

BIRDS OBSERVED AT LOST CANYON AND ON DRY CREEK RD.

This is a list of birds found on our property and neighboring properties up and down Dry Creek Road. The list strictly ends at the intersection with Hwy 55 - for instance, there are lots of purple martins in Barksdale, but they are not included on this list. We will be glad to offer advice as to the most likely places within this area to find a particular bird. The list is current as of January 1, 2004.

Birds noted as “resident” are here year-round. The seasonal and relative abundance notes follow the conventions in Mark Lockwood, *Birds of the Texas Hill Country*. They are as follows:

Spring = March-May

Summer = June - mid-August

Fall = Mid-August-mid-November

Winter = Mid-November-February

Abundant: normally present in proper habitat, often in large numbers. Should be easily found on a given day.

Common: normally present in proper habitat, should be found on a given day.

Uncommon: normally present in proper habitat in small numbers, can be missed on a given day.

Occasional: irregularly present in proper habitat and season, cannot be expected on a given day.

Rare: not expected; annual, although occurring only a few times a year.

Very rare: not expected, occurs regularly, although not on an annual basis.

Casual: occurs very irregularly, but reasonably expected to occur again.

Accidental: average of one or two records every ten years.

Irregular: present during most years, sometimes numerous, but absent during some years.

GREBES

Pie-billed grebe. Common winter resident.

CORMORANTS

Double-crested cormorant. Common winter resident.

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Great blue heron. Common resident.

Great egret. Very rare spring migrant.

Snowy egret. Very rare spring migrant.

Little blue heron. Very rare spring migrant.

Cattle egret. Occasional spring migrant.

Green heron. Occasional migrant and summer resident.

Black-crowned night heron. Very rare migrant.

SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS

Green-winged teal. Uncommon winter resident.
Mallard. Uncommon winter resident.
Blue-winged teal. Occasional migrant and winter resident.
Northern shoveler. Uncommon migrant.
American wigeon. Abundant winter resident.
Redhead. Casual migrant.
Ring-necked duck. Common winter resident.
Lesser scaup. Rare migrant.
Bufflehead. Rare fall migrant.
Gadwall. Rare migrant.
Northern pintail. Occasional winter resident.

AMERICAN VULTURES

Black vulture. Common resident.
Turkey vulture. Abundant resident.

HAWKS, HARRIERS, EAGLES

Osprey. Rare migrant.
Sharp-shinned hawk. Occasional winter resident.
Harris' hawk. Rare spring and summer resident.
Red-shouldered hawk. Occasional spring and summer resident.
Zone-tailed hawk. Rare spring and summer resident.
Red-tailed hawk. Common resident.
Cooper's hawk. Occasional spring and summer resident.
Northern harrier. Rare winter resident.

CARACARAS AND FALCONS

Crested caracara. Uncommon summer resident.

American kestrel. Common winter resident.

Peregrine falcon. Casual migrant.

Merlin. Rare migrant.

PHEASANTS, QUAILS, AND ALLIES

Wild turkey. Common resident.

Northern bobwhite. Occasional resident.

CRANES

Sandhill crane. Rare migrant.

RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS

American coot. Common winter resident.

PLOVERS

Killdeer. Uncommon resident.

SHOREBIRDS

American avocet. Casual migrant.

Black-necked stilt. Casual migrant

Spotted sandpiper. Uncommon migrant and winter resident.

Solitary sandpiper. Very rare migrant.

Common snipe. Uncommon winter resident.

PIGEONS AND DOVES

White-winged dove. Common resident.

Mourning dove. Common resident.

Inca dove. Uncommon resident.

Common ground dove. Occasional resident.

CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed cuckoo. Common spring and summer resident.

Greater roadrunner. Uncommon resident.

OWLS

Eastern screech owl. Common resident.

Great horned owl. Common resident.

GOATSUCKERS

Common nighthawk. Common spring and summer resident.

Common Poorwill. Uncommon spring and summer resident.

Chuck will's widow. Common spring and summer resident.

HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated hummingbirds. Occasional (mostly fall) migrant.

Black-chinned hummingbird. Abundant spring and summer resident.

Rufous hummingbird. Occasional fall migrant.

KINGFISHERS

Ringed kingfisher. Rare resident.

Belted kingfisher. Occasional resident.

Green kingfisher. Uncommon resident.

WOODPECKERS

Golden-fronted woodpecker. Common resident.

Ladder-backed woodpecker. Common resident.

Northern flicker: Red-shafted flicker. Uncommon winter resident.

Yellow-bellied sapsucker. Uncommon winter resident.

Red-naped sapsucker. Accidental winter visitor.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Eastern wood pewee. Uncommon spring and summer resident.

Acadian flycatcher. Uncommon spring and summer resident.

Black phoebe. Uncommon resident.

Eastern phoebe. Common resident.

Say's phoebe. Very rare migrant.

Vermillion flycatcher. Common spring and summer resident.

Ash-throated flycatcher. Common spring and summer resident.

Brown-crested flycatcher. Uncommon spring and summer resident.

Great Crested flycatcher. Occasional resident.

Eastern kingbird. Very rare migrant.

Western kingbird. Rare spring and summer resident.

Couch's kingbird. Rare spring and summer resident.

Scissor-tailed flycatcher. Rare spring and summer resident.

Olive-sided flycatcher. Casual fall migrant.

SWALLOWS

Barn swallow. Common spring and summer resident.

Northern rough-winged swallow. Common spring and summer resident.

Cliff swallow. Occasional migrant.

JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS

Scrub jay. Common resident.

Common raven. Common resident.

TITMICE AND CHICKADEES

Carolina chickadee. Occasional resident.

Tufted titmouse. Common resident.

VERDINS

Verdin. Common resident.

BUSHTITS

Common bushtit. Common spring and summer resident.

WRENS

Cañon wren. Common resident.

Carolina wren. Occasional resident.

Bewick's wren. Abundant resident.

Rock wren. Very rare winter resident.

Marsh wren. Very rare migrant.

KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS

Golden crowned kinglet. Rare winter resident.

Ruby-crowned kinglet. Common winter resident.

Blue-gray gnatcatcher. Common resident.

THRUSHES

Eastern bluebird. Common spring and summer resident.

Hermit thrush. Common winter resident.

Robin. Abundant migrant.

Townsend's solitaire. Very rare winter visitor.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Grey catbird. Rare migrant.

Mockingbird. Common resident.

Brown thrasher. Very rare migrant.

American pipit. Very rare winter visitor.

Cedar waxwing. Abundant migrant.

SHRIKES

Loggerhead shrike. Rare migrant.

VIREOS

White-eyed vireo. Common spring and summer resident.

Bell's vireo. Rare spring and summer resident.

Black-capped vireo. Uncommon spring and summer resident.

Yellow-throated vireo. Uncommon spring and summer resident.

Red-eyed vireo. Uncommon spring and summer resident.

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned warbler. Uncommon winter resident; common migrant.

Nashville warbler. Common migrant.

Yellow warbler. Uncommon migrant.

Yellow-rumped warbler. Common winter resident.

Golden-cheeked warbler. Common spring and summer resident.

Yellow-throated warbler. Occasional spring and summer resident.

Black-and-white warbler. Common spring and summer resident.

Common yellowthroat. Uncommon migrant.

Black-throated green warbler. Occasional migrant.

American redstart. Rare migrant.

Wilson's warbler. Occasional migrant.

Yellow-breasted chat. Common spring and summer resident.

Louisiana waterthrush. Very rare migrant.

TANAGERS

Summer tanager. Common spring and summer resident.

Western tanager. Casual fall migrant.

SPARROWS

Olive sparrow. Occasional resident.

Rufous-sided towhee. Common winter resident.
Canyon towhee. Irregular winter resident.
Chipping sparrow. Abundant resident.
Field sparrow. Uncommon resident.
Vesper sparrow. Common winter resident.
Lark sparrow. Abundant spring and summer resident.
Black-throated sparrow. Occasional resident.
White-crowned sparrow. Rare winter visitor.
Lincon's sparrow. Occasional winter resident.
Fox sparrow. Very rare winter visitor.
Song sparrow. Uncommon winter resident.
Rufous-crowned sparrow. Common resident.
Clay-colored sparrow. Uncommon migrant.
Savannah sparrow. Common resident.
Grasshopper sparrow. Rare winter visitor.
Dark-eyed Junco. Irregular winter resident.
Swamp sparrow. Very rare winter resident.

GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS

Northern cardinal. Common resident.
Blue grosbeak. Common spring and summer resident.
Indigo bunting. Common spring and summer resident.
Painted bunting. Common spring and summer resident.
Evening grosbeak. Accidental winter visitor.
Dicksissel. Very rare migrant.

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS, AND ORIOLES

Redwinged Blackbird. Common resident.

Yellow-headed blackbird. Very rare migrant.
Meadowlark, Western. Rare winter visitor.
Common grackle. Occasional resident.
Brown-headed cowbird abundant spring and summer resident.
Bronzed cowbird. Very rare spring and summer resident.
Hooded Oriole. Common spring and summer resident.
Scott's Oriole. Common spring and summer resident.
Baltimore Oriole. Rare migrant.
Orchard Oriole. Occasional migrant.

FINCHES, BUNTINGS, AND GROSBEAKS

Lesser goldfinch. Common resident.
House finch. Common winter resident.
American goldfinch. Common winter resident.
Evening grosbeak. Accidental winter visitor.
Black-headed grosbeak. Accidental fall migrant.

Total (11/01/03): 166

In no particular order, other species that have been seen 10 miles either side of Hwy 55 from the Brackettville highway (FM 334) to Rocksprings:

Eurasian collared dove.
Black-tailed gnatcatcher.
Purple Martin.
Cave swallow.
Swainson's hawk.
Blue Jay.
Long-billed thrasher

Curved-billed thrasher.

Cactus wren.

Canada Goose.