

MATAGORDA COUNTY BIRDING NATURE CENTER

SYMBOLS USED ON THIS LIST

- Sp..... Spring March, April, May
- S..... Summer June, July, August
- F..... Fall September, October, November
- W..... Winter December, January, February
- R..... Resident
- M..... Migrant
- V..... Visitor
- *..... Nests
- AB..... Abundant
- C..... Common
- FC..... Fairly Common
- U..... Uncommon
- R..... Rare
- VR..... Very Rare
- I..... Irregular-some years may be common and others not at all

**Please report any accidental or unusual sightings to the
Matagorda County Birding Nature Center**

ACCIDENTALS	
__ Pacific Loon	__ Green Kingfisher
__ Least Grebe	__ Great Kiskadee
__ Western Grebe	__ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
__ Brown Booby	__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
__ Tundra Swan	__ Yellow-green Vireo
__ Common Merganser	__ Chihuahuan Raven
__ Rough-legged Hawk	__ White-breasted Nuthatch
__ Golden Eagle	__ Black-throated Blue Warbler
__ Prairie Falcon	__ Black-throated Gray Warbler
__ Attwater's Prairie Chicken	__ Lazuli Bunting
__ Ruff	__ Varied Bunting
__ Pomarine Jaeger	__ Black-throated Sparrow
__ California Gull	__ Henslow's Sparrow
__ Glaucous Gull	__ Harris' Sparrow
__ Sooty Tern	__ Chestnut-collared Longspur
__ Lesser Nighthawk	__ Rusty Blackbird
__ Green Violet-ear	__ Shiny Cowbird
__ Blue-throated Hummingbird	__ Altamira Oriole
__ Allen's Hummingbird	__ Lesser Goldfinch
__ Ringed Kingfisher	

SPECIES	STATUS	SP	S	F	W
LOONS & GREBES					
Common Loon	W	U		U	C
Horned Grebe	W	C		C	C
Eared Grebe	W	C		C	C
Pied-Billed Grebe	R*	C	C	C	C
BOOBIES & GANNETS					
Masked Booby	V	R	R	R	VR
Northern Gannet	W	FC			
PELICANS & CORMORANTS					
American White Pelican	R	C	R	C	AB
Brown Pelican	R*	C	C	C	C
Double-crested Cormorant	R	C	I	C	C
Neotropic Cormorant	R*	C	C	C	C
AHNINGA & FRIGATEBIRD					
Anhinga	R*	FC	U	FC	U
Magnificent Frigatebird	S	U	FC	U	
BITTERNS, HERONS & EGRETS					
American Bittern	W	U		U	FC
Least Bittern	S*	U	C	U	VR
Great Blue Heron	R*	C	C	C	C
Great Egret	R*	C	C	C	C
Snowy Egret	R*	C	C	C	C
Little Blue Heron	R*	FC	FC	FC	U
Tricolored Heron	R*	C	C	C	C
Reddish Egret	R*	FC	U	FC	FC
Cattle Egret	R*	AB	A B	A B	AB
Green Heron	R*	C	C	FC	R
Black-crowned Night-Heron	R*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	R*	FC	FC	C	R
IBISES, SPOONBILL & STORK					
White Ibis	R*	C	C	C	C
Glossy Ibis	R*	U	U	U	U
White-faced Ibis	R*	C	FC	FC	FC
Roseate Spoonbill	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Wood Stork	S*		C	C	VR

DUCKS & GEESE					
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	R*	U	R	U	VR
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	R*	FC	FC	FC	U
Greater White-fronted Goose	W	FC		C	C
Snow Goose	W	FC	V R	FC	AB
Ross' Goose	W	C		C	C
Canada Goose	W	U		FC	C
Wood Duck	R*	U	U	U	U
Green-winged Teal	W	C		C	AB
Mottled Duck	R*	C	C	C	C
Mallard	W	U		U	U
Northern Pintail	W	FC		FC	AB
Blue-winged Teal	R*	C	FC	A B	FC
Cinnamon Teal	W	R		R	R
Northern Shoveler	W	FC		FC	C
Gadwall	W	FC		A B	C
American Wigeon	W	FC		FC	C
Canvasback	W	U		U	U
Redhead	W	C		C	AB
Ring-necked Duck	W	U		U	FC
Greater Scaup	W	U		U	U
Lesser Scaup	W	C		C	AB
Oldsquaw	V				VR
Black Scoter	W				R
Surf Scoter	W				VR
White-winged Scoter	W				VR
Common Goldeneye	W	U		U	FC
Bufflehead	W	FC		U	C
Hooded Merganser	W	U		U	U
Red-breasted Merganser	W	FC		U	FC
Ruddy Duck	W	FC		U	FC
VULTURES, KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS					
Black Vulture	R*	C	C	C	C
Turkey Vulture	R*	C	C	C	C
Osprey	R	C	V R	C	C
Swallow-tailed Kite	M	R		R	
White tailed Kite	R*	U	U	U	FC
Mississippi Kite	S*	U	C	U	

Bald Eagle	R*	U	V R	U	U
Northern Harrier	R	C	R	C	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk	W	C		C	FC
Cooper's Hawk	W	C		C	FC
Harris' Hawk	W				VR
Red-shouldered Hawk	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Broad-winged Hawk	M	U		U	
Swainson's Hawk	M	C		U	
White-tailed Hawk	R*	U	U	U	FC
Red-tailed Hawk	R*	U	R	U	C
Ferruginous Hawk	W	VR			R
CARACARA & FALCONS					
Crested Caracara	R	U	U	U	U
American Kestrel	W	C		C	C
Merlin	W	U		U	FC
Peregrine Falcon	W	U		FC	U
PHEASANT, TURKEY & QUAIL					
Ring-necked Pheasant	R*	VR	V R	V R	VR
Wild Turkey	R*	U	U	U	U
Northern Bobwhite	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
RAILS, GALLINULE & COOT					
Yellow Rail	W	U		U	U
Black Rail	R	R	R	R	VR
Clapper Rail	R	C	C	C	C
King Rail	R	C	C	C	C
Virginia Rail	R	FC	V R	FC	FC
Sora	W	C		C	C
Purple Gallinule	R	FC	FC	U	VR
Common Moorhen	R	FC	C	FC	FC
American Coot	R	FC	R	A B	AB
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	W	U		FC	C
Whooping Crane	M	VR		V R	

PLOVERS & OYSTERCATCHER					
Black-bellied Plover	R	FC	U	FC	FC
American Golden Plover	M	FC		V R	
Snowy Plover	R	U	R	U	U
Wilson's Plover	S*	FC	FC	U	
Semipalmated Plover	R	FC	R	FR	FC
Piping Plover	R	U	R	U	U
Kildeer	R*	C	U	C	C
Mountain Plove	M	R			
American Oystercatcher	R*	U	U	U	U
STILT & AVOCET					
Black-necked Stilt	R	C	C	C	U
American Avocet	T	C	U	FC	FC
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPE					
Greater Yellowlegs	R	FC	R	FC	FC
Lesser Yellowlegs	R	FC	F	FC	FC
Solitary Sandpiper	R	U	U	C	VR
Willet	R	C	C	C	C
Spotted Sandpiper	R	FC	FC	FC	FC
Upland Sandpiper	M	U		U	
Whimbrel	M	U		I	
Long-billed Curlew	R	FC	R	FC	FC
Hudsonian Godwit	M	FC			
Marbled Godwit	R	C	U	U	FC
Ruddy Turnstone	R	U	U	FC	FC
Red Knot	M	U		U	R
Sanderling	R	C	R	C	C
Semipalmated Sandpiper	M	U		FC	
Western Sandpiper	R	C	C	U	FC
Least Sandpiper	R	C	C	C	C
White-rumped Sandpiper	M	C			
Baird's Sandpiper	M	U		U	
Pectoral Sandpiper	M	C	U	FC	
Dunlin	W	FC		FC	C
Stilt Sandpiper	R	C	C	U	R
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	M	U		R	
Short-billed Dowitcher	W	FC		FC	U
Long-billed Dowitcher	R	C	U	C	C
Common Snipe	W	FC		U	C
American Woodcock	W				R

Wilson's Phalarope	M	U		U	
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS					
Laughing Gull	R*	AB	A B	A B	AB
Franklin's Gull	M	FC		U	
Bonaparte's Gull	W	U			FC
Ring-billed Gull	R	FC	R	FC	C
Herring Gull	W	U			U
Gull-billed Tern	R*	U	C	U	U
Caspian Tern	R*	C	C	C	C
Royal Tern	R*	FC	C	FC	FC
Sandwich Tern	R*	FC	FC	FC	R
Common Tern	M	U		U	R
Forster's Tern	R*	C	C	C	C
Least Tern	S*	U	C	U	
Black Tern	S	U	C	C	
Black Skimmer	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
DOVES, CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS & ANI					
Rock Dove	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Eurasian Collared -Dove	R*	U	U	U	U
White-winged Dove	R*	U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove	R*	C	C	C	C
Inca Dove	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Common Ground-Dove	R*	U	U	U	U
Black-billed Cuckoo	M	U		U	
Yellow-gilled Cuckoo	S*	FC	FC	R	
Greater Roadrunner	R*	VR			
Grooved-billed Ani	R	U	R	U	R
OWLS & NIGHTHAWKS					
Barn Owl	R*	C	U	C	C
Eastern Screech Owl	R*	R	R	R	R
Great Horned Owl	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Burrowing Owl	W				R
Barred Owl	R*	U	U	U	U
Short-eared Owl	W		U	U	
Common Nighthawk	R*	FC	C	U	VR
Chuck-will's widow	M	FC		FC	VR
Whip-poor-will	M	U		U	
SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS					

Chimney Swift	S*	C	C	C	U
Buff-bellied Hummingbird	W	R		R	R
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	R*	C	FC	A B	VR
Black-chinned Hummingbird	W	R		R	VR
Anna's Hummingbird	W			R	R
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	W			R	R
Rufous Hummingbird	W	R		R	R
KINGFISHER					
Belted Kingfisher	R*	FC	R	FC	C
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	R*	U	U	U	U
Golden-fronted Woodpecker	R*	VR	V	V	VR
Red-bellied Woodpecker	R*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	W	U		U	U
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	R*	U	U	U	U
Downy Woodpecker	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Hairy Woodpecker	R*	VR	V R	V R	VR
Northern Flicker	W	U		U	U
Pileated Woodpecker	R*	U	U	U	U
FLYCATCHERS					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	M	U	U	U	
Eastern Wood Pewee	S*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	M	U	U	FC	
Acadian Flycatcher	M	R	R	R	
Alder Flycatcher	M	U	U	U	
Willow Flycatcher	M	U	C	C	
Least Flycatcher	M	U		U	VR
Eastern Phoebe	R	C	U	C	AB
Say's Phoebe	V	R		V R	VR
Vermilion Flycatcher	R	R	V R	R	U
Ash-throated Flycatcher	V	R			R
Great Crested Flycatcher	R*	C	C	FC	VR
Brown-crested Flycatcher	M	R			V
Couch's Kingbird	W	U		U	R
Western Kingbird	M	R			VR
Eastern Kingbird	S*	FC	FC	FC	

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	R*	C	C	C	VR
LARKS, SWALLOWS, JAY & CROW					
Horned Lark	R*	FC	FC	FC	U
Purple Martin	S*	C	C	U	VR
Tree Swallow	W	FC		FC	U
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	M			FC	
Bank Swallow	M	FC		FC	
Cliff Swallow	S*	C	C	C	
Cave Swallow	R*	U	U	U	VR
Barn Swallow	R*	FC	C	U	VR
Blue Jay	R*	C	C	C	C
American Crow	R*	C	C	C	V
CHICKADEE, TITMOUSE & CREEPER					
Carolina Chickadee	R*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse	R*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch	W	I		I	I
Brown Creeper	W				U
WRENS, KINGLETS & GNATCATCHER					
Carolina Wre	R*	C	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren	W	U		U	U
House Wre	W	C		C	C
Winter Wren	W	U		U	U
Sedge Wren	W	C		C	AB
Marsh Wren	R*	C	C	C	AB
Golden-crowned Kinglet	R*			R	R
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	W	C		C	C
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	W	C		C	FC
THRUSH & ALLIES					
Eastern Bluebird	R*	FC	FC	FC	FC
Veery	M	U			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	M	R		R	
Swainson's Thrush	M	C		U	
Hermit Thrush	W	U		U	C
Wood Thrush	M	FC		U	VR
American Robin	R*	FC	R	FC	C
Gray Catbird	W	C		C	U
Northern Mockingbird	R*	C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher	R*	FC	U	FC	FC
Long-billed Thrasher	W	R		R	R

Curved-billed Thrasher	V				VR
PIPITS, WAXWING, SHRIKE & STARLING					
American Pipit	W	FC		U	FC
Sprague's Pipit	W	U		U	U
Cedar Waxwing	R	I	I	I	C
Loggerhead Shrike	R*	FC	U	FC	C
European Starling	R*	C	C	C	AB
VIREOS					
White-eyed Vireo	R*	C	C	FC	U
Bell's Vireo	M	VR		V R	
Blue-headed Vireo	W	U	U		U
Yellow-throated Vireo	M	U		U	VR
Warbling Vireo	M	U		U	
Philadelphia Vireo	M	FC			
Red-eyed Vireo	M	C		FC	VR
WOOD WARBLERS					
Blue-winged Warbler	M	FC		R	
Golden-winged Warbler	M	U			
Tennessee Warbler	M	C		FC	
Orange-crowned Warbler	W	FC		U	C
Nashville Warbler	M	U		U	R
Northern Parula	S*	FC	FC	U	VR
Yellow Warbler	M	C		FC	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	M	C		U	
Magnolia Warbler	M	FC		R	
Cape May Warbler	M	R			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	W	FC		FC	C
Black-throated Green Warbler	M	FC		U	
Blackburnian Warbler	M	FC		U	
Yellow-throated Warbler	M	U		U	VR
Pine Warbler	W	U	U		U
Prairie Warbler	M	R			
Palm Warbler	W	U		U	U
Bay-breasted Warbler	M	C		U	
Blackpoll Warbler	M	U			
Cerulean Warbler	M	R			
Black-and-white Warbler	R*	C	U	C	U
American Redstart	M	FC		U	
Prothonotary Warbler	S*	U	FC	U	

Worm-eating Warbler	M	FC		FC	
Swainson's Warbler	M	U		R	
Ovenbird	M	FC		U	
Northern Waterthrush	M	C		C	
Louisiana Waterthrush	M	U			
Kentucky Warbler	M	C		U	
Mourning Warbler	M	U		C	
MacGillivray's Warbler	M	R		R	
Common Yellowthroat	R	AB	FC	C	C
Wilson's Warbler	W	U		FC	R
Canada Warbler	M	U		U	
Yellow-breasted Chat	M	C		C	R
Hooded Warbler	M	C		C	
TANAGERS, CARDINAL, GROSBEAKS & BUNTING					
Summer Tanager	R*	C	C	U	
Scarlet Tanager	M	C		C	
Western Tanager	V	R		R	
Northern Cardinal	R*	U	R	R	C
Pyrrhuloxia	W	R			R
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M	FC		U	VR
Black-headed Grosbeak	V			R	R
Blue Grosbeak	S*	C	U	U	VR
Indigo Bunting	R*	AB	FC	C	R
Painted Bunting	S*	C	FC	FC	VR
Dickcissel	S*	C	C	C	VR
SPARROWS, TOWHEES & LONGSPUR					
Green-tailed Towhee	V				I
Spotted Towhee	W	U			U
Eastern Towhee	V	R			R
Chipping Sparrow	R*	U	R	U	C
Clay-colored Sparrow	M	R		R	VR
Field Sparrow	W	U		U	FC
Vesper Sparrow	W	U		U	U
Lark Sparrow	M	U		U	R
Lark Bunting	V	I			I
Savannah Sparrow	W	C		A B	AB
Grasshopper Sparrow	W	C		A B	AB
LeConte's Sparrow	W	U		U	U
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	W	U		FC	FC

Seaside Sparrow	R*	C	C	C	C
Fox Sparrow	V				R
Song Sparrow	W	FC		FC	FC
Lincoln's Sparrow	W	FC		FC	FC
Swamp Sparrow	W	C		C	C
White-throated Sparrow	W	C		C	C
White-crowned Sparrow	W	U		U	U
Dark-eyed Junco	W				I
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES & ALLIES					
Bobolin	M	R			
Red-winged Blackbird	R*	AB	A B	A B	AB
Eastern Meadowlark	R*	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlar	W	R			
Yellow-headed Blackbird	M	U		R	
Brewer's Blackbird	W	U		U	FC
Great-tailed Grackle	R*	AB	A B	A B	AB
Boat-tailed Grackle	R*	C	C	C	C
Common Grackle	R*	AB	C	A B	AB
Bronzed Cowbird	R*	U	U	U	R
Brown-headed Cowbird	R*	AB	C	A B	AB
Orchard Oriole	S*	C	U	FC	
Bullock's Oriole	V	R	R	R	
Baltimore Oriole	R	C	R	U	RV
FINCHES, SISKIN & WEAVER FINCH					
Purple Finch	V				I
House Finch	V				I
Pine Siskin	V	I		I	I
American Goldfinch	W	FC			C
House Sparrow	R*	C	C	C	C

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