

Checklist of Birds in Kimble County, Texas
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This checklist is based on bird sightings made during the last thirty years. The majority of these observations were made by Nick Jackson MD, Debbie Jackson, Kent Rylander Ph.D, Ann Lemon, Bill and Rosita Shane, members of the Hill Country Bird Group, and students enrolled in Texas Tech ornithology classes held on the Junction campus.

Rare or uncommon species are included on the list if they were identified by at least two experienced observers. Inclusion of a species on the "Hypothetical List" does not imply that its identification is being questioned, but simply that to date only one person has observed the bird. Taxonomic order and nomenclature used in this checklist follow *The AOU Checklist of North American Birds, 7th edition, 1998*.

Kimble County, located on the 100th meridian, is on the western Edwards Plateau in an area of Texas commonly referred to as the Texas Hill Country. The topography is characterized by juniper covered limestone hills with a good mix of vegetation often associated with the Trans-Pecos region of west Texas. The North, South, and Main Llano Rivers, as well as numerous permanent and temporary streams, distinguish Kimble County as the county having the greatest number of linear miles of running water in Texas. Many river bottoms support large stands of pecan and other deciduous trees. Grasslands are relatively sparse, since most flat areas have been cultivated or are covered with thorny scrub. The city of Junction is the county seat.

The following areas in the county are popular birding sites: Junction City Park (lake and surrounding wooded areas), South Llano River State Park, Texas Tech Junction Campus, along Cedar Creek Road (County Road # 181) to the Easter Pageant Hill area, and the Junction Sewage Treatment Ponds.





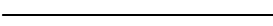

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*With assistance from Kent Rylander Ph.D, Ann Lemon, and Bill and Rosita Shane. A large part of this list is based on an earlier checklist of Kimble County birds compiled by Nick and Debbie Jackson.

√	SPECIES	N	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	Redhead						—					—		
	Ring-necked Duck		██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████					██████████	██████████	██████████
	Greater Scaup			•										
	Lesser Scaup		██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████					██████████	██████████	██████████
	Surf Scoter										—			
	Bufflehead		—										—	
	Ruddy Duck			—	—	—	—					—	—	
	HAWKS, KITES & EAGLES													
	Osprey		—	—	—	—	—	•			—	—	—	—
	White-tailed Kite					—	—							
	Mississippi Kite					—	—			—	—			
	Bald Eagle													
	Northern Harrier				—							—	—	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk		—	—	—	—	—				—	—	—	—
	Cooper's Hawk	*												
	Common Black-Hawk										—	—		
	Harris's Hawk								•					•
	Red-shouldered Hawk	*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
	Broad-winged Hawk					—	—							
	Swainson's Hawk				—	—	—	—			—	—		
	Zone-tailed Hawk											—		
	Red-tailed Hawk	*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
	Ferruginous Hawk										•			
	Golden Eagle		—											
	CARACARA'S & FALCONS													
	Crested Caracara					—	—							
	American Kestrel		██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████			██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
	Merlin			—	—							—	—	
	Peregrine Falcon				—	—	—					—	—	
	Prairie Falcon		—											—
	TURKEY & QUAIL													
	Wild Turkey	*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
	Northern Bobwhite	*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
	RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS													
	Sora					•				•		—		
	Common Moorhen				—	—						—		

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	American Coot		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====				=====		
	CRANES													
	Sandhill Crane				=====						=====	=====	=====	
	PLOVERS, STILTS & AVOCETS													
	American Golden-Plover					.	.							
	Snowy Plover							=====						
	Killdeer	*	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	Black-necked Stilt					.	.							
	American Avocet					=====			=====	=====	=====			
	SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES													
	Greater Yellowlegs				=====	=====			.			.		
	Lesser Yellowlegs					=====	=====		=====	=====	=====	=====		
	Solitary Sandpiper					=====			=====	=====	=====			
	Spotted Sandpiper		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	Upland Sandpiper									=====	=====			
	Long-billed Curlew						=====							
	Sanderling										.			
	Semipalmated Sandpiper					=====	=====		=====	=====	=====			
	Western Sandpiper					=====	=====		=====	=====	=====			
	Least Sandpiper				=====	=====			=====	=====	=====			
	White-rumped Sandpiper						=====							
	Baird's Sandpiper			=====	=====	=====	=====							
	Pectoral Sandpiper				=====	=====	=====							
	Stilt Sandpiper					=====	=====		=====	=====	=====			
	Short-billed Dowitcher						=====				.			
	Long-billed Dowitcher						=====			=====	=====			
	Wilson's Snipe		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====				=====	=====	=====	=====
	Wilson's Phalarope					=====	=====							
	GULLS & TERNS													
	Franklin's Gull							=====				.		
	Ring-billed Gull												.	
	Forster's Tern					.	.		.					
	Black Tern				.			.						
	DOVES & PIGEONS													
	Rock Dove	*	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	Eurasian Collared-Dove					=====	=====				=====	=====		

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	Ruby-crowned Kinglet					=====	=====							
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	*				=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====		
	THRUSHES & ROBINS													
	Eastern Bluebird	*												
	Western Bluebird			.									.	
	Mountain Bluebird		.	.										
	Swainson's Thrush						=====				.			
	Hermit Thrush					=====	=====						=====	=====
	American Robin	*												
	MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS													
	Gray Catbird													
	Northern Mockingbird	*												
	Sage Thrasher													
	Brown Thrasher													
	Long-billed Thrasher		.											
	Curve-billed Thrasher	*												
	STARLINGS													
	European Starling	*												
	PIPITS													
	American Pipit					=====	=====							
	WAXWINGS													
	Cedar Waxwing													
	WOOD-WARBLERS													
	Orange-crowned Warbler													
	Nashville Warbler													
	Virginia's Warbler													
	Yellow Warbler													
	Chestnut-sided Warbler													
	Black-throated Blue Warbler													
	Yellow-rumped Warbler													
	Golden-cheeked Warbler	*												
	Black-throated Green Warbler													
	Blackburnian Warbler													
	Yellow-throated Warbler													
	Pine Warbler													
	Prairie Warbler						.							

Abundant		Normally present & easy to find in proper habitat, often in large numbers.
Common		Normally present, should be found in proper habitat & season, numbers vary
Uncommon		Usually present in proper habitat & season; may be overlooked, small #'s.
Occasional		Normally encountered a few times in season indicated.
Rare		Seldom observed and rarely found in season indicated.
Accidental		Generally, 1-3 records within the region.
*		Nesting Species