

Legend:

A = Abundant; very numerous

C = Common; more than 10 per day

U = Uncommon; 1-10 per day but may be overlooked

O = Occasional; a few records per season

R = Rare; few records, less than one per year

X = Accidental; seen only once or twice

S S F W = spring, summer, fall, winter

SPECIES S S F W

LOONS - Gaviidae

___ Common Loon R X R O

GREBES - Podicipedidae

___ Least Grebe U U U U

___ Pied-billed Grebe C U A A

___ Eared Grebe U R U U

___ Western Grebe R R R

PELICANS - Pelecanidae

___ American White Pelican U O C C

___ Brown Pelican O O O O

CORMORANTS - Phalacrocoracidae

___ Double-crested Cormorant ! U U C

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___ Olivaceous Cormorant U Ub O O

ANHINGAS - Anhingidae

___ Anhinga O R O O

FRIGATEBIRDS - Fregatidae

___ Magnificent Frigatebird R O R

BITTERNS and HERONS - Ardeidae

___ American Bittern O O O U

___ Least Bittern O U O R

___ Great Blue Heron C C C C

___ Great Egret C C C C

___ Snowy Egret C C C C

___ Little Blue Heron U U C U

___ Tricolored Heron C C C C

___ Reddish Egret C C C C

___ Cattle Egret U U C O

___ Green-backed Heron U U O O

___ Black-crowned Night Heron U U U U

___ Yellow-! crowned Night Heron U O U U

IBISES and SPOONBILLS - Threskiornithidae

___ White Ibis C U C U

___ White-faced Ibis C O C U

___ Roseate Spoonbill U U U U

STORKS - CICONIIDAE

___ Wood Stork O R O

SWANS, GEESE, and DUCKS - Anatidae

___ Fulvous Whistling Duck U U O O

___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck C C U O

___ Greater White-fronted Goose O U U

___ Snow Goose U C C

___ Ross' Goose O O

___ Canada Goose U C C

___ Wood Duck R R

___ Green-winged Teal U ! R C C

___ Mottled Duck C C C C

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___ Mallard R R O

___ Northern Pintail U R C C

___ Blue-winged Teal U U C C

___ Cinnamon Teal U O U

___ Northern Shoveler C O C C

___ Gadwall U R C C

___ American Widgeon U R C C

___ Canvasback U U C

___ Redhead U R C C

___ Ring-necked Duck O O U

___ Greater Scaup R R

___ Lesser Scaup U O U

___ Common Goldeneye R R

___ Bufflehead U O U

___ Hooded Merganser O U

___ Common Merganser R

___ R! ed-breasted Merganser O X U U

___ Ruddy Duck C R C C

___ Masked Duck R R R R

VULTURES - Cathartidae

___ Black Vulture C C C C

___ Turkey Vulture C C C C

KITES, EAGLES, and HAWKS - Accipitridae

___ Osprey C U C C

___ American Swallow-tailed Kite O R

___ Black-shouldered Kite C U C C

___ Mississippi Kite O

___ Bald Eagle X

___ Northern Harrier C R C C

___ Sharp-shinned Hawk U U U

___ Cooper's Hawk U U U

___ Harris' Hawk C C C C

___ Red-shouldered Hawk O O O

___ Broad-wing! ed Hawk U O

___ Swainson's Hawk Ub O R

___ White-tailed Hawk U U U U

___ Red-tailed Hawk U U U

___ Ferruginous Hawk R R R

CARACARAS and FALCONS - Falconidae

___ Crested Caracara U U O O

___ American Kestrel C A A

___ Merlin O O U

___ Aplomado Falcon U U U U

___ Peregrine Falcon U U U

___ Prairie Falcon R R

CHACHALACAS - Cracidae

___ Plain Chachalaca C C U U

TURKEY, QUAIL, and PHEASANTS - Phasianidae

___ Wild Turkey C C C C

___ Northern Bobwhite C C C C

RAILS, GALLINULES, and C! OOTS- Rallidae

___ Clapper Rail U U U U

___ King Rail U U U U

___ Virginia Rail U U

___ Sora U R U U

___ Purple Gallinule O O R

___ Common Moorhen U U U U

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___ American Coot A U A A

CRANES- Gruidae

___ Sandhill Crane O C C

PLOVERS- Charadriidae

___ Black-bellied Plover C U C C

___ Lesser Golden Plover U R R

___ Snowy Plover U U U U

___ Wilson's Plover C C C O

! ___ Semipalmated Plover U U U

___ Piping Plover U O U U

___ Killdeer C C C C

___ Mountain Plover R R R

OYSTERCATCHERS- Haematopodidae

___ American Oystercatcher O O O O

STILTS and AVOCETS- Recurvirostridae

___ Black-necked Stilt U C C U

___ American Avocet C C C U

SANDPIPERS and PHALAROPES - Scolopacidae

___ Greater Yellowlegs C U C C

___ Lesser Yellowlegs C U C C

___ Solitary Sandpiper U U O

___ Willet A A A A

___ Spotted Sandpiper U O U U

___ Upland Sandpiper U U

___ Whimbrel U U O

___ Long-billed Curl! ew C U A C

___ Hudsonian Godwit O

___ Marbled Godwit U O U U

___ Ruddy Turnstone U O U U

___ Red Knot O O O

___ Sanderling U O U U

___ Semipalated Sandpiper A R A

___ Western Sandpiper A O A A

___ Least Sandpiper C O C C

___ White-rumped Sandpiper U O

___ Baird's Sandpiper U U

___ Pectoral Sandpiper U U O

___ Dunlin C O C C

___ Stilt Sandpiper U O U O

___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper O O

___ Short-billed Dowitcher O

___ Long-billed Dowitcher A O A C

___ Common Snipe U U U

___ Wilson's Phalarope U U

___ Red-necked! d Phalarope R R

GULLS, TERNS, and SKIMMERS - Laridae

___ Laughing Gull A A A C

___ Franklin's Gull U U

___ Bonaparte's Gull O O R

___ Ring-billed Gull C U C A

___ Herring Gull U O U U

___ Gull-billed Tern C C C U

___ Caspian Tern C C C U

___ Royal Tern U U U O

___ Sandwich Tern U U O O

___ Common Tern O O R

___ Forster's Tern C C C C

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___ Least Tern C C C R

___ Sooty Tern R
 ___ Black Tern U U U X
 ___ Black Skimmer C C U U

DOVES and PIGEONS! - Columbidae

___ Rock Dove R R R
 ___ Red-billed Pigeon X X X X
 ___ White-winged Dove O O O R
 ___ Mourning Dove A A A A
 ___ Inca Dove R R R R
 ___ Common Ground Dove C C C C
 ___ White-tipped Dove C U U C

PARAKEETS and PARROTS - Psittacidae

___ Green Parakeet R R R R
 ___ Red-crowned Parrot R R R

CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, and ANIS - Cuculidae

___ Black-billed Cuckoo U
 ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo C C O X
 ___ Greater Roadrunner C C C U
 ___ Groove-billed Ani C C C O

BARN OWLS -! Tytonidae

___ Common Barn Owl U Uab UU

TYPICAL OWLS - Strigidae

___ Eastern Screech-Owl U U U U
 ___ Great Horned Owl U U U U
 ___ Burrowing Owl R R
 ___ Short-eared Owl O O O
 ___ Ferruginous Pygmy Owl U U U U

NIGHTJARS - Caprimulgidae

___ Lesser Nighthawk U O U
 ___ Common Nighthawk C A A
 ___ Common Pauraque C C C U
 ___ Chuck-will's Widow U U
 ___ Whip-poor-will R

SWIFTS - Apodidae

___ Chimney Swift U O O

HUMMINGBIRDS - Trochilidae

___ Buff-bellied Hummingbird U C O
 ___ Ruby-thro! ated Hummingbird U U X
 ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird U U
 ___ Rufous Hummingbird R R R

KINGFISHERS - ALCEDINIDAE

___ Ringed Kingfisher O O O O
 ___ Belted Kingfisher U U U
 ___ Green Kingfisher O O O O

WOODPECKERS - Picidae

___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker A A A A
 ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker O U U
 ___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker C C C C
 ___ Northern Flicker O O

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS - Tyrannidae

___ Northern Beardless Tyrannulet R R R R
 ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher O O
 ___ Western Wood-Pewee! U U
 ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee C C
 ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher R
 ___ Acadian Flycatcher U U

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___ Willow Flycatcher R
 ___ Least Flycatcher O O
 ___ Eastern Phoebe C C C
 ___ Say's Phoebe R R R
 ___ Vermilion Flycatcher O O O
 ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher X R
 ___ Great Crested Flycatcher U U X
 ___ Brown Crested Flycatcher C C
 ___ Great Kiskadee C C C U
 ___ Couch's Kingbird C U C U
 ___ Western Kingbird U O
 ___ Eastern Kingbird C R C
 ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher A U C R

LARKS! s16 - Alaudidae

___ Horned Lark C C C C

SWALLOWS - Hirundinidae

___ Purple Martin U U
 ___ Tree Swallow U U R
 ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow A C
 ___ Bank Swallow U O U
 ___ Cliff Swallow U O
 ___ Cave Swallow R X R
 ___ Barn Swallow C U C

JAYS, CROWS, and RAVENS - Corvidae

___ Blue Jay R R
 ___ Green Jay U C C C
 ___ Mexican Crow R R R
 ___ Chihuahuan Raven U U O O

TITMICE - Paridae

___ Tufted Titmouse (Black-crested) C U U C

VERD! INS - Remizidae

___ Verdin U U U U

WRENS - Troglodytidae

___ Cactus Wren U U U U
 ___ Rock Wren R
 ___ Carolina Wren U U U U
 ___ Bewick's Wren C C U U
 ___ House Wren R U U
 ___ Sedge Wren U U U
 ___ Marsh Wren U U U

KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS, and THRUSHES

-Muscicapidae

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet O
 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet U U U
 ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher U O U U
 ___ Eastern Bluebird O O O
 ___ Veery U O
 ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush U O
 ___ Swainson's Thrush U O
 ___ Hermit Thrush U U ! U
 ___ Wood Thrush U O
 ___ Clay-colored Robin R
 ___ American Robin U U U

MIMICS and THRASHERS - Mimidae

___ Gray Catbird U U X
 ___ Northern Mockingbird A A A A
 ___ Sage Thrasher R R R

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___ Brown Thrasher R
 ___ Long-billed Thrasher C C C C
 ___ Curve-billed Thrasher C C C C

PIPITS - Motacillidae

___ American Pipit O U U
 ___ Sprague's Pipit X O O

WAXWINGS - Bombycill! idae

___ Cedar Waxwing O U U

SHIRKES- Laniidae

___ Loggerhead Shrike U U C

STARLINGS - Sturnidae

___ European Starling R R O O

VIREOS - Vireonidae

___ White-eyed Vireo C U U U
 ___ Solitary Vireo U U
 ___ Yellow-throated Vireo U U
 ___ Warbling Vireo U U

___ Philadelphia Vireo U U
 ___ Red-eyed Vireo U O
 ___ Yellow-green Vireo R

EMBERIZIDS - Emberizidae

WOOD WARBLERS

___ Blue-winged Warbler U
 ___ Golden-winged Warbler O
 ___ Tennessee Warbler C U
 ___ Orange-crowned Warb! ler C C U
 ___ Nashville Warbler U U O
 ___ Northern Parula U O
 ___ Yellow Warbler U U
 ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler U U
 ___ Magnolia Warbler U O
 ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler U U U
 ___ Black-throated Green Warbler U U O
 ___ Blackburnian Warbler U O
 ___ Yellow-throated Warbler O O O
 ___ Palm Warbler R R R
 ___ Bay-breasted Warbler U O
 ___ Blackpoll Warbler R
 ___ Cerulean Warbler O
 ___ Black-and-white Warbler C R C U
 ___ American Redstart U O
 ___ Prothonotary Warbler O
 ___ Worm-eating Warbler U O
 ___ Swainson's Warbler R
 ___ Ovenbird U O! O
 ___ Northern Waterthrush U O
 ___ Louisiana Waterthrush U O
 ___ Kentucky Warbler O O
 ___ Mourning Warbler R
 ___ Common Yellowthroat C U C U
 ___ Hooded Warbler U O
 ___ Wilson's Warbler U U O
 ___ Canada Warbler U O
 ___ Yellow-breasted Chat U U O

TANAGRES

___ Summer Tanager U O O
 ___ Scarlet Tanager U O

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___ Western Tanager R R

CARDINALS and GROSBEAKS

___ Northern Cardinal A A A A
 ___ Pyrrhuloxia C U C C

___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak U O! ar ___
 Black-headed Grosbeak R R
 ___ Blue Grosbeak C O U
 ___ Lazuli Bunting R
 ___ Indigo Bunting C U O
 ___ Varied Bunting O R
 ___ Painted Bunting U O U
 ___ Dickcissel C C C

SPARROWS

___ Olive Sparrow C C C C
 ___ Green-tailed Towhee O O O
 ___ Rufous-sided Towhee R
 ___ White-collared Seedeater R R R R
 ___ Botteri's Sparrow C C U
 ___ Cassin's Sparrow C C C O
 ___ Chipping Sparrow U U
 ___ Clay-colored Sparrow U U O
 ___ Field Sparrow O U O
 ___ Vesper Sparrow U U U
 ___ Lark Sparrow C U U U
 ___ Lark ! Bunting R R R
 ___ Savannah Sparrow ab C C C
 ___ Grasshopper Sparrow U O O
 ___ Le Conte's Sparrow X O
 ___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow R
 ___ Seaside Sparrow R
 ___ Song Sparrow O O O
 ___ Lincoln's Sparrow U C C
 ___ Swamp Sparrow U O O
 ___ White-throated Sparrow O O
 ___ Golden-crowned Sparrow X
 ___ White-crowned Sparrow U U O
 ___ Dark-eyed Junco (Slate Colored)..... R

BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES

___ Red-winged Blackbird A U A A
 ___ Eastern Meadowlark A A A A
 ___ Western Meadowlark O U
 ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird O O R
 ___ Brewer's ! Blackbird U U U
 ___ Great-tailed Grackle A A A A
 ___ Bronzed Cowbird C A U O
 ___ Brown-headed Cowbird C C C U
 ___ Orchard Oriole C O O
 ___ Hooded Oriole R R R
 ___ Altamira Oriole R R R

___ Baltimore (Northern) C U

FINCHES- Fringillidae

___ Pine Siskin O
 ___ Lesser Goldfinch R R
 ___ American Goldfinch U U U

OLD WORLD SPARROWS - Passeridae

___ House Sparrow C C C C

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Bird Checklist

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*Birds of El Sauz Ranch
and nearby areas*