Shrike

#### SHRIKES

- \_\_\_ ► Loggerhead Shrike **P**

#### VIREOS

- \_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo **S**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo **M**
- \_\_\_ Blue-headed Vireo **W**
- \_\_\_ Warbling Vireo **M**
- \_\_\_ Philadelphia Vireo **M**
- \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo **M**

#### JAYS & CROWS

- \_\_\_ Blue Jay **P**
- \_\_\_ American Crow **P**

#### LARKS

- \_\_\_ ► Horned Lark **P**

