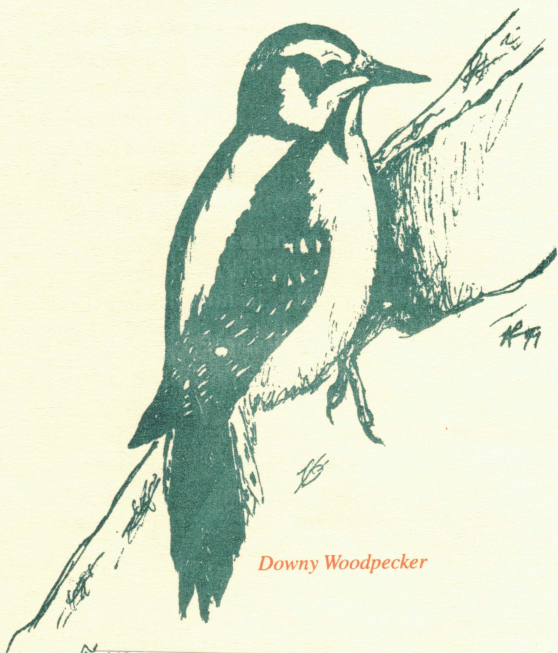


**BIRDING CHECKLIST
FOR THE
PEARL RIVER
WATERFOWL REFUGE
AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA**



Downy Woodpecker

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BIRDS

The *Pearl River Waterfowl Refuge and Wildlife Management Area* lies northeast of Jackson, Mississippi in Madison County, just north of the Ross Barnett Reservoir on Hwy 43 between the Natchez Trace Parkway and the Pearl River. Established in the 1960's, the area contains 6,000 acres of freshwater ponds and marshes, shrub swamp, hardwood flats and pine-hardwood ridges which support a diverse variety of birds and other wildlife. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is responsible for the management of the area.

The seasons bring about marked changes in both species and abundance of birdlife. Extensive wintering habitat for waterfowl can be easily viewed from the *Observation Tower* and along Pipeline Road. An area managed as a stopover site for shorebirds migrating through in late summer can also be viewed from the *Observation Tower*. From spring to early fall a large colony of nesting waterbirds can be viewed along Hwy 43. Forested and open areas support migratory and nonmigratory land birds.

Enjoy your visit!

Seasonal Occurrence

Sp - Spring	March - May
Su - Summer	June - July
F - Fall	August - November
W - Winter	December - February

Seasonal Abundance

a - abundant	a common species which is numerous and widespread
c - common	a species certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
u - uncommon	a species which is present but not certain to be observed
o - occasional	a species seen only a few times during a season
ca - casual	a species expected to occur once in 5 years
ac - accidental	a species seen only once or twice

Loons

___ Common Loon	u		u	u
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Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe	c		c	c
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___ Horned Grebe			u	u
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___ Eared Grebe	o		o	o
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Pelicans and their Allies

___ American White Pelican	u		u	u
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___ Double-crested Cormorant	u		u	a
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___ American Anhinga	u	c	c	
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Hérons and Egrets

___ Least Bittern		u		
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___ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
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___ Great Egret	c	c	c	c
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___ Snowy Egret	o	o	o	
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___ Little Blue Heron	a	a	a	o
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___ Tricolor Heron	o	o	o	
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___ Cattle Egret	a	a	a	o
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___ Green Heron	c	c	c	
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___ Black-crowned Night-Heron			o	
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___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	
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Ibises

___ White Ibis	o	o	o	
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___ Glossy Ibis	ca		ca	
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Waterfowl

___ Canada Goose	a	a	c	c
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___ Wood Duck	c	c	c	c
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___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
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___ American Black Duck			o	o
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___ Mallard	c	c	a	a
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___ Northern Pintail			o	o
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___ Blue-winged Teal	c		c	ac
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___ Northern Shoveler	c		a	a
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___ Gadwall	c		a	a
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___ American Wigeon	u		c	c
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___ Canvasback	u			o
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___ Redhead	u			o
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___ Ring-necked Duck	u		a	a
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___ Greater Scaup	o		u	u
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___ Lesser Scaup	c		c	c
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___ Bufflehead	c		a	a
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___ Hooded Merganser	c	u	c	c
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___ Red-breasted Merganser	u			o
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___ Ruddy Duck	c			c
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Vultures, Hawks and Allies

___ Black Vulture	c	c	c	c
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Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
___ Osprey	o	o	o	o
___ Mississippi Kite	u	c	c	
___ Bald Eagle	u	o	u	u
___ Northern Harrier	u		u	u
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	c	c	c	c
___ Broad-winged Hawk	u	u	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	c	u	u	c
___ American Kestrel	u	u	u	u
___ Merlin				ca
___ Peregrine Falcon				ca

Gallinaceous Birds

___ Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u
___ Bobwhite Quail	u	u	u	u

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

___ King Rail	u	u	u	u
___ Virginia Rail	u			u
___ Sora	u			u
___ Purple Gallinule	c	c	c	
___ Common Moorhen	c	c	c	
___ American Coot	a	u	a	a

Shorebirds

___ Killdeer	c	c	c	c
___ Greater Yellowlegs	o		o	ca
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	o		o	ca
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	o
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	o		o	
___ Common Snipe	u		u	u
___ American Woodcock	o	o	o	o

Gulls and Terns

___ Bonaparte's Gull	c		c	c
___ Ring-billed Gull	c		c	c
___ Herring Gull	u		u	u
___ Forster's Tern	c		c	c
___ Black Tern	o		o	

Pigeons and Doves

___ Rock Dove	u	u	u	u
___ Mourning Dove	a	a	a	a

Cuckoos

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	c	u	
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Owls

___ Eastern Screech Owl	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u

Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W
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___ Barred Owl	c	c	c	c
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Nightjars

___ Common Nighthawk	u	u	u	
___ Chuck-Will's-Widow	c	c	o	
___ Whip-poor-will	o			

Swifts and Hummingbirds

___ Chimney Swift	c	c	a	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	u	

Kingfishers

___ Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	c
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Woodpeckers

___ Red-headed Woodpecker	c	u	u	c
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	a	a	a	a
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c		c	c
___ Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c

Flycatchers

___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	c	c	c	
___ Empidonax sp.				
___ Acadian Flycatcher	c	c	u	
___ Eastern Phoebe	u		u	c
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	u	
___ Eastern Kingbird	c	u	u	

Martins and Swallows

___ Purple Martin	c	c	u	
___ Tree Swallow	c		c	ca
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	ac
___ Cliff Swallow	u	u	u	
___ Barn Swallow	c	c	u	

Jays and Crows

___ Blue Jay	a	a	a	a
___ American Crow	a	a	a	a
___ Fish Crow	c	c	c	u

Chickadees and Titmice

___ Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c
___ Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c

Nuthatches

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o			o
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	ca	ca	ca	ca
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	c	c	c	c

Creepers

___ Brown Creeper	u		u	u
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Wrens

___ Carolina Wren	a	a	a	a
___ House Wren	o		o	o
___ Winter Wren	u		u	u
___ Sedge Wren	u		u	u
___ Marsh Wren	u	u	u	u

Kinglets and Gnatcatchers

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	c
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	c	c	ca

Bluebirds, Thrushes and Robins

___ Eastern Bluebird	c	c	c	c
___ Veery	u		u	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
___ Hermit Thrush	c			c
___ Wood Thrush	c	u	u	
___ American Robin	c	c	c	a

Mimics

___ Gray Catbird	u	ca	u	u
___ Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	u

Pipits

___ American Pipit	o		o	o
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Waxwings

___ Cedar Waxwing	u		u	u
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Shrikes

___ Loggerhead Shrike	o	o	o	o
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Starlings

___ European Starling	c	c	c	c
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Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
___ Solitary Vireo	u		u	u
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	u	
___ Warbling Vireo	ca		ca	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	ca		ca	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	u	

Warblers

___ Blue-winged Warbler	o		o	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	o		o	
___ Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	o		o	o
___ Northern Parula	c	c	u	
___ Yellow Warbler	u		u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	o		o	

Common Name	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Magnolia Warbler	o		o	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	a
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	o		o	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	u	u	u	
___ Pine Warbler	c	c	c	c
___ Palm Warbler	o		o	
___ Prairie Warbler	o		o	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	o			
___ Cerulean Warbler	o		o	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	
___ American Redstart	u	u	u	
___ Prothonotary Warbler	c	c	u	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	u		u	
___ Swainson's Warbler	u	u	o	
___ Ovenbird	u		u	
___ Northern Waterthrush	o		o	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	u	o	u	
___ Kentucky Warbler	c	c	u	
___ Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	u
___ Hooded Warbler	c	c	c	
___ Wilson's Warbler	o		o	
___ Canada Warbler	o		o	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	c	c	u	

Tanagers

___ Summer Tanager	c	c	u	
___ Scarlet Tanager	u		u	

New World Finches

___ Northern Cardinal	a	a	a	a
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
___ Blue Grosbeak	u	u	u	
___ Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	
___ Painted Bunting	o	o		
___ Dickcissel	o			

Sparrows

___ Rufous-sided Towhee	c	c	c	c
___ Bachman's Sparrow	ca	ca	ac	ac
___ Chipping Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Field Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Vesper Sparrow			u	u
___ Savannah Sparrow			u	u
___ LeConte's Sparrow				u
___ Fox Sparrow				u
___ Song Sparrow	u		u	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o	
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c

