

BIRDING 101

A PICTURE GUIDE TO

THE BIRDS OF LAKE SKINNER



Bald Eagle: Picture credit Delita Evans, Park Attendant, Lake Skinner Recreation Area

Welcome to lake skimmers Birding 101 adventure. We hope that you'll discover lots of wildlife and maybe even a new hobby. This field guide was designed to give an introduction to bird watching. In it are 80 regularly seen birds of the Lake Skinner Recreation Area (we have over 200+ species). You can keep track of what you've seen and we encourage you to come back as often as it takes to complete your book. Be courteous to the wildlife and environment by staying out of the nature reserve areas marked with yellow boundary signs, but most importantly have fun!

### **How to find them**

Finding birds is mostly a matter of being aware and knowing where to look. All it takes is practice. Spotting birds requires attention, so take a moment to clear your mind, heighten your senses, and soak in your surroundings. Look with unaided eyes before using binoculars. Don't just gaze around; try to think like a bird. Be alert for movement and for anything that seems out of place. As you visually scan a landscape, always keep an ear cocked, too, and listen to the birds around you. Your ears can help as much as your eyes. After you've thoroughly studied a scene, it's time to move on. In general, you'll see more birds by covering more territory, rather than letting the birds come to you. Walk at a meandering pace, and keep scanning the sky and listening to bird sounds while wandering along. When you see a bird, or when you arrive at a promising vantage point, stop, look, listen—again and again.

### **Legend**

A— Abundant: very numerous and easily seen.

C-Common: Usually seen in their regular habitat but not in large numbers.

U-Uncommon: Probably present but not certain to be seen.

O-Occasional: Seen only a few times during a season.

R-Rare: Not present every year.



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
A	A	A	A

American Coot

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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American Crow

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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American Goldfinch

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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American Kestrel

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

American Pipit



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

American Robin



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

American White Pelican



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

Anna's Hummingbird



Belted Kingfisher

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Bewick's Wren

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Black Phoebe

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
C		C	C

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
C		C	C

Bufflehead



DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Burrowing Owl



DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Bushtit



DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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California Scrub-Jay

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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California Quail

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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California Thrasher

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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California Towhee

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Cassin's Kingbird

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Chipping Sparrow

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Clark's Grebe

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Common Gallinule

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Common Raven

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_





Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Common Yellowthroat

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Cooper's Hawk

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Double-crested Cormorant

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Eared Grebe

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Eurasian Collared-Dove

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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European Starling

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Gadwall

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Great Blue Heron

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Great Egret

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Great Horned Owl

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Greater Roadrunner

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Great-tailed Grackle

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Green Heron

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Horned Grebe

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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House Finch

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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House Wren

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Killdeer

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Lark Sparrow

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Lesser Goldfinch

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Lesser Scaup

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Mallard

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Mourning Dove

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Northern Flicker

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Northern Harrier

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Northern Mockingbird

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Northern Shoveler

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Nuttall's Woodpecker

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Orange-crowned Warbler

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Osprey

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Pied-billed Grebe

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Red-breasted Sapsucker

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_





Red-shouldered Hawk

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Red-tailed Hawk

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Red-winged Blackbird

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Ring-billed Gull

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Ring-necked Duck

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Ruby-crowned Kinglet

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Ruddy Duck

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Savannah Sparrow

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Say's Phoebe

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Snowy Egret

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Song Sparrow

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Spotted Towhee

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Tree Swallow

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Turkey Vulture

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Western Bluebird

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Western Grebe

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Western Kingbird

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Western Meadowlark

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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White-breasted Nuthatch

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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White-crowned Sparrow

DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_



White-tailed Kite

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Yellow-rumped Warbler

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Yellow Warbler

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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DATE SEEN: \_\_\_\_\_





## Thank You!

Thank you for participating in Lake Skinner's birding adventure. Here at Rivco Parks it is our mission to improve lives through people, parks, places, and programs. We hope that you enjoyed your time with us today. Please come back if you did not complete your book. If you were able to identify all the species in this book great job! You can also stop by the Alamos School house Nature center for a more complete list of the birds of Lake Skinner. There are many great online resources as well to continue your new found joy for birding. Check out [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org) for tips and information.

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