Palo Alto Battlefield

National Historic Site
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BIRD CHECKLIST

Many of the men who fought on this field in 1846 also had an interest in the birds of the area. Captain John Porter McCown, for example, is credited for discovering eight new species including the Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Green Kingfisher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Pyrrhuloxia, Great-tailed Grackle, and Olive Sparrow. Captain Jean Louis Berlandier of the Mexican Army was a noted naturalist who documented numerous birds of the Rio Grande Valley. As you visit the fields where these soldiers fought, you may sight some of the birds they might have seen that day.

This list is in accordance with the seventh edition (1998) A.O.U. Check List of North American Birds.

SEASONS: SP: March - May SU: June - August F: September - November W: December - February

ABUNDANCE CODES

A: Abundant C: Common in proper habitat O: Occasional R: Rare; Seen every 2-5 years U: Uncommon; Present, may not be seen X: Accidental

		FIELD INFORMATION	
Observ Sky/W	/er:ind/Temp:	Date: Total # Species:	Time:
	BITTERNS & HERONS	Total # Species.	SP SU F W
	☐ Great Blue Heron		C U C C
	☐ Great Egret		C U C C

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☐ Great Blue Heron	C	U	C	С
Great Egret	C	U	C	C
Reddish Egret	C	\mathbf{U}	C	C
□ Cattle Egret	U	U	C	U
☐ Yellow-crowned Night Heron	U	U	U	O
IRISES & SPOONBILLS	SP	SU	F	W
White Ibis	С	U	С	О
☐ White-faced Ibis	C	O	C	U
□ Roseate Spoonbill	U	O	U	O
SWANS, DUCKS & GEESE	SP	SU	F	W
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	C	A	U	0
Wood Duck	_	-	R	R
☐ Blue-winged Teal	U	U	C	C
AMERICAN VULTURES	SP	SU	F	W
□ Turkey Vulture	C	С	С	С
KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS	SP	SU	F	W
Swallow-tailed Kite	R	_	R	-
White-tailed Kite	U	U	U	U
□ Northern Harrier	C	R	C	C
□ Cooper's Hawk	U	_	U	U
Harris's Hawk	C	C	C	C
☐ Red-shouldered Hawk	О	-	O	0
□ Swainson's Hawk	О	-	O	R
☐ White-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
☐ Red-tailed Hawk	U	_	U	U
□ Ferruginous Hawk	R	_	R	R

CARACARAS &	: FALCONS SI	S	U	F	W
☐ American Kes	trel C	-	A	1	A
☐ Aplomado Fale	eon R	R	F	3	R
☐ Peregrine Falc	on -	-	-		R
CHACHALACA	SP	S	U	F	W
☐ Plain Chachala	nca C	C	ι	J	U
TURKEYS, QUA	AILS & PHEASANTS SP	S	U	F	W
□ Northern Boby	vhite C	С	(7	C
PLOVERS	SP	SI	U I	F	W
□ Killdeer	C	C	(7	C
☐ Mountain Ploy	er R	_	C)	R
SANDPIPERS &	PHALAROPES SP	SI	U I	F	W
☐ Greater Yellov	vlegs	U	A		C
□ Willet	A	\mathbf{A}	A		A
☐ Long-billed Cu	rlew	U	A		C
☐ Baird's Sandp	iper O		C)	-
GULLS, TERNS	& SKIMMERS SP	SI	J	F	W
☐ Laughing Gull	A	A	A	1	C
☐ Ring-billed Gu		U	(A
☐ Herring Gull	U	O	Į	J	U
PIGEONS & DO	VES SP	S	U	F	N
☐ White-winged	Dove	О	()	R
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□ Common Grou	and Dove	C	(7	C
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☐ Groove-billed	Ani	C	(2	C
NIGHTJARS	SP	S	U :	F	W
☐ Common Nigh	thawk	A	F	1	-
□ Common Paul		C		2	ι
□ Whip-poor W		_			_
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FLYCATCHERS	SP	SU	F	W
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	-	C	-
Eastern Phoebe	C	U	\boldsymbol{C}	C
Vermilion Flycatcher	U	-	U	O
Brown-crested Flycatcher	C	C	-	-
Great Kiskadee	U	C	U	U
Couch's Kingbird	U	U	U	U
Eastern Kingbird	C	-	C	-
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A	U	C	R
ARKS	SP	SU	F	W
Horned Lark	C	C	C	C
WALLOWS	SP	SU	F	W
Tree Swallow	C		C	R
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	A	-	C	-
Bank Swallow	C	O	C	-
Barn Swallow	C	0	С	_
AYS, CROWS, & RAVENS	SP	SU	F	W
Green Jay	U	U	U	U
Tamaulipas Crow	R	-	R	R
Chichuahuan Raven	U	U	O	O
TERDINS	SP	SU	F	W
Verdin	U	U	U	U
/RENS	SP	SU	J F	W
Cactus Wren	U	U	U	U
Bewick's Wren	U	U	U	U
House Wren	R	-	C	С
INGLETS & GNATCATCHERS	SP	SU	F	W
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	-	С	С
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	O	C	С
THRUSHES	SP	SU	F	W
American Robin	U	-	U	C
AIMICS & THRASHERS	SP	SI	J F	W
Gray Catbird	C	-	C	-
Northern Mockingbird	A	\mathbf{A}	A	A
Sage Thrasher	O	-	0	0
Long-billed Thrasher	U	U	U	U
Curve-billed Thrasher	C	C	C	C
SHRIKES	SP	st	J F	W
Loggerhead Shrike	U	_	U	U
STARLINGS	SP	SU	JF	W
European Starling	1-	-	R	R
VIREOS	SP	SU	F	W
White-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	U
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WOOD WARBLERS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Tennessee Warbler	C	-	U	-
☐ Orange-crowned Warbler	C		\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{C}
☐ Yellow Warbler	U	-	\mathbf{C}	-
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	-	U	-
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	-	C	\mathbf{C}
☐ Black-and-white Warbler	C	R	C	U
☐ Common Yellowthroat	C	U	\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{U}
☐ Yellow-breasted Chat	U	-	0	-
CARDINALS & GROSBEAKS	SP	SU	F	W
□ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
□ Pyrrhuloxia	U	O	U	U
☐ Blue Grosbeak	C	O	U	-
☐ Indigo Bunting	C	-	U	O
☐ Varied Bunting	U	O	-	-
☐ Painted Bunting	C	O	U	-
□ Dickissel	C	-	C	-
SPARROWS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Olive Sparrow	C	C	C	C
□ Cassin's Sparrow	C	\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{C}	O
□ Botteri's Sparrow	C	C	U	-
☐ Vesper Sparrow	U	-	U	U
☐ Lark Sparrow	C	U	C	C
☐ Savannah Sparrow	A	-	A	\mathbf{A}
☐ Grasshopper Sparrow	U	-	O	O
☐ Song Sparrow	O	2	O	O
☐ Lincoln's Sparrow	U	_	C	С
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☐ Eastern Meadowlark

☐ Brewer's Blackbird
☐ Great-tailed Grackle

☐ Bronzed Cowbird

☐ Orchard Oriole

Hooded Oriole

☐ Altamira Oriole

☐ House Finch

House Sparrow

FINCHES

☐ Brown-headed Cowbird

OLD WORLD SPARROWS