

# LAKE DARDANELLE STATE PARK BIRD CHECKLIST



Screech owl (*Megascops asio*)

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Lake Dardanelle is one of a chain of lakes created by the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. The waters of Lake Dardanelle are surrounded by five counties, which provide vast diversity in habitat. Located along the Mississippi Flyway, this man-made reservoir is an ideal stop off for a variety of migratory birds. These qualities have led to Lake Dardanelle's distinction as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society.

Lake Dardanelle State Park is located on the east end of the lake. Base your search from one of our many campsites located along the water. Be sure to stop at the visitor center to pick up your free State Highway Map and tour the history and wildlife exhibits. Field guides and other nature related items can be purchased at the park gift shop.

The park interpreter can show you some good places to watch for birds on Lake Dardanelle. The Meadow Brook Trail has an observation deck, perfect for watching songbirds. The wooden fishing pier is also a great place to spot birds on the water. In the fall and winter, the interpreters offer lake cruises, providing opportunities to see our many cold weather visitors, such as bald eagles and many species of gulls.

Interpretive staff at the park offer special events and regularly scheduled activities, ranging from eagle cruises to trail walks, designed to please any birder.

We would love to hear about your birding experience around Lake Dardanelle. Report your observations at the park visitor center or e-mail the park at [lakedardanelle@arkansas.com](mailto:lakedardanelle@arkansas.com).

The following symbols indicate the local status for species on this list:

- C** = Common (almost always found)
- F** = Fairly common (regularly seen, but usually in small numbers)
- U** = Uncommon (difficult to find, but often overlooked)
- R** = Rare (not expected, but reliably reported at least one time)
- \*** = Known to nest in the area
- = Not reported this season

- Sp** = Spring (March–May)
- S** = Summer (June–July)
- F** = Fall (August–November)
- W** = Winter (December–February)

Seasons overlap, thus, some birds may arrive earlier and/or stay later than the months indicated.

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Season:	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Whistling Ducks to Swans</b>				
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	U	U	•	R
Great White-fronted Goose	F	•	F	F
Snow Goose	•	•	•	C
Ross's Goose	F	•	•	F
Cackling Goose	R	•	•	R
Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
Trumpeter Swan	•	•	•	R
Tundra Swan	•	•	•	R
<b>Dabbling Ducks</b>				
Wood Duck*	C	C	C	C
Gadwall	C	•	F	C
American Wigeon	C	•	F	C
American Black Duck	U	•	•	U
Mallard	U	U	U	C
Blue-winged Teal	C	R	F	R
Northern Shoveler	C	•	F	C
Northern Pintail	C	•	F	C
Green-winged Teal	C	•	F	C
<b>Diving Ducks</b>				
Canvasback	F	•	F	F
Redhead	U	•	•	U
Ring-necked Duck	C	•	F	C
Tufted Duck	•	•	•	R
Greater Scaup	U	•	U	U
Lesser Scaup	C	•	U	C
Surf Scoter	R	•	•	R
White-winged Scoter	R	•	•	R
Black Scoter	R	•	•	R
Long-tailed Duck	U	•	•	U
Bufflehead	C	•	•	C
Common Goldeneye	U	•	•	U
Barrow's Goldeneye	•	•	•	R
Hooded Merganser*	F	U	F	F
Common Merganser	R	•	•	R
Red-breasted Merganser	U	•	•	U
Ruddy Duck	F	R	F	C
<b>Grouse to Quail</b>				
Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
Northern Bobwhite*	C	C	C	C
<b>Loons to Grebes</b>				
Red-throated Loon	R	•	•	R
Pacific Loon	R	•	R	R
Common Loon	U	•	U	U
Pied-billed Grebe*	C	U	C	C
Horned Grebe	F	•	•	F
Eared Grebe	F	•	F	U
Western Grebe	R	•	•	R

Season:	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Pelicans to Anhinga</b>				
American White Pelican	U	U	U	C
Brown Pelican	•	•	R	R
Double-crested Cormorant	U	•	C	C
Anhinga	U	U	U	R
<b>Bitterns to Vulture</b>				
American Bittern	U	U	U	•
Least Bittern	•	•	R	•
Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	C
Great Egret*	F	F	U	U
Snowy Egret*	F	F	U	•
Little Blue Heron*	C	C	C	•
Cattle Egret*	C	C	C	R
Green Heron*	C	C	C	•
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	F	F	U	•
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	F	F	U	•
Wood Stork	•	•	U	•
Black Vulture*	C	C	C	C
Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	C
<b>Osprey to Falcons</b>				
Osprey	C	R	•	R
Swallow-tailed Kite	•	R	•	•
Mississippi Kite	F	F	F	•
Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	C
Northern Harrier	C	•	•	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	R	•	U
Cooper's Hawk*	U	R	U	U
Red-shouldered Hawk*	C	C	C	C
Broad-winged Hawk*	•	C	F	•
Swainson's Hawk*	U	U	•	•
Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
Ferruginous Hawk	•	•	•	R
Rough-legged Hawk	•	•	•	R
Golden Eagle	•	•	•	U
American Kestrel*	C	U	C	C
Merlin	U	•	•	U
Peregrine Falcon	R	•	•	R
Prairie Falcon	•	•	•	R
<b>Gallinules to Cranes</b>				
Sora	U	•	U	•
Common Moorhen	•	R	•	R
American Coot	F	U	F	C
Sandhill Crane	•	•	•	R
<b>Plovers to Terns</b>				
Black-bellied Plover	U	•	U	•
American Golden-Plover	C	•	U	•
Semipalmated Plover	U	R	R	•
Killdeer*	C	C	C	C
American Avocet	R	•	U	•

Season:	Sp	S	F	W
Greater Yellowlegs	F	•	F	U
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	•	C	R
Solitary Sandpiper	C	•	C	•
Willet	U	•	U	•
Spotted Sandpiper	C	•	•	R
Upland Sandpiper	U	•	U	•
Whimbrel	R	•	R	•
Hudsonian Godwit	U	•	R	•
Ruddy Turnstone	R	•	R	•
Sanderling	U	•	F	•
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	•	•	•
Western Sandpiper	U	R	F	•
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U	U
White-rumped Sandpiper	F	R	R	•
Pectoral Sandpiper	C	•	C	•
Dunlin	U	•	R	•
Stilt Sandpiper	R	•	R	•
Long-billed Dowitcher	F	•	F	•
Wilson's Snipe	R	•	R	R
American Woodcock	U	U	U	U
Laughing Gull	•	•	U	U
Franklin's Gull	R	•	F	•
Little Gull	•	•	•	R
Black-headed Gull	•	•	•	R
Bonaparte's Gull	F	•	F	F
Ring-billed Gull	C	•	C	C
California Gull	•	•	•	R
Herring Gull	U	•	U	U
Thayer's Gull	•	•	•	R
Lesser Black-backed Gull	•	•	•	R
Glaucous Gull	•	•	•	R
Black-legged Kittiwake	•	•	•	R
Caspian Tern	U	•	F	•
Forester's Tern	F	•	•	U
Least Tern*	U	U	U	•
Black Tern	C	•	C	•
<b>Pigeons to Anis</b>				
Rock Pigeon*	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	C	C	C	C
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C
Inca Dove*	U	U	U	U
Common Ground-Dove	R	•	R	R
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	R	•	•
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	F	C	F	•
Greater Roadrunner*	F	F	F	F
Groove-billed Ani	R	•	R	•
<b>Owls</b>				
Barn Owl*	U	U	U	U
Eastern Screech-Owl*	F	F	F	F

Season:	Sp	S	F	W
Great Horned Owl*	F	F	F	F
Barred Owl*	F	F	F	F
Long-eared Owl	U	•	•	R
Short-eared Owl	U	•	•	U
Northern Saw-whet	•	•	R	•
<b>Goatsuckers to Kingfisher</b>				
Common Nighthawk*	C	C	C	•
Chuck-wills-widow*	C	C	C	•
Whip-poor-will*	F	F	F	•
Chimney Swift*	C	C	C	•
White-throated Swift	•	•	•	R
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	C	C	C	•
Rufous Hummingbird	R	•	R	R
Belted Kingfisher*	C	C	C	C
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
Red-headed Woodpecker*	F	F	F	F
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	•	U	C
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	F	F	F	F
Northern Flicker*	C	•	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
<b>Flycatchers to Shrike</b>				
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	C	C	C	•
Acadian Flycatcher*	F	F	F	•
Alder Flycatcher	U	•	R	•
Willow Flycatcher	U	R	R	•
Least Flycatcher	F	R	U	•
Eastern Phoebe*	F	C	F	F
Vermillion Flycatcher	R	•	R	R
Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	C	•
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	C	•
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	•	•	•	R
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	C	C	C	•
Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	U	U
<b>Vireos</b>				
White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	•
Bell's Vireo*	U	U	U	•
Yellow-throated Vireo*	F	F	F	•
Blue-headed Vireo	F	•	F	U
Warbling Vireo*	U	U	U	•
Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	•
<b>Jays to Swallows</b>				
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow*	C	C	C	C
Horned Lark*	F	F	F	C
Purple Martin*	C	C	C	•
Tree Swallow*	C	F	F	•

Season:	Sp	S	F	W
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	C	C	C	•
Bank Swallow*	F	U	F	•
Cliff Swallow*	C	C	C	•
Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	•
<b>Chickadees to Gnatcatchers</b>				
Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch	•	•	•	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown-headed Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper	U	•	U	F
Rock Wren	R		R	R
Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren*	U	U	F	F
House Wren*	F	U	U	U
Winter Wren	U	•	F	F
Marsh Wren	F	•	U	U
Golden-crowned Kinglet	F	•	F	F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	•	F	C
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	C	R
<b>Bluebirds to Waxwings</b>				
Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	C
Townsend's Solitaire	•	•	•	R
Veery	U	•	•	•
Swainson's Thrush	C	•	U	•
Hermit Thrush	C	•	C	C
Wood Thrush*	F	F	U	•
American Robin*	C	C	C	C
Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	R
Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	C
European Starling*	C	C	C	C
American Pipit*	F	•	F	F
Cedar Waxwing*	F	U	F	C
<b>Wood Warblers</b>				
Blue-winged Warbler*	F	F	F	•
Golden-winged Warbler	U	•	U	•
Tennessee Warbler	C	•	C	•
Orange-crowned Warbler	F	•	U	U
Nashville Warbler	F	•	F	•
Northern Parula*	C	C	C	•
Yellow Warbler*	F	F	•	•
Chestnut-sided Warbler	F	F	U	•
Magnolia Warbler	F	•	U	•
Cape May Warbler	R	•	R	•
Yellow-rumped Warbler	F	•	C	C
Black-throated Green Warbler*	C	U	U	•
Blackburnian Warbler	U	•	U	•
Yellow-throated Warbler*	F	F	F	•

Season:	Sp	S	F	W
Pine Warbler*	C	C	C	C
Prairie Warbler*	F	F	F	•
Palm Warbler	U	•	U	R
Bay-breasted Warbler	U	•	U	•
Cerulean Warbler*	U	U	U	•
Black-and-White Warbler*	C	C	C	•
American Redstart*	F	U	U	•
Prothonotary Warbler*	F	F	F	•
Worm-eating Warbler*	U	U	U	•
Swainson's Warbler*	F	U	F	•
Ovenbird*	F	F	F	•
Northern Waterthrush	F	•	F	•
Louisiana Waterthrush*	F	F	F	•
Kentucky Warbler*	F	F	F	•
Common Yellowthroat*	F	C	F	R
Hooded Warbler*	F	F	F	•
Canada Warbler	U	•	U	•
Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	C	C	•
<b>Tanagers</b>				
Summer Tanager*	F	C	F	R
Scarlet Tanager*	F	F	F	•
<b>New World Sparrows</b>				
Spotted Towhee	U	•	•	U
Eastern Towhee*	F	F	F	C
Bachman's Sparrow*	U	U	U	•
Rufous-crowned Sparrow*	R	R	R	R
American Tree Sparrow	R	•	•	R
Chipping Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	•	R	•
Field Sparrow*	F	F	F	C
Vesper Sparrow	F	•	•	U
Lark Sparrow*	U	U	U	R
Lark Bunting	R	•	•	•
Savannah Sparrow	F	•	•	C
Grasshopper Sparrow*	U	U	U	•
Henslow's Sparrow	R	R	R	R
Le Conte's Sparrow	U	•	U	U
Fox Sparrow	F	•	F	F
Song Sparrow	C	•	C	C
Swamp Sparrow	C	•	•	C
White-throated Sparrow	C	•	•	C
Harris's Sparrow	U	•	•	U
White-crowned Sparrow	C	•	•	C
Dark-eyed Junco	C	•	•	C
Lapland Longspur	F	•	•	F
Smith's Longspur	U	•	•	U
Snow Bunting	•	•	•	R
<b>Cardinal to Dickcissel</b>				
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C

Season:	Sp	S	F	W
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	•	U	•
Black-headed Grosbeak	R	•	•	R
Blue Grosbeak*	C	C	C	•
Lazuli Bunting	R	•	•	•
Indigo Bunting*	F	C	F	R
Painted Bunting*	F	F	F	•
Dickcissel*	F	C	F	R
<b>Blackbirds to Orioles</b>				
Bobolink	F	•	U	•
Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	C
Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark	•	•	•	U
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	•	R	R
Rusty Blackbird	F	•	•	F
Brewer's Blackbird	F	•	•	F
Common Grackle*	C	C	C	C
Great-tailed Grackle*	U	U	U	U
Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	C
Orchard Oriole*	C	C	C	•
Baltimore Oriole*	F	C	F	R
<b>Finches to House Sparrow</b>				
Purple Finch	U	•	U	U
House Finch*	F	F	F	C
Red Crossbill	R	R	R	R
Common Redpoll	R	•	•	R
Pine Siskin	U	•	•	U
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	R	•	•	R
House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C

Additional species not on this list (please report sighting at visitor center)

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