

Common name	Habitat	Abundance	Season
Shrikes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	open areas	R	Y
Jays & crows			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Crow	river, ponds	C	Y
Swallows			
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	widespread	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	widespread	R	M
<input type="checkbox"/> North Rough-winged Swallow	widespread	R	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	widespread	R	S
Titmice			
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee	widespread	A	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse	widespread	A	Y
Nuthatches & wrens & creepers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Nuthatch	uplands	O	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	uplands	O	W
Kinglets & gnatcatchers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	widespread	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	widespread	C	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	widespread	A	S
Thrushes & mimic thrushes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	open areas	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	widespread	R	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	widespread	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	floodplain	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	widespread	C	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	widespread	O	M
<i>possible summer resident</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	open areas	R	Y
<i>common in adjacent residential areas</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	widespread	O	W
<i>possible summer resident</i>			
Waxwings			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	widespread	C	W
Starlings			
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	open areas	R	Y

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Warblers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	widespread	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	floodplain	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	widespread	A	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Warbler	floodplain	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler	uplands	A	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	widespread	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	widespread	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Prothonotary Warbler	bay & fldpl	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Warbler	bay & fldpl	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Worm-eating Warbler	fldpl	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	widespread	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler	widespread	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat	widespread	R	S
Tanagers, cardinals, grosbeaks & buntings			
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager	widespread	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	widespread	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee	uplands	U	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	widespread	A	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak	uplands	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	widespread	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Painted Bunting	uplands	R	S
Sparrows			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	open areas	A	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	uplands	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	uplands	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	open areas	R	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	uplands	R	W
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	widespread	A	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	widespread	A	W
Blackbirds			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	widespread	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	widespread	C	Y
Finches			
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	widespread	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	widespread	C	W

Birding Checklist

Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary
Hardin County ♦ Silsbee, Texas



The Sandyland Preserve is in the heart of the Big Thicket region of Southeast Texas, 20 miles north of Beaumont. At Sandylands arid pine forests stand beside dense swamps in a patchy landscape determined by ancient geologic formations. This ecological mosaic makes for interesting birding. On a short walk you might see birds as different as the roadrunner and the prothonotary warbler. You are almost certain to hear several species of woodpeckers that nest and forage throughout the preserve year-round. Neotropical mi-

grants are annual visitors to Sandylands. The bottomland hardwood forests provide important cover for these birds during spring and summer migrations as they make their way to and from the Texas coast.

The Nature Conservancy of Texas is proud that the Sandyland Sanctuary has been selected as Site # 17 on the Upper Coast Phase of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. One hundred and nineteen bird species have been observed on the 5,651-acre preserve.

This checklist is based on a survey by D.C. Rudolph of USDA, Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Nacogdoches, TX, with additions by C.C. Wiedenfeld, G. Niergarth, K. Hansen, K. Sztraky and E. Sztraky. Nomenclature follows the American Ornithologists' Union, 7th Edition with supplements. Happy Birding!!



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Habitat Definitions

Uplands: Arid sandyland pine forests are dominated by longleaf pine and drought-resistant oaks. Some remnant slash pine plantations (not native to Texas) remain.

Baygall and Floodplain (fldpl): Baygalls are strongly acidic wetland forests with gallberry holly, white bay magnolia and blackgum. Floodplain forests composed of water oaks and sweetgum surround the baygalls and ponds.

Pond: Shallow flatwoods ponds are found on Sandylands. Alligator Pond is located at the north end of the preserve.

River: Village Creek meanders along the west side of Sandylands.

Open Areas: Open, grassy areas found around the pavilion and preserve facilities.

Overhead: Birds observed flying over the preserve.

Widespread: Birds seen in a variety of the preserve's habi-

Abundance Definitions

A=Abundant. Conspicuously present; much more numerous than most species

C=Common. Present in large numbers; likely to be observed

O=Occasional. Present, but unlikely to be seen

R=Rare. Low probability to be observed

Seasonal Occurrence Definitions

W=Winter resident

Y=Year-round resident

S=Summer resident

M=Migrant

Field Notes

Observer: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Weather: _____

Highlights: _____

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Grebes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	ponds	R	W
Darters			
<input type="checkbox"/> Anhinga	ponds	R	S
<i>occasional birds visit alligator pond</i>			
Hérons, egrets & bitterns			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	river, ponds	C	Y
<i>breeding colony near alligator pond</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-backed Heron	river, ponds	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron	river, ponds	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret	overhead	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	pond	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	river	R	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	bay & fldpl	C	S
Storks			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Stork	river, ponds	R	Y
Geese & ducks			
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-Fronted Goose	overhead	R	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	overhead	R	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	pond	R	W
Vultures			
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Vulture	widespread	R	Y
Hawks & falcons			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	uplands	R	W
<i>possible summer resident</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	uplands	O	S
<i>occasional large flocks during migration</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	uplands	R	W
Quail			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bob-white	uplands	O	Y
Plovers & sandpipers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	ponds	O	Y
<i>present primarily when pond level is low</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	river	R	W
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	widespread	R	Y

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Doves			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	uplands	C	Y
Cuckoos			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	widespread	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Roadrunner	uplands	R	Y
Owls			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl	open areas	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech Owl	widespread	O	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	widespread	C	Y
Nightjars			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck-will's-widow	uplands	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Night-Hawk	widespread	C	S
Swifts			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	widespread	C	S
Hummingbirds			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated hummingbird	widespread	O	S
Kingfishers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	river	O	Y
Woodpeckers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	floodplain	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	widespread	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	widespread	C	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	widespread	O	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	widespread	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	widespread	C	Y
Flycatchers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	widespread	R	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	bay & fldpl	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher	bay & fldpl	O	S
<i>common summer breeder</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	open areas	C	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Great-crested Flycatcher	widespread	O	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	open areas	R	S
Vireos			
<input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo	bay & fldpl	C	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Vireo	widespread	O	M
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	fldpl	O	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	widespread	R	S