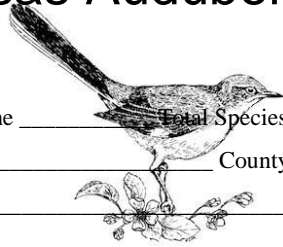


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 Location _____ County _____
 Observers _____

This publication provides information on 415 species of birds currently documented for Arkansas. It is based primarily on bird records 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, eBird, and published literature on Arkansas birds. **Since the information that follows is generalized due to space constraints, it may not seem appropriate for a given species in some locales.** Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the *Checklist of North American Birds*, Seventh Edition, AOU, 1998, as amended through the Fifty-sixth supplement, July 2015.

Approximate dates of arrival and departure are indicated by numbers 1-12 for the months of the year and letters A, B, C, D for the weeks of the month. A plus (+) sign immediately following indicates that discontinuous records outside the period are on file. For species that have nested in Arkansas, one of two symbols follows the name: an asterick (*) means the species currently nests with regularity, either yearly, or at least, with some consistency; an open circle (°) 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 codes which categorize 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 spring and/or fall (Cape May 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 period of time (Black-legged Kittiwake) **Sa**-Storm-assisted, species appears in the state in association with strong coastal storms; not usually present for an extended time (Sooty Tern)

The categories of relative abundance assume reasonable effort spent in suitable habitat during appropriate seasons and are defined as follows:

e-common, always or almost always observed (Killdeer)
fc-fairly common, seen on a majority of trips but usually in smaller numbers (Red-shouldered Hawk) **u**-uncommon, may be difficult to find; seen only on a minority of trips (Golden-winged Warbler) **r**-rare, may be seen annually or nearly so but not in all locales (Golden Eagle)
vr-very rare, encountered at irregular or infrequent intervals (Ruff)
occ-occasional, 3-4 state records overall with at least 2 records since 1950 (Long-tailed Jaeger) **acc**-accidental, 1-2 state records (Fork-tailed Flycatcher)
irr-irruptive, variable in occurrence, number, and distribution (Red-breasted Nuthatch)
 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, (**ce**) central, (**nc**) north-central, (**sc**) south-central, (**ec**) east-central, (**wc**) west-central (**ne**) northeast, (**se**) southeast, (**nw**) northwest, and (**sw**) southwest.

Order Anseriformes		Scaup, Greater	10A-4B
Whistling-Ducks, Swans, Geese and Ducks			Mu WRu
Whistling-Duck, Black-bellied*	2D-11D+ SRLu (se, sw, wc, ec) WVvr	Lesser	10D-4D+ Mc WRc
Fulvous*	4A-10C+ VLr SRLr	Scoter, Surf	10B-5B Mr WRvr
Goose, Greater White-fronted	9D-4B+ Mfc WRfc (Le e)	White-winged	10D-5D+ Mr WVr
Snow	10A-4C+ Mc WRc (e, c)	Black	10D-3C Mvr WRvr
Ross's	10D-4C+ Mfc WRc	Duck, Long-tailed	11A-4A+ Mr WVr
Brant	WVacc (1, 1990)	Bufflehead	11A-4C+ WRc
Goose, Barnacle	WVacc (1, 2010)	Goldeneye, Common	11B-4C WRLfc
Cackling	11A-3D+ WRLu (Lfc)	Barrow's	WVvr (6, 2014)
Canada*	P c	Merganser, Hooded*	P SRLu WRfc
Swan, Mute	11D-2D+ WVvr	Common	10A-3C+ WVr (n)
Trumpeter	11A-5A WRLc SRLr	Red-breasted	10D-4D+ Mu WVr
Tundra	11C-3D Mr WVvr (Lr nc)	Duck, Ruddy°	10A-4C+ Mc WRc SRr
Duck, Wood*	P c	Order Galliformes	
		Turkey and Quail	
Gadwall	9A-5D+ WRe	Bobwhite, Northern*	P Lu
Wigeon, Eurasian	FWVacc (2, 2013)	Grouse, Ruffed	extirpated
American	9C-4C+ Mc WRc	Prairie-Chicken, Greater	extirpated
Duck, American Black	10A-3B+ WRLr (e)	Turkey, Wild*	P u
Mallard*	P WRc SRu	Order Gaviiformes	
		Loons	
Duck, Mottled*	P SRLu (se, sw) WRLu	Loon, Red-throated	10D-4A Mvr WRr
Teal, Blue-winged*	P Mc SRr (Lu nw) WRr (s)	Pacific	11A-4A+ Mr WRr
Cinnamon	2C-5B 9A-12B SpMr FMvr	Common	10A-5D+ Mfc WRLc
Shoveler, Northern	8D-4C+ Mc WRc	Yellow-billed	FWVacc (2, 2010)
Pintail, Northern	10A-4B+ Mc WRfc (e, sw)	Order Podicipediformes	
		Grebes	
Garganey	SpVacc (1, 1984)	Grebe, Least	FVacc (1, 2008)
Teal, Green-winged	9D-4C+ Mc WRc	Pied-billed*	P WRc SRLu
Canvasback	10D-4D+ Mfc WRu	Horned	10A-4A+ WRfc
Redhead	10D-4A+ Mfc WRu	Red-necked	11D-4B WVvr
Duck, Ring-necked	10C-5B+ Mc WRc	Eared	9A-5A+ Mu WRr (Lu se)
Tufted	WVacc (3, 2007)	Western	10B-3D+ Mr WVr

Order Ciconiiformes		Osprey*	3C-12C+
Storks			Mfc SRLr WRr (s)
Stork, Wood	6B-10B+ FVu (s, e)	Kite, Swallow-tailed°	4A-9D
			Mvr SRLvr
Order Suliformes		White-tailed	3A-4D+
Frigatebirds, Boobies, Cormorants, and Anhinga			SpWVvr
Frigatebird, Magnificent	9B-10D+ Sa FVvr	Mississippi*	4C-9C+
			SRc (Lu wc, nw)
Booby, Brown	Vocc (4, 2013)	Eagle, Bald*	P
			WRc SRu
Gannet, Northern	SVacc (1, 2005)	Harrier, Northern°	8B-5B+
			Mfc WRfc
Cormorant, Neotropic°	5C-12D+ Mr SRLr (sw, se) WVvr	Hawk, Sharp-shinned*	P
			Mfc WRu SRr (n)
Double-crested*	P	Cooper's*	P
	Mc SRLu WRc		WRfc SRLu
Anhinga*	3C-12C+ SRLu WVvr (s)	Goshawk, Northern	11A-1B
			WVvr
Order Pelicaniformes		Hawk, Red-shouldered*	P
Pelicans, Herons, Ibis, and Spoonbills			fc
Pelican, American White	P	Broad-winged*	3D-10B+
	Mfc SRLu WRfc		Mfc SRfc
Brown	3C-11B+ Vr (ce, s)	Swainson's*	3C-11C+
			Mu (w) SRLr (nw)
Bittern, American°	3A-5D 9B-12D+ Mu WVvr	Red-tailed*	P
			c
Least*	4A-10A+ Mr SRr (Lu s, e)	Rough-legged	10D-3C
			WVvr
Heron, Great Blue*	P	Ferruginous	10D-2D
	c		WVvr
Egret, Great*	P	Eagle, Golden	9B-4B
	SRLc WRfc (ce, s)		WRr
Snowy*	3B-11C+	Order Gruiformes	
	Mfc SRLfc WVvr	Rails, Gallinules, and Cranes	
Heron, Little Blue*	3B-11C+ Mc SRLc WVvr	Rail, Yellow	9A-5A
			Mvr WVocc
Tricolored*	4A-10C+ SpMr SRLu (s) FVu (s)	Black	9B-10B
			FMvr
Egret, Cattle*	3B-11B+ Mfc SRc WVr (s)	King*	P
			Mr SRLr (ce, s)
Heron, Green*	3B-10D+ Mc SRc WVvr (s)	Virginia	4A-5D 8D-2D+
			MLu WRLr
Night-Heron, Black-crowned*	3B-12B+ Mu SRLu WVvr	Sora	4A-5C 9A-12D+
			Mfc WRr (ec, s)
Yellow-crowned*	3D-11A+ Mu SRLu	Gallinule, Purple*	4B-10C
			SRLr (ce, s)
Ibis, White*	3D-11A+ SRLc (s, sw) FVLc (s, ec) WRvr (sw)	Common*	4B-12D+
			Mr (nw) SRLu (s) WRLr (sw)
Glossy°	4B-5D 7C-9D+ Mr	Coot, American*	P
			Mc WRc SRLr
White-faced	4B-6A 8A-11D+ Mr WVvr (se)	Crane, Sandhill	10A-5A
			Mr WVr WRLu (ne, e)
Spoonbill, Roseate	7A-10D+ FVu (ce, s)	Whooping	extirpated
Order Accipitriformes		Order Charadriiformes	
Vultures, Kites, Eagles, and Hawks		Plover, Sandpipers, Gulls, and Terns	
Vulture, Black*	P	Stilt, Black-necked*	3D-10D+
	fc (w) r (e)		SRfc (ec, se)
Turkey*	P	Avocet, American	4A-11D+
	c		SpMu FMfc

Plover, Black-bellied	3C-5D 8B-11D+ SpMu FMu	Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	4A-5D 7D-10A+ SpMvr FMu
Golden-Plover, American	3A-5D 8C-11B+ SpMc FMu	Pectoral	3A-6B 6D-11D+ Mc
Plover, Snowy	SpFVocc (5, 2014)	Semipalmated	4A-6B 7B-11A+ Mc
Wilson's	SpFVocc (3, 1998)	Western	4B-6A 7A-12D+ SpMu FMfc WRvr
Semipalmated	4B-5C 7B-9D+ Mc	Dowitcher, Short-billed	4D-6A 7D-10A Mu
Piping	4B-5C 7B-10B SpMvr FMr	Long-billed	3A-5B 7A-12D+ Mc WRLr
Killdeer*	P	Snipe, Wilson's	8A-5D+
	c		Mc WRfc
Plover, Mountain	WVacc (1, 1951)	Woodcock, American*	P
			SpMfc SRr FMu WRu
Sandpiper, Spotted°	3D-6B 7A-12D+ Mc WVr	Phalarope, Wilson's	3C-5D 7A-10D Mfc
Solitary	3D-5B 6B-12D+ Mfc	Red-necked	5B-6A 7B-11B SpMvr FMr
Yellowlegs, Greater	3B-5D 7A-12D+ Mc WRu	Red	8D-11D+ FMvr
Willet	3D-5D 6C-9C+ Mu	Jaeger, Pomarine	FVacc (1, 1983)
Yellowlegs, Lesser	2D-5D 6D-12D+ Mc WRu	Parasitic	9A-12B FVvr
Sandpiper, Upland	3D-5C 6D-9D+ Mu	Long-tailed	FVocc (4, 2000)
Curlew, Eskimo	extirpated	Murrelet, Long-billed	FVacc (1, 1980)
Whimbrel	5B-5D+ 9A-9B SpMvr FMacc	Kittiwake, Black-legged	11B-3A WVvr
Curlew, Long-billed	4B-4D 10B-12B Macc	Gull, Sabine's	9A-10C+ FVLr (sw, wc)
Godwit, Hudsonian	4B-5D 8C-10B SpMLu FMvr	Bonaparte's	10A-4D+ Mfc WRfc
Marbled	4B-5D 7C-10A SpMvr FMr	Black-headed	11C-1B WVvr
Turnstone, Ruddy	5B-6B 7C-10B Mr	Little	11D-3C+ WVvr
Knot, Red	5C-5D 8B-10A SpMacc FMvr	Laughing	7A-5B+ Vr
Ruff	3C-5B 8A-9B SpMvr FMacc	Franklin's	3B-6A 9C-12C+ SpMu FMfc
Sandpiper, Stilt	3D-6A 7A-11D+ Mfc	Ring-billed	8C-5A+ WRc
Curlew	FVacc (2, 2004)	California	12A-3B+ WVvr
Sanderling	4C-5D 7C-10D+ SpMr FMfc	Herring	8B-5C+ WRLu
Dunlin	3B-5D 10A-12D+ Mfc WRr	Thayer's	11D-3A WVvr
Sandpiper, Purple	FVacc (1, 1976)	Lesser Black-backed	10B-3B WVvr WRLr (wc)
Baird's	3B-6A 7D-11C SpMu FMfc	Glauous	11D-3B WVvr
Least	7B-6B+ Mc WRu	Great Black-backed	WVacc (1, 2015)
White-rumped	4B-6C 8B-10D SpMfc FMvr	Tern, Sooty	Sa FVvr (9, 2014)

Tern, Bridled	Sa FVacc (2, 2008)	Owl, Short-eared	10C-4C WRLu
Least*	5A-9D+ Mu SRLu (Lc e)	Northern Saw-whet	11A-2D WVvr
Gull-billed	SpVacc (1, 2009)	Order Caprimulgiformes Goatsuckers	
Caspian	4A-6C 7A-10C+ SpMu FMfc	Nighthawk, Common*	4B-11A+ SRc
Black	4B-6B 6D-10C+ Mc	Chuck-will's-widow*	3D-9C SRc
Common	4D-5D 7A-10C+ SpMr FMu	Whip-poor-will, Eastern*	3D-9D SRfc (n, ce, wc)
Forster's	7B-5C+ Mfc WRLu (s)	Order Apodiformes Swifts and Hummingbirds	
Royal	Sa FVvr (6, 2012)	Swift, Chimney*	3B-10D SRc
Skimmer, Black	Sa FVvr (8, 2008)	White-throated	SpFWVacc (4, 2012)
Order Columbiformes Pigeons and Doves		Violetear, Green	6A-10A FVvr
Pigeon, Rock*	P c	Hummingbird, Magnificent	SVacc (1, 1993)
Collared-Dove, Eurasian*	P c	Ruby-throated*	3B-11B+ SRc
Pigeon, Passenger	extinct	Black-chinned	10D-3D WVvr
Dove, Inca*	P Lu	Anna's	10C-3B WVvr
Ground-Dove, Common	8C-5A Vr	Broad-tailed	FWVacc (4, 2006)
Dove, White-winged*	P Vr Lu (w)	Rufous	8B-4A FMr WVr
Mourning*	P c	Calliope	FVacc (6, 2010)
Order Cuculiformes Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis		Broad-billed	FWVacc (2, 2009)
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed*	4A-10C+ SRc	Buff-bellied	WVacc (1, 1993)
Black-billed*	4C-6D 8C-10C+ Mr SRvr (n)	Order Coraciiformes Kingfishers	
Roadrunner, Greater*	P Lu (w, ce) Lr (e)	Kingfisher, Belted*	P c
Ani, Groove-billed	5C-5D 9C-11D+ SpVacc FVvr	Order Piciformes Woodpeckers	
Order Strigiformes Owls		Woodpecker, Lewis's	SVacc (1, 1967)
Owl, Barn*	P Lu (e) Lr (w)	Red-headed*	P fc
Screech-Owl, Eastern*	P fc	Red-bellied*	P c
Owl, Great Horned*	P fc	Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	9B-5B+ WRc
Snowy	11B-1B WVvr	Woodpecker, Downy*	P c
Burrowing	9D-3D WVvr (e, ce)	Hairy*	P fc
Barred*	P fc	Red-cockaded*	P Lr (ec, se, wc)
Long-eared	11A-5D+ WRvr	Flicker, Northern*	P SRu WRfc

Woodpecker, Pileated*	P fc	Family Laniidae Shrikes	
Ivory-billed	Formerly P Recent status unclear	Shrike, Loggerhead*	P SRu (Lfc e, nw) WRfc
Order Falconiformes Falcons		Northern	WVvr (5, 2011)
Caracara, Crested	SpVacc (1, 2015)	Family Vireonidae Vireos	
Kestrel, American*	P Mc SRu WRc	Vireo, White-eyed*	3C-11D+ SRc WVvr (s)
Merlin	9B-4C+ Mu WVu	Bell's*	4C-9D Mu SRu
Falcon, Peregrine*	8C-5B+ Mu WVr	Yellow-throated*	3D-10C+ SRfc
Prairie	10C-2B+ WVr	Blue-headed	9A-5D+ Mfc WRr (s)
Order Psittaciformes Parakeets		Warbling*	4B-9D+ SRLu Mfc
Parakeet, Carolina	extinct	Philadelphia	4C-5D 9B-10B+ Mfc
Order Passeriformes Family Tyrannidae Flycatchers		Red-eyed*	4A-10B+ SRc
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	4D-6D 8A-10B Mu	Family Corvidae Jays and Crows	
Wood-Pewee, Eastern*	4A-10D SRc	Jay, Blue*	P c
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	4D-5D 8B-10C SpMr FMvr	Nutcracker, Clark's	SpVacc (1, 1891)
Acadian*	4A-9D SRfc	Crow, American*	P c
Alder	5A-6A 8A-9B Mu	Fish*	P SRc WRLfc (s)
Willow*	5A-9C SpMu SRLr (nw)	Family Alaudidae Larks	
Least	4C-5D 8B-10B SpMfc FMu	Lark, Horned*	P WRc SRLu
Phoebe, Eastern*	P SRc SRr (se) WRfc	Family Hirundinidae Swallows	
Say's	9C-4D WVr	Martin, Purple*	2A-9B+ SRc
Flycatcher, Vermilion	10A-4B+ WVvr	Swallow, Tree*	2C-11C+ Mc SRLfc
Ash-throated	FWVacc (2, 2010)	Northern Rough-winged*	3A-10D+ SRc
Great-crested*	4B-10A+ SRc	Bank*	4A-5D 7A-9D+ Mfc SRvr
Kingbird, Couch's	WVacc (1, 1995)	Cliff*	3B-10B+ Mc SRc
Cassin's	SpSVacc (2, 1967)	Cave	3D-5D 6D-10A+ SpVvr SFVr (sw, se)
Western*	3D-10C Mu SRLu	Barn*	3A-11D+ SRc
Eastern*	3D-10D SRc	Family Paridae Chickadees and Titmice	
Gray	SpVacc (1, 2007)	Chickadee, Carolina*	P c
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed*	P SRc	Titmouse, Tufted*	P c
Fork-tailed	WVacc (1, 1995)	Family Sittidae Nuthatches	

Nuthatch, Red-breasted	9B-5B+ WRirr	Family Mimidae Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies	
White-breasted*	P c (n, wc)	Catbird, Gray*	P SRc WRr
Brown-headed*	P c (s, wc)	Thrasher, Brown*	P c
Family Certhidae Creepers		Sage	SpFVacc (2, 2004)
Creeper, Brown*	10A-4C+ WRfc	Mockingbird, Northern*	P c
Family Troglodytidae Wrens		Family Sturnidae Starlings	
Wren, Rock	10B-4A+ WRr (w)	Starling, European*	P c
House*	P Mfc WRu SRfc (nw)	Family Motacillidae Pipits	
Winter	10A-4D+ WRfc	Pipit, American	9D-4C+ Mfc WRfc
Sedge*	P Mfc SRLfc (e, nw) WRLu	Sprague's	10A-4D Mr WRr
Marsh	9C-5C Mfc WRu	Family Bombycillidae Waxwings	
Carolina*	P c	Waxwing, Bohemian	1D-3C+ WVvr
Bewick's*	P SRr (nw) WRr	Cedar*	P SRu (nw) WRc
Family Polioptilidae Gnatcatchers		Family Calcaridae Longspurs and Snow Bunting	
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray*	3C-10C+ SRc WVR	Longspur, Lapland	11B-3A+ WRfc
Family Regulidae Kinglets		Chestnut-collared	12D-1D+ WVvr
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	9D-4D WRc	Smith's	11A-3C Mr WRLu (e)
Ruby-crowned	9D-5A+ WRc	McCown's	FVacc (2, 1996)
Family Turdidae Wheatears, Bluebirds, and Thrushes		Bunting, Snow	11C-12D+ WVvr
Wheatear, Northern	FVacc (1, 1990)	Family Parulidae Wood Warblers	
Bluebird, Eastern*	P c	Ovenbird*	4B-10B+ SRc (n, ce, wc)
Mountain	FSpVacc (2, 2013)	Warbler, Worm-eating*	4A-9D+ SRu
Solitaire, Townsend's	10C-4A WVvr	Waterthrush, Louisiana*	3C-10B SRfc
Veery	4C-5C+ SpMu	Northern	4B-5C 8B-10A+ SpMc FMfc
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	4A-5D 9B-10C SpMfc FMvr	Warbler, Bachman's	extinct
Swainson's	4A-5D 9A-10C+ SpMc FMu	Golden-winged	4D-5B 8D-10B Mu
Hermit	10A-4D+ WRc	Blue-winged*	4A-10B Mfc SRLu (n, ce)
Wood*	4A-10B+ SRfc	Black-and-white*	3C-10B+ SRc WVvr (s)
Robin, American*	P c	Prothonotary*	4A-9C+ SRfc
Thrush, Varied	WVacc (1, 2010)	Swainson's*	4A-9B+ SRLu

Warbler, Tennessee	4B-5C 9A-10C+ Mc	Towhee, Green-tailed	FVacc (1, 1952)
Orange-crowned	9D-5C+ Mfc WRu	Spotted	10C-4A+ WVr
Nashville	4A-5C 9A-10D+ Mc	Eastern*	P SRfc WRc
Connecticut	4C-5D SpMvr	Sparrow, Rufous-crowned*	P Lr (wc)
Mourning	4D-5D 8D-9D+ Mu	Cassin's*	SpFVacc (2, 2011)
Kentucky*	4B-9D+ SRfc	Bachman's*	4A-9C+ SRLu
Yellowthroat, Common*	4A-10D+ SRc WRu (s, e)	American Tree	10B-4A Mr WRr (n)
Warbler, Hooded*	4A-10A+ SRfc	Chipping*	P SRc (n, wc) WRc (s)
Redstart, American*	4B-10C Mfc SRu (Lfc nw)	Clay-colored	4B-5B 9A-11B+ Mu (w) Mr (e)
Warbler, Cape May	4D-5C 8D-11D+ Mr	Brewer's	WVacc (1, 2011)
Cerulean*	4C-9A+ SRu (Lfc nw)	Field*	P SRfc WRc
Parula, Northern*	3C-10C+ SRc	Vesper	10A-4D Mfc WRu (s, e)
Warbler, Magnolia	4B-5D+ 9A-10B+ Mfc Mc (e)	Lark*	3D-9D+ SRfc SRu (nw) WVvr (s)
Bay-breasted	4B-6B 9D-10B+ Mu	Bunting, Lark	WSpVacc (3, 2013)
Blackburnian	4D-6A 9A-10B Mu Mfc (e)	Sparrow, Savannah	10A-5C+ WRc
Yellow*	4B-9D+ Mfc SRLu (nw)	Grasshopper*	4A-11D+ SRLu SRLfc (nw)
Chestnut-sided*	4D-10B+ SpMfc FMfc (e) u (w) SRLr (nc, nw)	Henslow's*	P Mr SRLvr (nw, n, wc) WRr (se)
Blackpoll	4B-5D SpMfc	Le Conte's	10A-5B WRLfc
Black-throated Blue	4C-5B 9C-10C+ Mvr	Nelson's	5B-5C 9D-10D+ Mr
Palm	4C-5A 9C-11C+ Mfc WRr	Fox	10B-4C+ WRfc
Pine*	P c WRu (nw)	Song	10A-5B+ WRc
Yellow-rumped	9D-5B+ WRc	Lincoln's	10A-5C+ Mfc (w, ce) WRu (w)
Yellow-throated*	3D-10C+ SRfc	Swamp	10A-5A+ WRe
Prairie*	4B-9C+ SRfc	White-throated	10A-5B+ WRc
Black-throated Gray	FVacc (1, 2005)	Harris's	10C-5B WRu (w, ce)
Black-throated Green*	3D-10C+ Mc SRLu (nc, nw)	White-crowned	10A-5D WRe
Canada	4D-6A 8D-10A Mu	Junco, Dark-eyed	10B-4B+ WRe
Wilson's	4D-6A 8D-10A+ Mu (e) Mc (w)	Family Cardinalidae Tanagers, Cardinal, and Grosbeaks	
Chat, Yellow-breasted*	4C-9D+ SRc	Tanager, Summer*	4B-10B+ SRc WVvr
Family Emberizidae New World Sparrows		Scarlet*	4B-10B+ Mfc SRfc (n, wc)

Tanager, Western	8D-5B WVvr	Crossbill, White-winged	1A-4C SpVvr
Cardinal, Northern*	P c	Redpoll, Common	12A-4A WVvr (n)
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	4C-5C 9C-10C+ SpMfc FMu	Siskin, Pine ^o	10B-5B+ Mirr WRirr
Black-headed	9D-5B+ WVvr	Goldfinch, Lesser	SpSWVacc (4, 2012)
Blue*	4B-10B SRc	American*	P WRc SRc (nw, ce)
Bunting, Lazuli	2D-6B SpVvr	Grosbeak, Evening	11B-5A+ WRvr
Indigo*	4B-11A+ SRc WVvr	Family Passeridae Old World Sparrows	
Painted*	4B-9D+ SRfc	Sparrow, House*	P c
Dickcissel*	4D-10B+ SRc WVvr		
Family Icteridae Blackbirds and Allies			
Bobolink	4C-5D 8C-10B+ SpMfc FMLu		
Blackbird, Red-winged*	P c		
Meadowlark, Eastern*	P c		
Western	10C-4D+ WRu		
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	4A-5C+ 8C-10C+ SpMu FMr WVvr		
Rusty	10C-4C+ WRfc		
Brewer's	11A-4B+ WRfc (e, sw) WRu (nw)		
Grackle, Common*	P c		
Great-tailed*	P Lu (w)		
Cowbird, Brown-headed*	P c		
Oriole, Orchard*	4A-9C+ SRc		
Bullock's	12D-2C WVvr		
Baltimore*	4A-9D+ SRLfc (ce, e, s) SRLu (nw) WVvr (s)		
Scott's	WSpVacc (3, 2013)		
Family Fringillidae Finches			
Rosy-Finch, Gray-crowned	SpVacc (1, 2012)		
Grosbeak, Pine	WSpVacc (4, 1989)		
Finch, House*	P c		
Purple ^o	10D-4B+ WRfc		
Crossbill, Red ^o	9A-7D+ Vr		

Reporting Bird Sightings

Ornithology has benefitted a great deal from the contributions of amateurs over the years. Birders who faithfully report significant observations and make them a part of the permanent record help ornithologists better understand the intricacies of bird distribution and abundance. Although it isn't always obvious whether a sighting should be reported, a good rule to follow is "If in doubt, make the report." More specific instances in which a report should be made include:

- If a species appears outside of its normal season or geographical region, it should be reported.
- If unexpectedly large or small numbers of a certain species are encountered, that count of individuals should be reported.
- If an unusual or unlisted species is seen, report it by all means, but keep in mind that the greater the rarity the more thorough supporting documentation should be.

Written and/or photographic documentation is required when reporting rarities or species observed out of season. The Arkansas Bird Records Committee reviews those reports. The basic information needed for all reports includes: common name, age (adult, immature, etc.), plumage (breeding, non-breeding, etc.), number seen, location (county, nearest town, etc.), and date. The more unusual reports require additional information such as time seen, light conditions, optical equipment, distance to bird and how measured, as well as a description of the bird's size, shape, color pattern, vocalizations if any were heard, and behavior. It is also important to eliminate any similarly appearing species and discuss prior experience with both the species being reported and any with which it might be confused. The names and addresses of additional observers should be included as well as any reference material consulted and how it influenced the description. If it is possible to obtain photographs or audio recordings, be sure to include copies with the report. **Above all else, remember that the documentation process is in place to gather additional information, substantiating information and is not meant to intimidate potential contributors or question the authenticity of their reports.**

Reports of birds should be submitted online via the society's website at www.arbirds.org If further assistance is needed, contact the Curator at arbirds0@gmail.com

Dedication

This 2015 edition of the Arkansas Audubon Society field reference honors Dr. Douglas A. James. In the 1930s, when Dr. James was in grade school in suburban Detroit, he was often called upon to lead bird walks, using his 3X opera glasses and Chester Reed's Bird Guide (1931). He came to UA-Fayetteville in 1953, the start of a career that now includes guiding more than 130 MS and PhD graduate students. He is a founder of Arkansas Audubon Society (1955) and its first curator of bird records. As President of the Wilson Ornithological Society (1977-79), he formally saluted the importance of amateurs in ornithology. His statewide collection of vetted bird observations, mostly submitted by amateurs, forms the core of Arkansas Birds (1986) and informs editions of this 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 is open to all interested persons. For further information, please visit the society's website at www.arbirds.org

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