

_____	Long-billed Thrasher	Rr
_____	Northern Mockingbird	Rc
_____	European Starling	Rc
_____	Cedar Waxwing	Mf
_____	House Sparrow	Rc
_____	American Pipit	Wu
_____	Sprague's Pipit	Wu
_____	American Goldfinch	Wu
_____	Grasshopper Sparrow	Wu
_____	Lark Sparrow	Mu
_____	Chipping Sparrow	Wu
_____	Clay-colored Sparrow	Mu
_____	Field Sparrow	Wu
_____	White-crowned Sparrow	Mu
_____	White-throated Sparrow	Wr
_____	Vesper Sparrow	Wf
_____	LeConte's Sparrow	Wu
_____	Seaside Sparrow	Rr
_____	Nelson's Sparrow	Wu
_____	Savannah Sparrow	Wc
_____	Song Sparrow	Wr
_____	Lincoln's Sparrow	Wf
_____	Swamp Sparrow	Wf
_____	Yellow-breasted Chat	Mf
_____	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Mu
_____	Bobolink	Mr
_____	Eastern Meadowlark	Rc
_____	Western Meadowlark	Wr
_____	Orchard Oriole	Mc
_____	Bullock's Oriole	Mr
_____	Baltimore Oriole	Mc
_____	Red-winged Blackbird	Rc
_____	Bronzed Cowbird	Mr
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird	Ru
_____	Great-tailed Grackle	Rc
_____	Ovenbird	Mf
_____	Worm-eating Warbler	Mu
_____	Louisiana Waterthrush	Mf
_____	Northern Waterthrush	Mf
_____	Golden-winged Warbler	Mr
_____	Blue-winged Warbler	Mu
_____	Black-and-White Warbler	Mc
_____	Prothonotary Warbler	Mu
_____	Swainson's Warbler	Mr
_____	Tennessee Warbler	Mc
_____	Orange-crowned Warbler	Mc, Wf
_____	Nashville Warbler	Mf
_____	Mourning Warbler	Mr
_____	Kentucky Warbler	Mf
_____	Common Yellowthroat	Sr, Wf
_____	Hooded Warbler	Mf
_____	American Redstart	Mf
_____	Cape May Warbler	Mr
_____	Cerulean Warbler	Mu
_____	Northern Parula	Mf

_____	Magnolia Warbler	Mf
_____	Bay-breasted Warbler	Mf
_____	Blackburnian Warbler	Mf
_____	Yellow Warbler	Mc, Wr
_____	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Mf
_____	Blackpoll Warbler	Mu
_____	Black-throated Blue Warbler	Mr
_____	Palm Warbler	Wu
_____	Pine Warbler	Wr
_____	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Mf, Wf
_____	Yellow-throated Warbler	Mf
_____	Prairie Warbler	Mr
_____	Townsend's Warbler	Mr
_____	Black-throated Green Warbler	Mc
_____	Canada Warbler	Mu
_____	Wilson's Warbler	Mf, Wr
_____	Summer Tanager	Mf
_____	Scarlet Tanager	Mf
_____	Western Tanager	Mf
_____	Northern Cardinal	Rf
_____	Pyrrhuloxia	Ru
_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Mf
_____	Blue Grosbeak	Mf
_____	Lazuli Bunting	Mr
_____	Indigo Bunting	Mc
_____	Painted Bunting	Mf, Sr
_____	Dickcissel	Mu

LEGEND

R-Resident year-round birds
M-Birds that migrate through the area in spring and fall
S-Summer resident-birds present during breeding season from March through October
W-Winter resident-birds present during the winter months from October through April
c-Common-likely to be found in proper habitat most trips
f-Fairly common-found in proper habitat on one out of two trips
u-Uncommon-infrequently found even in proper habitat, or erratic
r-Rare-unlikely to be found; less than five reports per year
*Pelagic

Follows the 57th Supplement to AOU Checklist 2016

SPECIALTY BIRDS

The following are the frequently sought local specialties with information on how to find them.
Black-bellied Whistling Duck-uncommon resident, nests on freshwater ponds (1, 10, 12)
Mottled Duck-common resident, nests on freshwater ponds (1, 10, 12)
Least Grebe-irregular resident, nests in freshwater ponds (1, 12)
Northern Gannet-uncommon in winter (4)
Brown Booby-uncommon year-round (4, 11)
Neotropical Cormorant-common resident (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird-common in late summer and fall (1, 3,7,8)
Reddish Egret-common resident, nests on spoil islands (3, 7, 11)
Roseate Spoonbill-fairly common resident, nests on Shamrock Island (1, 7, 11)
White-tailed Hawk-resident, more common fall through winter (1, 8, 10)
Crested Caracara-fairly common resident, nest on Mustang Island (1, 2, 8)
Lesser Black-backed Gull-irregular in winter (primarily on the beach)
Groove-billed Ani-irregular vagrant (1,6,12)
Buff-bellied Hummingbird-rare at feeders in late summer, fall and winter (in town)
Long-billed Thrasher- irregular resident (6, 11)
Seaside Sparrow- rare resident, breeds on islands (6, 7,11)
LeConte's Sparrow-uncommon in winter (2, 5, 6, 7, 8)
Nelson's Sparrow-uncommon in winter (6, 8, 11)

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PORT ARANSAS BIRDING SITES



CODES

- (1) Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center
- (2) Community Park Trail
- (3) Wetland Birding Site, Hwy.361 South
- (4) Jetty and Offshore
- (5) University of Texas Marine Science Institute
- (6) Port Aransas Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture
- (7) Harbor Island and causeway to Aransas Pass
- (8) San Jose Island
- (9) Ferry
- (10) State Hwy 361 South
- (11) Shamrock Island and spoil islands in Aransas Bay and Redfish Bay
- (12) Joan and Scott Holt Paradise Pond



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SEASONAL CHECKLIST

_____ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Ru	_____ Common Gallinule	Rc	_____ Common Tern	Mu	_____ Crested Caracara	Rf
_____ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Mr	_____ American Coot	Rc	_____ Forster's Tern	Rc	_____ American Kestrel	Wc
_____ Snow Goose	Wu	_____ Sandhill Crane	Wf	_____ Royal Tern	Rc	_____ Merlin	Wf
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose	Wu	_____ Whooping Crane	Wf	_____ Sandwich Tern	Sc, Wu	_____ Peregrine Falcon	Wf
_____ Canada Goose	Wr	_____ Black-necked Stilt	Rf	_____ Black Skimmer	Rc	_____ Great Crested Flycatcher	Mf
_____ Blue-winged Teal	Wc	_____ American Avocet	Rf	_____ Common Loon	Wf	_____ Brown-crested Flycatcher	Mr
_____ Cinnamon Teal	Wr	_____ American Oystercatcher	Rf	_____ Magnificent Frigatebird	Su	_____ Great Kiskadee	Ru
_____ Northern Shoveler	Wc	_____ Black-bellied Plover	Wc	_____ Masked Booby*	Su	_____ Tropical Kingbird	Rr
_____ Gadwall	Wf	_____ American Golden-Plover	Mu	_____ Brown Booby*	Su	_____ Couch's Kingbird	Ru
_____ American Wigeon	Wc	_____ Killdeer	Rc	_____ Northern Gannet*	Wu	_____ Western Kingbird	Mu
_____ Mottled Duck	Rf	_____ Semipalmated Plover	Mf, Wu	_____ Anhinga	Mr	_____ Eastern Kingbird	Mc
_____ Northern Pintail	Wc	_____ Piping Plover	Wf	_____ Double-crested Cormorant	Wc	_____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Mc
_____ Green-winged Teal	Wc	_____ Snowy Plover	Rf	_____ Neotropical Cormorant	Rf	_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher	Mf
_____ Canvasback	Wr	_____ Wilson's Plover	Sf	_____ American White Pelican	Su, Wc	_____ Eastern Wood Pewee	Mf
_____ Redhead	Wc	_____ Upland Sandpiper	Mu	_____ Brown Pelican	Rc	_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Mu
_____ Ring-necked Duck	Wr	_____ Whimbrel	Wr	_____ American Bittern	Wu	_____ Acadian Flycatcher	Mu
_____ Greater Scaup	Wr	_____ Long-billed Curlew	Rf	_____ Least Bittern	Sf, Wu	_____ Alder Flycatcher	Mu
_____ Lesser Scaup	Wc	_____ Hudsonian Godwit	Mr	_____ Great Blue Heron	Rc	_____ Willow Flycatcher	Mu
_____ Bufflehead	Wc	_____ Marbled Godwit	Wf	_____ Great Egret	Rc	_____ Least Flycatcher	Mu
_____ Common Goldeneye	Wc	_____ Ruddy Turnstone	Su, Wc	_____ Snowy Egret	Rc	_____ Eastern Phoebe	Mf
_____ Red-breasted Merganser	Wc	_____ Red Knot	Mu, Wr	_____ Little Blue Heron	Su, Wf	_____ Vermillion Flycatcher	Mu
_____ Ruddy Duck	Wc	_____ Stilt Sandpiper	Mf, Wr	_____ Tricolored Heron	Rc	_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher	Mr
_____ Northern Bobwhite	Rr	_____ Sanderling	Su, Wc	_____ Reddish Egret	Rf	_____ Loggerhead Shrike	Rf
_____ Least Grebe	Ru	_____ Dunlin	Wc	_____ Cattle Egret	Mc	_____ White-eyed Vireo	Mf, Wu
_____ Pied-Billed Grebe	Rc	_____ Baird's Sandpiper	Mr	_____ Green Heron	Mf, Wr	_____ Yellow-throated Vireo	Mu
_____ Eared Grebe	Wc	_____ Least Sandpiper	Wc	_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron	Rf	_____ Blue-headed Vireo	Mf
_____ Rock Pigeon	Rc	_____ White-rumped Sandpiper	Mf	_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Mu	_____ Philadelphia Vireo	Mf
_____ Eurasian Collared Dove	Rc	_____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Mr	_____ White Ibis	Ru	_____ Warbling Vireo	Mf
_____ Inca Dove	Ru	_____ Pectoral Sandpiper	Mf	_____ White-faced Ibis	Rf	_____ Red-eyed Vireo	Mf
_____ Common Ground-Dove	Rr	_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper	Mf	_____ Roseate Spoonbill	Rf	_____ Horned Lark	Rf
_____ White-winged Dove	Ru	_____ Western Sandpiper	Wc	_____ Black Vulture	Rf	_____ Bank Swallow	Mf
_____ Mourning Dove	Rc	_____ Short-billed Dowitcher	Wf	_____ Turkey Vulture	Rc	_____ Tree Swallow	Mf
_____ Groove-billed Ani	Mr	_____ Long-billed Dowitcher	Wf	_____ Osprey	Wc	_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Mc
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Mc	_____ Wilson's snipe	Wf	_____ White-tailed Kite	Wr	_____ Purple Martin	Sc
_____ Black-billed Cuckoo	Mr	_____ Spotted Sandpiper	Wf	_____ Swallow-tailed Kite	Mr	_____ Barn Swallow	Sc
_____ Lesser Nighthawk	Mr	_____ Solitary Sandpiper	Wu	_____ Mississippi Kite	Mu	_____ Cliff Swallow	Mc
_____ Common Nighthawk	Sc	_____ Lesser Yellowlegs	Rf	_____ Northern Harrier	Wf	_____ Cave Swallow	Mu
_____ Chuck-Will's Widow	Mu	_____ Willet	Rc	_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	Wu	_____ House Wren	Wf
_____ Eastern Whip-Poor-Will	Mr	_____ Greater Yellowlegs	Rf	_____ Cooper's Hawk	Wu	_____ Sedge Wren	Wc
_____ Chimney Swift	Sc	_____ Wilson's Phalarope	Mf	_____ White-tailed Hawk	Ru	_____ Marsh Wren	Wc
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Mc	_____ Pomarine Jaeger*	Wr	_____ Broad-winged Hawk	Mu	_____ Bewick's Wren	Rr
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird	Mu, Wr	_____ Parasitic Jaeger*	Wr	_____ Swainson's Hawk	Mu	_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Mc, Wu
_____ Anna's Hummingbird	Wr	_____ Bonaparte's Gull	Wu	_____ Red-tailed Hawk	Wu	_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	Mr
_____ Rufous Hummingbird	Wu	_____ Laughing Gull	Rc	_____ Ferruginous Hawk	Wr	_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Mc, Wf
_____ Buff-bellied Hummingbird	Wr	_____ Franklin's Gull	Mf	_____ Barn Owl	Ru	_____ Veery	Mf
_____ Black Rail	Mr	_____ Ring-billed Gull	Wc	_____ Great Horned Owl	Ru	_____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	Mf
_____ Clapper Rail	Rc	_____ Herring Gull	Wf	_____ Short-eared Owl	Wr	_____ Swainson's Thrush	Mf
_____ King Rail	Rr	_____ Lesser Black-backed Gull	Wu	_____ Belted Kingfisher	Wf	_____ Hermit Thrush	Mf, Wu
_____ Virginia Rail	Wu	_____ Least Tern	Sc	_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Wu	_____ Wood Thrush	Mf
_____ Sora	Wf	_____ Gull-billed Tern	Rf	_____ Downy Woodpecker	Wr	_____ American Robin	Wu
_____ Purple Gallinule	Mu	_____ Caspian Tern	Rc	_____ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Ru	_____ Gray Catbird	Mc, Wf
		_____ Black Tern	Mc	_____ Northern Flicker	Wu	_____ Brown Thrasher	Wr