

BIRDS OF CHIHUAHUA WOODS PRESERVE AND VICINITY

This checklist includes birds which have been sighted on, above, or near Chihuahua Woods. It also includes birds which have been documented for Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park (located approximately 2 1/2 miles to the southeast) and could possibly be seen within a 5-mile radius of the preserve.

Please help us refine this checklist by reporting sightings of any birds not listed in bold type. To report sightings, or for further information, call The Nature Conservancy at 956/580-4241.

LEGEND

- A - Abundant..... present in numbers to be noticeable to casual observers
- C - Common.....more than 10 per day
- U - Uncommon....1 to 10 per day but can be overlooked
- O - Occasional.....several records per season, occasionally seen
- R - Rarefew records, not expected every year
- I - Irregular.....unpredictable, may occur some years and in some years be absent
- X - Accidentals....only one or two records in past 5 years and are to be watched for, but are not to be expected
- * - Species which breed in preserve or vicinity
- Bold type indicates species documented actually in or flying over the preserve**

Sp - Spring (March to May)
S - Summer (June and July)
F - Fall (August to November)
W - Winter (December to February)

<u>CHECKLIST</u>	<u>Sp</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
___ American White Pelican	R	R	U	O
___ Double-crested Cormorant			U	U
___ *Olivaceous Cormorant	U	U	U	U
___ Anhinga	U	U	O	O
___ American Bittern	R		R	R
___ *Least Bittern	O	O	R	R
___ Great Blue Heron	U	O	U	U
___ Great Egret	O	R	U	O
___ Snowy Egret	O	O	U	O
___ Little Blue Heron	O	O	U	O
___ Tricolored Heron	R	R	O	U
___ Cattle Egret	O	R	O	O
___ *Green-backed Heron	U	U	O	U
___ Wood Stork	O	O	O	
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	R	R	R	R
___ * Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	U	C	U	O
___ Canada Goose	O		O	O
___ Mottled Duck	U	O	U	U
___ * Black Vulture	U	U	U	U
___ * Turkey Vulture	C	C	A	A
___ Osprey	R		O	O
___ * Hook-billed Kite	U	U	U	U
___ * Black-shouldered Kite	U	C	U	U
___ Mississippi Kite	O		O	
___ Northern Harrier	U		O	U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk	O		O	O
___ * Harris' Hawk	U	U	U	U
___ Gray Hawk	O	O	O	O
___ Roadside Hawk				X
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	U		U	U
___ Broad-winged Hawk	O		O	
___ Short-tailed Hawk			X	
___ Swainson's Hawk	O		O	R
___ White-tailed Hawk	R	R	R	R
___ Red-tailed Hawk	U		U	U
___ Crested Caracara	O	O	O	O
___ American Kestrel	C		C	C
___ Merlin	O		O	O
___ Peregrine Falcon	R		O	R
___ * Plain Chachalaca	A	A	A	A

___ * Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	U	___ Western Wood-Pewee	R		R
___ Sora	O	R	O	O	___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	O		O
___ * Killdeer	U	O	C	U	___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O
___ *Black-necked Stilt	U	U	O	O	___ Acadian Flycatcher	O		O
___ Spotted Sandpiper	O		O	O	___ Alder Flycatcher	R		R
___ Long-billed Curlew	O		O	O	___ Willow Flycatcher	O		O
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	O		O	O	___ Least Flycatcher	U		U
___ Common Snipe	O		O	U	___ Eastern Phoebe	U		U
___ Laughing Gull	O	R	O	O	___ Say's Phoebe	R		R
___ Franklin's Gull	O		O		___ Vermilion Flycatcher	O	O	O
___ Ring-billed Gull	O		R	O	___ Ash-throated Flycatcher		R	R
___ Rock Dove	U	U	U	U	___ Great Crested Flycatcher	U		U
___ * Red-billed Pigeon	R	O	O	R	___ * Brown-crested Flycatcher	C	C	C
___ * White-winged Dove	C	C	C	R	___ * Great Kiskadee	U	U	U
___ * Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	___ * Couch's Kingbird	C	C	U
___ * Inca Dove	U	U	U	U	___ Western Kingbird	U	U	O
___ * Common Ground-Dove	U	U	U	U	___ Eastern Kingbird	C		U
___ * White-tipped Dove	C	C	C	C	___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	U	C
___ * Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C		___ *Rose-throated Becard	R	R	R
___ * Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U	___ Masked Tityra			X
___ * Groove-billed Ani	C	C	U	R	___ Horned Lark	O	O	O
___ * Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	___ Purple Martin	O	R	O
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl	C	C	C	C	___ Tree Swallow	O		O
___ * Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	___ * N. Rough-winged Swallow	U		U
___ *Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	R	R	R	R	___ *Bank Swallow	O		O
___ *Elf Owl	U	U	R	R	___ Cliff Swallow	O		O
___ Burrowing Owl				R	___ Cave Swallow	R		R
___ Long-eared Owl	O			O	___ Barn Swallow	U		U
___ Short-eared Owl				R	___ * Green Jay	A	A	A
___ Lesser Nighthawk	O	O	O	R	___ Chihuahuan Raven	O	O	O
___ Common Nighthawk	U	C	U	O	___ Tufted Titmouse ("Black-crested")	U	U	U
___ * Pauraque	C	C	C	C	___ * Verdin	R	R	R
___ Common Poorwill	O		R	R	___ Red-breasted Nuthatch			R
___ Chuck-will's-widow	O		O		___ Brown Creeper	R		R
___ Whip-poor-will	O		R		___ * Cactus Wren	U	U	U
___ Chimney Swift	C	C	U		___ Carolina Wren	U	O	U
___ Broad-billed Hummingbird		X			___ * Bewick's Wren	U	U	U
___ * Buff-bellied Hummingbird	O	U	O	O	___ * House Wren	U		U
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U		U	R	___ Winter Wren			R
___ * Black-chinned Hummingbird	O	O	U	O	___ Marsh Wren	R		R
___ Rufous Hummingbird	R		O	R	___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			O
___ Ringed Kingfisher	O	O	O	O	___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C
___ Belted Kingfisher	U		U	U	___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C		C
___ Green Kingfisher	O	O	O	O	___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	R	R	R
___ * Golden-fronted Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	___ Eastern Bluebird	R		O
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		O	U	___ Veery	O		R
___ * Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O
___ Northern Flicker	R		R	R	___ Swainson's Thrush	O		O
___ Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	O	O	O	O	___ Hermit Thrush	U		O
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		___ Wood Thrush	U		O

___ Clay-colored Robin	O	O	O	O	___ Common Yellowthroat	C	U	C	C
___ American Robin	U		U	U	___ Hooded Warbler	O		O	O
___ Gray Catbird	O		O	O	___ Wilson's Warbler	C		C	O
___ *Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	___ Canada Warbler	C		C	
___ Sage Thrasher				R	___ Yellow-breasted Chat	O	O	O	O
___ Brown Thrasher			R	R	___ Summer Tanager	O		O	
___ *Long-billed Thrasher	C	C	C	C	___ Scarlet Tanager	R		R	
___ *Curve-billed Thrasher	U	U	U	U	___ Western Tanager			R	
___ American Pipit	U		U	U	___ Crimson-collared Grosbeak		X		X
___ Sprague's Pipit			O	O	___ *Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
___ Cedar Waxwing	O		O	U	___ Pyrrhuloxia	O	O	U	U
___ Loggerhead Shrike	U		U	U	___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O		O	
___ European Starling	R		R	R	___ Black-headed Grosbeak	R		R	R
___ *White-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	U	___ Blue Bunting	R		R	R
___ Bell's Vireo	R	R	R	R	___ Blue Grosbeak	O			
___ Solitary Vireo	U		U	U	___ Lazuli Bunting	R		R	R
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	R		R		___ Indigo Bunting	O		U	U
___ Warbling Vireo	U		O		___ Varied Bunting	R	R		
___ Philadelphia Vireo	O		R		___ *Painted Bunting	C	O	O	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	U		U		___ *Dickcissel	U	R	U	
___ Blue-winged Warbler	O		O		___ *Olive Sparrow	C	C	C	C
___ Golden-winged Warbler	O		O		___ Green-tailed Towhee			O	O
___ Tennessee Warbler	U		U		___ Rufous-sided Towhee			U	U
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	C		C	C	___ Cassin's Sparrow	U		O	U
___ Nashville Warbler	U		U	O	___ Chipping Sparrow	U			U
___ Northern Parula	U	R	O	O	___ Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	O
___ Tropical Parula	R	R	R	R	___ Field Sparrow			O	O
___ Yellow Warbler	C		C		___ Vesper Sparrow	U		U	U
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U		___ Lark Sparrow	U	U	U	U
___ Magnolia Warbler	O		O		___ Black-throated Sparrow		R	R	
___ Myrtle (Yellow-rumped)	O		O		___ Lark Bunting			R	R
Warbler					___ Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	U		U	O	___ Grasshopper Sparrow	O		O	O
___ Townsend's Warbler	R		R	R	___ Song Sparrow	O		R	R
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U	O	___ Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Blackburnian Warbler	U		O	R	___ Swamp Sparrow	R		R	O
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	U		U	U	___ White-throated Sparrow	O		O	O
___ Pine Warbler	R		R	R	___ *Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
___ Palm Warbler	R		R	R	___ *Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	C
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U		O		___ Western Meadowlark	O		O	O
___ Cerulean Warbler	O		O		___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	R		R	R
___ Black-and-white Warbler	C	O	C	U	___ Brewer's Blackbird	O		U	U
___ American Redstart	O		O		___ *Great-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	C
___ Prothonotary Warbler	O		O		___ *Bronzed Cowbird	C	A	U	U
___ Worm-eating Warbler	R		O		___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	C	C
___ Ovenbird	O		O		___ Orchard Oriole	U	O	U	
___ Northern Waterthrush	O		O		___ *Hooded Oriole	O	O	O	O
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	O		O		___ *Altamira Oriole	C	C	U	U
___ Kentucky Warbler	U		U		___ Audubon's Oriole	O	O	O	O
___ Mourning Warbler	O		O		___ Baltimore Oriole	O		O	R
___ MacGillivray's Warbler			R		___ Lesser Goldfinch	O			O

___ American Goldfinch	U		O	C
___ *House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

Hypothetical Birds

These birds have been recorded in the vicinity of Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park but are not likely to be seen at Chihuahua Woods.

- Least Grebe
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
- White Ibis
- White-faced Ibis
- Roseate Spoonbill
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Wood Duck

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