



## BIRD CHECKLIST

Tara Wildlife is a great place to see the beautiful and varied bird life of the Mississippi River valley. Its bottomland forests, wetlands, river shoreline, sloughs and other habitats harbor Wood Storks, Roseate Spoonbills, Bald Eagles, Prothonotary Warblers, Painted Buntings and many other species. An extensive network of woods roads and trails provide easy access to explore these habitats. This checklist is adapted from the Checklist of Birds of Mississippi published by the Mississippi Ornithological Society in 2011. The birds listed here include those that have been recorded at Tara or would be expected to be seen during the course of any year. Some birds are permanent residents, and others just pass through. Consult various printed or online field guides for more information on seasonal occurrences. One good source is <http://allaboutbirds.org>.

### GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS

- Blk.-bellied Whistling-Duck
- Fulvous Whistling-Duck
- Grtr. White-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Tundra Swan
- Wood Duck
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- American Black Duck
- Mallard
- Blue-winged Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

### QUAIL

- Northern Bobwhite

### TURKEYS

- Wild Turkey

### LOONS

- Common Loon

### GREBES

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe

### STORKS

- Wood Stork

### CORMORANTS

- Neotropic Cormorant

- Double-crested Cormorant

### ANHINGAS

- Anhinga

### PELICANS

- American White Pelican

### BITTERNS & HERONS

- American Bittern
- Least Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Tricolored Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Green Heron
- Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Yell.-crowned Night-Heron

### IBISES & SPOONBILLS

- White Ibis
- Glossy Ibis
- White-faced Ibis
- Roseate Spoonbill

### VULTURES

- Black Vulture
- Turkey Vulture

### OSPREYS

- Osprey

### KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

- Swallow-tailed Kite
- Mississippi Kite
- Bald Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Golden Eagle

### CARACARAS & FALCONS

- American Kestrel
- Merlin

- Peregrine Falcon

### RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

- King Rail
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Purple Gallinule
- Common Gallinule
- American Coot

### CRANES

- Sandhill Crane

### PLOVERS

- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer

### STILTS & AVOCETS

- Black-necked Stilt
- American Avocet

### SANDPIPERS

- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Upland Sandpiper
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe
- American Woodcock
- Wilson's Phalarope

### GULLS & TERNS

- Bonaparte's Gull

- Laughing Gull
- Franklin's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Least Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Forster's Tern

### PIGEONS & DOVES

- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove
- White-winged Dove
- Mourning Dove

### CUCKOOS & ANIS

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo

### BARN OWLS

- Barn Owl

### TYPICAL OWLS

- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl
- Short-eared Owl

### NIGHTHAWKS, NIGHTJARS

- Common Nighthawk
- Chuck-will's-widow
- Eastern Whip-poor-will

### SWIFTS

- Chimney Swift

### HUMMINGBIRDS

- Ruby-thrted. Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird

### KINGFISHERS

- Belted Kingfisher

### WOODPECKERS

- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker

- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Vermilion Flycatcher
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

**SHRIKES**

- Loggerhead Shrike

**VIREOS**

- White-eyed Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo

**JAYS & CROWS**

- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Fish Crow

**LARKS**

- Horned Lark

**SWALLOWS**

- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- N. Rough-winged Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow

**TITMICE**

- Carolina Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse

**NUTHATCHES**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch

**CREEPERS**

- Brown Creeper

**WRENS**

- Carolina Wren
- House Wren
- Winter Wren
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren

**GNATCATCHERS**

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**KINGLETS**

- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

**THRUSHES**

- Eastern Bluebird
- Veery
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin

**MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS**

- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher

**STARLINGS**

- European Starling

**WAGTAILS & PIPITS**

- American Pipit

**WAXWINGS**

- Cedar Waxwing

**LONGSPURS & ALLIES**

- Lapland Longspur

**WOOD WARBLERS**

- Ovenbird
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Northern Waterthrush
- Golden-winged Warbler

- Blue-winged Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Swainson's Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Kentucky Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Hooded Warbler
- American Redstart
- Cape May Warbler
- Cerulean Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Magnolia Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Pine Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Blk-throated Green Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS**

- Eastern Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Le Conte's Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

**GROSBEAKS & ALLIES**

- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager
- Northern Cardinal

- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Painted Bunting
- Dickcissel

**BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES**

- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Rusty Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole

**FINCHES**

- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

- House Sparrow

**USE EBIRD.ORG**

Please consider entering your sightings at Tara Wildlife using eBird, a global database maintained by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It's free and easy. Once you have created an account at <http://ebird.org>, you can locate Tara on a map and get started. This data is important for tracking the health of bird populations over time. You can also explore other sightings from Tara, around the region or across the United States and the world. There's even an app for that, called BirdLog. Use it to enter your sightings from your phone or other mobile device.

**FIELD NOTES** (Use this space to enter field notes or observations.)