

A SEASONAL CHECKLIST BIRDS OF SPANISH LAKE NEW IBERIA, LA

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Spanish Lake is located about four miles northwest of New Iberia on Highway 182. This shallow lake has approximately five miles of shoreline and 1.5 square miles of water with emergent vegetation and adjacent woodlands, brushfields, and open fields.

A Master's thesis by Michael J. Musumeche was published in 1970 and was entitled: "A Population Study of the Spanish Lake Avifauna in Iberia and St. Martin Parishes, LA." At Spanish Lake, a total of 246 species has been recorded from January, 1969 through August, 2006.

The taxonomy of bird species followed the AOU Check-list of North American Birds, 7th Edition, 1998, last revision July 2006 (47th Supplement)

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

GENERAL MIGRATION SEASONS

SP Spring March - May
SU Summer June - July
F Fall August - October
W Winter November - February

SEASONAL ABUNDANCE

A ___ Abundant, seen on all trips in large numbers at proper season
C ___ Common, seen most of the time at proper season
U ___ Uncommon, seen in small numbers at proper season
R ___ Rare, found infrequently at proper season
X ___ Accidental, has been seen only once or twice
: ___ Local nesters. Fifty-three species nest, or are probable nesters at Spanish Lake.

From a birder's standpoint, Spanish Lake is an area of interest. Its accessibility, together with its diversity of habitats, offers a rewarding experience in studying birds.

You may contribute to the knowledge of the Spanish Lake Avifauna by reporting sightings of unusual species or changes in status to:

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SPECIES.....	SP	SU	F	W
: Fulvous Whistling-Duck.....	R	-	R	-
Greater White-fronted Goose.....	-	-	R	-
Snow Goose.....	-	-	U	U
Ross's Goose.....	-	-	X	-
Cackling Goose.....	-	-	-	X
Canada Goose.....	-	-	X	X
: Wood Duck.....	R	U	C	C
Gadwall.....	-	-	U	C
American Wigeon.....	-	-	R	-
Mallard.....	-	-	U	A
Mottled Duck.....	R	R	R	-
Blue-winged Teal.....	A	-	A	-
Cinnamon Teal.....	-	-	-	X
Northern Shoveler.....	-	-	U	C
Northern Pintail.....	-	-	U	C
Green-winged Teal.....	U	-	R	U
Canvasback.....	-	-	-	R
Redhead.....	-	-	R	-
Ring-necked Duck.....	-	-	U	U
Lesser Scaup.....	A	-	A	A
Greater Scaup.....	-	-	-	X
Bufflehead.....	-	-	-	X
Common Goldeneye.....	-	-	X	-
Hooded Merganser.....	-	-	-	R
Red-breasted Merganser.....	-	-	R	U
Ruddy Duck.....	-	-	U	U
: Northern Bobwhite.....	R	R	R	R
Common Loon.....	-	-	X	R
: Pied-billed Grebe.....	R	R	U	U
Horned Grebe.....	-	-	U	-
Eared Grebe.....	-	-	X	-
Magnificent Frigatebird.....	-	X	-	-
American White Pelican.....	-	-	R	-
Neotropic Cormorant.....	R	U	R	-
Double-crested Cormorant.....	U	-	U	A
Anhinga.....	R	R	R	R
American Bittern.....	-	-	X	-
: Least Bittern.....	R	U	-	-
Great Blue Heron.....	U	R	C	C
Great Egret.....	C	U	U	U
Snowy Egret.....	A	R	U	U
: Little Blue Heron.....	C	C	C	U
Tricolored Heron.....	R	U	R	-
: Cattle Egret.....	A	A	A	C
: Green Heron.....	C	A	C	R
Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	-	R	R	R
: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.....	R	U	R	-
White Ibis.....	C	U	U	R
Glossy Ibis.....	-	-	X	-
White-faced Ibis.....	-	U	U	-
Roseate Spoonbill.....	U	R	R	-
Black Vulture.....	R	U	-	R
Turkey Vulture.....	R	R	R	R
Osprey.....	R	-	R	-
Swallow-tailed Kite.....	X	-	-	-
White-tailed Kite.....	-	-	-	X
Mississippi Kite.....	X	X	R	-
Bald Eagle.....	-	-	R	-
Northern Harrier.....	-	-	R	R
Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	-	-	U	R
Cooper's Hawk.....	-	-	X	X
: Red-shouldered Hawk.....	-	U	U	U

SPECIES.....	SP	SU	F	W
: Broad-winged Hawk.....	R	R	U	-
Red-tailed Hawk.....	R	-	R	U
American Kestrel.....	R	-	R	R
Peregrine Falcon.....	-	-	X	-
: King Rail.....	R	R	-	-
Sora.....	C	-	-	-
: Purple Gallinule.....	U	U	U	-
: Common Moorhen.....	R	U	R	R
American Coot.....	R	R	R	C
American Golden-Plover.....	X	-	-	-
Semipalmated Plover.....	-	-	R	-
: Killdeer.....	U	U	A	A
Black-necked Stilt.....	R	-	U	-
American Avocet.....	-	-	X	-
Greater Yellowlegs.....	U	R	R	-
Lesser Yellowlegs.....	C	-	U	-
Solitary Sandpiper.....	U	-	U	-
Spotted Sandpiper.....	U	U	U	R
Semipalmated Sandpiper.....	-	-	R	-
Western Sandpiper.....	U	-	R	U
Least Sandpiper.....	U	-	R	R
Pectoral Sandpiper.....	C	-	C	-
Dunlin.....	-	-	X	-
Stilt Sandpiper.....	-	-	X	-
Long-billed Dowitcher.....	-	-	U	-
Wilson's Snipe.....	R	-	U	C
American Woodcock.....	-	-	-	U
Wilson's Phalarope.....	-	-	X	-
Laughing Gull.....	U	X	R	U
Bonaparte's Gull.....	-	-	X	X
Ring-billed Gull.....	-	-	A	A
Herring Gull.....	-	-	-	U
Gull-billed Tern.....	-	R	R	U
Caspian Tern.....	-	-	U	U
Royal Tern.....	X	-	X	-
Common Tern.....	-	-	R	R
Forster's Tern.....	-	U	U	U
Least Tern.....	-	X	X	-
Black Tern.....	-	X	U	-
Rock Pigeon.....	-	-	-	R
Eurasian Collared-Dove.....	R	R	R	R
White-winged Dove.....	-	-	-	X
: Mourning Dove.....	U	C	U	R
Inca Dove.....	-	-	X	-
Common Ground-Dove.....	-	X	-	-
Black-billed Cuckoo.....	R	-	R	-
: Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	C	C	R	X
Groove-billed Ani.....	-	-	-	X
Common Nighthawk.....	R	R	-	-
Whip-poor-will.....	X	-	-	-
Barn Owl.....	-	-	U	-
Eastern Screech-Owl.....	U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl.....	X	-	X	-
Barred Owl.....	X	-	R	-
Chimney Swift.....	R	R	U	-
: Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	R	R	U	-
Belted Kingfisher.....	-	U	C	U
Red-headed Woodpecker.....	-	-	R	-
: Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	A	A	A	A
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	-	-	U	U
: Downy Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
: Hairy Woodpecker.....	U	R	U	R

SPECIES.....	SP	SU	F	W
: Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)....	C	C	A	A
: Pileated Woodpecker.....	R	R	R	-
Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	-	-	X	-
Eastern Wood-Pewee.....	X	-	U	-
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	-	-	X	-
Acadian Flycatcher.....	-	-	R	-
Alder Flycatcher.....	-	-	U	-
Willow Flycatcher.....	-	-	X	-
Least Flycatcher.....	-	-	U	-
Eastern Phoebe.....	R	-	C	C
Vermilion Flycatcher.....	-	-	-	X
: Great Crested Flycatcher.....	C	C	U	-
Brown-crested Flycatcher.....	-	-	X	-
: Eastern Kingbird.....	U	U	U	-
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.....	-	-	X	-
: Loggerhead Shrike.....	U	U	U	U
White-eyed Vireo.....	U	-	C	R
Bell's Vireo.....	-	-	X	-
Yellow-throated Vireo.....	X	-	R	-
Blue-headed Vireo.....	-	-	U	U
Philadelphia Vireo.....	-	-	R	-
: Red-eyed Vireo.....	U	R	U	-
: Purple Martin.....	R	C	R	-
Tree Swallow.....	C	X	A	C
Northern Rough-winged Swallow....	R	C	A	-
Bank Swallow.....	-	-	C	-
Cliff Swallow.....	-	-	C	-
: Barn Swallow.....	U	U	A	-
Blue Jay.....	A	A	A	A
: American Crow.....	C	C	C	C
: Fish Crow.....	U	U	A	C
: Carolina Chickadee.....	U	U	U	C
: Tufted Titmouse.....	R	R	U	U
Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	-	-	R	R
Brown Creeper.....	-	-	X	-
: Carolina Wren.....	C	C	C	C
House Wren.....	R	-	C	R
Winter Wren.....	R	-	R	R
Sedge Wren.....	-	-	X	-
Marsh Wren.....	-	-	X	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	-	-	C	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	U	-	C	C
: Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	R	U	A	C
Eastern Bluebird.....	-	-	R	U
Veery.....	X	-	-	-
Gray-cheeked Thrush.....	R	-	-	-
Swainson's Thrush.....	R	-	-	-
Hermit Thrush.....	R	-	U	U
Wood Thrush.....	U	-	-	-
American Robin.....	U	-	C	A
Gray Catbird.....	R	-	C	X
: Northern Mockingbird.....	C	A	A	C
: Brown Thrasher.....	U	U	C	U
: European Starling.....	A	A	A	A
American Pipit.....	-	-	-	C
Sprague's Pipit.....	-	-	-	X
Cedar Waxwing.....	U	-	X	U
Blue-winged Warbler.....	-	-	U	-
Golden-winged Warbler.....	-	-	X	-
Tennessee Warbler.....	R	-	U	-
Orange-crowned Warbler.....	R	-	U	U
Nashville Warbler.....	-	-	X	-

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Northern Parula.....	U	-	U	-
Yellow Warbler.....	R	-	A	-
Chestnut-sided Warbler.....	X	-	-	-
Magnolia Warbler.....	X	-	C	-
Black-throated Blue Warbler.....	-	-	X	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle).....	A	-	A	A
Black-throated Green Warbler.....	-	-	U	-
Yellow-throated Warbler.....	X	-	X	-
Pine Warbler.....	-	-	U	U
Prairie Warbler.....	-	-	R	X
Palm Warbler.....	R	-	R	R
Bay-breasted Warbler.....	R	-	-	-
Black-and-white Warbler.....	U	-	C	-
American Redstart.....	R	-	C	-
: Prothonotary Warbler.....	C	C	C	-
Worm-eating Warbler.....	X	-	X	-
Ovenbird.....	-	-	X	X
Northern Waterthrush.....	-	-	U	-
Kentucky Warbler.....	-	-	R	-
Connecticut Warbler.....	-	-	X	-
: Common Yellowthroat.....	R	R	C	U
Hooded Warbler.....	U	-	R	-
Wilson's Warbler.....	-	-	R	-
Canada Warbler.....	-	-	U	-
: Yellow-breasted Chat.....	R	R	R	-
Summer Tanager.....	U	-	U	-
Scarlet Tanager.....	U	-	-	-
: Eastern Towhee.....	U	U	U	U
Chipping Sparrow.....	-	-	U	-
Clay-colored Sparrow.....	X	-	-	-
Field Sparrow.....	U	-	-	R
Savannah Sparrow.....	-	-	R	U
Fox Sparrow.....	-	-	-	R
Song Sparrow.....	R	-	-	C
Lincoln's Sparrow.....	-	-	U	X
Swamp Sparrow.....	U	-	C	A
White-throated Sparrow.....	A	-	A	R
White-crowned Sparrow.....	X	-	-	R
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored).....	-	-	R	-
: Northern Cardinal.....	A	A	A	A
Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	R	-	U	-
Blue Grosbeak.....	U	-	C	-
: Indigo Bunting.....	C	U	A	-
: Painted Bunting.....	U	U	U	-
Dickcissel.....	-	R	R	-
: Red-winged Blackbird.....	A	C	A	A
: Eastern Meadowlark.....	U	U	U	U
Rusty Blackbird.....	U	-	R	U
Brewer's Blackbird.....	X	-	-	-
: Common Grackle.....	A	U	A	A
Boat-tailed Grackle.....	-	-	U	-
Great-tailed Grackle.....	-	-	R	R
: Brown-headed Cowbird.....	C	U	C	A
: Orchard Oriole.....	C	C	R	-
: Baltimore Oriole.....	U	U	R	X
Bullock's Oriole.....	-	-	-	X
Purple Finch.....	-	-	R	R
House Finch.....	-	-	-	X
Amerian Goldfinch.....	-	-	U	A
: House Sparrow.....	C	U	C	U

Birding Record

Date: _____ Time: _____

Temp: _____ Weather: _____

Observers _____

Notes:



BIRDS
of
Iberia Parish

Other areas of interest

Iberia Parish is home to North America's largest river swamp, the Atchafalaya Basin where birdlife is abundant. The area is part of America's Wetland Birding Trail specifically the Atchafalaya Loop Trail. The trail includes a variety of birding opportunities including Spanish Lake, Lake Fausse Point State Park, Lake Martin Cypress Island Preserve, Jungle Gardens of Avery Island, and the Jefferson Island Rookery. Atchafalaya Loop Trail guides are available at the Iberia Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau Welcome Center or by calling 888-942-3742.

From a birders standpoint Iberia Parish including New Iberia, Avery Island, Jefferson Island, Jeanerette, Loreauville, Delcambre and in particular Spanish Lake are areas of interest. Their accessibility of habitat offers a rewarding experience in studying birds.

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