

BIRDS OF FORT HOOD, TEXAS: CHECKLIST AND MONTHLY ABUNDANCES (December 2007)

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Fort Hood Military Reservation (219,000 acres) is located within Bell and Coryell counties along the border of the Edwards Plateau and Crosstimbers and Southern Tallgrass Prairie ecoregions in central Texas. To date, 316 species have been documented on Fort Hood. This checklist only represents our current knowledge of the Fort Hood avifauna. It is a work in progress and should primarily be used as a guide to the relative abundances of species and their probabilities of being observed. Abundances denote the average number of individuals observed during a month based on current data. Actual numbers observed may be higher or lower than the ranges indicated. Much remains to be learned about Fort Hood's birds. Sufficient data are still lacking for certain habitats and seasons. If you observe birds, rare or otherwise, on Fort Hood, please consider submitting your sightings (including information on date, location, and number seen) for inclusion in Fort Hood's birding database.

MONTHLY ABUNDANCE AND BREEDING CODES

Abundance	Probability		
	Low < 25%	Medium 25 - 75%	High > 75%
> 100			
30 - 100			
11 - 30			
1 - 10			

- Casual/Irruptive; not annual, observed every 2 to 5 years in a given month
- < 3 reports for a given month; species may be accidental or data may be lacking on the species' status for the month
- ^c Primarily found in the developed, cantonment areas where abundances and probability of observation may be higher than indicated
- ? Breeding status uncertain
- * Has bred at least once on Fort Hood or is a rare, localized breeder
- ** Regularly breeds on Fort Hood

SPECIES

Red-necked Grebe

Eared Grebe

Pelicans & Cormorants

American White Pelican

Brown Pelican

Neotropic Cormorant

Double-crested Cormorant

Anhinga

Hérons

Great Blue Heron**

Great Egret**

Snowy Egret?

Little Blue Heron?

Tricolored Heron

Cattle Egret?

Green Heron**

Black-crowned Night-heron

Yellow-crowned Night-heron*

Ibises & Spoonbills

White Ibis

White-faced Ibis

Roseate Spoonbill

Vultures

Black Vulture**

Turkey Vulture**

Kites, Hawks & Eagles

Osprey

Swallow-tailed Kite

White-tailed Kite

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Red-necked Grebe				•								
Eared Grebe	•	•	•	•	•						•	•
Pelicans & Cormorants												
American White Pelican			•	██████████			•	•	•
Brown Pelican							•					
Neotropic Cormorant			•	•	•	██████████					
Double-crested Cormorant	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	•	•		•	██████████	██████████	██████████
Anhinga										•		
Hérons												
Great Blue Heron**	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Great Egret**	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Snowy Egret?			•	██████████	██████████	•	██████████	██████████	██████████	•	
Little Blue Heron?				██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████		
Tricolored Heron				•			•			
Cattle Egret?			•	██████████	██████████	██████████	•	•	•	
Green Heron**			•	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	•		
Black-crowned Night-heron				•	•			•				
Yellow-crowned Night-heron*					██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████			
Ibises & Spoonbills												
White Ibis								•		•		
White-faced Ibis				•				•	•	•		
Roseate Spoonbill							•	•			
Vultures												
Black Vulture**	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Turkey Vulture**	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Kites, Hawks & Eagles												
Osprey	██████████	•	•	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Swallow-tailed Kite					•							
White-tailed Kite			•	•	•							

SPECIES

Mississippi Kite

Northern Harrier

Bald Eagle

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Cooper's Hawk[?]

Red-shouldered Hawk**

Broad-winged Hawk*

Swainson's Hawk[?]

Zone-tailed Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk**

Ferruginous Hawk

Golden Eagle

Falcons

Crested Caracara

American Kestrel

Merlin

Peregrine Falcon

Prairie Falcon

Rails & Cranes

Rallus sp.

Sora

Common Moorhen

American Coot

Sandhill Crane

Whooping Crane

Shorebirds

American Golden-plover

Snowy Plover

Semipalmated Plover

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Mississippi Kite							•				
Northern Harrier					•			•	•			
Bald Eagle	•	•	•		•				•		•
Sharp-shinned Hawk	•				•	•	•	•			
Cooper's Hawk [?]	•	•					•		•		
Red-shouldered Hawk**	•									•		
Broad-winged Hawk*						•	•	•		•	•	
Swainson's Hawk [?]			•			•	•		•		
Zone-tailed Hawk					•							
Red-tailed Hawk**												
Ferruginous Hawk				•								
Golden Eagle								•				
Falcons												
Crested Caracara	•		•	•			•		•	•
American Kestrel					•		•					
Merlin	•	•	•	•						•	•	
Peregrine Falcon					•			•		•		
Prairie Falcon									•		•	
Rails & Cranes												
<i>Rallus</i> sp.					•							
Sora				•	•							
Common Moorhen					•						•	
American Coot						•	•	•				
Sandhill Crane	•	•			•
Whooping Crane				•							•	
Shorebirds												
American Golden-plover			•	•	•							
Snowy Plover								•	•			
Semipalmated Plover				•	•			•	•			

SPECIES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Killdeer**												
Black-necked Stilt					•							
American Avocet				•	•		•	•	•			
Spotted Sandpiper	•	•				•	•
Solitary Sandpiper					•				•		
Greater Yellowlegs									
Willet				•	•		•	•	•	•		
Lesser Yellowlegs				•		•		•				
Upland Sandpiper			•		•						
Whimbrel				•	•							
Long-billed Curlew			•			•	•		•			
Hudsonian Godwit					•	•						
Marbled Godwit									•			
Red Knot					•							
Sanderling					•			•	•			
Semipalmated Sandpiper									•	•		
Western Sandpiper				•	•		•	•			
Least Sandpiper	•	•										
White-rumped Sandpiper						•						
Baird's Sandpiper			•		•						
Pectoral Sandpiper			•					•		
Dunlin								•	•			
Stilt Sandpiper					•			•	•			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper									•			
Short-billed Dowitcher							•	•				
Long-billed Dowitcher			•	•						
Wilson's Snipe	•			•			•				
American Woodcock*	•		•						
Wilson's Phalarope						•	•	•	•		

SPECIES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nightjars & Swifts												
Common Nighthawk**				—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————		•	•
Common Poorwill?			•	•	•	•				•	
Chucks-will's-widow**				—————	—————	•	•			
Whip-poor-will				•					•			
Chimney Swift?			•	—————	—————	—————	—————			
Hummingbirds												
Ruby-thrt'd Hummingbird?			•	—————	•	•	•			
Blck-chinned Hummingbird**			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————				
Anna's Hummingbird							•					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				•								
Kingfishers												
Belted Kingfisher*	—————	—————		—————	—————	•	•	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Green Kingfisher					•					•		
Woodpeckers												
Red-headed Woodpecker									•			
Golden-fronted Woodpecker				•	•	•	•					
Red-bellied Woodpecker**	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			—————							•	•
Ladder-bck'd Woodpecker**	—————	•	—————	—————	—————	—————	•	•	—————		
Downy Woodpecker**	•		—————	—————	—————	•	•	•
Hairy Woodpecker					•	•						
Northern Flicker	—————	—————	•	•	•			—————
Flycatchers												
Olive-sided Flycatcher				•	—————	•		—————	—————			
Eastern Wood-pewee*				—————	•			
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher					•	•				
Acadian Flycatcher*				•	—————				

SPECIES

Common Raven

Larks

Horned Lark*

Swallows

Purple Martin?

Tree Swallow*

N. Rough-winged Swallow*

Bank Swallow

Cliff Swallow**

Cave Swallow*

Barn Swallow**

Titmice & Chickadees

Carolina Chickadee**

Tufted Titmouse

Black-crested Titmouse** 1

Bushtit, Nuthatches & Creepers

Bushtit

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Brown Creeper

Wrens

Rock Wren

Canyon Wren*

Carolina Wren**

Bewick's Wren**

House Wren

Winter Wren

Marsh Wren

Kinglets & Gnatcatchers

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

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Common Raven		•		•	•	•						
Larks												
Horned Lark*								•			•
Swallows												
Purple Martin?		•				•				
Tree Swallow*							•				
N. Rough-winged Swallow*						•	•		•		
Bank Swallow				•			•				
Cliff Swallow**									•			
Cave Swallow*		•									•	
Barn Swallow**											
Titmice & Chickadees												
Carolina Chickadee**												
Tufted Titmouse				•			•					
Black-crested Titmouse** 1												
Bushtit, Nuthatches & Creepers												
Bushtit					•	•		•				
Red-breasted Nuthatch			•	•	•					•		•
Brown Creeper			•	•							•
Wrens												
Rock Wren						•						
Canyon Wren*	•	•						•				
Carolina Wren**												
Bewick's Wren**												
House Wren			•		•					•
Winter Wren	•		•								•	
Marsh Wren			•	•	•						•	
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers												
Golden-crowned Kinglet		•										•
Ruby-crowned Kinglet											

SPECIES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**			█	█	█	█	█	█			
Bluebirds, Solitaires & Thrushes												
Eastern Bluebird**	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Mountain Bluebird	•	•										•
Townsend's Solitaire			•									
Veery				•	•							
Gray-cheeked Thrush					•							
Swainson's Thrush			•	█	█							
Hermit Thrush	•	•	█	█	█					█		•
Wood Thrush				•	•							
American Robin [?]	█	█	█	█	•	•	•	•	█
Mimic Thrushes												
Gray Catbird		•	•	█	█	•	•					
Northern Mockingbird**	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Brown Thrasher			█	█	•			•	•	█
Curve-billed Thrasher				•	•		•					
Starlings												
European Starling** ^c	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Pipits												
American Pipit	█	•						•	•	•
Sprague's Pipit			•						•			
Waxwings												
Cedar Waxwing	█	•	█	█	█	•					•	•
Warblers												
Blue-winged Warbler				•	•			•				
Golden-winged Warbler				•								
Tennessee Warbler				•						
Orange-crowned Warbler			█	█	█					█		•
Nashville Warbler			█	█	•	•		█	•		
Northern Parula					•					

SPECIES

Yellow Warbler

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Magnolia Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Golden-cheeked Warbler**

Black-thrtd Green Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler

Pine Warbler

Prairie Warbler

Palm Warbler

Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackpoll Warbler

Cerulean Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler**

American Redstart

Prothonotary Warbler*

Ovenbird

Northern Waterthrush

Louisiana Waterthrush*

Kentucky Warbler?

Mourning Warbler

MacGillivray's Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

Hooded Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

Canada Warbler

Yellow-breasted Chat**

Tanagers

Summer Tanager**

Western Tanager

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Yellow Warbler				=====	•	•	=====	=====			
Chestnut-sided Warbler				=====							
Magnolia Warbler					=====	•						
Yellow-rumped Warbler	=====	=====			•					=====	=====
Golden-cheeked Warbler**			=====	=====	=====	=====	=====				
Black-thrtd Green Warbler			•	=====	=====			•			
Blackburnian Warbler				•	=====							
Pine Warbler											•	•
Prairie Warbler			•									
Palm Warbler				•								
Bay-breasted Warbler				•	•							
Blackpoll Warbler					•							
Cerulean Warbler				•								
Black-and-white Warbler**			=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	•			
American Redstart				•	=====							
Prothonotary Warbler*				=====	=====	•	•	•				
Ovenbird				•	=====							
Northern Waterthrush					•							
Louisiana Waterthrush*			•	=====	=====	•	•			
Kentucky Warbler?					•	•						
Mourning Warbler					=====				•			
MacGillivray's Warbler				•							
Common Yellowthroat				=====	•		•	•	
Hooded Warbler			•	•	•							
Wilson's Warbler			•	=====			•			
Canada Warbler				•				•			
Yellow-breasted Chat**				=====	=====	=====	=====	•	•			
Tanagers												
Summer Tanager**				=====	=====	=====	=====	=====			
Western Tanager					•							

SPECIES

Scarlet Tanager

Sparrows

Spotted Towhee

Eastern Towhee

Canyon Towhee

Cassin's Sparrow[?]

Rufous-crowned Sparrow**

Chipping Sparrow

Clay-colored Sparrow

Field Sparrow**

Vesper Sparrow

Lark Sparrow**

Lark Bunting

Savannah Sparrow

Grasshopper Sparrow*

Le Conte's Sparrow

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Harris's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Buntings

Northern Cardinal**

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Black-headed Grosbeak

Blue Grosbeak**

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Scarlet Tanager			•	•		•	•					
Sparrows												
Spotted Towhee			—————	—————	—————	•			—————	—————	—————
Eastern Towhee			—————	•						
Canyon Towhee				•	•	•						
Cassin's Sparrow [?]				•					
Rufous-crowned Sparrow**			—————	—————	—————	—————	•				
Chipping Sparrow	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	•	•			•	—————	•
Clay-colored Sparrow		•		—————	—————				•	•		
Field Sparrow**	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	•		•	—————	—————
Vesper Sparrow		—————	—————	—————	•				—————	—————	—————
Lark Sparrow**	•		—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	
Lark Bunting		•			•					•		
Savannah Sparrow	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	•		•	—————	—————
Grasshopper Sparrow*			—————	—————	—————	•			•	
Le Conte's Sparrow	•	•	•		•							•
Fox Sparrow	—————	•	•									•
Song Sparrow	—————	—————	—————	—————	•	•			—————	—————
Lincoln's Sparrow	•	•	—————	—————	—————	•				—————
Swamp Sparrow	•			•						•	•	•
White-throated Sparrow	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Harris's Sparrow	•	—————								•	•
White-crowned Sparrow	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————					—————	—————	—————
Dark-eyed Junco	—————	—————	—————	•						—————	—————	•
Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Buntings												
Northern Cardinal**	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				—————							
Black-headed Grosbeak				•	•							
Blue Grosbeak**				—————	—————	—————	—————	•			

SPECIES

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House Sparrow** c

¹ Hybrid Tufted x Black-crested titmice regularly occur.

The following species have been observed on Fort Hood, but on unrecorded dates:

Common Merganser

Red-breasted Merganser

Least Bittern

Herring Gull

Caspian Tern

Rufous Hummingbird