

ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY

2000 Field List

The Arkansas Audubon Society was formed in May 1955 to promote the protection and wise use of our natural resources. Weekend meetings are held twice each year at locations throughout the state and are generally scheduled to coincide with the peaks of spring and fall migration. Guest speakers, workshops, and guided field trips are featured at all meetings. A quarterly newsletter is published to keep the membership informed regarding current conservation issues, noteworthy bird records, and news of members and upcoming events. Membership in the society is open to all interested parties. For further information, write Roberta Crabtree, 2036 Topf Road, North Little Rock, AR 72116.

This field list provides generalized information on 389 species of birds that have occurred in Arkansas. It is based primarily on the card file maintained by the Arkansas Audubon Society, and secondarily on other sources, including **Arkansas Birds-Their Distribution and Abundance** (James and Neal, UA Press, 1986), Breeding Bird Surveys, Christmas Bird Counts, and published literature on Arkansas birds. **Since the information that follows is generalized, it may not seem appropriate for a given species in some locales.** Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the **Checklist of North American Birds**, Seventh Edition, 1998, as amended through the Forty-second Supplement, July, 2000.

Reports of birds should be sent to Max Parker, Curator, A.A.S., 2426 South Main, Malvern, AR 72104. **WRITTEN AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED WHEN REPORTING RARITIES OR SPECIES SEEN OUT OF SEASON.** Unusual records are reviewed by the Arkansas Audubon Society Bird Records Committee.

Approximate dates of arrival and departure are indicated by numbers 1-12 for months of the year and letters A, B, C, D, for weeks of the month. A plus (+) sign immediately following indicates that discontinuous records outside this period are on file. For species that have nested in Arkansas, one of two symbols follows the name: an asterisk (*) means that the species currently nests with regularity, either yearly or, at least, with some consistency; an open circle (O) means that the species does not nest regularly and that there are few or no such reports since 1950.

Beneath the dates of arrival and departure are statements on seasonal status, relative abundance, and in some cases, the sections of the state of primary occurrence.

The months of the year are grouped into the following seasons:

Sp-Spring, March-May **S**-Summer, June-July
F-Fall, August-November **W**-Winter, December-February

In combination with these designations, the following abbreviations are used to denote seasonal status:

- P**-Present, species seen in the state each month but not necessarily in all sections (Great Egret)
- M**-Migrant, species passes through the state in the Spring and/or Fall (Golden-winged Warbler)
- R**-Resident, species remains for an extended period of time (Painted Bunting)
- L**-Local, species occurs in only a few places (Great-tailed Grackle)
- V**-Visitor, species usually not present for an extended time (Wood Stork)

The relative numbers of birds found by reasonably skilled observers searching suitable habitats in appropriate seasons are indicated as follows:

- c**-common, always or almost always found (Killdeer)
- fc**-fairly common, regularly seen but usually in small numbers (Red-shouldered Hawk)
- u**-uncommon, difficult to find and often overlooked (Ross's Goose)
- r**-rare, seen annually or nearly so but not in all locales (Golden Eagle)
- vr**-very rare, irregular in occurrence but generally recorded 5 or fewer times in a given 10 year period (Red Phalarope)
- ir**-irruptive, variable in occurrence, number, and distribution (Purple Finch)

The abbreviations in parentheses following the statements of relative abundance indicate the primary but not necessarily the exclusive section of the state where the species occurs:

(n) north (s) south (e) east (w) west (c) central (nc) north-central
 (sc) south-central (ec) east-central (wc) west-central (ne) northeast (se) southeast
 (nw) northwest (sw) southwest

Example

Tanager, Summer*	4C-10B+
SRc	WVvr (ce, s)

Summer Tanagers nest in Arkansas regularly (*) and are present in the state primarily between the third (C) week of April and the second (B) week of October with discontinuous records (+) outside this period also on file. They occur as common summer residents (SRc) statewide and very rare winter visitors (WVvr), principally in central and south Arkansas (ce, s).

Order Gaviiformes Loons		Vulture, Black*	P u (n) fc (ce, s)
Loon, Red-throated	10D-4A WVr	Turkey*	P c
Common	10A-5D+ Mfc WRLfc (ce, s)	Order Anseriformes Swans, Geese, and Ducks	
Order Podicipediformes Grebes		Whistling-Duck, Black-bellied°	3A-11D SRLu (s)
Grebe, Pied-billed*	P WRc SRLu	Goose, Greater White-fronted	10A-3C+ Mfc WRLfc
Horned	10A-3D+ WRfc	Snow	10C-4A+ Mc WRc (e, ce)
Eared	9A-5A+ WRu	Ross's	10D-4C Mu WRLu (s, ce)
Western	10B-3D+ WVr	Canada	9A-4D+ Mc WRc (e, ce)
Order Pelecaniformes Pelicans, Cormorants, and Darters		Swan, Tundra	11C-3D Mr WVr (e, ce)
Pelican, American White	P Mfc SVu WVu	Duck, Wood*	P SRc WRLc
Cormorant, Neotropic°	3D-6C 8A-12C SpVvr FVr	Gadwall	10B-4C+ WRfc
Double-crested*	P Mc SRLu WRLc	Wigeon, American	9C-4C+ Mc WRc
Anhinga*	3C-12C SRLu (ce, s)	Duck, American Black	10A-3B+ WRLu (e)
Order Ciconiiformes Hérons, Egrets, Ibises, and Vultures		Mallard°	P WRc SRr
Bittern, American°	3A-5D 9B-12D+ Mu WVvr	Duck, Mottled	4B-8C SRr (ce, sw, se)
Least*	4A-10A+ SRLr	Teal, Blue-winged°	P Mc SRu WRr
Heron, Great Blue*	P c	Cinnamon	2C-5B 9C-11D Mvr (w)
Egret, Great*	P SRLc WRfc (ce, s)	Shoveler, Northern	9A-4C+ Mc WRc (e, sw)
Snowy*	3C-11C Mfc SRLfc	Pintail, Northern	10A-4B+ Mc WRc (e, sw)
Heron, Little Blue*	3C-10D+ Mc SRLc	Teal, Green-winged	10A-4C+ WRfc
Tricolored°	4A-11A+ SRr (s) FVu (s)	Canvasback	10D-4D+ WRfc
Egret, Cattle*	3B-11B+ Mc SRLc WVvr (s)	Redhead	10D-4A+ WRu
Heron, Green*	3B-10D+ SRc	Duck, Ring-necked	10C-5B+ WRc
Night-Heron, Black-crowned*	3B-11A+ Mu SRLu	Scaup, Greater	10A-4B Mu WRu
Yellow-crowned*	4B-10C+ SRLu	Lesser	10D-4D+ Mc WRc
Ibis, White*	3D-11A+ SRLc (s, sw)	Scoter, Surf	10B-1D 4D-5B FMr SpMvr
Glossy°	4C-5D 8C-10D+ M	White-winged	10D-5D+ WRr
White-faced	4B-5D 8D-9D+ M	Black	10D-3C M
Spoonbill, Roseate	7B-10B FVr (s)	Duck, Long-tailed	11A-4A+ WVu
Stork, Wood	6B-11A FVu (s, e)	Bufflehead	11B-4C+ WRfc

Goldeneye, Common	11B-4C WRLu	Sora	4A-5B 9A-12D+ Mu WRr (ec, s)
Merganser, Hooded*	P SRLu WRfc	Gallinule, Purple*	4C-9C SRLr (ce, s)
Common	10D-3C+ WRr	Moorhen, Common*	4C-12D SRLu (ce, s) WRLr (sw)
Red-breasted	10D-5B+ WRu	Coot, American*	P WRc SRLu
Duck, Ruddy°	10A-4C+ WRc SRr	Crane, Sandhill	9D-5C WVr
Order Falconiformes Hawks and Falcons		Order Charadriiformes Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls, and Terns	
Osprey°	4A-5D 8C-11D+ Mfc SRLvr WRr	Plover, Black-bellied	3C-5D 8D-12D+ SpMu FMu
Kite, Mississippi*	4C-9C+ SRLfc	Golden-Plover, Am.	3A-5D 9C-12A+ SpMc FMu
Eagle, Bald*	P WRfc SRLu	Plover, Semipalmated	4C-5C 7B-9D+ Mfc
Harrier, Northern°	8C-4B+ WRfc (u nw)	Piping	4B-5A 7B-10B SpMr FMr
Hawk, Sharp-shinned*	9C-5C+ Mfc WRu SRvr	Killdeer*	P c
Cooper's°	P WRu SRr	Stilt, Black-necked*	4A-10D SRLu (ec, se)
Red-shouldered*	P fc	Avocet, American	4B-5C 7A-11C+ SpMr FMu
Broad-winged*	3D-10A+ Mfc SRu	Yellowlegs, Greater	3B-5B 7A-12D+ Mfc
Swainson's°	3D-5D 9C-11C+ Mu (w) SRr	Lesser	2B-5D 6D-12D+ Mc
Red-tailed*	P c	Sandpiper, Solitary	3D-5B 6B-12D+ Mfc
Rough-legged	10D-3C WVr (n)	Willet	3D-5D 6C-9D+ SpMu FMu
Eagle, Golden	9B-3B+ WRLr	Sandpiper, Spotted°	3D-6B 7A-12D+ Mc WVr
Kestrel, American*	P WRc SRr	Upland	3D-5C 6D-10D+ Mu
Merlin	9B-4C+ Mu WVu	Whimbrel	5B-5D 9A-9B Mr
Falcon, Peregrine°	9B-5B+ Mr WVr	Godwit, Hudsonian	4B-5D 8C-10B SpMu FMvr
Prairie	11B-2B WVr	Marbled	4B-5D 8B-10B SpMvr FMr
Order Galliformes Grouse, Turkey, and Quail		Turnstone, Ruddy	5B-6B 7D-10B Mr
Grouse, Ruffed*	P Lu (reintroduced nc)	Knot, Red	8C-10A FMvr
Turkey, Wild*	P fc	Sanderling	4C-5D 7C-10D+ SpMr FMu
Bobwhite, Northern*	P fc	Sandpiper, Semipalm.	4A-6B 7B-11A+ Mc
Order Gruiformes Rails, Gallinules, and Cranes		Western	4B-6A 7A-12D+ SpMu FMfc
Rail, Yellow	9A-5B+ Mr WVvr	Least	7B-6B+ Mc WRu
King*	P SRLr WRvr	White-rumped	4B-6C 8B-10D SpMLfc FMvr
Virginia	4B-5D 8B-12D+ MLu WRLvr	Baird's	3B-6A 7D-11C SpMu FMu

Sandpiper, Pectoral	3A-6B 6D-11D+ Mc	Order Cuculiformes Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis	
Dunlin	4B-5D 10A-12D+ Mfc	Cuckoo, Black-billed*	4D-5D 8A-10C+ Mu SRvr (n)
Sandpiper, Stilt	3D-6A 7A-11D+ SpMu FMfc	Yellow-billed*	4A-10C+ SRc
Buff-breasted	4A-5C 7D-10A+ SpMr FMfc	Roadrunner, Greater*	P Lu (w, ce)
Dowitcher, Short-billed	4D-6A 7D-10A SpMu FMu	Ani, Groove-billed	9C-11D+ SpVvr FVr
Long-billed	3D-5B 7A-12D+ SpMu FMfc	Order Strigiformes Owls	
Snipe, Common	9A-5B+ Mc WRc (s)	Owl, Barn*	P u
Woodcock, American*	P u	Screech-Owl, Eastern*	P c
Phalarope, Wilson's	3C-5D 7A-10D Mfc	Owl, Great Horned*	P u
Red-necked	5C-6A 7B-11B M	Burrowing	9D-3D WVLvr (e, ce)
Red	8D-11D+ FMvr	Barred*	P c
Gull, Laughing	8A-7B Vu	Long-eared	11A-5D+ WFR
Franklin's	3C-6A 9D-12C+ SpMr FMfc	Short-eared	10D-4D WRLu
Little	11D-3C+ WVvr	Northern Saw-whet	11A-2D WVvr
Bonaparte's	9D-4D+ Mfc WRfc	Order Caprimulgiformes Goatsuckers	
Ring-billed	8C-5A+ WFc	Nighthawk, Common*	4B-11A+ SRc
Herring	8B-5C+ WRLu	Chuck-will's-widow*	3D-10B SRc
Sabine's	9C-10B+ FVLvr	Whip-poor-will*	3D-10B SRfc (n, ce, wc)
Tern, Caspian	4A-6C 7A-10C+ SpMu FMfc	Order Apodiformes Swifts and Hummingbirds	
Common	4D-5D 7A-10D SpMr FMu	Swift, Chimney*	3B-11A SRc
Forster's	4B-2D+ Mfc WRr (s)	Hummingbird, Ruby-throated*	3B-11B+ SRc
Least*	5A-9D+ Mu SRLu	Rufous	8B-4A FMr WVr
Black	4B-6B 6D-10C+ Mc	Order Coraciiformes Kingfishers	
Order Columbiformes Pigeons and Doves		Kingfisher, Belted*	P SRu WRfc
Dove, Rock*	P c	Order Piciformes Woodpeckers	
Collared-Dove, Eurasian*	P Lu	Woodpecker, Red-headed*	P fc
Dove, White-winged	11C-6D VLr	Red-bellied*	P c
Mourning*	P c	Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	9A-5A+ WRc
Inca*	P RLu(sw)	Woodpecker, Downy*	P c
Ground-Dove, Common	8C-5A Vr	Hairy*	P fc

Woodpecker, Red-cockaded* Lr (ec, sc, wc)	P P	Crow, Fish*	P SRfc WRLfc (ce, s)
Flicker, Northern*	P SRu WRc	Family Alaudidae Larks	
Woodpecker, Pileated*	P fc	Lark, Horned*	P WRc SRLc
Order Passeriformes Family Tyrannidae Flycatchers		Family Hirundinidae Swallows	
Flycatcher, Olive-sided 4D-6B 8A-10B Mfc		Martin, Purple*	2A-10B+ SRc
Wood-Pewee, Eastern* 4B-10C+ SRc		Swallow, Tree*	2C-11C+ Mc SRLu
Flycatcher, Yellow-bd. 4D-5D 8B-10C M		Northern Rough-winged*	3C-10B+ SRc
Acadian* 4B-9C SRc		Bank*	4A-5D 7A-9D+ Mfc SRvr
Alder 5A-6A 8A-9B Mu		Cliff*	3D-10C Mc SRc (n, ce)
Willow* 5A-9C SpMu SRLvr (nw)		Barn*	3A-11D SRc
Least 4D-5C 8D-9D+ SpMfc FMu		Family Paridae Chickadees and Titmice	
Phoebe, Eastern* P SRc (n, wc) WRfc (s)		Chickadee, Carolina*	P c
Flycatcher, Vermilion 10A-4B+ WVvr (s)		Titmouse, Tufted *	P c
Great Crested* 4B-10A+ SRc		Family Sittidae Nuthatches	
Kingbird, Western* 3D-5D 8C-10C+ Mu SRvr (w)		Nuthatch, Red-breasted	9B-5B+ WRirr
Eastern* 3D-10D SRc		White-breasted*	P c (n, wc)
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed* 3D-10D+ SRc (w, ce) WVvr		Brown-headed*	P c (s, wc)
Family Laniidae Shrikes		Family Certhiidae Creepers	
Shrike, Loggerhead* P WRc (e) u(w) SRfc (e) u(w)		Creeper, Brown	10A-4C+ WRfc
Family Vireonidae Vireos		Family Troglodytidae Wrens	
Vireo, White-eyed* 3C-10B+ SRc		Wren, Rock	10B-3C+ WVvr (w)
Bell's* 4C-9B+ Mu SRu		Carolina*	P c
Yellow-throated* 3D-10A+ SRfc		Bewick's*	P Mu WRu SRr
Blue-headed 9A-5D+ Mfc WRu (s)		House*	P Mfc WRu SRLfc (nw)
Warbling* 4C-9D+ SRLu		Winter	10A-4D+ WRfc
Philadelphia 4D-5D 9B-9D+ Mfc		Sedge*	P SRvr (e, nw) Mfc WRu (s)
Red-eyed* 4B-10B+ SRc		Marsh	9C-5C Mfc WRu
Family Corvidae Jays and Crows		Family Regulidae Kinglets	
Jay, Blue* P c		Kinglet, Golden-crowned	9D-4D+ WRfc
Crow, American* P c		Ruby-crowned	9D-5D WRc (s, ce)

Family <i>Sylviidae</i> Gnatcatchers		Warbler, Magnolia	4D-6A 9A-10B+ SpMfc FMu
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray*	3C-9C+ SRc WVR	Cape May	4D-5D 8D-11D+ Mf
Family <i>Turdidae</i> Thrushes		Black-throated Blue	5C-5D 9C-10C Mr
Bluebird, Eastern*	P c	Yellow-rumped	10A-4D+ WFC
Veery	4C-5C+ Mu	Black-throated Green*	3D-5D 8D-10C+ SpMfc FMu SRLu
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	4B-5D+ Mfc	Blackburnian	4D-6A 9A-10B SpMu FMu
Swainson's	4A-5D 9B-10C+ SpMfc FMu	Yellow-throated*	3D-10C+ SRu
Hermit	10B-4C+ WRc (ce, s)	Pine*	P c (wc, s, nw)
Wood*	4B-9C+ SRc	Prairie*	4B-9C+ SRc
Robin, American*	P c	Palm	4C-5A 9C-11C+ SpMu FMu WVR
Family <i>Mimidae</i> Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies		Bay-breasted	4B-6B 9D-10B+ Mu
Catbird, Gray*	4C-10C+ SRc WRr (s)	Blackpoll	4B-5D SpMfc
Mockingbird, Northern*	P c	Cerulean*	4C-8C+ SRu
Thrasher, Brown*	P c	Black-and-white*	3C-10A+ SRc
Family <i>Sturmidae</i> Starlings		Redstart, American*	4C-10C+ Mfc SRu
Starling, European*	P c	Warbler, Prothonotary*	4A-9C+ SRc
Family <i>Motacillidae</i> Pipits		Worm-eating*	4A-9D+ SRfc (sc, nw)
Pipit, American	9D-4B+ Mfc WRfc	Swainson's*	4A-9C+ SRLfc
Sprague's	10A-4C WRVR	Ovenbird*	4C-10B+ SRfc (n, ce, wc)
Family <i>Bombycillidae</i> Waxwings		Waterthrush, Northern	4C-5C 7B-9D+ Mfc
Waxwing, Cedar*	P LSu (nw) WR c	Louisiana*	3C-10B SRfc (w)
Family <i>Parulidae</i> Wood Warblers		Warbler, Kentucky*	4B-9D+ SRfc
Warbler, Blue-winged*	4B-10B Mfc SRLu (n)	Mourning	5A-5D 9A-9D+ SpMu FMu
Golden-winged	4D-5B 9A-10B Mu	Yellowthroat, Common*	4B-10C+ SRc WRr
Tennessee	4C-5B 9B-10B+ Mc	Warbler, Hooded*	4A-10A+ SRfc
Orange-crowned	9D-5C+ Mfc WRu (s)	Wilson's	4D-6A 8D-10A+ Mu
Nashville	4C-5B 9D-10D+ Mfc	Canada	4D-6A 8D-10A Mu
Parula, Northern*	3C-10C+ SRfc	Chat, Yellow-breasted*	4C-9D+ SRc
Warbler, Yellow*	4C-9B+ Mfc SRLu (n)	Family <i>Thraupidae</i> Tanagers	
Chestnut-sided°	4D-5D 8D-10B+ SpMfc FMu SRLr	Tanager, Summer*	4C-10B+ SRc WVRr (ce, s)

Tanager, Scarlet*	4C-10B+ Mfc SRfc (n, ce, wc)	Grosbeak, Black-headed	9D-5B+ WVvr (ce, sc)
Family <i>Emberizidae</i> New World Sparrows		Blue*	4B-10B SRc
Towhee, Spotted	10C-4A+ WVr	Bunting, Indigo*	4B-11A+ WVvr SRc
Eastern*	P SRc WRc	Painted*	4B-9D+ SRfc
Sparrow, Bachman's*	4B-10D+ SRLu (sc, wc)	Dickcissel*	4D-9B+ SRc WVvr
Rufous-crowned*	P Lr	Family <i>Icteridae</i> Blackbirds and Allies	
American Tree	10B-4A Mr WRu (nw)	Bobolink	4A-5D 8B-10D SpMfc FMLu
Chipping*	P SRc (n, wc) WRfc (s)	Blackbird, Red-winged*	P c
Clay-colored	4D-5B 9A-10C+ SpMu (w) FMvr	Meadowlark, Eastern*	P c
Field*	P c	Western	10D-4D+ WRu
Vesper	10C-4D Mfc WRu (s)	Blackbird, Yellow-hd.	4A-5C 8D-10B+ SpMu FMr WVvr
Lark*	3D-9D+ SRfc WVvr (s)	Rusty	11A-4C+ WRfc
Savannah	10A-5C+ WRc	Brewer's	11A-4B+ WRLfc (e, sw)
Grasshopper*	4B-11D+ SRLu	Grackle, Common*	P c
Henslow's	10B-3A+ WRLr (s) SRLr (wc)	Great-tailed*	P Lfc (w)
Le Conte's	10C-4D+ Mu WRLu	Cowbird, Brown-headed*	P c
Nelson's Sharp-td.	5B-5C 9C-10D+ M	Oriole, Orchard*	4B-9C+ SRc
Fox	10B-4C+ WRfc	Baltimore*	4A-10A+ SRLc (e, s) WVvr (s)
Song	10B-4D+ WRc	Family <i>Fringillidae</i> Finches	
Lincoln's	10A-5C+ Mfc (w, ce) WRfc (s)	Finch, Purple*	10D-4B+ WRirr
Swamp	10A-4D+ WRc	House*	P c
White-throated	10B-5B+ WRc	Crossbill, Red	9A-7D Virr
Harris's	10C-5A WRu (w, ce)	Redpoll, Common	11A-3C WVvr (n)
White-crowned	10A-5D WRc	Siskin, Pine	10B-5B+ Mfc WRirr
Junco, Dark-eyed	10B-4B+ WRc	Goldfinch, American*	P WRc SRc (nw, ce)
Longspur, Lapland	11B-3A+ WRLfc	Grosbeak, Evening	11A-5A+ WRirr
Smith's	11A-3C+ WRLu (e)	Family <i>Passeridae</i> Old World Sparrows	
Family <i>Cardinalidae</i> Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies		Sparrow, House*	P c
Cardinal, Northern*	P c		
Grosbeak, Rose-br.	4D-5B 9D-10C+ SpMc FMu		

