

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

# BIRDS

OF

## KERR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2010

*Cover: Illustration of Black-capped Vireo by Clemente F. Guzman III.*

# INTRODUCTION

The Kerr Wildlife Management Area is located in the northwest part of Kerr County, 12 miles west of Hunt, Texas, on F.M. 1340. The Area contains 6,493 acres purchased in 1950 by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

It is drained by the North Fork of the Guadalupe River, which forms part of the area's southern border. The topography is gently rolling to very hilly. Most drainages on the area, such as Bear Creek, remain dry throughout the year except during periods of heavy rainfall. Several small springs provide the only natural permanent water sources in addition to the Guadalupe River. Soils consist of stony, fertile, non-calcareous clay soils on the redland sites; rolling hills with shallow clay soils and clay loam soils on the low, stony hill sites; and shallow clay soils on the rocky upland sites. The climate is classified as moderately moist with an annual average rainfall of 30 inches. Approximate elevation is 2,000 feet. The dominant woody vegetation consists of several oak species, juniper and some mesquite in savannah-type areas. Dense stands of juniper occur where this invader species has not been controlled. Bluestems and Texas wintergrass are the most common grasses. Forbs are fairly abundant depending on seasonal rainfall amounts.

The Kerr Wildlife Management Area supports a variety of birds which visit or are permanent residents here. This checklist contains 191 species considered part of the Area's fauna. Two species occurring on the area are listed as endangered—the Black-capped Vireo and the Golden-cheeked Warbler. It is unlawful to play tape recordings of singing males in pursuit of these species. Caution should be observed so as not to unnecessarily disturb protected species.

Col. L.R. Wolfe listed 249 species in his "Check List of Birds of Kerr County, Texas." He described Kerr County as "a dividing zone between many eastern, western and southern species of birds." This, plus the fact that fewer ecological types and terrains are represented on the management area, accounts for the lesser number of species which occur on the Kerr Area.

If you observe any birds not contained in this checklist, please notify area personnel.

## LEGEND

Sp - Spring

F - Fall

Su - Summer

W - Winter

- a - abundant - a common species which is numerous
- c - common - should be seen in suitable habitat
- u - uncommon - present, but may not be seen
- o - occasional - seen infrequently during a season
- r - rare - seen at intervals of two to five years
- x - accidental - not expected to occur every year
- \* - nests - known or believed to nest locally

## CHECKLIST

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Greater White-fronted Goose .....	o		o	o
___ Canada Goose .....	r		r	r
___ *Wood Duck.....	u	u	u	u
___ Gadwall.....	u		u	o
___ American Wigeon .....	u		u	o
___ Mallard .....	u		u	o
___ Blue-winged Teal .....	u		u	o
___ Cinnamon Teal.....	o		o	o
___ Northern Shoveler .....	o		o	o
___ Northern Pintail .....	u		u	o
___ Green-winged Teal.....	u		u	o
___ Canvasback .....	r		r	r
___ Redhead.....	r		r	r
___ Ring-necked Duck .....	o		o	r
___ Lesser Scaup .....	r		r	r

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ *Northern Bobwhite .....	u	u	u	u
___ *Wild Turkey .....	c	c	c	c
___ Pied-billed Grebe .....	u		u	u
___ Double-crested Cormorant .....	r		r	r
___ *Great Blue Heron .....	u	u	u	u
___ Cattle Egret .....	o			
___ *Green Heron .....	u	u	u	
___ White-faced Ibis .....		x		
___ *Turkey Vulture .....	c	c	o	o
___ *Black Vulture .....	c	c	c	c
___ Osprey .....	o		o	o
___ Mississippi Kite .....	u			
___ Bald Eagle .....	o		o	o
___ Northern Harrier .....	o		o	o
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	u		u	u
___ *Cooper's Hawk .....	u	u	u	u
___ Harris's Hawk .....	x			
___ *Red-shouldered Hawk .....	u	u	u	u
___ Broad-winged Hawk .....	u		u	u
___ Swainson's Hawk .....	o		o	o
___ *Red-tailed Hawk .....	c	c	c	c
___ Golden Eagle .....	o		o	o
___ Crested Caracara .....	u	u	u	u
___ Merlin .....	o		o	o
___ *American Kestrel .....	c	o	c	c
___ Sandhill Crane .....	o		o	r
___ American Coot .....	o		o	o
___ *Killdeer .....	u	u	u	u
___ Spotted Sandpiper .....	u		u	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs .....	r		r	
___ Upland Sandpiper .....	u		u	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper .....	o		o	
___ Long-billed Curlew .....		r		
___ Wilson's Snipe .....	o		o	o
___ Franklin's Gull .....	o			
___ *Eurasian Collared-Dove .....	o	o	o	o

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ White-winged Dove .....	X	X		
___ *Mourning Dove .....	C	C	C	C
___ *Inca Dove .....	C	C	C	C
___ *Common Ground-Dove .....	O	O	O	O
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	C	C	C	
___ *Greater Roadrunner .....	U	U	U	U
___ *Western Screech-Owl.....	U	U	U	U
___ *Eastern Screech-Owl.....	U	U	U	U
___ *Great Horned Owl .....	U	U	U	U
___ Burrowing Owl.....	X	X	X	X
___ *Barred Owl .....	U	U	U	U
___ Short-eared Owl.....	O		O	
___ *Common Nighthawk .....	C	C		
___ *Common Poor-will.....	U	U		
___ *Chuck-will's-widow .....	C	C		
___ *Chimney Swift.....	U	U		
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	O		O	
___ *Black-chinned Hummingbird.....	C	C		
___ *Belted Kingfisher .....	C	C	C	C
___ *Green Kingfisher.....	U	U	U	U
___ *Golden-fronted Woodpecker .....	U	U	U	U
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....	U		U	U
___ *Ladder-backed Woodpecker .....	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Flicker .....	C		C	C
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher .....	U		U	
___ *Eastern Wood-Pewee .....	O	O		
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	O			
___ *Acadian Flycatcher.....	U	U	U	
___ Alder Flycatcher .....	R		R	
___ Willow Flycatcher .....	U		U	
___ Least Flycatcher.....	C		C	
___ *Eastern Phoebe .....	C	C	C	C
___ *Vermillion Flycatcher.....	C	C	C	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher .....	O	O	R	
___ *Ash-throated Flycatcher .....	U	U	U	
___ Eastern Kingbird.....	R			

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ *Western Kingbird.....	u	u	u	
___ *Scissor-tailed Flycatcher .....	u	u	u	
___ *Loggerhead Shrike.....	u	r	u	u
___ *White-eyed Vireo .....	u	u	u	
___ Bell's Vireo.....	o	o	o	
___ *Black-capped Vireo.....	u	u		
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo .....	u	u	u	
___ Blue-headed Vireo .....	u		u	
___ *Hutton's Vireo .....	r	r	r	r
___ Warbling Vireo.....	r			
___ *Red-eyed Vireo .....	u	u	u	
___ *Western Scrub-Jay.....	c	c	c	c
___ *Common Raven.....	c	c	c	c
___ *Purple Martin.....	c	c		
___ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow.....	u	u	u	
___ Bank Swallow .....	o		o	
___ *Cliff Swallow .....	a	a		
___ *Cave Swallow.....	c		c	
___ *Barn Swallow .....	u	u	u	
___ *Carolina Chickadee.....	c	c	c	c
___ *Black-crested Titmouse .....	c	c	c	c
___ *Verdin .....	u	u	u	u
___ *Bushtit .....	c	c	c	c
___ *Red-breasted Nuthatch.....			r	r
___ Brown Creeper.....	r		r	r
___ Cactus Wren.....	o	o	o	o
___ *Canyon Wren.....	c	c	c	c
___ *Carolina Wren.....	u	u	u	u
___ *Bewick's Wren.....	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren .....			o	o
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....			o	o
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	u		u	u
___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	c	c	u	u
___ *Eastern Bluebird .....	u	u	u	u
___ Mountain Bluebird .....				u
___ Townsend's Solitaire.....	o			o

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Swainson's Thrush .....	u			
___ Hermit Thrush .....	u		u	u
___ American Robin .....	c	r	c	a
___ Gray Catbird .....	o			
___ *Northern Mockingbird .....	c	c	c	c
___ Curve-billed Thrasher .....	x			
___ *European Starling .....	r	r	r	r
___ Cedar Waxwing .....	u		u	u
___ Golden-winged Warbler .....	x			
___ Orange-crowned Warbler .....	u		u	u
___ Tennessee Warbler .....	r			
___ Nashville Warbler .....	u		u	
___ Yellow Warbler .....	u			
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler .....	r			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler .....	u		u	u
___ *Golden-cheeked Warbler .....	u	u		
___ Black-throated Green Warbler .....	o			
___ Blackburnian Warbler .....	r			
___ *Black-and-white Warbler .....	u	u	u	r
___ American Redstart .....	o			
___ Northern Waterthrush .....	r			
___ Louisiana Waterthrush .....	r			
___ Mourning Warbler .....	o			
___ MacGillivray's Warbler .....	o		u	
___ Common Yellowthroat .....	o			
___ Wilson's Warbler .....	u		u	
___ Canada Warbler .....	r			
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat .....	u	u		
___ Spotted Towhee .....	u		u	u
___ *Canyon Towhee .....	c	c	c	c
___ *Cassin's Sparrow .....	u	u	u	
___ *Rufous-crowned Sparrow .....	c	c	c	c
___ *Chipping Sparrow .....	c	u	c	c
___ Clay-colored Sparrow .....	c		u	
___ *Field Sparrow .....	c	c	c	c
___ Vesper Sparrow .....	u		u	u



	Sp	Su	F	W
___ *Lark Sparrow.....	a	a	c	r
___ *Black-throated Sparrow.....	u	u	u	u
___ Lark Bunting.....	r			
___ Savannah Sparrow.....	u		u	u
___ *Grasshopper Sparrow.....	c	u		
___ Baird's Sparrow.....	x			
___ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	c		c	c
___ White-crowned Sparrow.....	r		o	o
___ White-throated Sparrow.....			o	o
___ Dark-eyed Junco.....			u	c
___ *Summer Tanager.....	u	u		
___ *Northern Cardinal.....	c	c	c	c
___ Pyrrhuloxia.....	r			r
___ Black-headed Grosbeak.....	o			
___ *Blue Grosbeak.....	c	c		
___ Indigo Bunting.....	r			
___ *Painted Bunting.....	c	c		
___ *Dickcissel.....	u	u		
___ *Red-winged Blackbird.....	u	u	u	u
___ *Eastern Meadowlark.....	c	o	c	a
___ *Western Meadowlark.....	c	o	c	a
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	o			
___ Brewer's Blackbird.....	o		o	o
___ Common Grackle.....	o	o	o	
___ Great-tailed Grackle.....	o	o	o	o
___ *Bronzed Cowbird.....	o	o		
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird.....	c	c	c	u
___ *Orchard Oriole.....	c	c		
___ Hooded Oriole.....	r		r	
___ Bullock's Oriole.....	o		o	
___ Scott's Oriole.....	o		o	
___ *House Finch.....	c	c	u	u
___ Pine Siskin.....				u
___ *Lesser Goldfinch.....	c	c	c	r
___ American Goldfinch.....				o
___ *House Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c

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