

BIRD CHECKLIST FOR CYPRESS LAKE RECREATION AREA

BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

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40 of the most common birds are listed with an asterisk (*).

___ *Pied-billed Grebe	___ *Ring-billed Gull	___ *European Starling
___ Horned Grebe	___ *Forster's Tern	___ *White-eyed Vireo
___ American White Pelican	___ Rock Dove	___ Yellow-throated Vireo
___ *Dbl-crested Cormorant	___ *Mourning Dove	___ Red-eyed Vireo
___ Anhinga	___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	___ Tennessee Warbler
___ *Great Blue Heron	___ Greater Roadrunner	___ Northern Parula
___ *Great Egret	___ Barred Owl	___ *Yellow-rumped Warbler
___ Snowy Egret	___ Barn Owl	___ Black-thr. Green Warbler
___ Little Blue Heron	___ Common Nighthawk	___ Blackburnian Warbler
___ Cattle Egret	___ Chimney Swift	___ Yellow-throated Warbler
___ Green Heron	___ *Ruby-th Hummingbird	___ *Pine Warbler
___ Bk-crowned Night-Heron	___ *Belted Kingfisher	___ Palm Warbler
___ White Ibis	___ Red-headed Woodpecker	___ Bay-breasted Warbler
___ Grter Wh-fronted Goose	___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker	___ American Redstart
___ Snow Goose (wh.phase)	___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	___ *Prothonotary Warbler
___ Snow Goose (blue phase)	___ Downy Woodpecker	___ Worm-eating Warbler
___ Ross' Goose	___ Hairy Woodpecker	___ Kentucky Warbler
___ Canada Goose	___ Northern Flicker	___ Common Yellowthroat
___ *Wood Duck	___ Pileated Woodpecker	___ Yellow-breasted Chat
___ Mallard	___ Eastern Wood-Pee wee	___ *Summer Tanager
___ Northern Pintail	___ Acadian Flycatcher	___ Scarlet Tanager
___ Northern Shoveler	___ Eastern Phoebe	___ *Northern Cardinal
___ Gadwall	___ Great Crested Flycatcher	___ Blue Grosbeak
___ American Wigeon	___ *Eastern Kingbird	___ *Indigo Bunting
___ Redhead	___ *Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	___ Painted Bunting
___ Ring-necked Duck	___ *Purple Martin	___ Dickcissel
___ *Lesser Scaup	___ Tree Swallow	___ Eastern Towhee
___ Bufflehead	___ *Barn Swallow	___ Chipping Sparrow
___ Hooded Merganser	___ *Blue Jay	___ Field Sparrow
___ Common Merganser	___ *American Crow	___ Vesper Sparrow
___ Ruddy Duck	___ Fish Crow	___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Black Vulture	___ *Carolina Chickadee	___ Fox Sparrow
___ *Turkey Vulture	___ *Tufted Titmouse	___ Song Sparrow
___ Mississippi Kite	___ *White-breasted Nuthatch	___ Swamp Sparrow
___ *Bald Eagle	___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	___ White-throated Sparrow
___ Northern Harrier	___ *Carolina Wren	___ Dark-eyed Junco
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	___ *Ruby-crowned Kinglet	___ Bobolink
___ Cooper's Hawk	___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	___ *Red-winged Blackbird
___ *Red-shouldered Hawk	___ *Eastern Bluebird	___ Eastern Meadowlark
___ Red-tailed Hawk	___ Swainson's Thrush	___ Rusty Blackbird
___ American Kestrel	___ Hermit Thrush	___ Common Grackle
___ Wild Turkey	___ Wood Thrush	___ Brown-headed Cowbird
___ Common Moorhen	___ *American Robin	___ Orchard Oriole
___ American Coot	___ *Northern Mockingbird	___ Northern Oriole
___ *Killdeer	___ Brown Thrasher	___ Pine Siskin
___ Common Snipe	___ Cedar Waxwing	___ *American Goldfinch
___ Bonaparte's Gull	___ Loggerhead Shrike	___ House Sparrow

This is a Field Checklist of the birds of the Cypress Lake Recreation Area. Birds may be singing and can be located by their song. The song of most birds is distinctive and “birding by ear” you can often identify bird species. Binoculars are a MUST for all birdwatchers from beginner to expert. When walking the park trails, stay quiet and alert to see the most birds and other wildlife. If camping, put out bird seed at your campsite and see what birds you attract.

The Cypress Lake Nature Center has an excellent and complete collection of mounted waterfowl on display. Even the most experienced of birders can learn by studying this display. Park naturalists are available and will be happy to answer questions and tell you about the other fascinating displays. At feeders outside the Nature Center, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice and other species of birds may be observed.

A complete Field Checklist of the birds of Northwestern Louisiana is available at the park headquarters or by contacting the Shreveport Bird Study Group by phone at 318-797-5338, or on the web site at <http://www.birdstudygroup.org>.

Of special interest are the Bald Eagles that have successfully nested here. Looking northward from the campground, one can often see these birds. The nest is located in a large pine tree. PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THESE BIRDS as a large fine could result.

Many other birds pass through the park during migration and may be seen in the spring or fall. We know you will enjoy watching and learning about the birds in the park.



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