

Birds of the Welder Wildlife Refuge

San Patricio County, Texas

ABUNDANCE

C = Common; certain in proper habitat and season
U = Uncommon; present in moderate numbers
R = Rare; a few records per season
Z = Occasional or Casual; few records, > one per year
X = Accidental; seen only once or twice; not expected to recur

SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

S S F W = spring, summer, fall, winter

SPECIES	S	S	F	W
LOONS - Gaviidae				
___ Common Loon				Z
GREBES - Podicipedidae				
___ Least Grebe	U	U	U	U
___ Pied-billed Grebe	C	U	C	C
___ Horned Grebe.....			Z	
___ Eared Grebe	Z	Z	U	
___ Red-necked Grebe				X
PELICANS - Pelecanidae				
___ American White Pelican	R	R	R	R
___ Brown Pelican	Z	Z	Z	Z
CORMORANTS - Phalacrocoracidae				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	U	R	C	C
___ Neotropic Cormorant	R	R	U	U
ANHINGAS - Anhingidae				
___ Anhinga	U	U	U	U
FRIGATEBIRDS - Fregatidae				
___ Magnificent Frigatebird		Z		
BITTERNs and HERONS - Ardeidae				
___ American Bittern				R
___ Least Bittern	Z	U	Z	Z
___ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___ Great Egret	C	C	C	C
___ Snowy Egret	C	C	C	C
___ Little Blue Heron	U	U	U	U
___ Tricolored Heron	U	U	U	U
___ Reddish Egret	R	R	R	R
___ Cattle Egret	U	C	C	U
___ Green Heron	U	U	R	R
___ Black-crowned Night Heron	U	U	U	U

___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Z	Z	U	Z
IBISES and SPOONBILLS - Threskiornithidae				
___ White Ibis	C	U	C	U
___ White-faced Ibis	C	C	C	C
___ Roseate Spoonbill	U	U	U	U
STORKS - Ciconiidae				
___ Wood Stork	R	U	R	
VULTURES - Cathartidae				
___ Black Vulture	C	C	C	C
___ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
SWANS, GEESE, and DUCKS - Anatidae				
___ Tundra Swan.....				Z
___ Fulvous Whistling Duck.....	C	C	U	R
___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	C	C	U	R
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	R	U	C	
___ Snow Goose	U	C	C	
___ Ross' Goose	Z	Z	U	
___ Canada Goose	Z	U	C	
___ Wood Duck				R
___ Green-winged Teal	R	R	R	U
___ Mottled Duck	U	U	U	U
___ Mallard	R	R	R	
___ Black Duck.....				R
___ Northern Pintail	R	Z	R	U
___ Blue-winged Teal	U	R	C	C
___ Cinnamon Teal	U	R	U	
___ Northern Shoveler	C	R	C	C
___ Gadwall	C	R	C	C
___ American Wigeon	U	R	C	C
___ Canvasback	U	U	C	
___ Redhead	U	U	U	
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	C	C	
___ Greater Scaup				X
___ Lesser Scaup	R	R	C	
___ Common Goldeneye				R
___ Bufflehead	U	R	U	
___ Common Merganser				A
___ Hooded Merganser				Z
___ Red-breasted Merganser	Z			Z
___ Ruddy Duck	U	Z	C	C
___ Masked Duck	Z	Z	Z	Z
KITES, EAGLES, and HAWKS - Accipitridae				
___ Osprey	U	Z	U	U
___ Swallow-tailed Kite	Z			Z
___ White-tailed Kite	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Mississippi Kite	Z			Z
___ Bald Eagle	Z			Z
___ Golden Eagle				Z
___ Northern Harrier	C	Z	C	C
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	
___ Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	
___ Harris' Hawk	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	C
___ Broad-winged Hawk	U	U		
___ Swainson's Hawk	R			R
___ White-tailed Hawk	O	O	O	O
___ Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	C
___ Ferruginous Hawk				R
___ Rough-legged Hawk				R
___ Black Hawk				R
___ Gray Hawk				Z

CARACARAS and FALCONS - Falconidae				
___ Crested Caracara	C	C	C	C
___ American Kestrel	C	C	C	
___ Merlin				Z
___ Peregrine Falcon	U	U	Z	
___ Prairie Falcon	Accidental			
___ Aplomado Falcon				Z
CHACHALACAS - Cracidae				
___ Plain Chachalaca -introduced 1982.....	U	U	U	U
TURKEY and QUAIL - Phasianidae				
___ Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	U
___ Attwater's Prairie Chicken	Extirpated			
RAILS, GALLINULES, and COOTS- Rallidae				
___ Clapper Rail	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ King Rail	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Yellow Rail.....				Z
___ Black Rail				Z
___ Virginia Rail				Z
___ Sora	C	C	U	
___ Purple Gallinule	Z	U	Z	
___ Common Moorhen	U	C	U	U
___ American Coot	C	C	C	C
___ Jacana				Z
CRANES- Gruidae				
___ Sandhill Crane				C
___ Whooping Crane.....				Z
PLOVERS- Charadriidae				
___ Black-bellied Plover	R	Z	R	U
___ American Golden Plover	U			Z
___ Snowy Plover	Z	Z	Z	
___ Wilson's Plover	Z	Z	Z	
___ Semipalmated Plover	Z	Z	Z	
___ Piping Plover	Z	Z	Z	R
___ Killdeer	C	C	C	C
___ Mountain Plover	Z			Z
OYSTERCATCHERS- Haematopodidae				
___ American Oystercatcher	Accidental			
STILTS and AVOCETS- Recurvirostridae				
___ Black-necked Stilt	C	C	C	R
___ American Avocet	U	U	U	R
SANDPIPERS and PHALAROPES - Scolopacidae				
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U	Z	U	U
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	Z	U	U
___ Solitary Sandpiper	C	C		
___ Willet	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Spotted Sandpiper	Z	Z	U	
___ Upland Sandpiper	U			U
___ Whimbrel	Z			Z
___ Long-billed Curlew	R	Z	R	U
___ Eskimo Curlew.....	A			
___ Hudsonian Godwit	Z			
___ Marbled Godwit	R	R	R	
___ Ruddy Turnstone	Z			Z
___ Red Knot	Accidental			
___ Sanderling	R	R	R	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R			R
___ Western Sandpiper	U	R	U	R
___ Least Sandpiper	U	R	U	U
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	Z			X
___ Baird's Sandpiper	R			Z

___ Pectoral Sandpiper	Z	Z		
___ Dunlin	Z	Z	O	
___ Stilt Sandpiper	Z	Z	Z	X
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	R			R
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	R	R	Z	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	R	Z	R	U
___ Common Snipe	U			U
___ American Woodcock				R
___ Wilson's Phalarope	R			R
___ Northern Phalarope	X			
GULLS, TERNS, and SKIMMERS - Laridae				
___ Laughing Gull	U	U	U	U
___ Franklin's Gull	Z			Z
___ Bonaparte's Gull				Z
___ Ring-billed Gull	Z	Z	Z	U
___ Herring Gull				R
___ Gull-billed Tern				Z
___ Caspian Tern	Z	Z	Z	U
___ Royal Tern	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Sandwich Tern	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Common Tern	Z			X
___ Forster's Tern	C	C	C	C
___ Least Tern	Z			X
___ Black Tern	Z	X	Z	X
___ Black Skimmer				U
DOVES and PIGEONS - Columbidae				
___ Rock Dove	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ White-winged Dove	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
___ Inca Dove	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Common Ground Dove	C	C	C	C
___ Ruddy Ground Dove				X
___ White-tipped Dove	U	U	U	U
___ Eurasian Collared Dove	U	U	U	U
CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, and ANIS - Cuculidae				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	X			
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Z	C	Z	
___ Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U
___ Groove-billed Ani	Z	R	Z	R
BARN OWLS - Tytonidae				
___ Barn Owl	R	R	R	U
TYPICAL OWLS - Strigidae				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
___ Burrowing Owl	Z	Z	Z	Z
___ Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
___ Short-eared Owl				Z
___ Long-eared Owl.....				X
NIGHTJARS - Caprimulgidae				
___ Lesser Nighthawk	Z	Z	Z	
___ Common Nighthawk	U	U	U	
___ Pauraque	U			

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird C R C
 ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird U U U
 ___ Rufous Hummingbird U U X
 ___ Green-breasted Mango Hummingbird. R R R
 ___ Anna's Hummingbird..... X
 ___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird..... X
 ___ Allen's Hummingbird..... X

KINGFISHERS - Alcedinidae

___ Ringed Kingfisher Z
 ___ Belted Kingfisher U U U U
 ___ Green Kingfisher C C C C

WOODPECKERS - Picidae

___ Red-headed Woodpecker R
 ___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker C C C C
 ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker Z Z Z Z
 ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker R U U
 ___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker C C C C
 ___ Downy Woodpecker Z
 ___ Hairy Woodpecker Z
 ___ Northern Flicker U
 ___ Pileated Woodpecker Z

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS - Tyrannidae

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher C C
 ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee C C
 ___ Western Wood-Pewee..... Z
 ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher C C
 ___ Acadian Flycatcher C U
 ___ Alder Flycatcher U C
 ___ Willow Flycatcher U C
 ___ Least Flycatcher C C
 ___ Black Phoebe Z
 ___ Eastern Phoebe C C C
 ___ Say's Phoebe R
 ___ Vermilion Flycatcher U U U
 ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher C
 ___ Great Crested Flycatcher R R
 ___ Brown-crested Flycatcher C
 ___ Great Kiskadee C C C U
 ___ Couch's Kingbird C C C U
 ___ Cassin's Kingbird..... X
 ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher C C C Z

SHRIKES- Laniidae

___ Loggerhead Shrike C R C C

VIREOS - Vireonidae

___ White-eyed Vireo U U U U
 ___ Bell's Vireo U
 ___ Blue-headed Vireo U U U
 ___ Yellow-throated Vireo U R
 ___ Warbling Vireo U R
 ___ Philadelphia Vireo U R
 ___ Red-eyed Vireo C U
 ___ Yellow-green Vireo..... Z

JAYS, CROWS, and RAVENS - Corvidae

___ Blue Jay Z Z Z Z
 ___ Green Jay C C C C
 ___ American Crow Z Z Z Z
 ___ Fish Crow..... Z
 ___ Chihuahuan Raven Z

LARKS - Alaudidae

___ Horned Lark R R R R

SWALLOWS - Hirundinidae

___ Purple Martin Z U Z
 ___ Tree Swallow C C Z
 ___ Violet-green Swallow..... Z
 ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow U U X
 ___ Bank Swallow U U
 ___ Cliff Swallow U R
 ___ Barn Swallow C U C
 ___ Cave Swallow C C C

TITMICE - Paridae

___ Carolina Chickadee U R U C
 ___ Tufted Titmouse R Z Z R
 ___ Black-crested Titmouse C U U C

VERDINS - Remizidae

___ Verdin U U U U

NUTHATCHES - Sittidae

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch Z
 ___ White-breasted Nuthatch..... Z

CREPERS - Certhiidae

___ Brown Creeper Z

WRENS - Troglodytidae

___ Cactus Wren Z Z Z Z
 ___ Carolina Wren C C C C
 ___ Bewick's Wren U U U U
 ___ House Wren C
 ___ Winter Wren U
 ___ Sedge Wren U
 ___ Marsh Wren U U

KINGLETS - Regulidae

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet R
 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet U U C

GNATCATCHERS, and THRUSHES -Muscicapidae

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher C R C C
 ___ Eastern Bluebird C C C C
 ___ Mountain Bluebird X
 ___ Veery C R
 ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush C R
 ___ Swainson's Thrush C R
 ___ Hermit Thrush U U C
 ___ Wood Thrush C U
 ___ American Robin U R U C

MIMICS and THRASHERS - Mimidae

___ Gray Catbird C C R
 ___ Northern Mockingbird C C C C
 ___ Sage Thrasher R
 ___ Brown Thrasher U
 ___ Long-billed Thrasher C C C C
 ___ Curve-billed Thrasher R R R R

STARLINGS - Sturnidae

___ European Starling U U U U

PIPITS - Motacillidae

___ American Pipit R
 ___ Sprague's Pipit R

WAXWINGS - Bombycillidae

___ Cedar Waxwing R U U

PTILOGONATIDAE

___ Phainopepla..... Z

WOOD WARBLERS - Parulidae

___ Blue-winged Warbler C U
 ___ Golden-winged Warbler C R
 ___ Brewster's Warbler..... R
 ___ Tennessee Warbler C U

___ Orange-crowned Warbler C C C
 ___ Nashville Warbler C C R
 ___ Northern Parula C R C
 ___ Tropical Parula..... R
 ___ Yellow Warbler C C
 ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler C R
 ___ Magnolia Warbler C U
 ___ Cape May Warbler R
 ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler..... R
 ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler C C C
 ___ Black-throated Gray Z Z
 ___ Townsend's Warbler Z Z
 ___ Black-throated Green Warbler C U R
 ___ Golden-cheeked Warbler..... Z
 ___ Blackburnian Warbler C U
 ___ Yellow-throated Warbler C U
 ___ Pine Warbler U
 ___ Prairie Warbler R R
 ___ Palm Warbler R R R
 ___ Bay-breasted Warbler C R
 ___ Blackpoll Warbler R
 ___ Cerulean Warbler U
 ___ Black-and-white Warbler C R C U
 ___ American Redstart C U
 ___ Prothonotary Warbler U R
 ___ Worm-eating Warbler C U
 ___ Swainson's Warbler U
 ___ Ovenbird C U
 ___ Northern Waterthrush C U
 ___ Louisiana Waterthrush C U
 ___ Kentucky Warbler C U
 ___ Mourning Warbler C C
 ___ Common Yellowthroat C R C C
 ___ Hooded Warbler C R
 ___ Wilson's Warbler C C R
 ___ Canada Warbler C C
 ___ Yellow-breasted Chat C Z C

TANAGERS - Thraupidae

___ Summer Tanager C U U
 ___ Scarlet Tanager U R
 ___ Western Tanager R R
 ___ Hepatic Tanager..... Z

SPARROWS - Emberizidae

___ Olive Sparrow C C C C
 ___ Green-tailed Towhee R
 ___ Spotted Towhee R R U
 ___ Botteri's Sparrow Z
 ___ Cassin's Sparrow R R R R
 ___ Chipping Sparrow U U C
 ___ Clay-colored Sparrow C C R
 ___ Field Sparrow U U C
 ___ Vesper Sparrow U U C
 ___ Lark Sparrow C C C C
 ___ Black-throated Sparrow Z Z Z Z
 ___ Lark Bunting R R R
 ___ Savannah Sparrow C C C
 ___ Grasshopper Sparrow U R R U
 ___ Henslow's Sparrow R
 ___ Le Conte's Sparrow U
 ___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow Z
 ___ Seaside Sparrow Z Z Z Z

___ Fox Sparrow U
 ___ Song Sparrow U
 ___ Lincoln's Sparrow U U C
 ___ Swamp Sparrow U U C
 ___ White-throated Sparrow U U C
 ___ White-crowned Sparrow R R C
 ___ Harris' Sparrow..... R
 ___ Dark-eyed Junco R
 ___ McCown's Longspur X
 ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur X

CARDINALS and GROSBEAKS - Cardinalidae

___ Northern Cardinal C C C C
 ___ Pyrrhuloxia U R U C
 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak C U
 ___ Black-headed Grosbeak R R R
 ___ Blue Grosbeak U C U
 ___ Lazuli Bunting R
 ___ Varied Bunting..... R
 ___ Indigo Bunting C C R
 ___ Painted Bunting C C U
 ___ Dickcissel C C C

BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES - Icteridae

___ Bobolink R
 ___ Red-winged Blackbird C C C C
 ___ Eastern Meadowlark C C C C
 ___ Western Meadowlark C C
 ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird R R
 ___ Rusty Blackbird Z
 ___ Brewer's Blackbird U U C
 ___ Common Grackle R
 ___ Boat-tailed Grackle Z
 ___ Great-tailed Grackle C C C C
 ___ Bronzed Cowbird C C C Z
 ___ Brown-headed Cowbird C C C C
 ___ Orchard Oriole C R C
 ___ Hooded Oriole R
 ___ Audubon's Oriole U U U
 ___ Baltimore C C
 ___ Bullock's Oriole R

FINCHES- Fringillidae

___ Purple Finch R
 ___ House Finch R
 ___ Pine Siskin R
 ___ Lesser Gol dfinch R
 ___ American Goldfinch U U C
 ___ Red Crossbill..... Z

OLD WORLD SPARROWS - Passeridae

___ House Sparrow C C C C