

Valley Nature Center's

BIRD CHECKLIST

OF THE

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

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___ Aztec Thrush
 MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS, ALLIES
 ___ Gray Catbird
 ___ Black Catbird
 ___ Northern Mockingbird
 ___ Sage Thrasher
 ___ Brown Thrasher
 ___ Long-billed Thrasher
 ___ Curve-billed Thrasher
 ___ Blue Mockingbird
 STARLINGS
 ___ European Starling
 PIPITS
 ___ American Pipit
 ___ Sprague's Pipit
 WAXWINGS
 ___ Cedar Waxwing
 SILKY-FLYCATCHERS
 ___ Gray Silky-flycatcher
 Phainopepla
 WOOD-WARBLERS
 ___ Blue-winged Warbler
 ___ Golden-winged Warbler
 ___ Tennessee Warbler
 ___ Orange-crowned Warbler
 ___ Nashville Warbler
 ___ Virginia's Warbler
 ___ Colima Warbler
 ___ Northern Parula
 ___ Tropical Parula
 ___ Yellow Warbler
 ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
 ___ Magnolia Warbler
 ___ Cape May Warbler
 ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler
 ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
 ___ Black-throated Gray Warbler
 ___ Golden-cheeked Warbler
 ___ Black-throated Green Warbler
 ___ Townsend's Warbler
 ___ Hermit Warbler
 ___ Blackburnian Warbler
 ___ Yellow-throated Warbler
 ___ Pine Warbler
 ___ Prairie Warbler
 ___ Palm Warbler
 ___ Bay-breasted Warbler
 ___ Blackpoll Warbler
 ___ Cerulean Warbler
 ___ Black-and-white Warbler
 ___ American Redstart
 ___ Prothonotary Warbler
 ___ Worm-eating Warbler
 ___ Swainson's Warbler
 ___ Ovenbird
 ___ Northern Waterthrush
 ___ Louisiana Waterthrush
 ___ Kentucky Warbler
 ___ Mourning Warbler
 ___ MacGillivray's Warbler
 ___ Common Yellowthroat
 ___ Gray-crowned Yellowthroat
 ___ Hooded Warbler
 ___ Wilson's Warbler
 ___ Canada Warbler

___ Red-faced Warbler
 ___ Painted Redstart
 ___ Slate-throated Redstart
 ___ Golden-crowned Warbler
 ___ Rufous-capped Warbler
 ___ Yellow-breasted Chat
 SPARROWS, ALLIES
 ___ White-collared Seedeater
 ___ Yellow-faced Grassquit
 ___ Olive Sparrow
 ___ Green-tailed Towhee
 ___ Spotted Towhee
 ___ Eastern Towhee
 ___ Cassin's Sparrow
 ___ Botteri's Sparrow
 ___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
 ___ American Tree Sparrow
 ___ Chipping Sparrow
 ___ Clay-colored Sparrow
 ___ Brewer's Sparrow
 ___ Field Sparrow
 ___ Vesper Sparrow
 ___ Lark Sparrow
 ___ Black-throated Sparrow
 ___ Lark Bunting
 ___ Savannah Sparrow
 ___ Grasshopper Sparrow
 ___ Baird's Sparrow
 ___ Le Conte's Sparrow
 ___ Nelson's Sparrow
 ___ Seaside Sparrow
 ___ Fox Sparrow
 ___ Song Sparrow
 ___ Lincoln's Sparrow
 ___ Swamp Sparrow
 ___ White-throated Sparrow
 ___ Harris's Sparrow
 ___ White-crowned Sparrow
 ___ Dark-eyed Junco
 ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
 ___ Snow Bunting
 TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS,
 BUNTINGS
 ___ Hepatic Tanager
 ___ Summer Tanager
 ___ Scarlet Tanager
 ___ Western Tanager
 ___ Flame-colored Tanager
 ___ Crimson-collared Grosbeak
 ___ Northern Cardinal
 ___ Pyrrhuloxia
 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 ___ Black-headed Grosbeak
 ___ Blue Bunting
 ___ Blue Grosbeak
 ___ Lazuli Bunting
 ___ Indigo Bunting
 ___ Varied Bunting
 ___ Painted Bunting
 ___ Dickcissel
 BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS, ORIOLES
 ___ Bobolink
 ___ Red-winged Blackbird
 ___ Eastern Meadowlark
 ___ Western Meadowlark

___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
 ___ Rusty Blackbird
 ___ Brewer's Blackbird
 ___ Common Grackle
 ___ Boat-tailed Grackle
 ___ Great-tailed Grackle
 ___ Shiny Cowbird
 ___ Bronzed Cowbird
 ___ Brown-headed Cowbird
 ___ Black-vented Oriole
 ___ Orchard Oriole
 ___ Hooded Oriole
 ___ Bullock's Oriole
 ___ Altamira Oriole
 ___ Audubon's Oriole
 ___ Baltimore Oriole
 ___ Scott's Oriole
 FINCHES, ALLIES
 ___ Purple Finch
 ___ House Finch
 ___ Red Crossbill
 ___ Common Redpoll
 ___ Pine Siskin
 ___ Lesser Goldfinch
 ___ American Goldfinch
 OLD WORLD SPARROWS
 ___ House Sparrow

This list includes all bird species accepted by the Texas Bird Records Committee, as well as any still awaiting acceptance (indicated by *).

The list follows the 50th supplement to the 7th AOU list.

Please keep in mind that some of the species listed are accidental or very rare. Those species would not be expected to be seen.

At time of printing there are 521 accepted bird species for the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and none waiting acceptance by TBRC.



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SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck
 Greater White-fronted Goose
 Snow Goose
 Ross's Goose
 Brant
 Cackling Goose
 Canada Goose
 Trumpeter Swan
 Tundra Swan
 Muscovy Duck
 Wood Duck
 Gadwall
 Eurasian Wigeon
 American Wigeon
 Mallard
 Mottled Duck
 Blue-winged Teal
 Cinnamon Teal
 Northern Shoveler
 White-cheeked Pintail
 Northern Pintail
 Green-winged Teal
 Canvasback
 Redhead
 Ring-necked Duck
 Greater Scaup
 Lesser Scaup
 Harlequin Duck
 Surf Scoter
 White-winged Scoter
 Black Scoter
 Long-tailed Duck
 Bufflehead
 Common Goldeneye
 Hooded Merganser
 Common Merganser
 Red-breasted Merganser
 Masked Duck
 Ruddy Duck
 GUANS
 Plain Chachalaca
 PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS
 Wild Turkey
 QUAIL
 Scaled Quail
 Northern Bobwhite
 LOONS
 Pacific Loon
 Common Loon
 Yellow-billed Loon
 GREBES
 Least Grebe
 Pied-billed Grebe
 Horned Grebe
 Eared Grebe
 Western Grebe
 ALBATROSSSES
 Yellow-nosed Albatross
 SHEARWATERS, PETRELS
 Cory's Shearwater
 Greater Shearwater
 Sooty Shearwater
 Manx Shearwater
 Audubon's Shearwater
 STORM-PETRELS
 Leach's Storm-Petrel
 Band-rumped Storm-Petrel
 TROPICBIRDS
 Red-billed Tropicbird
 BOOBIES, GANNETS
 Masked Booby

Brown Booby
 Northern Gannet
 PELICANS
 American White Pelican
 Brown Pelican
 CORMORANTS
 Neotropic Cormorant
 Double-crested Cormorant
 DARTERS
 Anhinga
 FRIGATEBIRDS
 Magnificent Frigatebird
 BITTERNS, HERONS
 American Bittern
 Least Bittern
 Bare-throated Tiger-Heron
 Great Blue Heron
 Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
 Little Blue Heron
 Tricolored Heron
 Reddish Egret
 Cattle Egret
 Green Heron
 Black-crowned Night-Heron
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
 IBISES, SPOONBILLS
 White Ibis
 Glossy Ibis
 White-faced Ibis
 Roseate Spoonbill
 STORKS
 Jabiru
 Wood Stork
 FLAMINGOES
 American Flamingo
 AMERICAN VULTURES
 Black Vulture
 Turkey Vulture
 KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES, ALLIES
 Osprey
 Hook-billed Kite
 Swallow-tailed Kite
 White-tailed Kite
 Snail Kite
 Mississippi Kite
 Bald Eagle
 Northern Harrier
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Cooper's Hawk
 Crane Hawk
 Common Black-Hawk
 Harris's Hawk
 Roadside Hawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 Broad-winged Hawk
 Gray Hawk
 Short-tailed Hawk
 Swainson's Hawk
 White-tailed Hawk
 Zone-tailed Hawk
 Red-tailed Hawk
 Ferruginous Hawk
 Golden Eagle
 CARACARAS, FALCONS
 Collared Forest-Falcon
 Crested Caracara
 American Kestrel
 Merlin
 Aplomado Falcon
 Peregrine Falcon
 Prairie Falcon

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

Yellow Rail
 Black Rail
 Clapper Rail
 King Rail
 Virginia Rail
 Sora
 Purple Gallinule
 Common Moorhen
 American Coot
 CRANES
 Sandhill Crane
 Whooping Crane
 PLOVERS
 Black-bellied Plover
 American Golden-Plover
 Snowy Plover
 Wilson's Plover
 Semipalmated Plover
 Piping Plover
 Killdeer
 Mountain Plover
 OYSTERCATCHERS
 American Oystercatcher
 STILTS, AVOCETS
 Black-necked Stilt
 American Avocet
 JACANAS
 Northern Jacana
 SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, ALLIES
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Wandering Tattler
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Willet
 Lesser Yellowlegs
 Upland Sandpiper
 Eskimo Curlew
 Whimbrel
 Long-billed Curlew
 Hudsonian Godwit
 Marbled Godwit
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Red Knot
 Sanderling
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
 Western Sandpiper
 Red-necked Stint
 Least Sandpiper
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Baird's Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
 Purple Sandpiper
 Dunlin
 Curlew Sandpiper
 Stilt Sandpiper
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper
 Ruff
 Short-billed Dowitcher
 Long-billed Dowitcher
 Wilson's Snipe
 American Woodcock
 Wilson's Phalarope
 Red-necked Phalarope
 Red Phalarope
 GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS, SKUAS
 Laughing Gull
 Franklin's Gull
 Little Gull
 Black-headed Gull
 Bonaparte's Gull
 Black-tailed Gull

Ring-billed Gull
 California Gull
 Herring Gull
 Thayer's Gull
 Iceland Gull
 Lesser Black-backed Gull
 Slaty-backed Gull
 Western Gull
 Glaucous Gull
 Great Black-backed Gull
 Sabine's Gull
 Black-legged Kittiwake
 Brown Noddy
 Sooty Tern
 Bridled Tern
 Least Tern
 Gull-billed Tern
 Caspian Tern
 Black Tern
 Common Tern
 Forster's Tern
 Royal Tern
 Sandwich Tern
 Black Skimmer
 South Polar Skua
 Pomarine Jaeger
 Parasitic Jaeger
 Long-tailed Jaeger
 PIGEONS, DOVES
 Rock Pigeon
 Red-billed Pigeon
 Eurasian Collared-Dove
 White-winged Dove
 Mourning Dove
 Inca Dove
 Common Ground-Dove
 Ruddy Ground-Dove
 White-tipped Dove
 Ruddy Quail-Dove
 PARAKEETS, PARROTS
 Green Parakeet
 Red-crowned Parrot
 CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, ANIS
 Dark-billed Cuckoo
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Mangrove Cuckoo
 Black-billed Cuckoo
 Greater Roadrunner
 Groove-billed Ani
 BARN OWLS
 Barn Owl
 TYPICAL OWLS
 Flammulated Owl
 Eastern Screech-Owl
 Great Horned Owl
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
 Elf Owl
 Burrowing Owl
 Mottled Owl
 Barred Owl
 Long-eared Owl
 Stygian Owl
 Short-eared Owl
 GOATSUCKERS
 Lesser Nighthawk
 Common Nighthawk
 Common Poorwill
 Common Poorwill
 Chuck-will's-widow
 Whip-poor-will
 SWIFTS
 White-collared Swift

Chimney Swift
 HUMMINGBIRDS
 Green Violetear
 Green-breasted Mango
 Broad-billed Hummingbird
 White-eared Hummingbird
 Buff-bellied Hummingbird
 Violet-crowned Hummingbird
 Blue-throated Hummingbird
 Lucifer Hummingbird
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
 Black-chinned Hummingbird
 Anna's Hummingbird
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird
 Rufous Hummingbird
 Allen's Hummingbird
 TROGONS
 Elegant Trogon
 KINGFISHERS
 Ringed Kingfisher
 Belted Kingfisher
 Green Kingfisher
 WOODPECKERS, ALLIES
 Red-headed Woodpecker
 Acorn Woodpecker
 Golden-fronted Woodpecker
 Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Red-naped Sapsucker
 Red-breasted Sapsucker
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Northern Flicker
 ANTSHRIKES, ALLIES
 Barred Antshrike
 TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
 Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet
 White-crested Elaenia
 Olive-sided Flycatcher
 Greater Pewee
 Western Wood-Pewee
 Eastern Wood-Pewee
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
 Acadian Flycatcher
 Alder Flycatcher
 Willow Flycatcher
 Least Flycatcher
 Hammond's Flycatcher
 Black Phoebe
 Eastern Phoebe
 Say's Phoebe
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Ash-throated Flycatcher
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 Brown-crested Flycatcher
 Great Kiskadee
 Social Flycatcher
 Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
 Piratic Flycatcher
 Tropical Kingbird
 Couch's Kingbird
 Cassin's Kingbird
 Western Kingbird
 Eastern Kingbird
 Gray Kingbird
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher
 Rose-throated Becard
 Masked Tityra
 SHRIKES
 Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS
 White-eyed Vireo
 Bell's Vireo
 Black-capped Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Plumbeous Vireo
 Cassin's Vireo
 Blue-headed Vireo
 Warbling Vireo
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Red-eyed Vireo
 Yellow-green Vireo
 Black-whiskered Vireo
 JAYS, CROWS
 Blue Jay
 Green Jay
 Brown Jay
 Tamaulipas Crow
 Chihuahuan Raven
 LARKS
 Horned Lark
 SWALLOWS
 Purple Martin
 Gray-breasted Martin
 Tree Swallow
 Violet-green Swallow
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow
 Bank Swallow
 Cliff Swallow
 Cave Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 TITMICE, CHICKADEES
 Carolina Chickadee
 Black-crested Titmouse
 VERDINS
 Verdin
 NUTHATCHES
 Red-breasted Nuthatch
 CREEPERS
 Brown Creeper
 WRENS
 Cactus Wren
 Rock Wren
 Carolina Wren
 Bewick's Wren
 House Wren
 Winter Wren
 Sedge Wren
 Marsh Wren
 KINGLETS
 Golden-crowned Kinglet
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 GNATCATCHERS
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
 SOLITAIRES, THRUSHES, ALLIES
 Northern Wheatear
 Eastern Bluebird
 Mountain Bluebird
 Townsend's Solitaire
 Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
 Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush
 Hermit Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 Clay-colored Thrush
 White-throated Thrush
 Rufous-backed Robin
 American Robin
 Varied Thrush