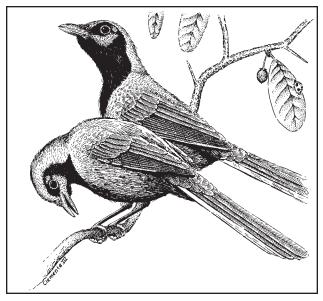
BIRDS

OF

LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI

STATE PARK



A FIELD CHECKLIST

INTRODUCTION

he brush-covered slopes, open waters, and quiet, sometimes marshy margins of Lake Corpus Christi and the lush riparian woodlands along the Nueces River combine to form a localized area whose birdlife is rich and diverse.

Lake Corpus Christi State Park represents one of the few remaining stands of Tamaulipan thorn scrub, sometimes called by the local people chaparral, in the nearby vicinity of metropolitan Corpus Christi. The park and nearby natural areas are an important landfall for migrating birds and play an even greater role in the conservation of plants and animals native to the mesquite grassland of South Texas. Indicated abundance refers to species at the proper season in appropriate habitat (see legend). The checklist was compiled by Gene W. Blacklock, co-author, *Birds of Texas, A Field Guide*, Texas A&M Press, 1994 and *Birds of the Texas Coastal Bend*, Texas A&M Press, 1985. Nomenclature and organization are based upon the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds* (7 ed. as currently supplemented).

You may contribute to our knowledge of park birdlife by reporting sightings of rare, casual or accidental records to area officials. Please request Bird Sighting Report Forms available at park headquarters. Return the completed forms to the Natural Resources Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744; or leave them at the park headquarters.

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LEGEND

Abundance

A - Abundant: 50+ seen in one day

C – Common: 10+ seen in one day

U – Uncommon: fewer than 5 per day

R - Rare: 1-5 records each season

I – Irregular: erratic and unpredictable but can be common

Ca - Casual: 5-10 records in a decade

Acc - Accidental: not normally expected

Seasons

SPG – Spring: March 15 – June 15

SUM – Summer: June 15 – September 15

FAL – Fall: September 15 – November 15

WIN – Winter: November 15 – March 15

Migration (Timelines): Spring - March 15 through June 15;

Fall - June 15 through January 15

Other Notes

0 - Overhead: usually only seen flying over

* - Has nested

Section titles include the bird order (-iformes) until we reach Passeriformes. In Passeriformes, families (-idae) are used due to the breadth of the order.

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CHECKLIST

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Anseriformes – WATERFOWL				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	C	C*	C	C
Fulvous-whistling-Duck	I	I*	I	Ca
Snow Goose	R/O		R/0	U/O
Ross's Goose	Ca/O		Ca/O	R/O
Greater White-fronted Goose	R/0		R/0	U/0
Cackling Goose	Ca/O		Ca/O	R/O
Canada Goose	Ca/O		Ca/O	Ca/O
Tundra Swan				Acc
Egyptian Goose	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca
Wood Duck	Ca	Ca*	Ca	U
Blue-winged Teal	A	R*	A	C
Cinnamon Teal	R		R	U
Northern Shoveler	C	Acc	C	C
Gadwall	C		C	C
American Widgeon	C		C	C
Mallard	Ca	Ca*	Ca	U
Mottled Duck	C	C*	C	C
Northern Pintail	C		C	C
Green-winged Teal	A		A	C
Canvasback	R/O		R/0	U/0
Redhead	R/O		R/0	U
Ring-necked Duck	R		R	C
Greater Scaup				Ca
Lesser Scaup	Ca		Ca	C

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
_ White-winged Scoter				Acc
_ Bufflehead	R		R	U
_ Common Goldeneye	Ca		Ca	Ca
_ Hooded Merganser	R		R	U
_ Red-breasted Merganser	Ca		Ca	R
_ Masked Duck	Ca	Ca*	Ca	Ca
_ Ruddy Duck	R	R*	R	U
iformes – LANDFOWL				
_ Plain Chachalaca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca
_ Northern Bobwhite	R	R*	R	R
_Scaled Quail	Acc	Acc*	Acc	Acc
_ Wild Turkey	Ca	Ca*	Ca	Ca
icipediformes – GREBES				
_ Least Grebe	R	R*	R	R
Pied-billed Grebe	U	R*	U	U
_ Horned Grebe				I
_ Eared Grebe	R		R	U
ımbiformes – PIGEONS and DOVI	ES			
_ Rock Pigeon	U	U*	U	U
_ Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U*	U	U
_ Inca Dove	R	R*	R	R
_ Common Ground-Dove	U	U^*	U	U
_ White-tipped Dove	C	C*	C	R
_ White-winged Dove	A	A*	A	U

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Cuculiformes – CUCKOOS				
Groove-billed Ani	R	U*	R	Ca
Greater Roadrunner	U	U*	U	U
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C*	C	Ca
Black-billed Cuckoo	R		R	
Caprimulgiformes – NIGHTHAWKS ar	nd NIGHTJ.	ARS		
Lesser Nighthawk	R	R	R*	Ca
Common Nighthawk	U	U^*	U	
Common Pauraque	C	C*	C	C
Common Poorwill	I		I	
Chuck-will's-widow	C		C	Ca
Eastern Whip-poor-will	R		R	
Apodiformes – SWIFTS and HUMMING	GBIRDS			
Chimney Swift	A/O	C/O*	C/O	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	A	R	A	Ca
Black-chinned Hummingbird	C	R*	C	Ca
Rufous Hummingbird	U		U	R
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	R		R	Ca
Buff-bellied Hummingbird	U	U^*	U	R
Gruiformes – MARSHBIRDS				
King Rail	Ca		Ca	Ca
Virginia Rail	Ca		Ca	Ca
Sora	U		U	U
Common Gallinule	U	U^*	U	U
American Coot	C	R*	C	A

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Purple Gallinule	R	R*	R	Ca
Sandhill Crane	C/O		C/O	C/0
Charadriiformes – SHOREBIRDS				
Black-necked Stilt	R	R*	R	Ca
American Avocet	R	R	R	R
Black-bellied Plover	R		R	R
American Golden-Plover	U/0		Ca/O	
Killdeer	C/O	R*	C/O	C/O
Semipalmated Plover	R		R	R
Piping Plover	A		A	A
Wilson's Plover	A	Ca	A	
Mountain Plover	A		A	Ca
Snowy Plover	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca
Upland Sandpiper	C/O	R/O	C/O	
Whimbrel	Ca		Ca	
Long-billed Curlew	U	Ca	U	U
Hudsonian Godwit	Ca		Ca	
Marbled Godwit	R		R	R
Ruddy Turnstone	A		A	A
Red Knot	A		A	
Stilt Sandpiper	R		R	Ca
Sanderling	Ca		Ca	Ca
Dunlin	R		R	R
Baird's Sandpiper	U		U	
Least Sandpiper	C	Ca	C	C
White-rumped Sandpiper	U		U	

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	C/O		C/O	
Pectoral Sandpiper	C/O		C/O	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Ca		Ca	
Western Sandpiper	U	Ca	U	U
Short-billed Dowitcher	A		A	
Long-billed Dowitcher	R	Ca	R	R
American Woodcock	I		I	I
Wilson's Snipe	C		C	C
Spotter Sandpiper	C	Ca	C	C
Solitary Sandpiper	U		U	Ca
Lesser Yellowlegs	U/0		U/0	R
Willet	R	Ca	R	Ca
Greater Yellowlegs	U/0	Ca	U/0	U
Wilson's Phalarope	U		U	
Pomarine Jaeger		A	A	
Parasitic Jaeger		A	A	
Laridae – GULLS and TERNS				
Black-legged Kittiwake				Ca
Bonaparte's Gull	Ca		Ca	Ca
Laughing Gull	A	C	A	C
Franklin's Gull	A/O		A/O	Ca
Ring-billed Gull	U	Ca	U	U
Herring Gull	R	Ca	R	R
Sooty Tern	A	A	A	
Least Tern	R	R	R	
Gull-billed Tern	U	U	U	Ca

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Caspian Tern	U	U	U	U
Black Tern	C		C	
Common Tern	A		A	Ca
Forster's Tern	C	U	C	U
Royal Tern	R	R	U	Ca
Sandwich Tern	R	R	R	A
Black Skimmer	R	R	R	A
Gaviiformes – LOONS				
Pacific Loon			Ca	Ca
Common Loon	R		R	R
Ciconiiformes – STORKS				
Wood Stork	U/0	R/0	U/0	Ca
Suliformes – FRIGATEBIRDS and CORM	10RANT	S		
Magnificent Frigatebird	A	A	A	
Anhinga	C/O	R*	C/O	R
Double-crested Cormorant	C	R	C	C
Neotropic Cormorant	С	C*	C	C
Pelecaniformes – PELICANS and WADIN	NGBIRDS	3		
American White Pelican	C/O	R	A/O	C
Brown Pelican	R	R	R	Ca
American Bittern	Ca	I	Ca	R
Least Bittern		U^*	R	
Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	U
Great Egret	U	U	U	U

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN	
Snowy Egret	U	U	U	U	
Little Blue Heron	R	R	R	R	
Tricolored Heron	R	R	U	R	
Reddish Egret	Ca	Ca	R	A	
Cattle Egret	C/O	C/O	C/O	R/0	
Green Heron	U	U*	U	R	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	R	U	R	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	U	R	U	Ca	
White Ibis	U	U	U	U	
White-faced Ibis	U/0	R	U/0	R	
Roseate Spoonbill	U	U	U	R	
thartiformes – VULTURES					
Black Vulture	A/O	U*	A/O	C	
Turkey Vulture	A/O	C*	A/0	C	
cipitriformes – KITES and HAWKS					
Osprey	U	Ca	U	U	
White-tailed Kite	R	R*	R	Ca	
Swallow-tailed Kite	R		R		
Golden Eagle	R		U	R	
Northern Harrier	C		C	U	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U	
Cooper's Hawk	U	R*	U	U	
Northern Goshawk				Ca	
Bald Eagle	R	R	R	R	
Mississippi Kite	A/O	R	A/0	A	

SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
R	R*	R	R
R/O	R/O	R/O	R/O
Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca
U	U*	U	U
A/O	Ca	A/O	
A/O	R	A/O	Ca
Ca		Ca	Ca
C	R*	C	U
Ca		Ca	R
U	U*	U	U
U	U*	U	U
U	U*	U	U
			I
R	R*	R	R
			Ca
R	R	R	R
U		U	U
R	R"	R	R
I		I	I
C	C*	C	C
		Ca	Ca
R		U	U
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	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Red-naped Sapsucker	R		R	R
Downy Woodpecker			Ca	Ca
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	U	U*	U	U
Northern Flicker	R		R	U
lconiformes – FALCONS				
Crested Caracara	U	U*	U	U
American Kestrel	U		U	U
Merlin	R		R	R
Peregrine Falcon	R		R	R
Prairie Falcon			Ca	Ca
rannidae – FLYCATCHERS				
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	Ca	Ca	Ca	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	R	R*	R	R
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	Ca	C	Ca
Brown-crested Flycatcher	C	C*	C	Ca
Great Kiskadee	U	U*	U	U
Couch's Kingbird	C	C*	C	R
Western Kingbird	U	R*	U	
Eastern Kingbird	C	Ca*	C	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	U*	C	Ca
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U	
Western Wood-Pewee			Ca	Ca
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C		C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	C		C	Ca
Acadian Flycatcher	U	Ca	U	

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Alder Flycatcher	R		R	
Willow Flycatcher	U		U	Ca
Least Flycatcher	C		C	Ca
Dusky Flycatcher			Ca	Ca
Cordilleran Flycatcher			Ca	Ca
Black Phoebe	R		R	R
Eastern Phoebe	C		C	C
Say's Phoebe	R		R	R
Vermillion Flycatcher	U	Ca*	U	U
Vireonidae – VIREOS				
White-eyed Vireo	C	C*	C	U
Bell's Vireo	R	Ca*	R	
Yellow-throated Vireo	U		R	
Cassin's Vireo	Ca			
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	U
Plumbeous Vireo	R		R	R
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U	
Warbling Vireo	C		C	
Red-eyed Vireo	C		C	Ca
Yellow-green Vireo		Ca		
Laniidae – SHRIKES				
Loggerheaded Shrike	U	U*	U	U
Corvidae – JAYS and ALLIES				
Green Jay	R	R*	C	C
Blue Jay	I		I	I

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
American Crow	A			
Chihuahuan Raven	A	A	A	A
Remizidae and Paridae – VERDIN and	CHICKAI	DEES		
Verdin	U	U^*	U	U
Carolina Chickadee	I	I	I	I
Black-crested Titmouse	U	U*	U	U
Alaudidae and Hirundinidae – LARKS	and SWA	LLOWS		
Horned Lark	R		R	R
Bank Swallow	C/O		C/O	Ca
Tree Swallow	C/O	R/O	C/O	R/O
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C/O		C/O	Ca
Purple Martin	A/O	U^*	A/O	Ca
Barn Swallow	A/O	R*	A/O	Ca
Cliff Swallow	C	C*	C	
Cave Swallow	U	U*	U	R
Regulidae – KINGLETS				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		R	R
Bombycillidae – WAXWINGS				
Cedar Waxwing	C		R	C
Sittidae and Certhiidae – NUTHATCHES	S and CR	EEPERS		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	I		I	I
White-breasted Nuthatch				A
Brown Creeper	R		R	R

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Polioptilidae – GNATCATCHERS				
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	C	R*	C	C
Troglodytidae – WRENS				
Rock Wren				A
House Wren	C		C	C
Winter Wren	I		I	I
Sedge Wren	U		U	U
Marsh Wren	U		U	U
Carolina Wren	U	U*	U	U
Bewick's Wren	R	R*	R	U
Cactus Wren	Ca	Ca*	Ca	Ca
Mimidae and Sturnidae – THRASI	HERS and STA	ARLINGS		
Gray Catbird	U		U	R
Curve-billed Thrasher	Ca	Ca*	Ca	Ca
Brown Thrasher	R		R	R
Long-billed Thrasher	U	U*	C	C
Sage Thrasher				Ca
Northern Mockingbird	C	C*	A	A
European Starling	R	R*	R	U
Turdidae – THRUSHES				
Eastern Bluebird	U	R*	U	C
Mountain Bluebird			I	I
Veery	U		R	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		R	
Swainson's Thrush	C		U	Ca

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Hermit Thrush	U		U	U
Wood Thrush	C		C	Ca
Clay-colored Thrush		Ca	Ca	
American Robin	I		U	I
Passeridae – OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
House Sparrow	R	R*	R	R
Motacillidae – PIPITS				
American Pipit	U		U	C
Sprague's Pipit	R		R	R
Fringillidae – FINCHES				
House Finch	Ca	Ca*	Ca	Ca
Purple Finch			Ca	Ca
Red Crossbill				I
Pine Siskin	R		Ca	R
Lesser Goldfinch	R	R*	R	R
American Goldfinch	C		C	C
Passerellidae – SPARROWS				
Cassin's Sparrow	R	Ca*	R	Ca
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	R*	U	U
Olive Sparrow	U	U*	U	U
Black-throated Sparrow	I	Ca*	I	I
Lark Sparrow	U	U*	U	R
Lark Bunting	I		I	I
Chipping Sparrow	C		C	C

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Clay-colored Sparrow	U		U	Ca
Field Sparrow	C	Ca*	U	C
Brewer's Sparrow				Ca
Fox Sparrow	R		R	R
Dark-eyed Junco	Ca			Ca
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	U
Harris's Sparrow				Ca
White-throated Sparrow	C		U	C
Vesper Sparrow	U		U	U
Le Conte's Sparrow	U		U	U
Savannah Sparrow	c		C	C
Song Sparrow	R		R	R
Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C	C
Swamp Sparrow	U		U	U
Green-tailed Towhee				I
Spotted Towhee	R		R	R
Eastern Towhee	R		R	R
Icteriidae – CHATS				
Yellow-breasted Chat	C		C	Ca
Icteridae – ORIOLES and BLACKBIRDS				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	R		R	Ca
Bobolink	Ca		A	
Eastern Meadowlark	R	R*	R	R
Western Meadowlark	C		C	C
Orchard Oriole	C	R*	C	Ca

	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Hooded Oriole	R	R*	R	Ca
Bullock's Oriole	R	R*	R	Ca
Audubon's Oriole	R	R*	I	R
Baltimore Oriole	C		C	Ca
Red-winged Blackbird	A/O	U*	A/O	A/O
Bronzed Cowbird	C	C*	C	R
Brown-headed Cowbird	A/O	U*	A/O	A/O
Brewer's Blackbird	U		U	U
Common Grackle	I	R*	R	R
Great-tailed Grackle	A/O	C*	A/0	A/O
Parulidae – WOOD WARBLERS				
Ovenbird	U		U	Ca
Worm-eating Warbler	U		U	
Louisiana Waterthrush	U		U	
Northern Waterthrush	C		C	Ca
Blue-winged Warbler	R		R	
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C	R
Prothonotary Warbler	R		R	
Swainson's Warbler	R		R	
Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	U
Nashville Warbler	C		C	Ca
McGillivray's Warbler	I		I	Ca
Mourning Warbler	U		U	Ca
Kentucky Warbler	U		U	
Common Yellowthroat	C	Ca*	C	U

SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
С		C	
C		C	Ca
R		R	Ca
U		U	Ca
C	R*	C	Ca
R	Ca		
C		C	Ca
U		R	Ca
U		R	Ca
C		C	Ca
U		R	Ca
R		R	
R		Ca	Ca
U		U	U
C		U	C
U		R	Ca
R		R	Ca
R		R	R
C		U	Ca
R		U	
C		C	R
C	U*	C	Ca
U		R	
Ca		Ca	Ca
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	SPR	SUM	FAL	WIN
Northern Cardinal	A	C*	С	A
Pyrrhuloxia	U	R*	R	U
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		U	Ca
Black-headed Grosbeak	R		R	R
Blue Grosbeak	U	R*	U	Ca
Lazuli Bunting	R		R	R
Indigo Bunting	A	R	C	R
Varied Bunting	I			
Painted Bunting	C	U*	C	Ca
Dickcissel	A/O	R*	A/O	R

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