

BIRDS OF THE BONNET CARRE' SPILLWAY

The following checklist of birds covers birds reported from the boundaries of the Bonnet Carre' Spillway from the west to east levees and from the river and lake on the northern and southern boundaries. The habitat of the spillway is continually changing, especially the area from the locks to the river. Some years this is mostly mud flats and some years it is overgrown with grass and willows. The habitat noted, for a particular species may not exist, or may be very scarce in certain years,

Seasons

Spring: March-May
 Summer: June-July
 Fall: August-November
 Winter: December-February

Frequency:

c-common Hi probability of finding in appropriate habitat
 u-uncommon Usually present in suitable habitat
 r-rare Not to be expected
 o-occasional Not seen every year
 x-accidental Seen once or twice -lucky to find

Habitat:

w-open water Lake or river
 s-swamp Mature trees- water bottom
 f-field Grassy- dry ground
 m-marsh Grassy- water bottom
 a-aerial Flying over or stays airborne
 d-dry forest or scrubs Brush to dry bottom trees
 b-beach Mud flats
 p-pond ponds
 l-interstate nesting under l-10

Species	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Habitat
1 Black-bellied Whistling Duck	o	o			
2 Fulvous Whistling Duck	o		r		a/p
3 White-fronted Goose					a/p
4 Snow Goose			r	r	a/p
5 Ross Goose	r		r	r	a/p
6 Canada Goose				x	a/p
7 Wood Duck				r	a/p
8 Gadwall	c	c	c	c	s/p
9 American Wigeon	u		u	u	w/p
10 Mallard Duck	u		u	u	w/p
11 Mottled Duck	u	r	u	u	m/p/f
12 Blue-winged Teal	c	c	c	c	m/p/f
13 Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	c	m/p
14 Northern Pintail	u	o	u	u	m/p
15 Green-winged Teal	u		u	u	w/a
16 Canvasback	u		u	u	m/p
17 Redhead	r	o	r	u	w
18 Ring-necked Duck	r			u	w
19 Greater Scaup	r	o	u	u	w
20 Lesser Scaup			r	r	w
21 Surf Scoter	u	x	c	c	w
22 White-winged Scoter				x	w
23 Black Scoter				x	w
24 Long-tailed Duck				x	w
25 Bufflehead				x	w
26 Common Goldeneye			r	r	w
27 Hooded Merganser			r	r	w
28 Common Merganser	r	o	r	r	s/p
29 Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	o	w
				u	w

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30	Ruddy Duck	u		r	u	w
31	Wild Turkey	o	o	o	o	f/d
32	Northern Bobwhite	o	o	o	o	f
33	Common Loon				o	w
34	Pied-billed Grebe	r	r	u	u	p
35	Horned Grebe				o	w
36	Eared Grebe				x	w
37	American White Pelican	c	c	c	c	w/p
38	Brown Pelican	u		u	u	w
39	Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	c	w/p
40	Anhinga	u	u	u	u	p
41	Magnificent Frigatebird		o	o		a
42	American Bittern	u		u	u	m
43	Least Bittern	u	u			m
44	Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c	m/p
45	Great Egret	c	c	c	c	m/p
46	Snowy Egret	c	c	c	c	m/p
47	Little Blue Heron	c	c	c	c	m/p
48	Tri-colored Heron	c	c	c	c	m/p
49	Reddish Egret			x		b
50	Cattle Egret	c	c	c	c	f/p
51	Green Heron	c	c	c	r	m/p
52	Black-crowned Night Heron	c	c	c	u	m/p
53	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	c	c	c	r	m/p
54	White Ibis	c	c	c	c	m/s/p
55	Glossy Ibis	u	u	u	u	m/p
56	White-faced Ibis	c	c	c	c	m/p
57	Roseate Spoonbill	o	o	r	r	p
58	Black Vulture	c	c	c	c	a
59	Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c	a
60	Osprey	u	r	u	u	w/p
61	Swallow-tailed Kite	r	r			s
62	Mississippi Kite	c	c	c		a/s
63	Bald Eagle	u	r	u	u	a/f
64	Northern Harrier	u		u	u	m/f
65	Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u	d/f
66	Cooper's Hawk	u	r	u	u	d/f
67	Red-shouldered Hawk	c	c	c	c	s/f
68	Broad-winged Hawk	u		u	o	s
69	Swainson's Hawk	x		x		a/f
70	Red-tailed Hawk	u		u	c	a/f
71	American Kestrel	u		c	c	f/b
72	Merlin			o	r	a/f
73	Peregrine Falcon			o	r	a/f
74	Yellow Rail				x	m
75	King Rail	u	r	u	c	m
76	Virginia Rail	u		u	u	m
77	Sora	c		c	c	m/f
78	Purple Gallinule	o	o	o		p
79	Common Moorhen	u	u	u	u	p/m
80	American Coot	u	o	u	u	w/p/m
81	Black-bellied Plover	r	o	u	r	b
82	American Golden Plover	u		r		b/f
83	Wilson's Plover			x		b
84	Semipalmated Plover	u	r	c	o	b
85	Piping Plover		o	r		b
86	Killdeer	c	c	c	c	b/f/m
87	Black-necked Stilt	c	c	c	u	b/m
88	American Avocet			r	o	b

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89 Greater Yellowlegs					
90 Lesser Yellowlegs	c	x	c	c	b/m
91 Solitary Sandpiper	c	r	c	c	b/m
92 Willet	u	r	u		b/m
93 Spotted Sandpiper		o	u		b
94 Upland Sandpiper	c	r	c	u	w/b
95 Whimbrel	r		r		f
96 Long-billed Curlew			x		b
97 Hudsonian Godwit		x			
98 Marbled Godwit			x		b
99 Ruddy Turnstone			x		b
100 Red Knot	o		r		b
101 Sanderling			r		b
102 Semipalmated Sandpiper	o		r		b
103 Western Sandpiper	u	o	u		b
104 Least Sandpiper	u	o	c	u	b
105 White-rumped Sandpiper	u	o	c	c	b
106 Baird's Sandpiper	c		o		b
107 Pectoral Sandpiper			x		b
108 Dunlin	c	o	c	o	b/f
109 Stilt Sandpiper	u	o	u	u	b
110 Buff-breasted Sandpiper	u	r	u	o	b
111 Short-billed Dowitcher	o	r	u		f
112 Long-billed Dowitcher	r	r	c		b/p
113 Common Snipe	r	r	u	u	b/p
114 American Woodcock	c	o	c	c	m/p
115 Wilson's Phalarope	r		r	u	d
116 Laughing Gull	o		u		b
117 Franklin's Gull	c	c	c	c	w/b
118 Bonaparte's Gull			r		w/b
119 Ring-billed Gull	r		r	r	w/b
120 Herring Gull	c	u	c	c	w/b
121 Gull-billed Tern	u		u	c	w/b
122 Caspian Tern	u	u	u	o	w/b
123 Royal Tern	u	r	u	u	w/b
124 Forster's Tern	u	r	u	u	w/b
125 Least Tern	c	u	c	c	w/b/p
126 Black Tern	u	u	u		w/b/p
127 Black Skimmer			u		w/b
128 Rock Dove	o	o	o	o	b
129 Eurasian Collared Dove	c	c	c	c	a
130 Mourning Dove	u	u	u	u	f
131 Common Ground Dove	c	c	c	c	f
132 Black-billed Cuckoo			o	o	f
133 Yellow-billed Cuckoo			o	o	s/d
134 Grove-billed Ani	c	c	c	o	s/d
135 Lesser Nighthawk			o	o	d
136 Common Nighthawk				x	a
137 Chuck-will's-widow	c	c	c		a
138 Whip-poor-will			o	o	d
139 Barn Owl			o	o	d
140 Eastern Screech Owl	o	o	o	o	a/d
141 Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c	d
142 Burrowing Owl	u	u	u	u	s
143 Barred Owl			o	o	f
144 Short-eared Owl	c	c	c	c	s
145 Chimney Swift			o	o	f
146 Ruby-throated Hummingbird	c	c	c		a
147 Belted Kingfisher	c	r	c		d/s

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148	Red-bellied Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	s/d
149	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		c	c	s/d
150	Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	s/d
151	Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	s/d
152	Northern Flicker (Yellow Shafted)	u		u	c	s/d
153	Pileated Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	s
154	Eastern Wood Pewee	u		u		d
155	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			r		d
156	Acadian Flycatcher	r	r	r		d
157	Alder/Willow Flycatcher	r		r		d
158	Least Flycatcher			u	o	d
159	Eastern Phoebe	u		c	c	d
160	Vermilion Flycatcher		x			d
161	Ash-throated Flycatcher			o	o	d
162	Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u		d
163	Western Kingbird			r	o	d
164	Eastern Kingbird	u	u	c		d
165	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			r	x	d/f
166	Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	c	d/f
167	White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	u	d/s
168	Yellow-throated Vireo	r		u		d/s
169	Blue-headed Vireo	r		u	u	d/s
170	Warbling Vireo	r		r		d/s
171	Philadelphia Vireo	r		u		d/s
172	Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c		d/s
173	Black-whiskered Vireo		x			d
174	Purple Martin	c	c	c	o	a
175	Tree Swallow	c	u	c	c	a
176	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	u	r	a/p
177	Bank Swallow	r		u		a
178	Cliff Swallow	u	u	u		a/i
179	Barn Swallow	c	c	c	o	a/i
180	Blue Jay	c	c	c	c	d/s
181	American Crow	c	c	c	c	a/d
182	Fish Crow	c	c	c	c	a/d
183	Horned Lark				o	f
184	Carolina Chickadee	c	c	c	c	d/s
185	Tufted Titmouse	c	c	c	c	d/s
186	Brown Creeper			r	r	d/s
187	Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c	d/s
188	House Wren	c		c	c	d
189	Winter Wren	r		r	u	d/s
190	Sedge Wren	u		u	c	f/m
191	Marsh Wren	u	r	c	c	f/m
192	Golden-crowned Kinglet	r		r	u	s/d/s
193	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c	d/s
194	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	u	c	c	d/s
195	Eastern Bluebird	u	r	u	u	d/s
196	Gray Cheeked Thrush	o				
197	Veery			o		d
198	Swainson's Thrush	o		o	x	d
199	Hermit Thrush	r		u	c	d/s
200	Wood Thrush	u	r	u		d
201	American Robin	r	o	u	c	d/s
202	Gray Catbird	c	o	c	u	d
203	Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c	d/f
204	Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c	d
205	European Starling	c	c	c	c	a/f
206	American Pipit	u		u	c	f

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207 Sprague's Pipit	o				
208 Cedar Waxwing	c		o	o	f
209 Blue-winged Warbler	o		u	c	a/d
210 Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u		d/s
211 Tennessee Warbler	o		c	c	d/s
212 Northern Parula	c	c	c		d/s
213 Yellow Warbler	c	o	c	r	s
214 Chestnut-sided Warbler			c		d/s
215 Magnolia Warbler	r		u		d/s
216 Yellow-rumped Warbler(Myrtle)	c		u		d/s
217 Yellow-rumped Warbler(Audubon)			c	c	d/s
218 Black-throated Green Warbler	r			x	d/s
219 Blackburnian Warbler			u	o	d/s
220 Yellow-throated Warbler	c	c	r	x	d/s
221 Pine Warbler	r		u	r	s
222 Prairie Warbler			u	u	s
223 Palm Warbler	u		u	o	d
224 Black Poll Warbler	o		u	u	d/f
225 Black and White Warbler	u	o			
226 American Redstart	r		c	r	d/s
227 Prothonotary Warbler	c	c	u	o	d/s
228 Worm-eating Warbler	o		c		d/s
229 Swainson's Warbler	o	o			d
230 Ovenbird	r				s
231 Northern Waterthrush	r		u	o	d
232 Kentucky Warbler	u	u	c	r	d
233 Common Yellowthroat	c	c	u		d/s
234 Hooded Warbler	c	c	c	c	f/m
235 Wilson's Warbler		c	c		d/s
236 Canada Warbler			u	r	d
237 Yellow Breasted Chat	c	c	o		d/s
238 Summer Tanager	u	r	c	r	d
239 Scarlet Tanager	r		c	u	d/s
240 Eastern Towhee	o	o	r		d/s
241 Chipping Sparrow	r		o	o	d
242 Clay-colored Sparrow			u	u	d
243 Field Sparrow	r		x		d
244 Vesper Sparrow			u	u	d/f
245 Lark Sparrow			r	u	d/f
246 Savannah Sparrow	c		o		f
247 Grasshopper Sparrow	r		c	c	d/f
248 Henslow's Sparrow			r	r	f
249 Le Conte's Sparrow	u		o	o	f
250 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			u	u	f
251 Fox Sparrow			o		f
252 Song Sparrow	u			o	d
253 Lincoln's Sparrow	r		c	c	d
254 Swamp Sparrow	c		r	r	d
255 White-throated Sparrow	u		c	c	d/s/f
256 White-crowned Sparrow	r		c	c	d/f
257 Dark-eyed (Slate Colored) Junco			r	r	d/f
258 Lapland Longspur			r	r	d
259 Smith's Longspur			o	o	f
260 Northern Cardinal	c	c		x	f
261 Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		c	c	d/s
262 Black-headed Grosbeak			c		d
263 Blue Grosbeak	u	o	o	o	d/s
264 Indigo Bunting	c	c	c	o	d
265 Painted Bunting	c	c	c	r	d

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266	Dickcissel	u	u	r	o	d/f
267	Bobolink	u	o	r		f
268	Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c	f/m
269	Eastern Meadowlark	c	c	c	c	f
270	Western Meadowlark				x	f
271	Yellow-headed Blackbird	o		o		f
272	Rusty Blackbird	r		r	r	s/m
273	Brewer's Blackbird				o	f/p
274	Common Grackle	c	c	c	c	s/p
275	Boat-tailed Grackle	c	c	c	c	m/p
276	Bronzed Cowbird	u	u	o	o	d/f
277	Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	c	c	d/f
278	Orchard Oriole	u	r	u		d
279	Baltimore Oriole	u		u	r	d/s
280	Bullock's Oriole			o	o	d/s
281	Purple Finch			o	o	d
282	House Finch				o	d
283	Pine Siskin	r		r	r	d
284	American Goldfinch	u		c	c	d/s
285	House Sparrow	u	u	u	u	d/f
	Total=285 species					

Exotic (probably escapes)
 Chukar
 Ring-necked Pheasant
 Sharp-tailed Grouse
 Egyptian Goose