

The Hills Checklist of Birds That Have Been Seen as of February 2021

1	2	3	4	COMMON NAME	SEASON AND ABUNDANCE
Date	Date	Date	Date		
				Geese and Ducks	
o	o	o	o	Greater White-fronted Goose	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	Snow Goose	Winter, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Ross's Goose	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	Canada Goose	Winter, common, a few summer birds
o	o	o	o	Wood Duck	Winter, spring
o	o	o	o	Gadwall	Winter
o	o	o	o	American Wigeon	Winter
o	o	o	o	Mallard	Winter, probably domestic pets other seasons
o	o	o	o	Blue-winged Teal	Winter
o	o	o	o	Cinnamon Teal	Winter, very rare
o	o	o	o	Northern Shoveler	Winter
o	o	o	o	Green-winged Teal	Winter
o	o	o	o	Canvasback	Winter
o	o	o	o	Redhead	Winter
o	o	o	o	Ring-necked Duck	Winter
o	o	o	o	Lesser Scaup	Winter
o	o	o	o	Bufflehead	Winter
o	o	o	o	Hooded Merganser	Winter
o	o	o	o	Red-breasted Merganser	Winter
o	o	o	o	Ruddy Duck	Winter
				Upland Gamebirds	
o	o	o	o	Northern Bobwhite	All year, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Wild Turkey	All year, common
				Grebes	
o	o	o	o	Pied-billed Grebe	All year, uncommon
				Cormorants and Pelicans	
o	o	o	o	Double-crested Cormorant	All year, common
o	o	o	o	American White Pelican	Winter, spring on lake and overhead flocks

				Hérons and Egrets	
o	o	o	o	American Bittern	spring, rare migrant, check cattail areas
o	o	o	o	Great Blue Heron	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Great Egret	Summer-common, winter-uncommon
o	o	o	o	Snowy Egret	Summer, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Little Blue Heron	Summer, rare
o	o	o	o	Tricolored Heron	Summer, rare
o	o	o	o	Cattle Egret	Summer-common, winter-uncommon
o	o	o	o	Green Heron	Summer, uncommon
				Vultures, Hawks, Eagles, Falcons	
o	o	o	o	Black Vulture	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Turkey Vulture	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Osprey	Summer, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Golden Eagle	Rare, winter
o	o	o	o	Mississippi Kite	Summer, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Northern Harrier	Winter
o	o	o	o	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Winter
o	o	o	o	Cooper's Hawk	All year, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Bald Eagle	All year, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Zone-tailed Hawk	Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Red-shouldered Hawk	All year, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Broad-winged Hawk	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Swainson's Hawk	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Red-tailed Hawk	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Rough-legged Hawk	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	American Kestrel	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	Merlin	Spring, Fall, winter, rare
				Cranes and Coots	
o	o	o	o	American Coot	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	Sandhill Crane	Winter, flyover in flocks
				Shorebirds, Sandpipers	
o	o	o	o	Killdeer	All Year, but common spring and summer
o	o	o	o	Upland Sandpiper	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Wilson's Snipe	Fall, winter, uncommon, mud at ponds

o	o	o	o	American Woodcock	late winter, displays at dusk with "peent" call, rare
o	o	o	o	Greater Yellowlegs	Spring, Fall, winter, uncommon
				Gulls and Terns	
o	o	o	o	Bonaparte's Gull	Winter, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Franklin's Gull	Spring migrant, passing through
o	o	o	o	Ring-billed Gull	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	Forster's Tern	fall, winter, spring, uncommon
				Doves and Pigeons	
o	o	o	o	Eurasian Collared-Dove	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Common Ground-Dove	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	White-winged Dove	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Mourning Dove	All year, common
				Cuckoos	
o	o	o	o	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Summer, breeds
o	o	o	o	Black-billed Cuckoo	Spring, rare
o	o	o	o	Greater Roadrunner	All year, common
				Owls	
o	o	o	o	Barn Owl	All year, rare
o	o	o	o	Eastern Screech-Owl	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Great Horned Owl	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Long-eared Owl	Fall, Winter, very rare
				Goatsuckers, Caprimulgids	
o	o	o	o	Common Nighthawk	Summer, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Common Poorwill	Spring, Summer, Fall, breeds, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Chuck-will's-widow	Spring, Summer, Fall, breeds, common
				Swifts	
o	o	o	o	Chimney Swift	Summer
				Hummingbirds, Kingfisher	
o	o	o	o	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Black-chinned Hummingbird	Spring, Summer, Fall, breeds
o	o	o	o	Anna's Hummingbird	Fall, very rare
o	o	o	o	Rufous Hummingbird	Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Belted Kingfisher	All year, uncommon

				Woodpeckers	
o	o	o	o	Red-bellied Woodpecker	All year, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Golden-fronted Woodpecker	Winter, rare to uncommon
o	o	o	o	Red-headed Woodpecker	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Winter, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Downy Woodpecker	All year, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Northern Flicker (red or yellow shafted)	Winter, common
				Flycatchers, Shrike	
o	o	o	o	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Spring, Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Spring, Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Least Flycatcher	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Eastern Phoebe	All Year, winter uncommon
o	o	o	o	Vermilion Flycatcher	Fall, Spring, rare
o	o	o	o	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Summer, breeds
o	o	o	o	Great Crested Flycatcher	Spring, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Western Kingbird	Summer, breeds, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Summer, breeds, common
o	o	o	o	Loggerhead Shrike	Winter, uncommon
				Vireos	
o	o	o	o	Bell's Vireo	Summer, breeds
o	o	o	o	White-eyed Vireo	Summer, breeds
o	o	o	o	Black-capped Vireo	Spring, Summer, Fall, breeds??. rare
o	o	o	o	Blue-headed Vireo	Fall migrant, rare winter
o	o	o	o	Warbling Vireo	Spring and Fall migrant, rare
				Corvids, Jays and Crows	
o	o	o	o	Blue Jay	Spring, Fall, Winter, becoming common
o	o	o	o	American Crow	All year, common
				Swallows	
o	o	o	o	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Purple Martin	Spring, Summer, martin houses near lake
o	o	o	o	Barn Swallow	Summer, common, breeds
o	o	o	o	Cliff Swallow	Spring, Summer, breeds, common
o	o	o	o	Cave Swallow	Spring, Summer, Fall, breeds, common

				Chickadee, Titmouse, Tits	
o	o	o	o	Carolina Chickadee	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Tufted Titmouse	Rare, winter
o	o	o	o	Black-crested Titmouse	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Bushtit	Winter, rare
				Wrens	
o	o	o	o	Rock Wren	winter, spring, rare
o	o	o	o	Canyon Wren	likes cliffs and ledges, uncommon
o	o	o	o	House Wren	winter, spring, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Winter Wren	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	Carolina Wren	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Bewick's Wren	All year, common
				Gnatcatcher and Kinglets	
o	o	o	o	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	spring, fall, common
o	o	o	o	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Winter, uncommon, sporadic
o	o	o	o	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	winter, spring, fall, common
				Thrushes	
o	o	o	o	Mountain Bluebird	Winter, irruptive in very cold weather, rare
o	o	o	o	Eastern Bluebird	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Swainson's Thrush	Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Hermit Thrush	Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	American Robin	Winter, common
				Mimids	
o	o	o	o	Gray Catbird	Spring, Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Brown Thrasher	Winter, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Northern Mockingbird	All year, common
				Starling	
o	o	o	o	European Starling	Winter, uncommon, seen near gate 3
				Silky Flycatchers	
o	o	o	o	Cedar Waxwing	Winter, spring, sporadic but flocks
				Wood Warblers	
o	o	o	o	Black and White Warbler	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Orange-crowned Warbler	Winter, spring, fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Nashville Warbler	Winter, spring, fall, uncommon

o	o	o	o	Yellow Warbler	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Spring, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Black-throated Green Warbler	Spring, Winter, Fall, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Wilson's Warbler	Spring, Winter, Fall, uncommon
				Sparrows, Towhees	
o	o	o	o	Grasshopper Sparrow	Spring, Summer, uncommon, rare winter
o	o	o	o	Chipping Sparrow	Spring, Summer, common, winter-uncommon
o	o	o	o	Clay-colored Sparrow	Spring, rare
o	o	o	o	Field Sparrow	Fall, Winter, Spring, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Lark Sparrow	Spring, Summer, common, winter, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Fox Sparrow	Winter, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Dark-eyed Junco	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	White-crowned Sparrow	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	Harris's Sparrow	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	White-throated Sparrow	Fall, Winter, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Vesper Sparrow	Winter, Spring, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Savannah Sparrow	Winter, Spring, common
o	o	o	o	Song Sparrow	Winter, Spring, common
o	o	o	o	Swamp Sparrow	Winter, Spring, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Lincoln's Sparrow	Winter, Spring, common
o	o	o	o	Canyon Towhee	Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Green-tailed Towhee	Fall, rare
o	o	o	o	Spotted Towhee	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	Eastern Towhee	Winter, rare
				Tanagers	
o	o	o	o	Summer Tanager	Summer, breeds
o	o	o	o	Western Tanager	Fall, rare
				Cardinal, Grosbeaks, Blackbirds, Finches	
o	o	o	o	Northern Cardinal	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Pyrrhuloxia	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Spring migrant, rare
o	o	o	o	Black-headed Grosbeak	Spring, fall, rare migrant
o	o	o	o	Blue Grosbeak	Summer, breeds, uncommon

o	o	o	o	Lazuli Bunting	Spring, summer, rare
o	o	o	o	Painted Bunting	Summer, common, breeds
o	o	o	o	Dickcissel	Summer, 2015 first year, breeds, common
o	o	o	o	Red-winged Blackbird	Winter, spring, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Very rare in winter and spring with other blackbirds
o	o	o	o	Western Meadowlark	Winter, common, identified by call or song
o	o	o	o	Eastern Meadowlark	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Orchard Oriole	Spring, rare
o	o	o	o	Baltimore Oriole	Spring and Fall migrant, uncommon
o	o	o	o	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Winter, Spring, rare
o	o	o	o	Brown-headed Cowbird	All year, common, nest parasite
o	o	o	o	Common Grackle	Winter, uncommon, smaller than Great Tailed
o	o	o	o	Purple Finch	Winter, rare
o	o	o	o	House Finch	All year, common
o	o	o	o	Pine Siskin	Winter, common some years
o	o	o	o	Lesser Goldfinch	spring, summer, fall, rare
o	o	o	o	American Goldfinch	Winter, common
o	o	o	o	House Sparrow	uncommon in The Hills, common near PK houses

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Birds not seen yet but expected some time

White-breasted Nuthatch in winter

Great-tailed grackle

Inca dove

ring-necked pheasant

Bullock's Oriole

american woodcock

red-eyed vireo

common in towns, farms

seen in Palo Pinto

released for hunting

western version of baltimore oriole

caught on game camera winter 2019

seen in Palo Pinto county

other warbler species in migration are expected

Say's Phoebe - seen west of Throckmorton in winter