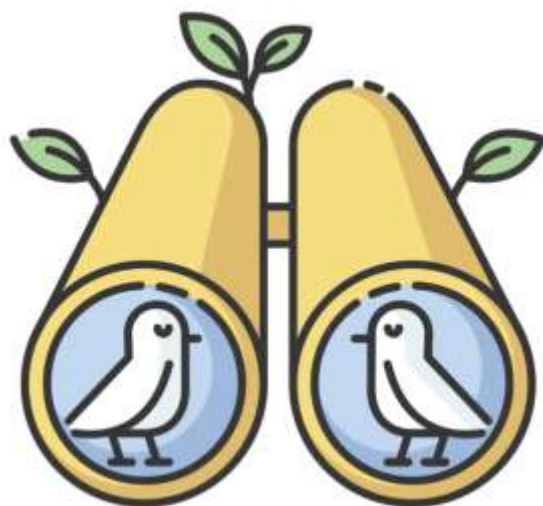


Top 20 Birds to See in Northeast Texas

Did you know that Texas is the #1 State in the USA* for birdwatching?

With over 2.3 billion birds passing through our State annually, 668 unique species recorded, including 35 globally threatened birds. It's no wonder bird enthusiasts travel from around the world to visit year-round!

Northeast Texas offers a rich mix of piney woods, wetlands, lakes, and prairies, making it a hotspot for both year-round residents and migratory species.



Here's a curated list of 20 birds you can reasonably expect to see during your visit to our cabins on Lake Bob Sandlin, with some seasonal highlights. And there are so many more...

- 1. Northern Cardinal** – Year-round resident; bright red male, brown female, common in woodlands and gardens [Learn Bird Watching+1](#).
- 2. Northern Mockingbird** – State bird; gray with white wing bars, strong singer [Learn Bird Watching+1](#).
- 3. Painted Bunting** – Summer migrant; vivid blue, green, and red plumage in males [Avian Report](#).

4. **Indigo Bunting** – Summer migrant; striking blue male [Avian Report](#).
5. **Blue Jay** – Year-round; bold blue with white face [avianbliss.com+1](#).
6. **Carolina Wren** – Common summer warbler; small, brown, and energetic [Avian Report](#).
7. **Downy Woodpecker** – Year-round; small, white underparts, red cap [Avian Report](#).
8. **Red-bellied Woodpecker** – Year-round; red cap, white underparts, red belly [Avian Report](#).
9. **Golden-fronted Woodpecker** – Summer migrant; bright yellow crown [Avian Report](#).
10. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – Summer migrant; yellow underparts, black-and-white plumage [Avian Report](#).
11. **Brown Creeper** – Winter migrant; slender, black-and-white, creeps tree trunks [Avian Report](#).
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12. **Golden-crowned Kinglet** – Winter migrant; tiny, golden crown, active in trees [texasbirder.com](#).
13. **Hooded Warbler** – Summer migrant; yellow with black hood, warbler family [texasbirder.com](#).
14. **Wood Thrush** – Summer migrant; rich song, brown-and-white plumage [texasbirder.com](#).
15. **Barred Owl** – Year-round; large, barred plumage, hoots at night [texasbirder.com](#).
16. **Great Egret** – Summer migrant; large white egret, often in wetlands [avianbliss.com](#).
17. **Snowy Egret** – Summer migrant; white with yellow bill, often in shallow water [avianbliss.com](#).
18. **Mallard** – Winter migrant; common duck in lakes and ponds [avianbliss.com](#).
19. **Bufflehead** – Winter migrant; small diving duck, black-and-white [texasbirder.com](#).

20. **Bald Eagle** – Winter migrant; large raptor, often near Lake O' the Pines texasbirder.com.

Seasonal Tips:

- **Spring (Mar–May):** Migrants like Pelicans, Swans arrive. Warblers like Hooded, Yellow-rumped, and Orange-crowned are common; nesting birds include Wood Thrush and Hooded Warbler texasbirder.com.
- **Summer:** Migrants like Hummingbirds arrive. Painted Bunting, Indigo Bunting, and other summer warblers peak; woodpeckers and kinglets are active Avian Report.
- **Fall (Sep–Nov):** Migrants like Golden-crowned Kinglet, Brown Creeper, and ducks arrive; Bald Eagles and herons return texasbirder.com+1.
- **Winter:** Cardinals, mockingbirds, jays, and ducks dominate; Bald Eagles and herons are common near lakes texasbirder.com+1.

