

Matagorda Bay Bird Fest Bird Checklist



This checklist provides participants of the Matagorda Bay Birdfest with a list of bird species expected during the event, held in late March. The checklist shows the abundance of the species and is intended for use during event field trips during the weekend. (updated 3/9/2023)

Ducks and Geese

☐	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Rare
☐	Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Rare
☐	Greater White-fronted Goose	Uncommon
☐	Snow Goose	Uncommon
☐	Ross' Goose	Rare
☐	Wood Duck	Uncommon
☐	Gadwall	Uncommon
☐	American Wigeon	Uncommon
☐	Mallard	Rare
☐	Mottled Duck	Uncommon
☐	Blue-winged Teal	Uncommon
☐	Cinnamon Teal	Rare
☐	Northern Shoveler	Uncommon
☐	Northern Pintail	Uncommon
☐	Green-winged Teal	Uncommon
☐	Canvasback	Uncommon
☐	Redhead	Uncommon
☐	Ring-necked Duck	Uncommon
☐	Lesser Scaup	Uncommon
☐	Bufflehead	Uncommon
☐	Common Goldeneye	Uncommon
☐	Hooded Merganser	Uncommon
☐	Red-breasted Merganser	Uncommon
☐	Ruddy Duck	Uncommon

Quail

☐	Northern Bobwhite	Uncommon
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Grebes, Pelicans and Cormorants

☐	Common Loon	Common
☐	Least Grebe	Rare
☐	Pied-billed Grebe	Uncommon
☐	Eared Grebe	Uncommon
☐	Northern Gannet	Rare
☐	American White Pelican	Common
☐	Brown Pelican	Abundant
☐	Neotropical Cormorant	Common
☐	Double-crested Cormorant	Common
☐	Anhinga	Uncommon

Herons, Egrets and Ibis

☐	American Bittern	Uncommon
☐	Great Blue Heron	Common
☐	Great Egret	Common
☐	Snowy Egret	Common
☐	Little Blue Heron	Uncommon
☐	Tricolored Heron	Common
☐	Reddish Egret	Uncommon
☐	Cattle Egret	Uncommon
☐	Green Heron	Uncommon
☐	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Uncommon
☐	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Uncommon
☐	White Ibis	Common
☐	Glossy Ibis	Rare
☐	White-faced Ibis	Uncommon
☐	Roseate Spoonbill	Uncommon

Vultures, Hawks and Falcons

☐	Black Vulture	Common
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☐	Turkey Vulture	Abundant
☐	Osprey	Uncommon
☐	White-tailed Kite	Uncommon
☐	Swallow-tailed Kite	Rare
☐	Bald Eagle	Uncommon
☐	Northern Harrier	Common
☐	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Uncommon
☐	Cooper's Hawk	Uncommon
☐	Red-shouldered Hawk	Common
☐	White-tailed Hawk	Uncommon
☐	Red-tailed Hawk	Common
☐	Crested Caracara	Common
☐	American Kestrel	Common
☐	Merlin	Uncommon
☐	Peregrine Falcon	Uncommon

Rails, Coots and Cranes

☐	Black Rail	Rare
☐	Clapper Rail	Common
☐	King Rail	Uncommon
☐	Virginia Rail	Uncommon
☐	Sora	Common
☐	Common Gallinule	Uncommon
☐	American Coot	Common
☐	Sandhill Crane	Uncommon
☐	Whooping Crane	Rare

Shorebirds

☐	Black-bellied Plover	Common
☐	American Golden Plover	Common
☐	Snowy Plover	Uncommon
☐	Wilson's Plover	Uncommon
☐	Semipalmated Plover	Uncommon
☐	Piping Plover	Uncommon

_____	Killdeer	Abundant
_____	American Oystercatcher	Uncommon
_____	Upland Sandpiper	Uncommon
_____	Black-necked Stilt	Common
_____	American Avocet	Common
_____	Greater Yellowlegs	Common
_____	Lesser Yellowlegs	Common
_____	Solitary Sandpiper	Uncommon
_____	Willet	Common
_____	Spotted Sandpiper	Uncommon
_____	Whimbrel	Uncommon
_____	Long-billed Curlew	Common
_____	Marbled Godwit	Uncommon
_____	Ruddy Turnstone	Common
_____	Red Knot	Rare
_____	Sanderling	Common
_____	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Uncommon
_____	Western Sandpiper	Common
_____	Least Sandpiper	Abundant
_____	Pectoral Sandpiper	Uncommon
_____	Baird's Sandpiper	Rare
_____	Dunlin	Abundant
_____	Stilt Sandpiper	Uncommon
_____	Short-billed Dowitcher	Common
_____	Long-billed Dowitcher	Common
_____	Wilson's Snipe	Uncommon
_____	Wilson's Phalarope	Uncommon

Gulls and Terns

_____	Laughing Gull	Abundant
_____	Bonaparte's Gull	Uncommon
_____	Ring-billed Gull	Common
_____	Herring Gull	Common

_____	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Uncommon
_____	Least Tern	Uncommon
_____	Gull-billed Tern	Uncommon
_____	Caspian Tern	Uncommon
_____	Black Tern	Rare
_____	Royal Tern	Common
_____	Sandwich Tern	Common
_____	Common Tern	Uncommon
_____	Forster's Tern	Abundant
_____	Black Skimmer	Uncommon

Hummingbirds and Swifts

_____	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Uncommon
_____	Chimney Swift	Uncommon

Doves and Cuckoos

_____	Rock Pigeon	Common
_____	Eurasian Collared Dove	Common
_____	White-winged Dove	Abundant
_____	Mourning Dove	Abundant
_____	Inca Dove	Uncommon
_____	Common Ground-Dove	Rare
_____	Groove-billed Ani	Rare

Owls

_____	Barn Owl	Uncommon
_____	Eastern Screech-Owl	Uncommon
_____	Great Horned Owl	Common
_____	Burrowing Owl	Rare
_____	Barred Owl	Uncommon
_____	Short-eared Owl	Uncommon
_____	Belted Kingfisher	Common
_____	Green Kingfisher	Rare

Woodpeckers

_____	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Abundant
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Uncommon
_____	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Uncommon
_____	Downy Woodpecker	Uncommon
_____	Northern Flicker	Uncommon
_____	Pileated Woodpecker	Common

Flycatchers

_____	Least Flycatcher	Rare
_____	Eastern Phoebe	Common
_____	Say's Phoebe	Rare
_____	Vermilion Flycatcher	Uncommon
_____	Brown-crested Flycatcher	Rare
_____	Great Crested Flycatcher	Rare
_____	Great Kiskadee	Rare
_____	Couch's Kingbird	Uncommon
_____	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Uncommon
_____	Loggerhead Shrike	Common

Vireos

_____	White-eyed Vireo	Common
_____	Blue-headed Vireo	Uncommon

Crows, Jays and Larks

_____	Blue Jay	Common
_____	American Crow	Abundant
_____	Horned Lark	Uncommon
_____	Eastern Meadowlark	Common
_____	Western Meadowlark	Rare

Swallows

_____	Purple Martin	Common
_____	Tree Swallow	Common
_____	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Common
_____	Cave Swallow	Uncommon

_____	Cliff Swallow	Uncommon
_____	Barn Swallow	Common

Chickadees and Titmice

_____	Carolina Chickadee	Common
_____	Tufted Titmouse	Common

Wrens

_____	Carolina Wren	Common
_____	Bewick's Wren	Rare
_____	House Wren	Common
_____	Winter Wren	Uncommon
_____	Sedge Wren	Common
_____	Marsh Wren	Common
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Uncommon
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Common
_____	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Common
_____	Eastern Bluebird	Common

Thrushes and Thrashers

_____	Hermit Thrush	Common
_____	American Robin	Common
_____	Gray Catbird	Uncommon
_____	Brown Thrasher	Uncommon
_____	Long-billed Thrasher	Rare
_____	European Starling	Abundant
_____	American Pipit	Common
_____	Sprague's Pipit	Rare
_____	Cedar Waxwing	Uncommon

Warblers

_____	Orange-crowned Warbler	Uncommon
_____	Nashville Warbler	Uncommon
_____	Louisiana Waterthrush	Rare
_____	Northern Parula	Uncommon

_____	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Common
_____	Black-throated Green Warbler	Uncommon
_____	Yellow-throated Warbler	Uncommon
_____	Palm Warbler	Uncommon
_____	Black-and-white Warbler	Uncommon
_____	Worm-eating Warbler	Rare
_____	Prothonotary Warbler	Rare
_____	Tennessee Warbler	Uncommon
_____	Common Yellowthroat	Common
_____	Hooded Warbler	Uncommon
_____	American Redstart	Rare
_____	Wilson's Warbler	Rare
_____	Yellow-breasted Chat	Rare

Sparrows

_____	Chipping Sparrow	Common
_____	Field Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Vesper Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Lark Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Savannah Sparrow	Abundant
_____	Grasshopper Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	LeConte's Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Nelson's Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Seaside Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Song Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Lincoln's Sparrow	Common
_____	Swamp Sparrow	Common
_____	White-throated Sparrow	Common
_____	White-crowned Sparrow	Uncommon
_____	Northern Cardinal	Abundant
_____	Indigo Bunting	Uncommon
_____	Painted Bunting	Rare

Blackbirds and Grackles

_____	Red-winged Blackbird	Abundant
_____	Brewer's Blackbird	Uncommon
_____	Great-tailed Grackle	Abundant
_____	Boat-tailed Grackle	Common
_____	Common Grackle	Common
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird	Abundant
_____	Bronzed Cowbird	Rare

Finches

_____	American Goldfinch	Common
_____	House Sparrow	Abundant