

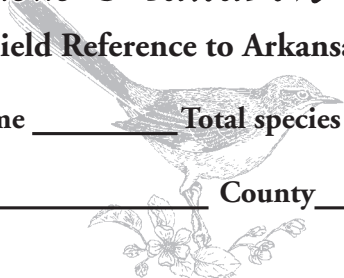
# Arkansas Audubon Society

## 2009 Field Reference to Arkansas Birds

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Total species observed \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_



This publication provides information on 405 species of birds currently documented for Arkansas. It is based primarily on bird records maintained by the Arkansas Audubon Society, and secondarily on other sources, including *Arkansas Birds-Their Distribution and Abundance* (James and Neal, UA Press, 1986), Breeding Bird Surveys, Christmas Bird Counts, eBird, and published literature on Arkansas birds. **Since the information that follows is generalized due to space constraints, it may not seem appropriate for a given species in some locales.** Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the *Checklist of North American Birds*, Seventh Edition, AOU, 1998, as amended through the Fiftieth supplement, July 2009. Birds added to the Arkansas list after March 1, 2005, appear in a separate table following the main checklist.

Approximate dates of arrival and departure are indicated by numbers 1-12 for months of the year and letters A, B, C, D for the weeks of the month. A plus (+) sign immediately following indicates that discontinuous records outside this period are on file. For species that have nested in Arkansas, one of two symbols follows the name: an asterisk (\*) means that the species currently nests with regularity, either yearly, or at least, with some consistency; an open circle (°) means that the species does not nest regularly and that there are few or no such reports since 1950. Beneath the dates of arrival and departure are codes which categorize seasonal status, relative abundance, and, in some cases, the sections of the state of primary occurrence.

The months of the year are grouped into the following seasons:

**Sp**-spring (March-May)                      **S**-summer (June-July)  
**F**-fall (August-November)                      **W**-winter (December-February)

In combination with these designations, the following abbreviations are used to denote seasonal status:

- P**-Present, species seen in the state each month but not necessarily in all sections (Great Egret)
- M**-Migrant, species passes through the state in the spring and/or fall (Cape May Warbler)
- R**-Resident, species remains for an extended period of time (Painted Bunting)
- L**-Local, species occurs in only a few places (Great-tailed Grackle)
- V**-Visitor, species usually not present for an extended time (Black-legged Kittiwake)
- Sa**-Storm assisted, species appears in the state in association with strong coastal storms; not usually present for an extended time (Sooty Tern)

The categories of relative abundance assume reasonable skill spent in suitable habitat during appropriate seasons and are defined as follows:

- c**-common, always or almost always observed (Killdeer)
- fc**-fairly common, seen on a majority of trips but usually in smaller numbers (Red-shouldered Hawk)
- u**-uncommon, may be difficult to find; seen only on a minority of trips (Golden-winged Warbler)
- r**-rare, may be seen annually or nearly so but not in all locales (Golden Eagle)
- vr**-very rare, encountered at irregular or infrequent intervals (Ruff)
- occ**-occasional, 3-4 state records overall with at least 2 records since 1950 (Long-tailed Jaeger)
- acc**-accidental, 1-2 state records (Fork-tailed Flycatcher)
- irr**-irruptive, variable in occurrence, number, and distribution (Red-breasted Nuthatch)

The abbreviations in parentheses following the statements of relative abundance indicate the primary but not necessarily the exclusive section of the state where the species occurs: ( **n** ) north, ( **s** ) south, ( **e** ) east, ( **w** ) west, ( **ce** ) central, ( **nc** ) north-central, ( **sc** ) south-central, ( **ec** ) east-central, ( **wc** ) west-central, ( **ne** ) northeast, ( **se** ) southeast, ( **nw** ) northwest, and ( **sw** ) southwest.

<b>Order Anseriformes</b> <b>Whistling-Ducks, Swans, Geese and Ducks</b>	Scoter, Surf	10B-1D Mr WRvr	4C-5B Mr WRvr
Whistling-Duck, Black-bellied*	3A-11D+ SRLu WVvr	White-winged	10D-5D+ WVr
Fulvous*	4A-10B+ VLr SRLr	Black	10D-3C WRvr
Goose, Greater White-fronted	9D-3C+ Mfc WRu (Lfc)	Duck, Long-tailed	11A-4A+ WVr
Snow	10A-4C+ Mc WRc (e, ce)	Bufflehead	11B-4C+ WRfc
Ross's	10D-4C Mfc WRLfc	Goldeneye, Common	11B-4C WRLu
Brant	WVacc (1, 1990)	Barrow's	WVacc (2, 2003)
Goose, Cackling	11A-3D+ WRu	Merganser, Hooded*	P SRLu WRfc
Canada	P c	Common	10A-3C+ WVr
Swan, Mute	11D-2D+ WVvr	Red-breasted	10D-4B+ Mu WVr
Trumpeter	11A-3A WRLu	Duck, Ruddy°	10A-4C+ WRc SRr
Tundra	11C-3D Mr WVr (e, ce)	<b>Order Galliformes</b> <b>Turkey and Quail</b>	
Duck, Wood*	P SRc WRLc	Turkey, Wild*	P fc
Gadwall	9A-4C+ WRc	Bobwhite, Northern*	P Lfc
Wigeon, American	9C-4C+ Mc WRc	<b>Order Gaviiformes</b> <b>Loons</b>	
Duck, American Black	10A-3B+ WRLr (e)	Loon, Red-throated	10D-4A WRr
Mallard*	P WRc SRu	Pacific	11B-5D WRr
Duck, Mottled*	P SRLu (se, sw) WRLu (se)	Common	10A-5D+ Mfc WRLc
Teal, Blue-winged*	P Mc SRr WRr (s)	Yellow-billed	FVacc (1, 1991)
Cinnamon	2C-5B 9A-12B SpMr FMvr	<b>Order Podicipediformes</b> <b>Grebes</b>	
Shoveler, Northern	9A-4C+ Mc WRfc	Grebe, Pied-billed*	P WRc SRLu
Pintail, Northern	10A-4B+ Mc WRc (e, sw)	Horned	10A-3D+ WRfc
Garganey	SpVacc (1, 1984)	Red-necked	11D-4B WVvr
Teal, Green-winged	9D-4C+ WRfc	Eared	9A-5A+ Mu WRr
Canvasback	10D-4D+ Mfc WRu	Western	10B-3D+ WVr
Redhead	10D-4A+ WRu	<b>Order Pelecaniformes</b> <b>Pelicans, Cormorants, and Darters</b>	
Duck, Ring-necked	10C-5B+ WRc	Pelican, American White	P Mfc SVLu WRfc
Tufted	WVacc (3, 2007)	Brown	3C-11B+ Vr (ce, s)
Scaup, Greater	10A-4B Mu WRu	Cormorant, Neotropic°	3D-12C SRvr (Lu se)
Lesser	10D-4D+ Mc WRc		

Cormorant, Double-crested*	P Mc SRLu WRLc	Hawk, Cooper's*	P WRfc SRLu
Anhinga*	3C-12C+ SRLu WVvr (s)	Goshawk, Northern	11A-1B WVvr
Frigatebird, Magnificent	9B-10D+ Sa FVvr	Hawk, Red-shouldered*	P fc
<b>Order Ciconiiformes Herons, Egrets, and Vultures</b>		Broad-winged*	3D-10A+ Mfc SRfc
Bittern, American°	3A-5D 9B-12D+ Mu WVvr	Swainson's*	3C-11C+ SRLu (nw)
Least*	4A-10A+ SRr (Lu se)	Red-tailed*	P c
Heron, Great Blue*	P c	Ferruginous	WVocc (4, 2002)
Egret, Great*	P SRLc WRfc (ce, s)	Rough-legged	10D-3C WVvr
Snowy*	3B-11C+ Mfc SRLfc WVvr	Eagle, Golden	9B-3B+ WRLr
Heron, Little Blue*	3B-11C+ Mc SRLc WVvr	Kestrel, American*	P Mc SRu WRc
Tricolored*	4A-11A+ SpMr SRLu (s) FVu	Merlin	9B-4C+ Mu WVvr
Egret, Cattle*	3B-11B+ Mc SRc WVr (s)	Falcon, Peregrine°	9B-5B+ Mu WVr
Heron, Green*	3B-10D+ SRc WVvr (s)	Prairie	11B-2B WVvr
Night-Heron, Black-crowned*	3B-11A+ Mu SRLu WVvr	<b>Order Gruiformes Rails, Gallinules, and Cranes</b>	
Yellow-crowned*	3D-11A+ SRLu	Rail, Yellow	9A-5B+ Mr WVocc
Ibis, White*	3D-11A+ SRLc (s, sw) FVLc (r nw) WRvr (sw)	Black	9B-10B FMvr
Glossy°	4C-5D 8D-10D+ Mr	King*	P Mr SRLr (ce, e) WR occ (s)
White-faced	4B-5D 8D-11D+ Mr WVvr (se)	Virginia	4B-5D 8B-12D+ MLu WRLvr
Spoonbill, Roseate	7A-10D+ FVr (e, s)	Sora	4A-5B 9A-12D+ Mu WRr (ec, s)
Stork, Wood	6B-11A FVu (s, e)	Gallinule, Purple*	4C-10C SRLr (ce, s)
<b>Order Falconiformes Hawks and Falcons</b>		Moorhen, Common*	4C-12D+ SRLu (ce, s) WRLr (sw)
Vulture, Black*	P fc	Coot, American*	P WRc SRLr
Turkey*	P c	Crane, Sandhill	9D-5C Mr WVr WRLu (ne)
Osprey*	3C-5D 8C-11D+ Mc SRLr WRr (s)	<b>Order Charadriiformes Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls, and Terns</b>	
Kite, Swallow-tailed*	4A-9D FSpVvr SRLvr	Plover, Black-bellied	3C-5D 8D-12D+ SpMr FMu
White-tailed	3A-4D+ SpVvr	Golden-Plover, Am.	3A-5D 9C-12A+ SpMc FMu
Mississippi*	4C-9C+ SRLfc	Plover, Snowy	FSpVocc (4, 2006)
Eagle, Bald*	P WRLc SRLfc	Wilson's	FSpVocc (3, 1998)
Harrier, Northern°	8C-4B+ Mfc WRfc	Semipalmated	4C-5C 7B-9D+ Mc
Hawk, Sharp-shinned*	P Mfc WRu SRr (n)	Piping	4B-5A 7B-10B SpMr FMr

Killdeer*	P c	Dowitcher, Long-billed	3A-5B 7A-12D+ SpMLc FMfc
Plover, Mountain	WVacc (1, 1951)	Snipe, Wilson's	8A-5D+ Mc WRfc
Stilt, Black-necked*	3D-10D+ SRfc (ec, se)	Woodcock, American*	P u
Avocet, American	4B-5C 7A-11C+ SpMr FMu	Phalarope, Wilson's	3C-5D 7A-10D Mfc
Sandpiper, Spotted°	3D-6B 7A-12D+ Mc WVr	Red-necked	5C-6A 7B-11B Mr
Solitary	3D-5B 6B-12D+ Mfc	Red	8D-11D+ FMvr
Yellowlegs, Greater	3B-5B 7A-12D+ Mc WRu	Kittiwake, Black-legged	11B-3A WVvr
Willet	3D-5D 6C-9D+ SpMu FMu	Gull, Sabine's	9C-10B+ FMLr
Yellowlegs, Lesser	2B-5D 6D-12D+ Mc WRu	Bonaparte's	9D-4D+ Mfc WRfc
Sandpiper, Upland	3D-5C 6D-10D+ Mu	Black-headed	11C-1B WVvr
Whimbrel	5B-5D 9A-9B Mr	Little	11D-3C+ WVvr
Curlew, Long-billed	4B-4D 10B-12B Mvr	Laughing	8A-7B Vu
Godwit, Hudsonian	4B-5D 8C-10B SpMLu FMvr	Franklin's	3C-6A 9D-12C+ SpMr FMfc
Marbled	4B-5D 8B-10B Mr	Ring-billed	8C-5A+ WRc
Turnstone, Ruddy	5B-6B 7D-10B Mr	California	WVocc (3, 2005)
Knot, Red	8C-10A FMvr	Herring	8B-5C+ WRLu
Sanderling	4C-5D 7C-10D+ SpMu FMfc	Thayer's	11D-3A WVvr
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	4A-6B 7B-11A+ Mc	Lesser Black-backed	11C-2C WVr
Western	4B-6A 7A-12D+ SpMu FMfc	Glauous	11D-2A WVvr
Least	7B-6B+ Mc WRu	Tern, Sooty	Sa FVvr (8, 2008)
White-rumped	4B-6C 8B-10D SpMLfc FMvr	Bridled	Sa FVacc (2, 2008)
Baird's	3B-6A 7D-11C SpMu FMfc	Least*	5A-9D+ Mu SRLu (Lc e)
Pectoral	3A-6B 6D-11D+ Mc	Caspian	4A-6C 7A-10C+ SpMu FMfc
Purple	FVacc (1, 1976)	Black	4B-6B 6D-10C+ Mc
Dunlin	4B-5D 10A-12D+ Mfc WRr	Common	4D-5D 7A-10D SpMr FMu
Sandpiper, Curlew	FVacc (2, 2004)	Forster's	4B-2D+ Mfc WRLu (s)
Stilt	3D-6A 7A-11D+ SpMu FMfc	Royal	Sa FVvr (7, 2008)
Buff-breasted	4A-5C 7D-10A+ SpMr FMfc	Skimmer, Black	Sa FVvr (8, 2008)
Ruff	3D-5B+ SpMvr	Jaeger, Pomarine	FVacc (1, 1983)
Dowitcher, Short-billed	4D-6A 7D-10A SpMu FMu	Parasitic	9A-12B FVvr

Jaeger, Long-tailed	FVocc (4, 2000)	Swift, White-throated	SpFWVacc (3, 1999)
Murrelet, Long-billed	FVacc (1, 1980)	Violetear, Green	6A-10A FVvr
<b>Order Columbiformes Pigeons and Doves</b>			
Pigeon, Rock*	P c	Hummingbird, Buff-bellied	WVacc (1, 1993)
Collared-Dove, Eurasian*	P Lc	Magnificent	SVacc (1, 1993)
Dove, White-winged	11C-6D Vr	Ruby-throated*	3B-11B+ SRc
Mourning*	P c	Black-chinned	10D-3D WVvr
Inca*	P Lu	Anna's	10C-3B WVvr
Ground-Dove, Common	8C-5A Vr	Calliope	FVvr (5, 2007)
<b>Order Cuculiformes Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis</b>			
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed*	4A-10C+ SRc	Rufous	8B-4A FMr WVr
Black-billed°	4D-5D 8A-10C+ Mu SRvr (n)	<b>Order Coraciiformes Kingfishers</b>	
Roadrunner, Greater*	P Lu (w, ce)	Kingfisher, Belted*	P c
<b>Order Piciformes Woodpeckers</b>			
Ani, Groove-billed	9C-11D+ SpVvr FVvr	Woodpecker, Lewis's	SVacc (1, 1967)
<b>Order Strigiformes Owls</b>			
Owl, Barn*	P Lu	Red-headed*	P fc
Screech-Owl, Eastern*	P fc	Red-bellied*	P c
Owl, Great Horned*	P fc	Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	9A-5A+ WRc
Snowy	11B-1B WVvr	Woodpecker, Downy*	P c
Burrowing	9D-3D WVLvr (e, ce)	Hairy*	P fc
Barred*	P fc	Red-cockaded*	P Lr (ec, sc, wc)
Long-eared	11A-5D+ WRvr	Flicker, Northern*	P SRu WRc
Short-eared	10D-4D WRu (Lfc e, ce)	Woodpecker, Pileated*	P fc
<b>Order Passeriformes Family Tyrannidae Flycatchers</b>			
Northern Saw-whet	11A-2D WVvr	Flycatcher, Olive-sided	4D-6D 8A-10B Mfc
<b>Order Caprimulgiformes Goatsuckers</b>			
Nighthawk, Common*	4B-11A+ SRc	Wood-Pewee, Eastern*	4B-10C SRc
Chuck-will's-widow*	3D-10B SRc	Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	4D-5D 8B-10C SpMr FMvr
Whip-poor-will*	3D-10B SRfc (n, ce, wc)	Acadian*	4B-9C SRfc
<b>Order Apodiformes Swifts and Hummingbirds</b>			
Swift, Chimney*	3B-11A SRc	Alder	5A-6A 8A-9B Mu
		Willow*	5A-9C SpMu SRLr (nw)
		Least	4D-5C 8D-9D+ SpMfc FMu

Phoebe, Eastern*	P SRc (n, wc) WRfc (s)	Swallow, N. Rough-winged*	3C-10B+ SRc
Say's	9C-4D Vvr	Bank*	4A-5D 7A-9D+ Mfc SRvr
Flycatcher, Vermilion	10A-4B+ WVvr	Cliff*	3D-10C+ Mc SRc
Great Crested*	4B-10A+ SRc	Barn*	3A-11D+ SRc
Kingbird, Couch's	WVacc (1, 1995)	<b>Family Paridae Chickadees and Titmice</b>	
Cassin's	SSpVacc (2, 1967)	Chickadee, Carolina*	P c
Western*	3D-10C SRLu	Titmouse, Tufted*	P c
Eastern*	3D-10D SRc	<b>Family Sittidae Nuthatches</b>	
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed*	3D-11D+ SRc WV occ (s)	Nuthatch, Red-breasted	9B-5B+ WRirr
Fork-tailed	WVacc (1, 1995)	White-breasted*	P c (n, wc)
<b>Family Laniidae Shrikes</b>		Brown-headed*	P c (s, wc)
Shrike, Loggerhead*	P Lfc	<b>Family Certhiidae Creepers</b>	
<b>Family Vireonidae Vireos</b>		Creepers, Brown°	10A-4C+ WRfc
Vireo, White-eyed*	3C-11D+ SRc WVvr (s)	<b>Family Troglodytidae Wrens</b>	
Bell's*	4C-9B+ Mu SRu	Wren, Rock	10B-3C+ WRr (w)
Yellow-throated*	3D-10A+ SRfc	Carolina*	P c
Blue-headed	9A-5D+ Mfc WRr (s)	Bewick's*	P SRr (nw) WRr
Warbling*	4C-9D+ SRLu Mfc	House*	P Mfc WRu SRfc (nw)
Philadelphia	4D-5D 9B-9D+ Mfc	Winter	10A-4D+ WRfc
Red-eyed*	4B-10B+ SRc	Sedge*	P Mfc SRLfc (e, nw) WRLu
<b>Family Corvidae Jays and Crows</b>		Marsh	9C-5C Mfc WRu
Jay, Blue*	P c	<b>Family Regulidae Kinglets</b>	
Nutcracker, Clark's	SpVacc (1, 1891)	Kinglet, Golden-crowned	9D-4D WRc
Crow, American*	P c	Ruby-crowned	9B-4D+ WRc
Fish*	P SRc WRLfc (s)	<b>Family Sylviidae Gnatcatchers</b>	
<b>Family Alaudidae Larks</b>		Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray*	3C-9C+ SRc WVr
Lark, Horned*	P WRc SRLu	<b>Family Turdidae Wheatears, Bluebirds, and Thrushes</b>	
<b>Family Hirundinidae Swallows</b>		Wheatear, Northern	FVacc (1, 1990)
Martin, Purple*	2A-10B+ SRc	Bluebird, Eastern*	P c
Swallow, Tree*	2C-11C+ Mc SRLfc	Mountain	FVacc (1, 1985)

Solitaire, Townsend's	10C-4A WVvr	Warbler, Cape May	4D-5D 8D-11D+ Mr
Veery	4C-6A SpMu	Black-throated Blue	5C-5D 9C-10C+ Mvr
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	4B-5D 9C-11C SpMfc FMvr	Yellow-rumped	10A-4D+ WRc
Swainson's	4A-5D 9B-10C+ SpMc FMu	Black-throated Green*	3D-10C+ Mc SRLu (nc, nw)
Hermit	10B-4C+ WRc	Blackburnian	4D-6A 9A-10B SpMu FMu
Wood*	4B-9C+ SRfc	Yellow-throated*	3D-10C+ SRfc
Robin, American*	P c	Pine*	P c (wc, s, nw)
<b>Family Mimidae</b> <b>Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies</b>		Prairie*	4B-9C+ SRfc
Catbird, Gray*	P SRc WRr	Palm	4C-5A 9C-11C+ Mu WRr
Mockingbird, Northern*	P c	Bay-breasted	4B-6B 9D-10B+ Mu
Thrasher, Sage	FSpVacc (2, 2004)	Blackpoll	4B-5D SpMfc
Brown*	P c	Cerulean*	4C-9A+ SRu (Lfc nw)
<b>Family Sturnidae</b> <b>Starlings</b>		Black-and-white*	3C-10A+ SRc WVvr (s)
Starling, European*	P c	Redstart, American*	4C-10C SRu (Lfc nw)
<b>Family Motacillidae</b> <b>Pipits</b>		Warbler, Prothonotary*	4A-9C+ SRfc
Pipit, American	9D-4B+ Mfc WRfc	Worm-eating*	4A-9D+ SRu (sc, nw)
Sprague's	10A-4C WRvr	Swainson's*	4A-9C+ SRLfc
<b>Family Bombycillidae</b> <b>Waxwings</b>		Ovenbird*	4C-10B+ SRfc (n, ce, wc)
Waxwing, Bohemian	1D-3C+ WVvr	Waterthrush, Northern	4C-5C 7B-9D+ Mfc
Cedar*	P SRu (nw) WRc	Louisiana*	3C-10B SRfc (w)
<b>Family Parulidae</b> <b>Wood Warblers</b>		Warbler, Kentucky*	4B-9D+ SRfc
Warbler, Blue-winged*	4B-10B Mfc SRLu (n, ce)	Connecticut	4C-5D SpMvr
Golden-winged	4D-5B 9A-10B Mu	Mourning	5A-5D 9A-9D+ SpMu FMu
Tennessee	4C-5B 9B-10B+ Mc	Yellowthroat, Common*	4B-10C+ SRc WRr
Orange-crowned	9D-5C+ Mfc WRu	Warbler, Hooded*	4A-10A+ SRfc
Nashville	4C-5B 9D-10D+ Mfc	Wilson's	4D-6A 8D-10A+ Mu (e) Mc (w)
Parula, Northern*	3C-10C+ SRc	Canada	4D-6A 8D-10A Mu
Warbler, Yellow*	4C-9B+ Mfc SRLu (n)	Chat, Yellow-breasted*	4C-9D+ SRc
Chestnut-sided* SpMfc FMfc (e) u (w)	4D-10B+ SRLr (nc, nw)	<b>Family Emberizidae</b> <b>New World Sparrows</b>	
Magnolia	4D-6A 9A-10B+ Mfc	Towhee, Green-tailed	FVacc (1, 1952)

Towhee, Spotted	10C-4A+ WVr	<b>Family Cardinalidae</b> <b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</b>	
Eastern*	P SRfc (n) SRu (s) WRu (n) WRfc (s)	Tanager, Summer*	4C-10B+ SRc WVvr
Sparrow, Bachman's*	4B-10D+ SRLu	Scarlet*	4C-10B+ Mfc SRfc (n, ce, wc)
Rufous-crowned*	P Lr (wc)	Western	8D-5B WVvr
American Tree	10B-4A Mr WRr (nw)	Cardinal, Northern*	P c
Chipping*	P SRc (n, wc) WRc (s)	Grosbeak, Rose-br.	4D-5B 9D-10C+ SpMc FMu
Clay-colored	4B-5B 9A-11B+ Mu (w) Mr (e)	Black-headed	9D-5B+ WVvr
Field*	P SRfc WRc	Blue*	4B-10B SRc
Vesper	10A-4D Mfc WRu (s)	Bunting, Lazuli	2D-6B SpVvr
Lark*	3D-9D+ SRfc (sw) SRu (nw) WVvr (s)	Indigo*	4B-11A+ SRc WVvr
Bunting, Lark	WSpVacc (3, 2009)	Painted*	4B-11A+ SRfc
Sparrow, Savannah	10A-5C+ WRc	Dickcissel*	4D-9B+ SRc WVvr
Grasshopper*	4A-11D+ SRLu SRLfc (nw)	<b>Family Icteridae</b> <b>Blackbirds and Allies</b>	
Henslow's*	P SRLu (nw, wc, s) WRr (se)	Bobolink	4A-5D 8B-10D SpMfc FMLu
Le Conte's	10B-5B WRLfc	Blackbird, Red-winged*	P c
Nelson's	5B-5C 9C-10D+ Mr	Meadowlark, Eastern*	P c
Fox	10B-4C+ WRfc	Western	10D-4D+ WRu
Song	10B-4D+ WRc	Blackbird, Yellow-hd.	4A-5C 8D-10B+ SpMu FMr WVvr
Lincoln's	10A-5C+ Mfc (w, ce) WRu (w)	Rusty	10C-4C+ WRfc
Swamp	10A-4D+ WRc	Brewer's	11A-4B+ WRfc (e, sw) WRu (nw)
White-throated	10B-5B+ WRc	Grackle, Common*	P c
Harris's	10C-5B WRu (w, ce)	Great-tailed*	P Lu (w)
White-crowned	10A-5D WRc	Cowbird, Brown-headed*	P c
Junco, Dark-eyed	10B-4B+ WRc	Oriole, Orchard*	4B-9C SRc
Longspur, McCown's	FVacc (2, 1996)	Bullock's	12D-2C WVvr
Lapland	11B-3A+ WRLfc	Baltimore*	4A-10A+ SRLc (e, s) Lu (nw) WVvr (s)
Smith's	11A-3C+ WRLr (nw)	<b>Family Fringillidae</b> <b>Finches</b>	
Chestnut-collared	12D-1D+ WVvr	Grosbeak, Pine	WSSpVacc (4, 1989)
Bunting, Snow	11C-12D+ WVvr	Finch, Purple°	10D-4B+ WRfc
		House*	P SRfc WRc

Crossbill, Red°	9A-7D+ Vr	Goldfinch, American*	WRc SRc (nw, ce)	P
White-winged	1D-4A SpVvr	Grosbeak, Evening	11A-5A+	WRvr
Redpoll, Common	11A-3C WVvr (n)	<b>Family <i>Passeridae</i> Old World Sparrows</b>		
Siskin, Pine°	10B-5B+ Mirr WRirr SRvr (nw)	Sparrow, House*		P c
Goldfinch, Lesser	SSpVacc (2, 2006)			

Species extinct or extirpated in Arkansas			
Grouse, Ruffed	extirpated	Pigeon, Passenger	extinct
Prairie-Chicken, Greater	extirpated	Parakeet, Carolina	extinct
Crane, Whooping	extirpated	Woodpecker, Ivory-bd.	Recent status unclear
Curlew, Eskimo	extirpated	Warbler, Bachman's	extirpated

Species added to Arkansas state list since March 1, 2005			
Grebe, Least	FVacc (1, 2008)	Shrike, Northern	WVacc (1, 2008)
Gannet, Northern	SVacc (1, 2005)	Swallow, Cave	FSpVacc (3, 2008)
Hummingbird, Broad-billed	FWVacc (2, 2009)	Warbler, Black-throated Gray	FVacc (1, 2005)
Kingbird, Gray	SpVacc (1, 2007)	Oriole, Scott's	SpVacc (1, 2005)

Species added to Arkansas state list since March 1, 2009			
Tern, Gull-billed	SpVacc (1, 2009)		

**Additional notes:**

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**Reporting Bird Sightings**

Ornithology has benefited a great deal from the contributions of amateurs over the years. Birders who faithfully report significant observations and make them a part of the permanent record help ornithologists better understand the intricacies of bird distribution and abundance. Although it isn't always obvious whether a sighting should be reported, a good rule to follow is "If in doubt, make the report." More specific instances in which a report should be made include:

- If a species appears outside of its normal season or geographical region, it should be reported.
- If unexpectedly large or small numbers of a certain species are encountered, that count of individuals should be reported.
- If an unusual or unlisted species is seen, report it by all means, but keep in mind that the greater the rarity the more thorough supporting documentation should be.

The basic information needed for all reports includes: common name, age (adult, immature, etc.), plumage (breeding, non-breeding, etc.), number seen, location (county, nearest town, etc.), and date. The more usual reports require additional information such as time seen, light conditions, optical equipment, distance to bird and how measured, as well as a description of the bird's size, shape, color pattern, vocalizations if any were heard, and behavior. It is also important to eliminate any similarly appearing species and discuss prior experience with both the species being reported and any with which it might be confused. The names and addresses of additional observers should be included as well as any reference material consulted and how it influenced the description. If it is possible to obtain photographs or audio recordings, be sure to include copies with the report. **Above all else, remember that the documentation process is in place to gather additional, substantiating information and is not meant to intimidate potential contributors or question the authenticity of their reports .**

Reports of birds should be submitted online via the society's web site at [www.arbirds.org](http://www.arbirds.org) If further assistance is needed, contact Curator, Joseph C. Neal, Dept. of Biological Sciences, 601 Science-Engineering Bldg., Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701-1201.

**Written and/or photographic documentation is required when reporting rarities or species observed out of season.** The Arkansas Bird Records Committee reviews those reports.

**Dedication**

This 2009 edition of the Arkansas Audubon Society field reference honors our longtime curator of bird records, Max Parker. Max served as AAS curator from January 1986 through October 2007. During that period he produced four seasonal summaries each year, eventually published in the AAS Newsletter (now *Arkansas Birds*) and the national journal, *North American Birds*. He also provided official bird data to researchers interested in Arkansas. His legacy continues in this new edition.

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