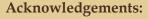
## BIRDER'S GUIDE to birds of Landa Park





Whether you're a devoted birder or a casual observer, Landa Park is a great destination for bird watching. This scenic park provides nesting and feeding habitat for a large variety of bird species, both seasonally and year-round.

The park's 51 acres of green space include the Comal Springs, plants and groves of trees that support a great variety of birds, from yellow crowned night herons to red-shouldered hawks.



This field checklist was created by Lynn Thompson of the Comal County



Birders. Data compiled from eBird, Bill's Earth and Comal County Birding records.

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Photos on front: Great Blue Heron, Crested Caracara, Inca Dove

Photo above: Red-shouldered Hawk and Chick

Photos on back: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Green Heron, Female Wood Duck

We are fortunate to live in an area that is part of several migratory flyways, where there are abundant numbers of costal and shore birds, seasonal visitors from the south and west and many woodland species. Landa Park is a choice destination for any bird lover.

## Field Checklist to Birds of **Landa Park**

**Legend:** *X* - recorded as seen, may not be common

| FAMILY/SPECIES                   | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter | Total # |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|------|--------|---------|--|--|
| Blackbirds, Orioles and Grackles |        |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Red-winged Blackbird             | X      |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Common Grackle                   | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Great-tailed Grackle             | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Brown-headed Cowbird             | X      | X      |      |        |         |  |  |
| Baltimore Oriole                 |        |        | X    |        |         |  |  |
| Cardinals and Allies             |        |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Northern Cardinal                | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Indigo Bunting                   | X      |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Caracaras and Falcons            |        |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Crested Caracara                 |        |        |      | X      |         |  |  |
| American Kestrel                 |        |        |      | X      |         |  |  |
| Chickadees and Titmice           |        |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Carolina Chickadee               | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Black-crested Titmouse           | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Cormorants                       |        |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Neotropical Cormorant            | X      |        | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Double-crested Cormorant         | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Anhinga                          |        |        |      | X      |         |  |  |
| Ducks and Geese                  |        |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Black-bellied Whistling Duck     | X      | X      | X    |        |         |  |  |
| Wood Duck                        | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |  |
| Blue-winged Teal                 | X      |        |      |        |         |  |  |
| Northern Shoveler                |        |        |      | X      |         |  |  |
| Gadwall                          |        |        |      | X      |         |  |  |
| Ring-necked Duck                 |        |        |      | X      |         |  |  |
| Greater Scaup                    |        |        |      | X      |         |  |  |
| Lesser Scaup                     |        |        | X    | X      |         |  |  |

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| <b>Exotics and Non-migratory</b> |        |        |      |        |         |
| Mallard                          | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Muscovy                          | Х      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Egyptian Goose                   | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Finches                          |        |        |      |        |         |
| House Finch                      | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Lesser Goldfinch                 | X      |        |      | X      |         |
| American Goldfinch               |        |        | X    | X      |         |
| Flycatchers                      |        |        |      |        |         |
| Least Flycatcher                 |        |        | X    |        |         |
| Eastern Phoebe                   |        |        | X    | X      |         |
| Great-crested Flycatcher         |        | X      |      |        |         |
| Couch's Kingbird                 |        |        | X    | X      |         |
| Western Kingbird                 | X      | X      |      |        |         |
| Eastern Kingbird                 | X      | X      |      |        |         |
| Gnatcatcher                      |        |        |      |        |         |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher            | X      |        | X    |        |         |
| Grebes                           |        |        |      |        |         |
| Least Grebe                      |        |        | X    | X      |         |
| Pied-billed Grebe                | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Herons and Egrets                |        |        |      |        |         |
| Great Blue Heron                 | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Great Egret                      | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Green Heron                      |        | X      |      |        |         |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron        | X      |        |      | X      |         |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron       |        |        | X    | X      |         |
| Hummingbirds                     |        |        |      |        |         |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird        | X      | X      |      |        |         |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird        | Х      | Х      |      |        |         |

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| Jays                    |        |        |      |        |         |
| Blue Jay                | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Kingfishers             |        |        |      |        |         |
| Belted Kingfisher       | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Green Kingfisher        |        |        |      | X      |         |
| Kinglets                |        |        |      |        |         |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet  |        |        | X    | X      |         |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |        |        | X    | X      |         |
| Kites, Eagles and Hawks |        |        |      |        |         |
| Cooper's Hawk           | X      |        | X    | X      |         |
| Red-shouldered Hawk     | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Mockingbirds            |        |        |      |        |         |
| Hermit Thrush           |        |        |      | X      |         |
| Northern Mockingbird    | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| New World Vultures      |        |        |      |        |         |
| Black Vulture           | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Turkey Vulture          | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Nightjars               |        |        |      |        |         |
| Common Nighthawk        | X      | X      |      |        |         |
| Old World Sparrow       |        |        |      |        |         |
| House Sparrow           | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Osprey                  |        |        |      |        |         |
| Osprey                  | X      |        | X    |        |         |
| Owls                    |        |        |      |        |         |
| Great Horned Owl        | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Barred Owl              | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Pigeons and Doves       |        |        |      |        |         |
| Rock Pigeon             | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| White-winged Dove       | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Mourning Dove           | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Inca Dove               | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |

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| Plovers                      |        |        |      |        |         |
| Killdeer                     | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Rails, Gallinules, and Coots |        |        |      |        |         |
| Common Moorhen               |        |        |      | X      |         |
| American Coot                | Х      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Sandpipers                   |        |        |      |        |         |
| Spotted Sandpiper            | X      |        |      | X      |         |
| Shrikes                      |        |        |      |        |         |
| Loggerhead Shrike            |        |        |      | X      |         |
| Sparrows                     |        |        |      |        |         |
| Chipping Sparrow             |        |        |      | X      |         |
| Starlings                    |        |        |      |        |         |
| European Starling            | Х      | X      | X    | X      |         |
| Swallows                     |        |        |      |        |         |
| Purple Martin                | X      |        |      |        |         |
| Tree Swallow                 | Х      |        |      |        |         |
| Barn Swallow                 | Х      | X      |      |        |         |
| Tanagers                     |        |        |      |        |         |
| Summer Tanager               | X      | X      |      |        |         |
| Vireos                       |        |        |      |        |         |
| White-eyed Vireo             | X      | X      |      |        |         |
| Blue-headed Vireo            |        |        |      | X      |         |
| Red-eyed Vireo               | X      | X      |      |        |         |
| Waxwings                     |        |        |      |        |         |
| Cedar Waxwings               | X      |        |      | X      |         |

**Did you know?** The Killdeer is the one most commonly seen species of birds to perform the broken-wing distraction display. The broken-wing act is used to lure predators from their nest.

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|---------------------------|--------|--------|------|--------|---------|--|
| Woodpeckers               |        |        |      |        |         |  |
| Golden-fronted Woodpecker | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  |        |        | X    | X      |         |  |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker  | Х      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |
| Downy Woodpecker          | X      | X      | X    | X      |         |  |
| Northern Flicker          | X      |        |      | X      |         |  |
| Wood-Warblers             |        |        |      |        |         |  |
| Black-and-white Warbler   | X      |        | X    |        |         |  |

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