

## CHECKLIST OF BIRDS

Bull Shoals-White River State Park, nestled in the Ozark Mountains of north central Arkansas, encompasses 662 acres on the southeast shore of Bull Shoals Lake and the White River. This area provides excellent habitat for spring and fall migrants as well as summer and winter residents. This checklist covers a 15 mile diameter circle with the center being Bull Shoals-White River State Park. Within that area you will find excellent Ozark habitat types including old and new growth deciduous forests, cedar glades, river and lake, thickets, bluffs, and park-like and residential areas.

Many birds are found only in certain habitats. We suggest you consult a field guide or ask the park interpreter to help you find a bird's appropriate habitat. Field guides may be purchased at the state park visitor center or trout dock. If you observe birds not on the list or not documented in the park, report your sighting at the visitor center.

The identity of a bird can usually be determined by its coloration. Look closely for stripes on the head and breast, for eye rings, wing bars and for color along the edge and at the tip of the tail. Also, you'll want to note the length and shape of the bill and the shape of the tail. Consult your field guide for specific field-mark information.

The following symbols have been used to indicate the frequency of sighting the species included here:

**C** = Common (frequently observed on most field trips). Ex. blue jay & American crow, year-round.

**F** = Fairly Common (definitely expected and occasionally observed). Ex. great horned owl, year-round, gray catbird, in summer.

**U** = Uncommon (expected, but not ordinarily observed). Ex. Cooper's hawk, in spring.

**R** = Rare (not expected and sighting is a surprise). Ex. brown thrasher, in winter.

**\*** = Documented in the park, on the lower end of Bull Shoals Lake, or in the north central Arkansas area.

**Sp** = Spring (March-May)

**S** = Summer (June-July)

**F** = Fall (August-November)

**W** = Winter (December-February)

Seasons occasionally overlap, thus, some birds may arrive earlier and/or stay later than the months indicated.

SPECIES	SP	S	F	W
<b>LOONS to CORMORANTS</b>				
Common Loon*	F	R	F	F
Pied-billed Grebe*	F	R	F	F
Horned Grebe*	F	•	F	F
Eared Grebe*	R	•	R	R
American White Pelican*	U	R	F	U
Brown Pelican*	R	•	R	R
Double-crested Cormorant*	U	•	U	U

HERONS and EGRETS	SP	S	F	W
Greater White-fronted Goose*	C	C	C	C
Great Egret*	U	R	U	•
Snowy Egret	R	•	R	•
Little Blue Heron*	U	R	U	•
Cattle Egret*	U	R	U	•
Green-backed Heron*	F	F	F	•
Black-crowned Night-Heron	R	R	R	•
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	U	U	U	•

GEESE and DABBLING DUCKS	SP	S	F	W
Greater White-fronted Goose*	R	•	U	•
Snow Goose*	F	•	F	U
Canada Goose*	U	•	U	U
Wood Duck*	F	F	F	U
Green-winged Teal*	F	•	F	U
Mallard*	F	•	F	F
Northern Pintail*	U	•	U	U
Blue-winged Teal*	F	R	F	R
Northern Shoveler*	U	•	U	U
Gadwall*	F	•	F	F
American Wigeon*	F	•	F	F

DIVING DUCKS	SP	S	F	W
Canvasback	R	•	U	R
Redhead*	U	•	U	U
Ring-necked Duck*	F	•	F	F
Greater Scaup	R	•	•	R
Lesser Scaup*	F	•	F	F
Common Goldeneye*	U	•	U	F
Bufflehead*	F	•	F	C
Hooded Merganser*	U	•	U	U
Common Merganser*	R	•	R	U
Red-breasted Merganser	R	•	R	R
Ruddy Duck*	U	•	U	U

VULTURES to FALCONS	SP	S	F	W
Black Vulture*	F	C	C	U
Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	F
Osprey*	U	R	U	R
Bald Eagle*	U	R	U	F
Northern Harrier	R	•	U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	F	R	F	U
Cooper's Hawk*	U	•	U	U

SPECIES	SP	S	F	W
<b>VULTURES to FALCONS Cont.</b>				
Red-shouldered Hawk*	U	U	U	F
Broad-winged Hawk*	F	F	F	•
Red-tailed Hawk*	F	F	F	F
Golden Eagle*	R	•	R	R
American Kestrel*	U	U	U	F
Merlin*	•	•	R	R
Peregrine Falcon*	R	•	R	•

TURKEY to COOT	SP	S	F	W
Wild Turkey*	U	U	U	U
Northern Bobwhite*	F	F	U	U
Virginia Rail*	R	•	R	•
American Coot*	U	•	F	U

SHOREBIRDS	SP	S	F	W
Black-bellied Plover*	R	•	R	•
Lesser Golden-Plover	U	•	R	•
Semipalmated Plover*	U	•	U	•
Killdeer*	C	C	C	F
American Avocet*	R	•	R	•
Greater Yellowlegs*	U	•	U	•
Lesser Yellowlegs*	F	R	F	•
Solitary Sandpiper	F	•	F	•
Willet*	R	•	R	•
Spotted Sandpiper*	C	U	F	R
Sanderling*	R	•	R	•
Semipalmated Sandpiper*	F	R	U	•
Western Sandpiper*	U	•	F	•
Least Sandpiper*	F	•	F	R
White-rumped Sandpiper*	U	•	R	•
Pectoral Sandpiper*	U	R	F	R
Common Snipe*	U	R	U	U
American Woodcock	R	R	R	•

GULLS to TERNs	SP	S	F	W
Franklin's Gull*	U	R	U	•
Bonaparte's Gull*	U	•	R	U
Ring-billed Gull*	C	R	F	C
Herring Gull*	R	•	R	R
Caspian Tern*	R	•	U	•
Common Tern	R	•	R	•
Forster's Tern*	F	R	F	•
Black Tern*	F	U	F	•

DOVES to OWLS	SP	S	F	W
Rock Dove*	U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	F
Black-billed Cuckoo*	R	R	R	•
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	F	F	F	•
Greater Roadrunner*	U	U	U	U
Eastern Screech-Owl*	F	F	F	F
Great Horned Owl*	F	F	F	F
Barred Owl*	U	U	U	U
Long-eared Owl	R	•	R	R
Short-eared Owl	R	•	R	R

SPECIES	SP	S	F	W
<b>NIGHTJARS to WOODPECKERS</b>				
Common Nighthawk*	U	F	F	•
Chuck-will's-widow*	C	C	F	•
Whip-poor-will*	C	C	F	•
Chimney Swift*	F	F	F	•
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	C	C	C	•
Belted Kingfisher*	C	C	C	F
Red-headed Woodpecker*	C	C	C	U
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	F	•	F	F
Downy Woodpecker*	C	F	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	F	U	F	F
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	F	F	F	F

FLYCATCHERS to SWALLOWS	SP	S	F	W
Olive-sided Flycatcher*	U	R	U	•
Eastern Wood Pewee*	C	C	C	•
Acadian Flycatcher*	F	F	F	•
Alder Flycatcher	U	R	•	•
Willow Flycatcher*	R	R	•	•
Least Flycatcher*	F	•	U	•
Empidonax Sp.*	F	U	F	•
Eastern Phoebe*	C	C	F	U
Vermilion Flycatcher*	R	•	R	R
Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	F	•
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	F	•
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	U	U	U	•
Horned Lark*	U	U	U	F
Purple Martin*	C	C	C	•
Tree Swallow*	F	U	U	•
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	C	C	C	•
Bank Swallow*	U	•	U	•
Cliff Swallow*	C	C	F	•
Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	•

JAY to WRENS	SP	S	F	W
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow*	F	F	F	R
Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	U	•	U	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper*	F	•	F	F
Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren*	U	R	U	R
House Wren*	U	U	U	R
Winter Wren*	F	•	F	F
Sedge Wren	U	•	U	R
Marsh Wren	R	•	U	•

KINGLETS to STARLING	SP	S	F	W
Golden-crowned Kinglet*	F	•	F	F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	F	•	F	U
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	C	•

SPECIES	SP	S	F	W
<b>KINGLETS to STARLING Cont.</b>				
Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	C
Veery*	R	•	•	•
Gray-checked Thrush*	F	•	U	•
Swainson's Thrush*	F	•	U	•
Hermit Thrush*	F	•	F	U
Wood Thrush*	C	C	F	•
American Robin*	C	C	C	C
Gray Catbird*	F	F	F	•
Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher*	F	F	F	R
Water Pipit	U	•	U	R
Cedar Waxwing*	F	U	F	F
Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	U	U
European Starling*	C	C	C	C

VIREOS and WARBLERS	SP	S	F	W
White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	F	•
Bell's Vireo*	U	U	U	•
Solitary Vireo	U	•	U	•
Yellow-throated Vireo*	F	F	U	•
Warbling Vireo*	F	F	F	•
Philadelphia Vireo*	U	•	R	•
Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	F	•
Blue-winged Warbler*	U	U	U	•
Golden-winged Warbler	R	•	R	•
Tennessee Warbler*	C	•	U	•
Orange-crowned Warbler*	U	•	U	•
Nashville Warbler*	C	•	U	•
Northern Parula*	C	C	F	•
Yellow Warbler*	F	R	U	•
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	F	•	U	•
Magnolia Warbler*	F	•	U	•
Yellow-rumped Warbler*	C	•	C	F
Black-throated Green Warbler*	F	•	U	•
Blackburnian Warbler*	U	•	R	•
Yellow-throated Warbler*	C	C	F	•
Pine Warbler*	F	U	F	U
Prairie Warbler*	F	F	U	•
Bay-breasted Warbler*	U	•	R	•
Blackpoll Warbler*	U	•	•	•
Cerulean Warbler*	F	U	R	•
Black-and-white Warbler*	C	F	F	•
American Redstart*	F	U	U	•
Prothonotary Warbler*	F	F	F	•
Worm-eating Warbler*	U	U	U	•
Swainson's Warbler*	U	U	R	•
Ovenbird*	F	F	U	•
Northern Waterthrush*	U	•	R	•
Louisiana Waterthrush*	C	C	F	•
Kentucky Warbler*	C	C	F	•
Connecticut Warbler*	R	•	•	•
Mourning Warbler*	U	•	U	•
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	F	•
Hooded Warbler*	U	U	U	•

**SPECIES** SP S F W

**VIREOS and WARBLERS Cont.**

Wilson's Warbler*	F	•	U	•
Canada Warbler*	U	R	R	•
Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	F	U	•

**TANAGERS to BOBOLINK**

Summer Tanager*	C	C	C	•
Scarlet Tanager*	U	U	U	•
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	F	•	U	•
Black-headed Grosbeak*	R	•	•	R
Blue Grosbeak*	F	F	F	•
Indigo Bunting*	C	C	C	•
Painted Bunting*	U	U	U	•
Dickcissel*	F	F	F	•
Rufous-sided Towhee*	F	U	F	F
American Tree Sparrow	U	•	R	U
Chipping Sparrow*	C	C	C	R
Field Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Vesper Sparrow	U	•	U	R
Lark Sparrow*	U	U	U	•
Savannah Sparrow*	U	•	U	U
Grasshopper Sparrow*	U	U	•	•
Henslow's Sparrow	R	•	•	R
Le Conte's Sparrow	R	•	R	R
Fox Sparrow*	U	•	U	F
Song Sparrow*	F	•	F	F
Lincoln's Sparrow*	U	•	U	R
Swamp Sparrow*	F	•	F	F
White-throated Sparrow*	C	R	C	C
White-crowned Sparrow*	U	•	U	U
Harris's Sparrow*	R	•	R	R
Dark-eyed Junco*	C	•	C	C
Lapland Longspur	•	•	R	R
Bobolink*	U	•	R	•

**BLACKBIRDS to HOUSE SPARROW**

Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	F	C
Eastern Meadowlark*	F	F	F	F
Western Meadowlark	R	•	R	R
Rusty Blackbird*	U	•	U	U
Brewer's Blackbird*	R	•	R	R
Common Grackle*	C	C	F	C
Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	F	F
Orchard Oriole*	C	C	F	•
Northern Oriole*	F	U	U	•
Pine Grosbeak	•	•	•	R
Purple Finch*	F	•	F	F
House Finch*	U	•	U	U
Red Crossbill	R	•	R	R
Pine Siskin*	U	•	U	U
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C

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References: ARKANSAS BIRDS: THEIR DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE by Douglas James and Joseph Neal; and BIRDING IN THE WESTERN ARKANSAS OZARKS by Joseph Neal and Michael Mlodinow.  
For specific park records and records concerning accidental species call INTERPRETIVE SERVICES at (870) 431-5521, write: 129 Bull Shoals Park, Lakeview, Ar 72642, or email: bullshoalswhiteriver@arkansas.com.

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**BLACKBIRDS to HOUSE SPARROW Cont.**

Evening Grosbeak*	U	•	U	U
House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C

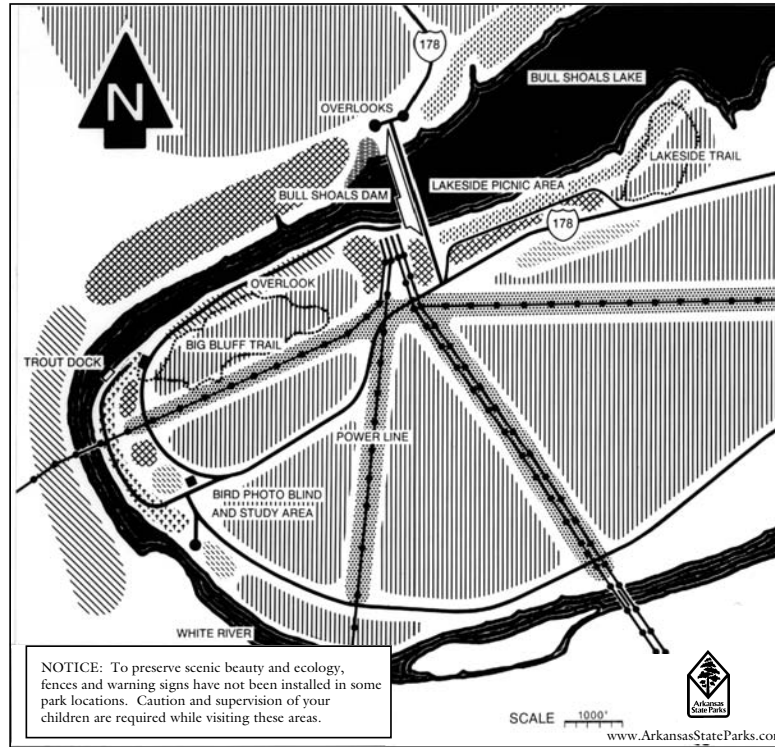
**HABITAT  
LOOK WHERE THEY LIVE**

A habitat is an area that provides the necessities of food, water, shelter and the space to live. From park-like areas to mature deciduous forests, every bird has its own particular home. We suggest you consult a field guide or ask the park interpreter for a bird's appropriate habitat. To assist you we have included a map showing eight habitats found in the park and a few of the birds that are likely to be seen in them.

- DECIDUOUS HARDWOODS** - Big Bluff & Lakeside Trails: red-eyed vireo, wood thrush, sharp-shinned hawk, summer tanager, pileated woodpecker.
- BLUFF & CEDAR GLADES AREAS** - Big Bluff & River: indigo bunting, blue-gray gnatcatcher, turkey vulture, yellow-billed cuckoo, northern rough-winged swallow.
- RIVERSIDE CAMPSITE AREA** - Dock and Riverside: prothonotary warbler, Kentucky warbler, Louisiana waterthrush, red-bellied woodpecker, osprey, green-backed heron.
- PARK-LIKE AREA** - Lakeside Picnic Area and Campground: pine warbler, orchard oriole, great crested flycatcher, chipping sparrow, eastern wood pewee, red-headed woodpecker.
- BRUSHY AREAS** - Bird Photo Blind and Scattered: song sparrow, fox sparrow, gray catbird, Cooper's hawk.
- LAKESHORE** - Lakeside Trail and Picnic Area: spotted sandpiper, Canada goose, common loon, ring-necked duck, little blue heron.
- EDGE EFFECT AREAS** - Power Line and Scattered: brown thrasher, white-throated sparrow, red-tailed hawk, Carolina chickadee, downy woodpecker.
- DAM AREA** - Below Bull Shoals Dam: ring-billed gull, common goldeneye, belted kingfisher, hooded merganser, bufflehead.

	DECIDUOUS HARDWOODS		BRUSHY AREA
	BLUFF/CEDAR GLADES		LAKESHORE
	RIVERSIDE CAMPSITE		EDGE EFFECT
	PARK-LIKE		DAM AREA

**RARE OR ACCIDENTAL SPECIES**  
The possible rare or accidental bird species that could appear in the North Central Arkansas region are too numerous to include in this checklist. If you would like a copy of a list for these 55 rare or accidental species; inquire at the park office. None of these species have been recorded in this area, and if one is observed, it should be reported to the park office. Once recorded, a specie would be added the field checklist. Thanks.



**FIELD CHECKLIST**

**Birds of  
Bull Shoals-White River  
State Park  
and North Central  
Arkansas**



**CERULEAN WARBLER**  
*Dendroica cerulea*

Habitat: Moist, tall mature forests  
Song: Short, fast, accelerating series of buzzy notes on one pitch, usually ends with single buzzy note.  
Warblers are common to fairly common migrants to the Arkansas Ozarks, and several are nesting residents for the summer.



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