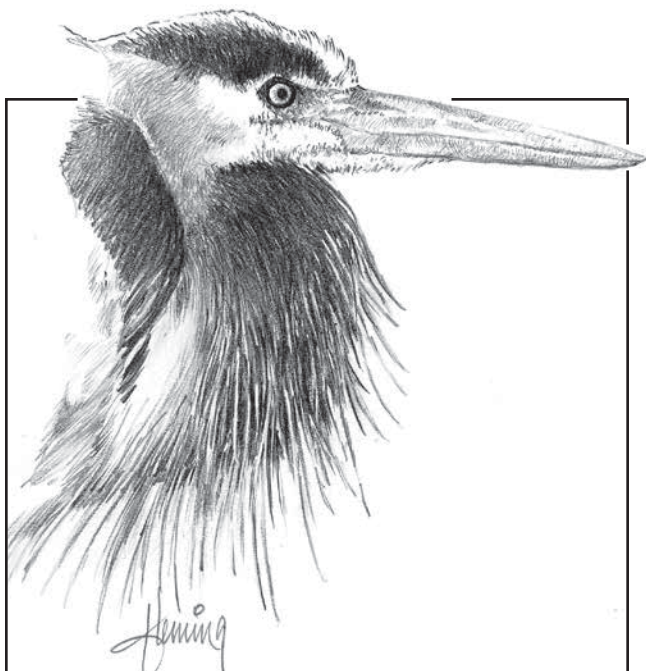


TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

BIRDS

OF

EISENHOWER STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2018

INTRODUCTION

Eisenhower State Park, located on the edge of Lake Texoma, is part of the Cross Timbers and Blackland Prairies regions of Texas. The hillsides and ravines of the park are heavily wooded with eastern red cedar, ash, and cedar elm trees. Older trees in the park include red oak, chinquapin oak, post oak, and bois d'arc. Small areas of pocket prairies feature colorful wildflowers and tall grasses. The rocky limestone shoreline represents a third of the habitat in the park and offers the best vistas for seeing shorebirds.

This checklist represents species seen on Eisenhower Road leading into the park, from the park's shoreline, and within the park boundaries. Because we are interested in maintaining and revising this checklist, we solicit your help and ask that you share new and unusual sightings and/or comments on the status of the park's birdlife with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. You may leave your sightings at the park headquarters (Eisenhower State Park, 50 Park Rd. 20, Denison, Texas 75020) or mail them to the Natural Resource Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

The nomenclature and organization of this listing follow the American Ornithologist's Union *Check-list of North American Birds*, 7th edition as currently supplemented. This list was first compiled by Terry Ferguson in 2003 and updated by Texas Master Naturalist Jack Chiles in 2018.

Please help us protect the natural avian communities in our parks by refraining from using playback tapes of bird songs. Frequent use of these tapes disrupts normal avian activity patterns and essential territorial behavior, and may lead to nest failure. Thank you for your cooperation.

LEGEND

Abundance

- c – Common (Present, easy to find)
- f – Fairly common (Present, should see or hear)
- u – Uncommon (Present, harder to find)
- r – Rare (Present, hard to find, or may not occur every year)
- x – Accidental (not usually present, lost, result of an event)

Seasons

- Sp – Spring (March, April, May)
- S – Summer (June, July, August)
- F – Fall (September, October, November)
- W – Winter (December, January, February)

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CHECKLIST

	Sp	S	F	W
SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS				
_____ Greater White fronted Goose			r	r
_____ Snow Goose			x	
_____ Canada Goose	r	r	r	r
_____ Wood Duck	r		r	
_____ Gadwall	u		u	u
_____ American Wigeon.....	u		u	u
_____ Mallard.....	c	r	f	c
_____ Blue winged Teal.....	r		r	r
_____ Northern Shoveler	u		u	u
_____ Northern Pintail	u		u	u
_____ Green winged Teal	u		u	u
_____ Canvasback	u		u	u
_____ Redhead	u		u	u
_____ Ring necked Duck.....	u			u
_____ Lesser Scaup.....			u	u
_____ Common Goldeneye.....			r	
_____ Bufflehead.....			u	u
_____ Hooded Merganser	u			u
_____ Red-breasted Merganser.....	r			r
_____ Ruddy Duck				u
TURKEYS, QUAIL				
_____ Northern Bobwhite	r			
_____ Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
GREBES				
_____ Pied billed Grebe.....	u		u	u
_____ Western Grebe				x
PIGEONS, DOVES				
_____ Rock Dove	u	u	u	u
_____ Eurasian Collared Dove.....	u	u	u	u
_____ White-winged Dove	u	u	u	u
_____ Inca Dove	u	u	u	u
_____ Mourning Dove	f	u	u	u
CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS				
_____ Yellow billed Cuckoo.....	u	u	u	
_____ Greater Roadrunner	u	u	u	u
GOATSUCKERS				
_____ Common Nighthawk	u	u	u	
_____ Chuck-will's-widow.....	f	f	r	
SWIFTS				
_____ Chimney Swift.....	u	u	u	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
_____ Ruby throated Hummingbird	f	f	f	
GALLINULES, COOTS				
_____ American Coot	f		f	f
CRANES				
_____ Sandhill Crane.....			r	
PLOVERS				
_____ Killdeer	f	f	f	f

	Sp	S	F	W
SANDPIPER				
_____ Greater Yellowlegs.....	u			
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs.....	u		u	
_____ Solitary Sandpiper.....			u	
_____ Spotted Sandpiper.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Western Sandpiper.....	r		r	
_____ Least Sandpiper.....	u		u	u
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper.....	r		u	
_____ Wilson's Snipe.....			u	u
GULLS, TERNS				
_____ Franklin's Gull.....	f		f	r
_____ Bonaparte's Gull.....	u		u	u
_____ Ring billed Gull.....	c		c	c
_____ Herring Gull.....	u		u	u
_____ Forster's Tern.....	f		f	f
LOONS				
_____ Common Loon.....	f		u	f
CORMORANTS				
_____ Neotropic Cormorant.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Double crested Cormorant.....	f		f	f
PELICANS				
_____ American White Pelican.....	u		u	u
HERONS, EGRETS				
_____ Great Blue Heron.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Great Egret.....	f	f	f	
_____ Snowy Egret.....	f	f	u	

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Little Blue Heron.....	f	u	u	
_____ Cattle Egret	u	u	u	
_____ Green Heron.....	u	u	u	
_____ Black crowned Night Heron			r	
_____ Yellow crowned Night Heron		r		
IBISES, SPOONBILLS				
_____ White faced Ibis			r	
VULTURES				
_____ Black Vulture	f	f	f	f
_____ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS				
_____ Osprey.....	r	r	r	r
_____ Mississippi Kite.....	f	f		
_____ Bald Eagle	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Harrier	u		u	u
_____ Sharp shinned Hawk	u		u	u
_____ Cooper's Hawk.....	u	r	u	u
_____ Red shouldered Hawk.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Red tailed Hawk.....	u	r	u	f
TYPICAL OWLS				
_____ Eastern Screech Owl	u	u	u	u
_____ Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
_____ Barred Owl			r	
KINGFISHERS				
_____ Belted Kingfisher.....	f	f	f	f

	Sp	S	F	W
WOODPECKERS				
_____ Red headed Woodpecker.....		r		
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
_____ Yellow bellied Sapsucker	r		u	f
_____ Downy Woodpecker.....	f	f	f	f
_____ Hairy Woodpecker.....	r	r	r	r
_____ Northern Flicker	f		u	c
_____ Pileated Woodpecker.....	r			
FALCONS				
_____ American Kestrel.....	f		u	f
TYPICAL FLYCATCHERS				
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee.....	u	u		
_____ Least Flycatcher	u		u	
_____ Empidonax sp.	u		u	
_____ Eastern Phoebe.	c	c	c	c
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher.	f	f	u	
_____ Western Kingbird.	u	u		
_____ Eastern Kingbird.....	f	r		
_____ Scissor tailed Flycatcher	c	c	c	
SHRIKES				
_____ Loggerhead Shrike.....	r	r	r	u
VIREOS				
_____ White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
_____ Blue-headed Vireo.....	u		u	
_____ Warbling Vireo	u			

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Red-eyed Vireo	u	u	u	
JAYS, CROWS				
_____ Blue Jay	c	f	c	c
_____ American Crow	c	c	c	c
SWALLOWS				
_____ Purple Martin	u	u	u	
_____ Tree Swallow			r	
_____ Northern Rough winged Swallow	r	r		
_____ Cliff Swallow	u	u	u	
_____ Barn Swallow	u	u	u	
CHICKADEES, TITMICE				
_____ Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
_____ Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c
NUTHATCHES				
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch.....	u	u	u	u
CREEPERS				
_____ Brown Creeper	u		u	u
WRENS				
_____ House Wren	r		r	r
_____ Carolina Wren.....	c	c	c	c
_____ Bewick's Wren	u	u	u	u
GNATCATCHERS				
_____ Blue gray Gnatcatcher.....	c	c	c	
KINGLETS				
_____ Golden crowned Kinglet	u		r	u
_____ Ruby crowned Kinglet	c		f	c

	Sp	S	F	W
THRUSHES				
_____ Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c
_____ Swainson's Thrush	u			
_____ Hermit Thrush	u			u
_____ American Robin	c	u	c	c
MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS				
_____ Gray Catbird	r	x	r	
_____ Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
STARLINGS				
_____ European Starling	c	c	c	c
WAXWINGS				
_____ Cedar Waxwing	c			c
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
_____ House Sparrow	c	c	c	c
FINCHES				
_____ Purple Finch	r		r	r
_____ House Finch	u	u	u	u
_____ Pine Siskin	u		r	u
_____ American Goldfinch	c		u	c
PIPITS				
_____ American Pipit	u			u
SPARROWS				
_____ Eastern Towhee	u		u	u
_____ Spotted Towhee	u		u	u
_____ American Tree Sparrow	x			x

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Chipping Sparrow.....	f		u	f
_____ Field Sparrow.....	u	r	u	u
_____ Vesper Sparrow.....	u		u	u
_____ Lark Sparrow	u	u	u	r
_____ Savannah Sparrow	u		u	u
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow	r			
_____ Fox Sparrow	u			u
_____ Song Sparrow.....	c		c	c
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	f		u	f
_____ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
_____ White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	c
_____ Harris' Sparrow.....	c		c	c
_____ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBRIDS, ORIOLES

_____ Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c
_____ Eastern Meadowlark.....	f	f	f	f
_____ Western Meadowlark	r			r
_____ Brewer's Blackbird				r
_____ Great-tailed Grackle	u	u		
_____ Common Grackle.....	u	u	u	r
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird	u	u	u	u
_____ Orchard Oriole.....	u	u		
_____ Baltimore Oriole	u	u	u	

WOOD-WARBLERS

_____ Tennessee Warbler	u			
_____ Orange crowned Warbler.....	u		u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
_____ Nashville Warbler.....	f		u	
_____ Yellow Warbler	f		f	
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	c		c	c
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
_____ Black and white Warbler	u	u	u	
_____ Blackpoll Warbler	r			
_____ American Redstart	u			
_____ Common Yellowthroat.....	u		u	
_____ Wilson's Warbler	u		u	

TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS

_____ Summer Tanager.....	u	u	u	
_____ Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	r		r	
_____ Blue Grosbeak.....	f	f		
_____ Indigo Bunting	f	f	u	
_____ Painted Bunting.....	f	f	f	
_____ Dickcissel.....	f	f	u	

CITATION

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