

Central Oklahoma Bird Checklist

Oklahoma City Audubon Society

Date / Time: _____

Location: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

This list, originally prepared by John G. Newell in 1984 from 30 years' accumulated local records, has been updated in 2006 by the Oklahoma City Audubon Society Bird Records Committee. It is designed for use in Central Oklahoma, covering Oklahoma, Canadian, Grady, McClain, Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Lincoln, Payne, Logan, and Kingfisher counties. The two ecoregions found in these counties are "Central Great Plains" and "Cross Timbers." The abundances listed here are estimates for the entire region and (thus) frequently will not reflect populations for any one locality.

Normal Seasonal Distribution

Sp - March, April, May
 S - June, July, August
 F - September, October, November
 W - December, January, February
 * - Known to have nested in area

Usual Habitat Distribution

a - lakes and open shorelines
 b - ponds and streams (open areas - little timber)
 c - marshes: reeds, cattails, sedges, and related growth
 d - riparian: tree- and brush-lined streams and lakes (cottonwoods, willows, etc.)
 e - swamps, bottomland woods, and woodland streams
 f - upland woodlands (oak forests commonly in central Oklahoma)
 g - woodland edges, cut-over brushy areas, roadcuts, roadside brush, also exposed natural cliffs
 h - pastures, grasslands, old fields, cultivated fields
 i - open parks, golf courses, cemeteries - usually with plantings of trees, both deciduous and evergreen
 j - human habitations, gardens and farm buildings

Frequency of Observations

c - common to abundant: species seen regularly, often in numbers
 u - uncommon: present in suitable habitat, usually in small numbers
 r - rare: seldom noted even in suitable habitat
 e - erratic: includes rare migrants and strays as well as irregular seasonal visitants

	Habitat	Sp	S	F	W
GOOSE					
Greater White-fronted Goose	ah	u	-	r	r
Snow Goose	ah	u	-	u	r
Ross's Goose	ah	r	-	r	r
Cackling Goose	ah	u	-	u	r
Canada Goose*	abchi	c	c	c	c
SWAN					
Trumpeter Swan	ah	e	-	e	e
Tundra Swan	ah	e	-	e	e
WATERFOWL					
Wood Duck*	bce	u	u	u	r
Gadwall	ac	c	-	c	c
American Wigeon	ac	c	-	c	u
Mallard*	abc	c	c	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	abc	c	r	c	-
Cinnamon Teal	bc	r	-	r	-
Northern Shoveler	abc	c	-	c	u
Northern Pintail	ac	c	-	c	u
Green-winged Teal	ac	c	-	c	u
Canvasback	ac	u	-	u	u
Redhead	ac	c	-	c	u
Ring-necked Duck	ac	u	-	u	u
Greater Scaup	ac	u	-	r	u
Lesser Scaup	ac	c	-	c	c
Long-tailed Duck	ab	e	-	e	e
Bufflehead	a	u	-	u	u
Common Goldeneye	a	u	-	c	u
Hooded Merganser	abc	u	-	u	r
Common Merganser	a	u	-	u	u
Red-breasted Merganser	a	r	-	r	u
Ruddy Duck	ac	c	-	c	u
GAME BIRDS					
Greater Prairie-chicken	h	e	e	-	-
Wild Turkey*	fg	r	r	r	r
Northern Bobwhite*	gh	c	c	c	c
LOON					
Red-throated Loon	a	e	-	e	r
Pacific Loon	a	e	-	e	r
Common Loon	a	u	-	u	u
Yellow-billed Loon	a	e	-	e	e
GREBE					
Pied-billed Grebe*	abc	u	r	u	r
Horned Grebe	a	u	-	u	r
Red-necked Grebe	a	e	-	e	e
Eared Grebe	a	u	-	u	r
Western Grebe	a	r	-	r	r
PELICAN/CORMORANT					
American White Pelican	a	c	r	c	r
Neotropic Cormorant	abc	r	-	r	r
Double-crested Cormorant*	abc	c	-	c	u
BITTERN					
American Bittern*	c	r	-	r	-
Least Bittern*	c	r	r	r	-

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LONG-LEGGED WADER					
Great Blue Heron*	abcdef	c	u	c	c
Great Egret*	abcdef	c	c	c	r
Snowy Egret*	abcdef	c	c	c	-
Little Blue Heron*	abcdef	c	c	c	-
Tricolored Heron	abcdef	e	-	e	-
Cattle Egret*	dff	c	c	c	-
Green Heron*	bcde	c	c	c	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	bcef	u	c	u	-
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	bce	u	u	u	-
White Ibis	bc	e	-	e	-
Glossy Ibis	bc	e	-	e	-
White-faced Ibis	bc	u	r	u	-
Roseate Spoonbill	ab	-	e	-	-
VULTURE					
Black Vulture	dh	e	e	e	-
Turkey Vulture*	dh	u	u	u	-
BIRDS OF PREY					
Osprey	ad	u	-	u	-
Mississippi Kite*	defi	u	c	c	-
Bald Eagle*	ad	r	r	r	r
Northern Harrier	ch	u	-	u	r
HAWK					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	efg	r	-	r	u
Cooper's Hawk*	efg	r	r	r	u
Harris's Hawk	gh	e	-	e	e
Red-shouldered Hawk*	efg	u	u	u	u
Broad-winged Hawk*	efg	r	u	r	-
Swainson's Hawk*	dgh	u	u	u	-
Red-tailed Hawk*	efg	c	c	c	c
Ferruginous Hawk	h	e	-	e	r
Rough-legged Hawk	ch	-	-	-	e
FALCON					
American Kestrel*	dhi	u	r	u	u
Merlin	efg	r	-	r	u
Peregrine Falcon	dh	r	-	r	e
Prairie Falcon	dh	r	-	r	r
RAIL					
King Rail*	c	r	r	r	-
Virginia Rail	c	r	-	r	-
Sora	c	r	-	r	-
American Coot*	abc	c	r	c	c
Common Moorhen*	c	r	r	r	-
CRANE					
Sandhill Crane	ach	u	-	u	-
Whooping Crane	ach	e	-	e	-
PLOVER					
Black-bellied Plover	a	u	-	r	-
American Golden-Plover	ah	u	-	r	-
Snowy Plover*	a	u	r	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	a	u	r	r	-
Piping Plover	a	r	-	r	-
Killdeer*	ahi	c	c	c	u

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STILT AND AVOCET					
Black-necked Stilt	ac	r	r	r	-
American Avocet	ac	c	r	c	-
OTHER SHOREBIRDS					
Greater Yellowlegs	ac	c	-	c	u
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	u	c	-
Solitary Sandpiper	bc	u	u	u	-
Willet	a	u	r	u	-
Spotted Sandpiper	ab	c	r	c	-
Upland Sandpiper	h	u	r	u	-
Whimbrel	a	e	-	-	-
Long-billed Curlew	ah	r	-	r	-
Hudsonian Godwit	ac	r	-	-	-
Marbled Godwit	ac	r	-	r	-
Ruddy Turnstone	a	r	-	r	-
Sanderling	a	u	r	u	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	a	c	r	r	-
Western Sandpiper	a	u	r	c	-
Least Sandpiper	a	c	r	c	u
White-rumped Sandpiper	a	c	-	-	-
Baird's Sandpiper	a	c	r	c	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	ac	c	r	c	-
Dunlin	a	r	-	r	-
Stilt Sandpiper	a	c	r	c	-
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	ah	r	r	r	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	ac	e	-	r	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	ac	u	r	u	-
Wilson's Snipe	bc	u	-	u	r
American Woodcock*	e	r	e	r	-
Wilson's Phalarope	ab	c	u	c	-
Red-necked Phalarope	a	e	-	r	-
Red Phalarope	a	-	-	r	-
GULL / TERN					
Pomarine Jaeger	a	-	-	e	-
Parasitic Jaeger	a	-	-	e	-
Laughing Gull	ac	e	e	e	-
Franklin's Gull	ac	c	-	c	-
Little Gull	a	-	-	e	-
Bonaparte's Gull	a	r	-	r	u
Ring-billed Gull	a	c	r	c	c
California Gull	ac	e	-	e	-
Herring Gull	a	u	-	u	c
Thayer's Gull	ac	e	-	e	c
Lesser Black-backed Gull	ac	e	-	e	r
Glaucous Gull	a	-	-	-	r
Sabine's Gull	ac	e	-	e	-
Black-legged Kittiwake	ac	e	-	e	-
Caspian Tern	ac	r	-	r	-
Common Tern	a	e	-	e	-
Forster's Tern	ab	u	r	c	r
Least Tern*	ab	r	r	r	-
Black Tern	abc	c	r	c	-

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DOVES						VIREO						THRASHER						Le Conte's Sparrow												
Rock Pigeon*	hj	c	c	c	c	White-eyed Vireo*	fg	r	r	r	-	Gray Catbird*	dg	u	r	u	-		ch	r	-	r	u							
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	ij	c	c	c	c	Bell's Vireo*	g	r	r	r	-	Northern Mockingbird*	dgij	c	c	c	c		deg	u	-	u	r							
White-winged Dove*	ij	r	r	r	r	Black-capped Vireo*	fg	r	r	r	-	Brown Thrasher*	dg	c	c	c	r		bcdgh	c	-	c	c							
Mourning Dove*	ahj	c	c	c	r	Yellow-throated Vireo*	de	r	u	r	-	STARLING---WAXWING						deg	u	-	c	r		ce	r	-	r	r		
Inca Dove	ij	r	r	r	r	Blue-headed Vireo	deg	-	-	r	-	European Starling*	cdhj	c	c	c	c		degh	u	-	u	u		White-throated Sparrow	degh	u	-	u	u
CUCKOO						Warbling Vireo*	deg	u	u	u	-	American Pipit	ah	u	-	u	u		gh	c	-	c	c		Harris's Sparrow	gh	c	-	c	c
Black-billed Cuckoo	dg	r	-	r	-	Philadelphia Vireo	efg	r	-	r	-	Sprague's Pipit	h	r	-	r	r		dgh	u	-	u	u		White-crowned Sparrow	dgh	u	-	u	u
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	dg	c	c	c	-	Red-eyed Vireo*	ef	r	r	r	-	Cedar Waxwing	dghi	c	r	u	c		dghi	c	-	c	c		Dark-eyed Junco	dghi	c	-	c	c
Greater Roadrunner*	gh	r	r	r	r	JAY/CROW						WARBLER						LONGSPUR												
OWL						Blue Jay*	fgi	c	c	c	c	Tennessee Warbler	def	r	-	r	-		hi	-	-	e	e		McCown's Longspur	hi	-	-	e	e
Barn Owl*	ej	r	r	r	u	American Crow*	fgh	c	c	c	c	Orange-crowned Warbler	defg	u	-	u	r		ahi	-	-	r	u		Lapland Longspur	ahi	-	-	r	u
Eastern Screech-Owl*	eg	r	r	r	r	Fish Crow	ade	r	r	r	-	Nashville Warbler	defg	u	-	u	-		hi	-	-	u	u		Smith's Longspur	hi	-	-	u	u
Great Horned Owl*	efg	u	u	u	u	LARK						Northern Parula*	deg	r	u	r	-		hi	-	-	r	r		Chestnut-collared Longspur	hi	-	-	r	r
Snowy Owl	ahi	-	-	e	e	Horned Lark*	ah	u	u	u	u	Yellow Warbler*	dg	u	r	u	-	CARDINAL---DICKCISSEL												
Burrowing Owl*	h	r	r	r	-	SWALLOWS						Chestnut-sided Warbler	efg	r	-	r	-		dgij	c	c	c	c		Northern Cardinal*	dgij	c	c	c	c
Barred Owl*	efg	u	u	u	u	Purple Martin*	a ij	c	c	r	-	Magnolia Warbler	dfg	r	-	r	-		dgi	r	-	r	-		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	dgi	r	-	r	-
Long-eared Owl	ef	-	-	e	e	Tree Swallow*	ae	r	r	r	-	Yellow-rumped Warbler	defg	c	-	c	c		dgi	e	-	-	-		Black-headed Grosbeak	dgi	e	-	-	-
Short-eared Owl	ch	-	-	r	r	Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	acg	u	u	u	-	Black-throated Green Warbler	ef	r	-	r	-		dgh	u	r	u	-		Blue Grosbeak*	dgh	u	r	u	-
NIGHTHAWK/SWIFT						Bank Swallow	acg	r	-	r	-	Blackburnian Warbler	ef	r	-	r	-		dg	r	-	r	-		Lazuli Bunting	dg	r	-	r	-
Common Nighthawk*	gh	c	c	c	-	Cliff Swallow*	g	u	u	r	-	Yellow-throated Warbler*	e	r	r	r	-		dg	c	c	c	-		Indigo Bunting*	dg	c	c	c	-
Common Poorwill	gh	e	e	e	-	Barn Swallow*	abcdij	c	c	c	-	Prairie Warbler	gh	e	e	-	-		g	u	u	r	-		Painted Bunting*	g	u	u	r	-
Chuck-will's-widow*	ef	u	u	-	-	CHICKADEE/TITMOUSE						Palm Warbler	dghi	-	-	r	-		dgh	c	c	u	-		Dickcisse!	dgh	c	c	u	-
Chimney Swift*	hij	c	c	c	-	Carolina Chickadee*	efg	c	c	c	c	Bay-breasted Warbler	ef	r	-	r	-		BLACKBIRD											
HUMMINGBIRD						Tufted Titmouse*	efg	c	c	c	c	Blackpoll Warbler	ef	r	-	r	-		gh	r	-	r	-		Bobolink	gh	r	-	r	-
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	gj	u	u	u	-	NUTHATCH						Black-and-white Warbler*	ef	u	u	u	-		bcdg	c	c	c	c		Red-winged Blackbird*	bcdg	c	c	c	c
Black-chinned Hummingbird	gj	e	e	e	-	Red-breasted Nuthatch	fgi	r	-	r	r	American Redstart	defg	r	-	r	-		h	c	c	c	c		Eastern Meadowlark*	h	c	c	c	c
Rufous Hummingbird	gj	e	e	e	-	White-breasted Nuthatch*	efgi	r	r	r	r	Prothonotary Warbler*	de	u	u	r	-		h	u	-	c	u		Western Meadowlark*	h	u	-	c	u
KINGFISHER						Brown Creeper	efg	r	-	r	r	Ovenbird	ef	r	-	r	-		cdh	u	-	u	u		Yellow-headed Blackbird	cdh	u	-	u	u
Belted Kingfisher*	d	u	u	u	u	WREN						Northern Waterthrush	e	r	-	r	-		bde	-	-	e	e		Rusty Blackbird	bde	-	-	e	e
WOODPECKER						Carolina Wren*	efg	c	c	c	c	Louisiana Waterthrush*	de	u	u	u	-		bde	r	-	r	r		Brewer's Blackbird	bde	r	-	r	r
Red-headed Woodpecker*	defg	r	r	r	r	Bewick's Wren*	fg	u	u	u	u	Kentucky Warbler*	eg	u	u	u	-		bcddegh						Common Grackle*	bcddegh				
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	defg	c	c	c	c	House Wren*	efg	u	r	u	e	Mourning Warbler	deg	r	-	r	-		i	c	c	c	u		Great-tailed Grackle*	bcddegh				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	efi	r	-	r	r	Winter Wren	efg	r	-	r	u	Common Yellowthroat*	cdg	u	u	u	r		i	c	c	c	c							
Ladder-backed Woodpecker*	h	r	r	r	r	Sedge Wren	c	r	-	r	r	Wilson's Warbler	dg	u	-	u	-								Brown-headed Cowbird*	cdeghi	c	c	c	u
Downy Woodpecker*	efg	c	c	c	c	Marsh Wren	c	r	-	r	u	Canada Warbler	dg	r	-	r	-													
Hairy Woodpecker*	efg	r	r	r	r	KINGLET						Yellow-breasted Chat*	dg	r	u	r	-		ORIOLE											
Northern Flicker*	defgh	c	u	c	c	Golden-crowned Kinglet	defg	u	-	u	u	Summer Tanager*	fg	u	u	u	-		dghi	u	r	u	-		Orchard Oriole*	dghi	u	r	u	-
Pileated Woodpecker*	ef	r	r	r	r	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	defg	u	-	u	u	Scarlet Tanager	fg	e	-	e	-		dgi	e	-	e	-		Bullock's Oriole	dgi	e	-	e	-
FLYCATCHER						Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	efg	c	c	r	-	Western Tanager	fg	-	-	e	-		dgi	c	u	u	-		Baltimore Oriole*	dgi	c	u	u	-
Olive-sided Flycatcher	efg	r	-	r	-	THRUSH						Spotted Towhee	deg	u	-	c	u		FINCH											
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	efg	r	r	r	-	Eastern Bluebird*	dghi	u	u	u	u	Eastern Towhee	deg	r	-	r	r		deg	u	-	r	u		Purple Finch	deg	u	-	r	u
Acadian Flycatcher	e	r	-	-	-	Mountain Bluebird	hi	-	-	-	e	Cassin's Sparrow	h	r	r	-	-		dij	c	c	c	c		House Finch*	dij	c	c	c	c
Alder Flycatcher	eg	r	-	r	-	Townsend's Solitaire	efg	-	-	-	e	American Tree Sparrow	dgh	-	-	-	u		i	e	-	e	e		Red Crossbill	i	e	-	e	e
Willow Flycatcher	eg	r	-	r	-	Veery	efg	r	-	-	-	Chipping Sparrow	dghi	c	r	u	r		dgh	u	-	u	u		Pine Siskin	dgh	u	-	u	u
Least Flycatcher	deg	u	r	u	-	Gray-cheeked Thrush	efg	r	-	-	-	Clay-colored Sparrow	dghi	u	-	u	-		dgh	c	r	u	c		American Goldfinch*	dgh	c	r	u	c
Eastern Phoebe*	degj	c	c	c	-	Swainson's Thrush	efg	u	-	r	-	Field Sparrow*	gh	u	u	u	r													
Great Crested Flycatcher*	defg	u	u	u	-	Hermit Thrush	ef	r	-	r	r	Vesper Sparrow	gh	c	-	c	r		DATE											
Western Kingbird*	hi	c	c	u	-	Wood Thrush*	efg	r	r	r	-	Lark Sparrow*	gh	c	u	u	-		NOTES											
Eastern Kingbird*	dghi	c	c	u	-	American Robin*	ehi	c	c	c	c	Savannah Sparrow	dghi	c	-	c	u		<hr/>											
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	dhi	c	c	c	-							Grasshopper Sparrow*	h	u	u	r	-	<hr/>												
SHRIKE																		<hr/>												
Loggerhead Shrike*	ghi	r	r	r	r													<hr/>												