

# BIRD CHECKLIST

## November 2003

This checklist contains the names and abundances of 162 species of birds observed in at Cross Ranch State Park and Cross Ranch Nature Preserve. Nomenclature and taxonomic order follow the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the American Ornithologists' Union (A.O.U.) Checklist of North American Birds (June 1998).

Members of the Bismarck-Mandan Bird Club made the majority of the observations of birds included in this list. Additional resources included park staff and visitors observations as well as published records by Gordon Berkey in *American Birds*, January-February 1983.

### Abundance Status

A – Abundant: numerous, readily seen  
 C – Common: fair numbers, should be seen  
 U – Uncommon: present, may be seen  
 R – Rare: seldom seen  
 O – Occasional: not seen every year

### Seasons

Spring (Sp): March 1 – May 31  
 Summer (Su): June 1 – July 31  
 Fall (Fa): August 1 – November 30  
 Winter (Wi): December 1 – February 28

An \* denotes a known nesting species

**GREBES** Sp Su Fa Wi  
 \_\_\_ Western Grebe ..... R ..... R..... -

**PELICANS**  
 \_\_\_ Am. White Pelican ..... - ... U ..... -..... -

**CORMORANTS**  
 \_\_\_ Dbl-crested Cormorant ... - ... U ..... -..... -

**HERONS and BITTERNS**  
 \_\_\_ American Bittern ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Great Blue Heron ..... U ... U ... U..... -

**NEW WORLD VULTURES**  
 \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture ..... U ... U ... U..... -

**SWANS, GEESE, and DUCKS**  
 \_\_\_ Snow Goose ..... C ... R ... C..... -  
 \_\_\_ Canada Goose\* ..... A ... A ... C..... -  
 \_\_\_ Wood Duck\* ..... U ... U ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Gadwall ..... U ... R ... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ American Wigeon ..... R ... R ... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ Mallard ..... U ... U ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Northern Shoveler ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Northern Pintail\* ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Canvasback ..... R ... R ... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ Redhead ..... R ... R ... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ Bufflehead ..... R ... R ... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser ..... R ... R ... R..... -

**HAWKS, HARRIERS, and EAGLES**  
 \_\_\_ Osprey ..... R ... R ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Bald Eagle\* ..... U ... R ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Northern Harrier\* ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk\* ..... R ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk ..... U ..... -..... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ Swainson's Hawk ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk\* ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Ferruginous Hawk\* ..... R ... R ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Golden Eagle ..... R ... R ... R..... -

**FALCONS**  
 \_\_\_ American Kestrel ..... U ... U ... U..... -  
 \_\_\_ Merlin ..... R ..... -..... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ Prairie Falcon ..... R ..... -..... R..... -  
 \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon ..... R ... R ... R..... -

**PHEASANTS and ALLIES**  
 \_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant\* . C .... C .... C .... C  
 \_\_\_ Sharp-tailed Grouse\* ..... U .... U .... U .... U  
 \_\_\_ Gray Partridge\* ..... U .... U .... U .... U  
 \_\_\_ Wild Turkey\* ..... U .... U .... U .... U

**RAILS and COOTS**  
 \_\_\_ Sora ..... - ..... R ..... -..... -

**PLOVERS**  
 \_\_\_ Piping Plover\* ..... - ..... R ..... R ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Killdeer\* ..... C .... C .... C ..... -

**SANDPIPERS and ALLIES**  
 \_\_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs ..... U .... U .... U ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper ..... U .... U .... U ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Upland Sandpiper\* ..... C .... C ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Marbled Godwit ..... R ..... -..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Wilson's Phalarope ..... U .... U ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Red-necked Phalarope.. R ..... -..... -..... -

**GULLS and TERNS**  
 \_\_\_ Franklin's Gull ..... U .... U .... U ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull ..... C .... U .... C ..... -  
 \_\_\_ California Gull ..... - ..... U ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Common Tern ..... - ..... R ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Least Tern\* ..... - ..... R ..... R ..... -

**DOVES**  
 \_\_\_ Rock Dove\* ..... U .... U .... U .... U  
 \_\_\_ Mourning Dove\* ..... A .... A .... A ..... -

**CUCKOOS**  
 \_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo ..... - ..... U ..... -..... -

**TYPICAL OWLS**  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl\* ... R .... R .... R .... R  
 \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl\* ..... U .... U .... U .... U  
 \_\_\_ Long-eared Owl ..... R ..... -..... R ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Short-eared Owl ..... R .... R ..... -..... -

**GOATSUCKERS**  
 \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk ..... - ..... C .... U ..... -

**SWIFTS**  
 \_\_\_ Chimney Swift ..... R .... R .... R ..... -

**HUMMINGBIRDS** Sp Su Fa Wi  
 \_\_\_ Rby-thrtd Hummingbird .. U .... U .... U ..... -

**KINGFISHERS**  
 \_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher ..... - ..... U ..... -..... -

**WOODPECKERS**  
 \_\_\_ Red-hded Woodpecker\*. U .... C .... U ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker\* ..... C .... C .... C ... C  
 \_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker\* ..... C .... C .... C ... C  
 \_\_\_ Northern flicker\* ..... C .... C .... C ... R  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-shafted flicker\* .... A .... A .... A ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Red-shafted flicker ..... - ..... R ..... -..... -

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**  
 \_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee ..... - ..... U .... R ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee ..... - ..... R ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher ..... R .... R ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Least Flycatcher\* ..... C .... C ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Say's Phoebe ..... - ..... R ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Grt Crested Flycatcher .... - ..... U ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Western Kingbird\* ..... A .... A .... U ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird\* ..... A .... A .... U ..... -

**SHRIKES**  
 \_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike ..... U .... U ..... -..... -

**VIREOS**  
 \_\_\_ Solitary Vireo ..... U .... U .... U ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Warbling Vireo\* ..... C .... C ..... -..... -  
 \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo ..... C .... C ..... -..... -

**JAYS, MAGPIES, and CROWS**  
 \_\_\_ Blue Jay\* ..... U .... U .... U ..... -  
 \_\_\_ Black-billed Magpie\* ..... U .... U .... U ... U  
 \_\_\_ American Crow ..... C .... R ..... -..... -

**LARKS**  
 \_\_\_ Horned Lark ..... C .... C .... U ... U



**SWALLOWS** Sp Su Fa Wi

- \_\_\_ Purple Martin.....C...C...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Tree Swallow\*.....A...A.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ N. Rgh-winged Swallow ..-....U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Bank Swallow\*.....A...A.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Cliff Swallow.....C...C...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Barn Swallow\*.....C...C...C.....-

**CHICKADEES**

- \_\_\_ Blk-capped Chickadee\*..C...C...C...C

**NUTHATCHES**

- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch..R.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Wht-breasted Nuthatch\* C...C...C...C

**WRENS**

- \_\_\_ Rock Wren.....-....R.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ House Wren\*.....A...A...A.....-

**KINGLETS**

- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet.U.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet....U.....-.....-.....-

**SOLITAIRES and THRUSHES**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird\*.....C...C...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird.....U.....-...U.....-
- \_\_\_ Veery\*.....-.....U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush.....U.....-...U.....-
- \_\_\_ American Robin\*.....A...A...A.....-

**MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS**

- \_\_\_ Gray Catbird\*.....U...U...U.....-
- \_\_\_ Brown Thrasher\*.....U...U...U.....-

**STARLINGS**

- \_\_\_ European Starling\*.....U...U...U.....-

**WAXWINGS**

- \_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing\*.....C...C...C...C



Black-and-white Warbler

**WOOD-WARBLEDERS** Sp Su Fa Wi

- \_\_\_ Golden-winged Warbler.R.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Wrblr..U.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Nashville Warbler.....R.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler\*.....A...A.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Wrblr....A.....-....A.....-
- \_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler....R.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Palm Warbler.....R.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler.....U.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white-Wrblr...U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ American Redstart.....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Ovenbird.....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Connecticut Warbler.....R.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat...C...C.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler.....U.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat....U...U.....-.....-

**TANAGERS**

- \_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager.....R...R.....-.....-

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Towhee.....U...U...U.....-
- \_\_\_ Spotted Towhee.....U...U...U.....-
- \_\_\_ Am. Tree Sparrow.....C.....-...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow.....C...C...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow....C...C...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Field Sparrow.....C...C.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow\*.....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Lark Sparrow\*.....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow.....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Lark Bunting.....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Baird's Sparrow.....-...R.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Grasshopper Sparrow....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow\*.....C...C...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow.....C.....-...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Wht-throated Sparrow...C.....-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Harris's Sparrow.....C.....-...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Wht-crowned Sparrow...C.....-...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco.....C.....-...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Lapland Longspur.....-.....-...C.....-
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-cold Longspur -...R.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Snow Bunting.....U.....-.....-...U.....-

**CARDINALS, NEW WORLD GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS**

- \_\_\_ Rose-brsted Grosbeak..U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Blck-headed Grosbeak\*.C...C.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Lazuli Bunting.....C...C.....-.....-

- \_\_\_ Indigo Bunting.....R....R.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Dickcissel.....U....U.....-.....-

**BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS, AND ORIOLES**

- \_\_\_ Bobolink.....R...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird....U...U...U.....-
- \_\_\_ Western Meadowlark....A...A...A.....-
- \_\_\_ Yllw-headed Blackbird...U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Rusty Blackbird.....-.....-...R.....-
- \_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird.....-...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Common Grackle.....U...U...U.....-
- \_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird\* C...C.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Orchard Oriole.....U...U.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole.....C...C...C.....-

**OLD WORLD FINCHES, BUNTINGS, AND GROSBEAKS**

- \_\_\_ Pine Grosbeak.....U...-.....-...U.....-
- \_\_\_ Purple Finch.....U...-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ Pine Siskin.....U...-.....-.....-
- \_\_\_ American Goldfinch\*....C...C...C.....-

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

- \_\_\_ House Sparrow.....U...U...U.....-

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**CROSS RANCH STATE PARK AND CROSS RANCH NATURE PRESERVE**

**BIRD CHECKLIST**



Least Tern

Near the banks of the Missouri River lies a unique collection of habitats providing homes for a tremendous variety of birds. Cottonwoods forests, woody draws, native prairie, and river sand bars offer excellent birding opportunities. Over 160 species of birds have been recorded nesting and migrating through the park and preserve.