

RUSSELL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Bird Checklist



This information was provided through an avian survey conducted from 2003 to 2005 by Barbara Stedman. During this study, she documented 115 species of birds within the boundaries of Russell Cave National Monument.

The riparian areas of the park provides habitat for nesting Belted Kingfishers, while the stream at the cave entrance hosts Louisiana Waterthrush. Both Eastern Phoebes and Barn Swallows nest just inside the cave entrance and under the bridge over Dry Creek. A pair of Red-shouldered Hawks have nested near the visitor center.



Imhof discusses about 340 species of birds found in Alabama as of 1974; this number has grown during the three intervening decades, but probably still does not exceed 400. Northern Alabama has a less diverse bird fauna than coastal Alabama, so perhaps 300 bird species have occurred within the entirety of northern Alabama, though only about 275 of these are regularly occurring species. Russell Cave's 115 species detected represents about 41% of species expected in Northern Alabama.

PR = Permanent Resident

SR = Summer Resident

WR = Winter Resident

TR = Transient (migrant)

VR = Visitor (irregularly present)

UN = Uncertain Status

A = Abundant (25+ individuals/day)

C = Common (10-24 individuals/day)

FC = Fairly Common (5-9 individuals/day)

U = Uncommon (1-4 individuals/day)

VU = Very Uncommon (2-5 records/season)

R = Rare (on average one record or fewer/season)

Breeding is denoted with one asterisk (*) after the common name for possible breeders, two asterisks (**) for probable breeders, and three asterisks (***) for confirmed breeders.

If you encounter a bird species that is not on this list, please write the below address and provide the species seen, date, time and location.

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Bridgeport, AL 35740

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✓	Common Name	Status	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi	✓	Common Name	Status	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
	Wood Duck *	PR	U	U				Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ***	SR	FC	FC	U	
	Wild Turkey **	PR	U	U	U			Eastern Bluebird ***	PR	C	C	C	FC
	Northern Bobwhite *	PR	U	U				Hermit Thrush	WR				U
	Green Heron *	VR	U	U				Wood Thrush ***	SR	FC	FC		
	Black Vulture *	PR	U	U		U		American Robin ***	PR	U	U	C	A
	Turkey Vulture *	PR	FC	FC		U		Gray Catbird *	SR	U	U		
	Northern Harrier	VR				R		Northern Mockingbird **	PR	U	U	U	U
	Sharp-shinned Hawk *	VR		U				Brown Thrasher ***	PR	U	U	U	U
	Cooper's Hawk	PR						European Starling ***	PR	FC	C	C	A
	Red-shouldered Hawk ***	PR	U	U	U	U		Cedar Waxwing	VR		U	U	U
	Broad-winged Hawk **	SR	U	U	U			Tennessee Warbler	TR			U	
	Red-tailed Hawk *	PR	U	U	U	U		Northern Parula *	SR	U	U	U	
	American Kestrel	VR				VU		Yellow Warbler	TR	U			
	Killdeer	VR			U			Chestnut-sided Warbler	TR			U	
	American Woodcock	WR				U		Magnolia Warbler	TR			C	
	Ring-billed Gull	VR				VU		Yellow-rumped Warbler	WR	FC		C	FC
	Mourning Dove *	PR	FC	FC	FC	FC		Black-thr. Green Warbler	TR	U		U	
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo **	SR	U	FC	VU			Blackburnian Warbler	TR			U	
	Eastern Screech-Owl **	PR	U	U	U	U		Yellow-throated Warbler ***	SR	FC	FC	U	
	Great Horned Owl **	PR	U	U	VU	VU		Pine Warbler ***	PR	FC	U	C	FC
	Barred Owl ***	PR	U	U	U	U		Prairie Warbler *	SR	U	U	U	
	Chuck-will's-widow *	VR	U	U				Palm Warbler	TR	U			U
	Whip-poor-will **	SR	FC	FC				Bay-breasted Warbler	TR			U	
	Chimney Swift **	SR	U	U	FC			Cerulean Warbler	TR	U			
	Ruby-throat. Hummingbird **	SR	U	U	U			Black-and-white Warbler ***	SR	FC	U	U	
	Belted Kingfisher **	PR	U	U	VU	U		American Redstart	TR	U		U	
	Red-headed Woodpecker	VR	U			VU		Worm-eating Warbler ***	SR	U	U	U	
	Red-bellied Woodpecker ***	PR	U	U	U	FC		Ovenbird **	SR	U	U	U	
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	WR				U		Northern Waterthrush	TR			U	
	Downy Woodpecker ***	PR	U	U	FC	FC		Louisiana Waterthrush ***	SR	U	U	U	
	Hairy Woodpecker ***	PR	U	U	U	U		Kentucky Warbler *	SR	U	U	U	
	Northern Flicker	PR	U	U	U	FC		Common Yellowthroat *	SR	U	U	U	
	Pileated Woodpecker **	PR	U	U	U	U		Hooded Warbler **	SR	FC	U	U	
	Eastern Wood-Pewee **	SR	U	U	U			Yellow-breasted Chat *	SR	U	U	U	
	Acadian Flycatcher **	SR	U	U	VU			Summer Tanager *	SR	FC	FC	C	
	Eastern Phoebe ***	PR	FC	U	U	U		Scarlet Tanager *	SR	C	C	C	
	Great Crested Flycatcher ***	SR	U	U				Eastern Towhee ***	PR	FC	FC	C	U
	Eastern Kingbird ***	SR	U	U				Chipping Sparrow ***	PR	C	FC	C	FC
	White-eyed Vireo **	SR	U	U	U			Field Sparrow **	PR	U	U		FC
	Yellow-throated Vireo **	SR	U	U	U			Grasshopper Sparrow *	VR		U		
	Blue-headed Vireo **	PR	FC	U	U	VU		Fox Sparrow	VR				U
	Red-eyed Vireo **	SR	FC	U	U			Song Sparrow	WR			U	U
	Blue Jay ***	PR	FC	FC	FC	FC		White-throated Sparrow	WR	FC			FC
	American Crow ***	PR	FC	FC	FC	FC		Dark-eyed Junco	WR				FC
	Purple Martin *	VR	U	U				Northern Cardinal ***	PR	FC	FC	C	C
	N. Rough-winged Swallow ***	SR	U	U				Rose-breasted Grosbeak	TR				U
	Cliff Swallow *	VR		U				Blue Grosbeak **	SR	U	U	U	
	Barn Swallow ***	SR	C	C	U			Indigo Bunting ***	SR	FC	FC	U	
	Carolina Chickadee ***	PR	C	C	C	C		Red-winged Blackbird ***	PR	U	U		U
	Tufted Titmouse ***	PR	C	C	C	C		Eastern Meadowlark **	PR	U	U		U
	White-breasted Nuthatch ***	PR	U	U	U	U		Common Grackle ***	PR	C	C	U	A
	Brown-headed Nuthatch	VR			VU			Brown-headed Cowbird **	PR	C	C	U	U
	Brown Creeper	WR				U		Orchard Oriole *	SR	U	U		
	Carolina Wren ***	PR	C	C	C	C		Baltimore Oriole	TR	U			
	House Wren	VR	U					Purple Finch	WR				U
	Winter Wren	WR				U		House Finch **	PR	U	U		U
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	WR				FC		American Goldfinch *	PR	FC	FC	C	FC
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	WR			U	FC							