

Checklist for the Birds of Comal County

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Seasons

SP=Spring; March, April, May

SU=Summer; June, July

EF=Early Fall; August, September

LF=Late Fall; October, November

W=Winter; December, January, February

Occurrences

C=Common

F=Fairly Common

U=Uncommon

R=Rare

VR=Very Rare

X=Accidental

I=Irruptive

Hypothetical

Reports of merit exist but insufficient documentation

Habitat Preference (HP)

L: Open water or bays of Canyon Lake

P: Aquatic, pond, less often Guadalupe River, creeks

M: marshes, mudflats and shores

D: Deciduous woods not bordering wetlands or riparian areas, typically towns, suburbs

J: Juniper-Oak woodlands

R: Riparian wooded or brushy areas adjacent to lakes, ponds, rivers or creeks

W: All wooded areas

B: Brushy upland areas

F: Fields around New Braunfels airport area

G: Grasslands or pastures

S: Savannahs/prairies, including F and G

O: For species most likely seen overhead

blank: assumed various habitats

Species	SP	SU	EF	LF	W	HP
Loons						
Red-throated Loon					X	L
Pacific Loon					VR	L
Common Loon			VR	R	U	L
Grebes						
Least Grebe	VR	VR	R	R	R	P
Pied-billed Grebe	F	R	U	F	F	L,P
Horned Grebe				VR	VR	L
Eared Grebe	U			R	F	L
Western Grebe					X	L
Pelicans						
White Pelican	U		VR	R	U	L,P
Cormorants						
Neotropic Cormorant				VR	VR	R,P
Double-crest. Cormorant	C	VR	R	C	C	L,P
Anhinga	VR			VR	VR	R,P
Hérons, Egrets, Bitterns						
Great Blue Heron	F	F	F	F	F	R,M
Great Egret	U	F	F	F	U	M
Snowy Egret	VR	R	U	VR		M
Little Blue Heron	R	U	U		VR	R,M
Tricolored Heron		R	R			R,M
Reddish Egret			X			M
Cattle Egret	F	F	U	U	VR	S
Green Heron	F	F	F	R	VR	R,M
Black-crowned Night-Heron	VR		VR		VR	R
Yellow-crown. Night-Heron	VR	U	U	VR	VR	R
White Ibis		VR	VR			M
White-faced Ibis			VR			O,M
Roseate Spoonbill		VR	VR	VR		M
Wood Stork		VR	VR			O,M
Vultures						
Black Vulture	C	C	C	C	C	O
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	C	O
Ducks, Geese, Swans						
Black-b. Whistling-Duck	F	F	F	U	R	R,P
Greater White-front. Goose	VR			VR	VR	O
Snow Goose				VR	VR	O
Canada Goose				VR	VR	O
Wood Duck	F	F	F	F	F	R,P
Gadwall	F	VR	VR	F	C	L,P
American Wigeon	F	VR		F	C	L,P
Mallard	U		VR	U	U	L,P

	Species	SP	SU	EF	LF	W	HP
___	Blue-winged Teal	F		U	R	R	L,P
___	Cinnamon Teal	R				VR	L,P
___	Northern Shoveler	U	VR	VR	R	U	L,P
___	Northern Pintail				R	U	L,P
___	Green-winged Teal	F			U	F	L,P
___	Canvasback	VR			R	U	L,P
___	Redhead	R			R	U	L,P
___	Ring-necked Duck	R	X		U	F	L,P
___	Greater Scaup				R	R	L,P
___	Lesser Scaup	R		VR	U	F	L,P
___	Bufflehead	U			U	F	L,P
___	Common Goldeneye					X	L,P
___	Hooded Merganser	R			R	U	L,P
___	Common Merganser					X	L
___	Red-breasted Merganser	VR			VR	R	L
___	Ruddy Duck	VR			VR	U	L,P
___	Osprey						
___	Osprey	F	VR	U	F	F	L,P
___	Hawks, Eagles, Kites						
___	Swallow-tailed Kite	X					O
___	White-tailed Kite	X					O
___	Mississippi Kite	U	VR	U	R		O
___	Bald Eagle				VR	VR	L
___	Northern Harrier	U	VR	R	F	F	S
___	Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	VR	R	U	U	W
___	Cooper's Hawk	U	R	U	U	U	W
___	Harris's Hawk	VR				VR	B,G
___	Red-shouldered Hawk	F	F	F	F	F	R
___	Broad-winged Hawk	U		R	R		V,W
___	Short-tailed Hawk	X					R
___	Swainson's Hawk	U	VR	R	U	VR	V,G
___	White-tailed Hawk				X		
___	Zone-tailed Hawk	VR	VR	VR	VR	R	R
___	Red-tailed Hawk	F	U	F	F	F	
___	Ferruginous Hawk					VR	S
___	Rough-legged Hawk					X	S
___	Falcons, Caracaras						
___	Crested Caracara	U	R	R	U	U	O,S
___	American Kestrel	C		F	C	C	
___	Merlin	VR		VR	R	R	
___	Peregrine Falcon	VR	VR	VR	VR	VR	
___	Prairie Falcon				VR	VR	F
___	Turkeys						
___	Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	U	

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Quail						
Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U	U	U	B,G
Rails, Gallinules, Coots						
Yellow Rail	X					
Virginia Rail	X					M
Sora					VR	M
Purple Gallinule		X				M
Common Moorhen	VR	VR	VR			P
American Coot	C	VR	VR	C	C	L,P
Cranes						
Sandhill Crane	U		VR	U	F	O,F
Whooping Crane				VR		O
Plovers						
Black-bellied Plover				X		
American Golden-Plover	VR			VR		M
Killdeer	C	F	C	C	C	M,S
Mountain Plover			VR	VR	R	F
Avocets, Stilts						
Black-necked Stilt	VR	R	R			M
American Avocet	VR	VR	VR	VR		M
Sandpipers						
Greater Yellowlegs	U	VR	R	U	U	M
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	VR	U	VR	VR	M
Solitary Sandpiper	VR	VR	VR			M
Willet	VR					
Spotted Sandpiper	F	R	F	F	F	R,M
Upland Sandpiper	R		R	VR		S
Long-billed Curlew	VR	VR		VR	VR	M
Semipalmated Sandpiper	VR		VR			M
Western Sandpiper	VR		VR	VR	VR	M
Least Sandpiper	R	VR	R	R	R	M
White-rumped Sandpiper	VR					M
Baird's Sandpiper	VR		VR			M
Pectoral Sandpiper	VR		R	VR		M
Dunlin				VR		M
Stilt Sandpiper	VR	VR				M
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			VR			M
Wilson's Phalarope		VR				P
Long-billed Dowitcher	R	VR	VR	R	R	M
Wilson's Snipe	U		VR	U	U	M
American Woodcock				VR	VR	R,D
Gulls						
Franklin's Gull	U			VR	VR	O
Bonaparte's Gull	U				F	L

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Ring-billed Gull	F		VR	F	C	L,P
Herring Gull	VR				VR	L
Sabine's Gull			X			L
Terns						
Forster's Tern	U	VR		VR	F	L
Black Tern			VR			L,P
Pigeons, Doves						
Rock Dove	C	C	C	C	C	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	R	R	R	R	
White-winged Dove	C	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	C	
Inca Dove	C	C	C	C	C	
Common Ground-Dove	U	U	U	U	U	
White-tipped Dove			X			
Cuckoos						
Black-billed Cuckoo	VR	VR	VR			R,D
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	F	F	F	VR		W
Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U	U	B,J
Groove-billed Ani	X		X			
Owls						
Barn Owl	VR	VR			VR	
Eastern Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U	U	W
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	U	W
Burrowing Owl	VR			VR	VR	F
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	U	R
Short-eared Owl					VR	S
Nightjars						
Lesser Nighthawk	VR			VR		
Common Nighthawk	C	C	U	VR	VR	O
Common Pauraque	VR	VR	VR	VR	VR	
Common Poorwill	U	R		VR	VR	J
Chuck-will's-widow	F	F	R			J
Whip-poor-will	R		VR			W
Swifts						
Chimney Swift	C	C	C	U		
Hummingbirds						
Green Violet-ear	VR	VR				
Buff-bellied Hummingbird		VR			X	
Ruby-throat. Hummingbird	F	R	C	F		
Black-chin. Hummingbird	C	C	C		X	
Anna's Hummingbird				VR	X	
Calliope Hummingbird	X	X	X	X		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			X	X		
Rufous Hummingbird	VR	VR	U	U	R	

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Allen's Hummingbird				X	X	
Kingfishers						
Belted Kingfisher	F	U	F	F	F	R,P
Ringed Kingfisher			VR			R
Green Kingfisher	U	U	U	U	U	R
Woodpeckers						
Red-headed Woodpecker					R	R,D
Golden-fronted Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	C	W
Red-bellied Woodpecker	VR	VR	VR	VR	R	R,D
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	VR	VR	U	U	W
Red-naped Sapsucker				VR	VR	W
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	C	W
Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	U	R,D
Hairy Woodpecker	X				X	R
Northern Flicker	U			F	F	
Flycatchers						
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	VR	U			W
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	VR		R
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	R	VR	R	X		R
Acadian Flycatcher	F	F	F	VR		R
Alder Flycatcher	R		R			
Willow Flycatcher	R	VR	R			
Least Flycatcher	F	VR	C	R		B,W
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	C	C	
Black Phoebe		X			X	R
Say's Phoebe	R		VR	VR	U	S
Vermilion Flycatcher	R	R	R	R	R	R
Ash-throated Flycatcher	F	F	U		VR	J
Great Crested Flycatcher	F	F	F	R		R,D
Great Kiskadee	X					R
Couch's Kingbird	VR	VR	VR	VR	R	R,D
Western Kingbird	C	C	F			S
Eastern Kingbird	U	VR	U	VR	VR	R,S
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C	C	C	C	VR	
Shrikes						
Loggerhead Shrike	F	R	C	C	C	B,S
Vireos						
White-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	U	U	R
Bell's Vireo	R	VR	R	VR	X	B,R
Black-capped Vireo	VR	VR				B
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U	VR	X	R
Cassin's Vireo	X		X			
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	U	U	R,D
Hutton's Vireo	VR	VR	VR	VR		R

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_____	Warbling Vireo	R		VR	VR		R,D
_____	Philadelphia Vireo	VR	VR	VR	VR		R,D
_____	Red-eyed Vireo	F	F	F		X	R,D
_____	Jays, Crows, Ravens						
_____	Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	C	R,D
_____	Western Scrub-Jay	C	C	C	C	C	J
_____	American Crow	U	U	U	U	U	
_____	Common Raven	F	U	F	F	F	
_____	Larks						
_____	Horned Lark	X			VR	R	F
_____	Swallows						
_____	Purple Martin	C	C	F	VR	R	
_____	Tree Swallow	VR		VR	VR		
_____	N. Rough-winged Swallow	F	R	R		VR	R,M
_____	Bank Swallow			R			R,M
_____	Cliff Swallow	C	C	C	R		
_____	Cave Swallow	U	U	U	R	VR	
_____	Barn Swallow	C	C	C	U	R	
_____	Chickadees, Titmice						
_____	Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C	C	B,W
_____	Black-crested Titmouse	C	C	C	C	C	B,W
_____	Tufted Titmouse					VR	W
_____	Verdin, Bushtit						
_____	Verdin	VR				R	B
_____	Bushtit	R	R	R	R	R	B,J
_____	Nuthatches, Creeper						
_____	Red-breasted Nuthatch	I			I	I	W
_____	White-breasted Nuthatch				X		W
_____	Brown Creeper	R			R	U	R,D
_____	Wrens						
_____	Cactus Wren					R	B
_____	Rock Wren		VR		VR	VR	B
_____	Canyon Wren	C	C	C	C	C	R
_____	Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C	C	R,D
_____	Bewick's Wren	C	C	C	C	C	B,J
_____	House Wren	F		U	F	F	
_____	Winter Wren	R			R	U	R
_____	Sedge Wren	VR				VR	M
_____	Marsh Wren	VR				VR	M
_____	Kinglets						
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet	U			U	U	R
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	VR	U	C	C	B,W
_____	Gnatcatchers						
_____	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	F	U	F	F	U	B,W

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Thrushes						
Eastern Bluebird	C	F	F	C	C	R,S
Western Bluebird	X					
Mountain Bluebird					X	G
Veery	VR					R,D
Townsend's Solitaire					X	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	X					
Swainson's Thrush	U	VR		VR		R,D
Hermit Thrush	F			F	F	W
Wood Thrush	VR					R,D
American Robin	C	VR	VR	C	C	
Mockingbirds, Thrashers						
Gray Catbird	U	VR	VR	VR	VR	R,D
Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	C	
Sage Thrasher	VR			VR	VR	B
Brown Thrasher	R		R	R	U	R,B
Long-billed Thrasher	VR	VR		VR	VR	B
Curve-billed Thrasher	R	R	R	R	R	B
Starlings						
European Starling	C	C	C	C	C	
Pipits						
American Pipit	VR		VR	VR	U	S
Sprague's Pipit	VR			VR	VR	S
Waxwings						
Cedar Waxwing	C			U	C	B,W
Wood Warblers						
Blue-winged Warbler	X		VR			
Golden-winged Warbler	R					R,D
Tennessee Warbler	U	VR	R	VR		R,D
Orange-crowned Warbler	F	VR	U	F	F	B,W
Nashville Warbler	C	VR	F	F	VR	R,D
Northern Parula	F	F	U		X	R
Yellow Warbler	F	VR	F	VR	X	R,D
Chestnut-sided Warbler	R					R,D
Magnolia Warbler	U	VR				R,D
Cape May Warbler	X					
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		R	C	C	B,W
Black-throat. Gray Warbler				X	X	
Golden-cheeked Warbler	F	U	R	VR		R,J
Black-throat. Green Warbler	U	VR	R	R	X	R,D
Blackburnian Warbler	U			X		R,D
Yellow-throated Warbler	R	VR	VR		VR	R
Pine Warbler	VR			VR	R	R,D
Prairie Warbler	X				X	

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___	Bay-breasted Warbler	R		VR		X	W
___	Blackpoll Warbler	VR					
___	Cerulean Warbler	VR					
___	Black-and-white Warbler	F	F	F	U	R	R,D
___	American Redstart	U	VR	U	VR		R,D
___	Prothonotary Warbler	VR		VR			R
___	Worm-eating Warbler	VR		VR			R
___	Ovenbird	VR		VR			R,D
___	Northern Waterthrush	U	VR	R	VR		R
___	Louisiana Waterthrush	U	R	R		VR	R
___	Kentucky Warbler	VR		VR			R,D
___	Mourning Warbler	U		R	VR		R,D
___	MacGillivray's Warbler	VR	VR	VR			R,D
___	Common Yellowthroat	F	VR	U	U	U	R,M
___	Hooded Warbler	VR		VR			R,D
___	Wilson's Warbler	F	VR	F	U	VR	R,D
___	Canada Warbler	U	VR	VR			R,D
___	Red-faced Warbler			X			
___	Yellow-breasted Chat	U		R	VR		R,D
___	Tanagers						
___	Summer Tanager	C	C	C	VR		R,D
___	Scarlet Tanager	VR		VR		X	R,D
___	Hepatic Tanager		X				
___	Sparrows, Towhees, Juncos						
___	Spotted Towhee	F		VR	F	F	B
___	Eastern Towhee	R			VR	R	B
___	Canyon Towhee	VR	VR	VR	VR	R	B
___	Cassin's Sparrow	VR					B,G
___	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	U	U	U	U	U	B,J
___	Chipping Sparrow	C	VR	VR	C	C	
___	Clay-colored Sparrow	U		R	U	VR	B
___	Brewer's Sparrow	VR				VR	B
___	Field Sparrow	C	F	F	C	C	B,G
___	Vesper Sparrow	C			C	C	B,S
___	Lark Sparrow	F	F	F	F	F	B,S
___	Black-throated Sparrow		VR		VR	VR	B
___	Lark Bunting	VR			VR	VR	S
___	Savannah Sparrow	F			F	C	S,M
___	Grasshopper Sparrow	U	VR	VR	U	U	G,M
___	Le Conte's Sparrow	R			R	U	M
___	Nelson's Sharp-t. Sparrow	X				X	M
___	Fox Sparrow	R			VR	U	B,W
___	Song Sparrow	F			U	F	M,B
___	Lincoln's Sparrow	C		R	F	F	B,W

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_____	Swamp Sparrow	VR			VR	R	M
_____	White-throated Sparrow	F			U	F	B,R
_____	Harris's Sparrow	VR			VR	U	B
_____	White-crowned Sparrow	F			U	F	B
_____	Dark-eyed Junco	I			I	I	
_____	McCown's Longspur				VR	R	F
_____	Lapland Longspur	VR			VR	VR	F
_____	Smith's Longspur					X	F
_____	Chestnut-collared Longspur					R	F
Cardinals, allies							
_____	Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	C	B,W
_____	Pyrrhuloxia	R	VR	VR	VR	U	B
_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R		VR	VR		R,D
_____	Black-headed Grosbeak	VR		VR		VR	R,D
_____	Blue Grosbeak	F	F	F	VR		B,G
_____	Lazuli Bunting	VR					
_____	Indigo Bunting	F	R	U	R		R
_____	Painted Bunting	C	C	F			J
_____	Dickcissel	U	U	R			G
Blackbirds, Orioles, Grackles							
_____	Red-winged Blackbird	C	U	U	U	C	M
_____	Eastern Meadowlark	C	R	R	F	C	S
_____	Western Meadowlark	U			U	C	S
_____	Yellow-headed Blackbird	VR		VR	VR		G,M
_____	Rusty Blackbird					VR	M
_____	Brewer's Blackbird	R			R	F	F
_____	Common Grackle	F	U	U	U	F	
_____	Great-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	C	C	
_____	Shiny Cowbird	X					
_____	Bronzed Cowbird	R	VR			VR	
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird	F	F	U	U	C	
_____	Orchard Oriole	F	R	F			B,W
_____	Bullock's Oriole	VR		VR			W
_____	Baltimore Oriole	U	VR	F	VR		W
_____	Scott's Oriole	VR	VR	VR		VR	J,B
_____	Hooded Oriole	X					
Finches, Siskins, Crossbills							
_____	Cassin's Finch					X	
_____	Purple Finch	VR			VR	VR	R,D
_____	House Finch	C	C	C	C	C	B,W
_____	Pine Siskin	I			I	I	B,W
_____	Lesser Goldfinch	F	F	F	U	U	B,W
_____	American Goldfinch	C		VR	F	C	B,W
Old World Sparrows							

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House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	C	

Hypothetical List

Mottled Duck	12/6/01
Laughing Gull	
Long-eared Owl	12/14/98
Broad-billed Hummingbird	4/15/88
Dusky Flycatcher	
Cordilleran Flycatcher	multiple SP & F
Yellow-green Vireo	5/12/02, 5/17/02
Townsend's Warbler	5/19/02
Connecticut Warbler	10/7/01
Tree Sparrow	
Audubon's Oriole	3/1/01
Passenger Pigeon	Extinct
Greater Prairie Chicken	Extirpated

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