

Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary

Hardin County
Silsbee, Texas



The Sandyland Sanctuary is in the heart of the Big Thicket region of Southeast Texas, 20 miles north of Beaumont. Arid pine forests stand beside dense swamps in a patchy landscape determined by ancient geologic formations. This ecological mosaic makes for interesting birding, where neotropical migrants are annual visitors. The bottomland hardwood forests provide important cover for birds during spring and summer migrations as they make their way to and from the Texas coast.

The Nature Conservancy is proud that the Sandyland Sanctuary has been selected as Site # 17 on the Upper Coast Phase of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. One hundred and sixty-seven bird species have been observed on the preserve, which spans over 5,600 acres. This checklist is based on surveys by TNC staff, D.C. Rudolph of USDA, Forest Service Southern Research Station, Nacogdoches. Happy Birding!

Season Codes:

- B: Breeding – present only during breeding months
- W: Wintering – present only during wintering months
- M: Migrant – passing through as part of regular migration path
- R: Resident – present year round
- I: Irregular – not typically found in the area

<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Blue Heron	R	Herbaceous and woody wetlands, Open water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Nighthawk	B	Upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snowy Egret	B	Herbaceous and woody wetlands, Open water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chuck-will's-widow	B	Mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	B	Herbaceous and woody wetlands, Open water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B	Upland pine savanna, mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	White Ibis	R	Herbaceous wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chimney Swift	B	Upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Stork	W	Herbaceous and woody wetlands, Open water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Belted Kingfisher	R	Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Vulture	R	Mixed and deciduous forest, upland pine savanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hairy Woodpecker	R	Mixed and deciduous forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Turkey Vulture	R	Mixed and deciduous forest, upland pine savanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Flicker	R	Mixed and deciduous forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bald Eagle	W	Mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Downy Woodpecker	R	Deciduous forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Osprey	W	Open water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pileated Woodpecker	R	Mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swallow-tailed Kite	B	Mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	W	Mixed and deciduous forest, upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mississippi Kite	M	Mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-headed Woodpecker	R	Mixed and deciduous forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooper's Hawk	R	Mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-bellied Woodpecker	R	Mixed and deciduous forest, upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharp-shinned Hawk	W	Upland pine savanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Wood-Pewee	B	Mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Harrier	W	Upland pine savanna, herbaceous wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Olive-sided Flycatcher	M	Deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-tailed Hawk	R	Upland pine savanna, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alder Flycatcher	M	Woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-shouldered Hawk	R	Woody wetlands, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acadian Flycatcher	B	Deciduous forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Broad-winged Hawk	B	Mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Phoebe	R	Mixed forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Kestrel	R	Upland pine savanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Crested Flycatcher	B	Mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merlin	W	Upland pine savanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	B	Upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Killdeer	R	Herbaceous wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Kingbird	B	Upland pine savanna, mixed forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Sandpiper	W	Herbaceous wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loggerhead Shrike	R	Upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Woodcock	R	Woody and herbaceous wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warbling Vireo	M	Mixed and deciduous forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock Pigeon	R	Upland pine savanna, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	White-eyed Vireo	B	Mixed and deciduous forest, upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inca Dove	R	Upland pine savanna, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-eyed Vireo	B	Mixed and deciduous forest, woody wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mourning Dove	R	Upland pine savanna, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cassin's Vireo	I	Mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	Upland pine savanna, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-throated Vireo	B	Deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	B	Woody wetlands, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue-headed Vireo	W	Mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Roadrunner	R	Upland pine savanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Jay	R	Mixed and deciduous forest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barred Owl	R	Woody wetlands, mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish Crow	R	Woody wetlands, upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barn Owl	R	Upland pine savanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Crow	R	Woody wetlands, upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Horned Owl	R	Mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barn Swallow	B	Upland pine savanna, herbaceous wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Screech-Owl	R	Mixed and deciduous forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Swallow	M	Upland pine savanna, herbaceous wetlands

Common Name

Season

Habitat

<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow Goose	W	Herbaceous wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater White-fronted Goose	M	Herbaceous wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Duck	R	Woody wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Wigeon	W	Herbaceous wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue-winged Teal	R	Herbaceous wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mallard	W	Herbaceous wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hooded Merganser	W	Woody wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Bobwhite	R	Upland pine savanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pied-billed Grebe	R	Herbaceous wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anhinga	B	Woody wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tricolored Heron	R	Herbaceous and woody wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Green Heron	B	Herbaceous and woody wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Egret	R	Herbaceous wetlands, Open water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cattle Egret	B	Herbaceous wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Blue Heron	R	Herbaceous and woody wetlands

