

**KATY PRAIRIE BIRD CHECKLIST (September 2009 Update)**

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PLEASE SEND OBSERVATIONS (FROM THE KATY PRAIRIE ONLY), ANY COMMENTS, AND INQUIRIES TO KATY PRAIRIE CONSERVANCY (KPC)

Observers + phone or email: _____

Date/Time: _____ Weather: _____

Specific Location: _____

This is not a complete list of all species recorded on the Katy Prairie in west Harris, east Waller, and northern Fort Bend Counties, Texas. Species only recorded once, twice or appearing to be accidental are not included (see note at end of checklist). Currently there is not a central repository for observation data. We encourage you to report your sightings on line via eBird at ebird.org..

Species names, taxonomic order, and family divisions follow the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds, 7th Edition* and supplements (through supplement 49, 2008), <http://www.aou.org/checklist/north/full.php>. **‡** indicates species of conservation concern listed by the BirdLife International/National Audubon Society Important Bird Area program for Texas including federal and state endangered and threatened species.

Seasonal status: S = summer resident and migrant; W = winter resident and migrant; M = migrant only, spring and/or fall; P = permanent resident or can occur any time of year, but does not necessarily breed on the Katy Prairie; (*presumed*) = presumed to occur; *rare* = not expected every year or season, provide documentation for rare species reports. Seasons indicated are when expected; there may be out-of-season records for some species.

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DUCKS, GEESE, & SWANS

- ___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck **P**
- ___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck **S**
- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose **W**
- ___ Snow Goose **W**
- ___ Ross' Goose **W**
- ___ Cackling Goose **W**
- ___ Canada Goose **W**
- ___ Tundra Swan **W rare**
- ___ Wood Duck **P**
- ___ Gadwall **W**
- ___ American Wigeon **W**
- ___ Mallard **W**
- ___ ‡ Mottled Duck **P**
- ___ Blue-winged Teal **W**
- ___ Cinnamon Teal **W**
- ___ Northern Shoveler **W**
- ___ Northern Pintail **W**
- ___ Green-winged Teal **W**
- ___ Canvasback **W**
- ___ Redhead **W**
- ___ Ring-necked Duck **W**
- ___ Greater Scaup **W rare**
- ___ Lesser Scaup **W**
- ___ White-winged Scoter **W rare**
- ___ Long-tailed Duck **W rare**
- ___ Bufflehead **W**
- ___ Common Goldeneye **W**
- ___ Hooded Merganser **W**
- ___ Ruddy Duck **W**
- ___ Masked Duck **W rare**

GROUSE AND ALLIES

- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant* **P**

NEW WORLD QUAIL

- ___ ‡ Northern Bobwhite* **P**

LOONS

- ___ Common Loon **W rare**

GREBES

- ___ Pied-billed Grebe **P**
- ___ Horned Grebe **W rare**
- ___ Eared Grebe **W**

PELICANS

- ___ American White Pelican **W**

CORMORANTS

- ___ Neotropic Cormorant **S**
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant **W**

DARTERS (ANHINGA)

- ___ Anhinga **S**

HERONS, EGRETS, & BITTERNS

- ___ American Bittern **W**
- ___ Least Bittern **S**
- ___ Great Blue Heron **P**

- ___ Great Egret **P**
- ___ Snowy Egret **P**
- ___ ‡ Little Blue Heron **S**
- ___ Tricolored Heron **S**
- ___ Cattle Egret **P**
- ___ Green Heron **S**
- ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron **P**
- ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron **S**

BISES & SPOONBILLS

- ___ White Ibis **P**
- ___ Glossy Ibis **P rare**
- ___ ‡ White-faced Ibis **P**
- ___ Roseate Spoonbill **S**

STORKS

- ___ ‡ Wood Stork **S**

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- ___ Black Vulture **P**
- ___ Turkey Vulture **P**

HAWKS & ALLIES

- ___ Osprey **W**
- ___ ‡ Scissor-tailed Kite **M**
- ___ White-tailed Kite **W**
- ___ Mississippi Kite **S**
- ___ ‡ Bald Eagle **P**
- ___ ‡ Northern Harrier **W**
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk **W**
- ___ Cooper's Hawk **W**
- ___ Harris's Hawk **W rare**
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk **P**
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk **M**
- ___ ‡ Swainson's Hawk **S**
- ___ ‡ White-Tailed Hawk **P**
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk **P**
- ___ ‡ Ferruginous Hawk **W**
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk **W rare**
- ___ Golden Eagle **W rare**

FALCONS & CARACARAS

- ___ ‡ Crested Caracara **P**
- ___ American Kestrel **W**
- ___ Merlin **W**
- ___ ‡ Peregrine Falcon **W**
- ___ ‡ Prairie Falcon **W rare**

RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS

- ___ ‡ Yellow Rail **M**
- ___ ‡ Black Rail **M rare**
- ___ King Rail **P**
- ___ Virginia Rail **M**
- ___ Sora **W**
- ___ Purple Gallinule **S**
- ___ Common Moorhen **P**
- ___ American Coot **P**

CRANES

- ___ Sandhill Crane **W**

PLOVERS

- ___ Black-bellied Plover **M**
- ___ ‡ American Golden-Plover **M**
- ___ Semipalmated Plover **M**
- ___ Killdeer **P**
- ___ ‡ Mountain Plover **W rare**

STILTS & AVOCETS

- ___ ‡ Black-necked Stilt **S**
- ___ American Avocet **W**

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, & ALLIES

- ___ Spotted Sandpiper **M**
- ___ ‡ Solitary Sandpiper **M**
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs **W**
- ___ Willet **M rare**
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs **W**
- ___ ‡ Plain Sandpiper **M**
- ___ ‡ Himantopus **M rare**
- ___ ‡ Long-billed Curlew **W**
- ___ ‡ Hudsonian Godwit **M**
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone **M**
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper **M**
- ___ Western Sandpiper **W**
- ___ Least Sandpiper **W**
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper **M**
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper **M**
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper **M**
- ___ Dunlin **W**
- ___ ‡ Tundra Sandpiper **M**
- ___ ‡ Buff-breasted Sandpiper **M**
- ___ ‡ Short-billed Dowitcher **M rare**
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher **W**
- ___ Wilson's Snipe **W**
- ___ ‡ American Woodcock **W**
- ___ ‡ Wilson's Phalarope **M**

GULLS & TERNS

- ___ Bonaparte's Gull **W rare**
- ___ Laughing Gull **P rare**
- ___ Franklin's Gull **M**
- ___ Ring-billed Gull **W**
- ___ Herring Gull **W rare**
- ___ ‡ Least Tern **S**
- ___ Caspian Tern **W**
- ___ Forster's Tern **W**
- ___ Royal Tern **P rare**

PIGEONS & DOVES

- ___ Rock Pigeon (formerly Rock Dove) **P**
- ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove **P**
- ___ White-winged Dove **P**
- ___ Mourning Dove **P**
- ___ Inca Dove **P**
- ___ Common Ground-Dove **P**

* most if not all Ring-necked Pheasant and some Northern Bobwhite may be releases by hunt clubs

CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, & ANIS

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo **S**
- ___ Greater Roadrunner **P rare**

BARN OWLS

- ___ Barn Owl **P**

TYPICAL OWLS

- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl **P**
- ___ Great Horned Owl **P**
- ___ **‡** Burrowing Owl **W rare**
- ___ Barred Owl **P**
- ___ Long-eared Owl **W rare**
- ___ **‡** Short-Eared Owl **W**

NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS

- ___ Lesser Nighthawk **M rare**
- ___ Common Nighthawk **S**
- ___ **‡** Chuck-Will's-Widow **S**
- ___ **‡** Whip-Poor-Will **M**

SWIFTS

- ___ Chimney Swift **S**

HUMMINGBIRDS

- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird **S**
- ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird **M rare**

KINGFISHERS

- ___ Belted Kingfisher **W**

WOODPECKERS

- ___ **‡** Red-headed Woodpecker **P**
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker **P**
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **W**
- ___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker **P**
- ___ Downy Woodpecker **P**
- ___ Northern Flicker **W**
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker **P**

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- ___ **‡** Olive-sided Flycatcher **M**
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee **M**
- ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher **M**
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher **M**
- ___ Alder Flycatcher **M**
- ___ Willow Flycatcher **M**
- ___ Least Flycatcher **M**
- ___ Eastern Phoebe **W**
- ___ Vermilion Flycatcher **W**
- ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher **W**
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher **S**
- ___ Great Kiskadee **P rare**
- ___ Couch's Kingbird **W rare**
- ___ Western Kingbird **S**
- ___ Eastern Kingbird **S**
- ___ **‡** Scissor-tailed Flycatcher **S**

SHRIKES

- ___ **‡** Loggerhead Shrike **P**

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

- ___ Carolina Chickadee **P**
- ___ Tufted Titmouse **P**

NUTHATCHES

- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch **W**

CREEPERS

- ___ Brown Creeper **W**

WRENS

- ___ Carolina Wren **P**
- ___ **‡** Bewick's Wren **W**
- ___ House Wren **W**
- ___ Winter Wren **W**
- ___ **‡** Sedge Wren **W**
- ___ Marsh Wren **W**

KINGLETS

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet **W**
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet **W**

GNATCATCHERS

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher **W**

THRUSHES

- ___ Eastern Bluebird **P**
- ___ Veery **M (presumed)**
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush **M (presumed)**
- ___ Swainson's Thrush **M**
- ___ Hermit Thrush **W**
- ___ **‡** Wood Thrush **M**

- ___ American Robin **W**

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

- ___ Gray Catbird **W**
- ___ Northern Mockingbird **P**
- ___ Brown Thrasher **W**

STARLINGS

- ___ European Starling **P**

PIPITS

- ___ American Pipit **W**
- ___ **‡** Sprague's Pipit **W**

WAXWINGS

- ___ Cedar Waxwing **W**

WOOD-WARBLERS

- ___ **‡** Blue-winged Warbler **M**
- ___ **‡** Golden-Winged Warbler **M (presumed)**
- ___ Tennessee Warbler **M**
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler **W**
- ___ Nashville Warbler **M**
- ___ Northern Parula **S**
- ___ Yellow Warbler **M**
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler **M**
- ___ Magnolia Warbler **M**
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler **W**

VIREOS

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TANAGERS

- ___ Summer Tanager **S**
- ___ Scarlet Tanager **M**

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- ___ Green-tailed Towhee **W rare**
- ___ Spotted Towhee **W**
- ___ Eastern Towhee **W**
- ___ Chipping Sparrow **W**
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow **W rare**
- ___ Field Sparrow **W**
- ___ Vesper Sparrow **W**
- ___ Lark Sparrow **W**
- ___ Lark Bunting **W rare**
- ___ Savannah Sparrow **W**
- ___ **‡** Grasshopper Sparrow **W**
- ___ **‡** Henslow's Sparrow **W**
- ___ **‡** Le Conte's Sparrow **W**
- ___ Fox Sparrow **W**
- ___ Song Sparrow **W**
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow **W**
- ___ Swamp Sparrow **W**
- ___ White-throated Sparrow **W**
- ___ **‡** Harris's Sparrow **W**
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow **W**
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco **W**
- ___ Lapland Longspur **W**

CARDINALS & ALLIES

- ___ Northern Cardinal **P**
- ___ Pyrrhuloxia **W rare**
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak **M**
- ___ Blue Grosbeak **M**
- ___ Indigo Bunting **M**
- ___ **‡** Painted Bunting **S**
- ___ **‡** Dickcissel **S**

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, & ALLIES

- ___ Red-winged Blackbird **P**
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark **P**
- ___ Western Meadowlark **W**
- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird **M**
- ___ **‡** Rusty Blackbird **W**
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird **W**
- ___ Common Grackle **P**
- ___ Great-tailed Grackle **P**
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird **P**
- ___ Orchard Oriole **S**
- ___ Bullock's Oriole **M rare**
- ___ Baltimore Oriole **M**

FINCHES & ALLIES

- ___ Purple Finch **W**
- ___ House Finch **P**

Black-throated Green Warbler **M**
Blackburnian Warbler **M**
Yellow-throated Warbler **M**

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___ American Goldfinch **W**

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

___ Pine Warbler **P**

___ ♪ Prairie Warbler **M** (*presumed*)

___ Palm Warbler **W**

___ ♪ Bay-breasted Warbler **M**

___ !Cerulean Warbler **M** (*presumed*)

___ Black-and-white Warbler **M**

___ American Redstart **M**

___ ♪ Prothonotary Warbler **S**

___ ♪ Worm-eating Warbler **M**

___ ♪ Swainson's Warbler **M** (*presumed*)

___ Ovenbird **M**

___ Northern Waterthrush **M**

___ ♪ Louisiana Waterthrush **M**

___ ♪ Kentucky Warbler **M**

___ Mourning Warbler **M**

___ Common Yellowthroat **P**

___ Hooded Warbler **M**

___ Wilson's Warbler **M**

___ ♪ Canada Warbler **M**

___ Yellow-breasted Chat **S**

___ White-eyed Vireo **S**

___ Yellow-throated Vireo **M**

___ Blue-headed Vireo **W**

___ Warbling Vireo **M**

___ Philadelphia Vireo **M**

___ Red-eyed Vireo **M**

JAYS & CROWS

___ Blue Jay **P**

___ American Crow **P**

LARKS

___ ♪ Horned Lark **P**

MARTINS & SWALLOWS

___ Purple Martin **S**

___ Tree Swallow **M**

___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow **M**

___ Bank Swallow **M**

___ Cliff Swallow **S**

___ Cave Swallow **P**

___ Barn Swallow **S**

___ House Sparrow **P**

ESTRILDID FINCHES

___ Nutmeg Mannikin **P**

□ Historically occurring species include Trumpeter Swan, !Greater Prairie-Chicken, ♪ Whooping Crane, ♪ Eskimo Curlew, and Groove-billed Ani.

□ Accidental species include Least Grebe, ♪ Marbled Godwit; Mountain Bluebird; Black-throated, Cassin's, and ♪ Bachman's

Sparrows; ♪ McCown's Longspur; Black-headed Grosbeak, and Bobolink.

□ Additional species may occur in nearby neighborhoods, e.g., wintering !Rufous and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds at feeders.

ADDITIONAL SPECIES & NOTES