## Checklist of Birds in Kimble County, Texas Rhandy J. Helton, Compiler\*

This checklist is based on bird sightings made during the last thirty years. The majority of these observations were made by Nick Jackson MD, Debbie Jackson, Kent Rylander Ph.D, Ann Lemon, Bill and Rosita Shane, members of the Hill Country Bird Group, and students enrolled in Texas Tech ornithology classes held on the Junction campus.

Rare or uncommon species are included on the list if they were identified by at least two experienced observers. Inclusion of a species on the "Hypothetical List" does not imply that its identification is being questioned, but simply that to date only one person has observed the bird. Taxonomic order and nomenclature used in this checklist follow *The AOU Checklist of North American Birds*,  $7^{th}$  edition, 1998.

Kimble County, located on the 100<sup>th</sup> meridian, is on the western Edwards Plateau in an area of Texas commonly referred to as the Texas Hill Country. The topography is characterized by juniper covered limestone hills with a good mix of vegetation often associated with the Trans-Pecos region of west Texas. The North, South, and Main Llano Rivers, as well as numerous permanent and temporary streams, distinguish Kimble County as the county having the greatest number of linear miles of running water in Texas. Many river bottoms support large stands of pecan and other deciduous trees. Grasslands are relatively sparse, since most flat areas have been cultivated or are covered with thorny scrub. The city of Junction is the county seat.

The following areas in the county are popular birding sites: Junction City Park (lake and surrounding wooded areas), South Llano River State Park, Texas Tech Junction Campus, along Cedar Creek Road (County Road # 181) to the Easter Pageant Hill area, and the Junction Sewage Treatment Ponds.

Please submit unusual observations to: Rhandy J. Helton, 101 Mikel Dr., Junction, TX. 76849 or to Kent Rylander Ph.D, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 186, Junction, TX. 76849.

\*With assistance from Kent Rylander Ph.D, Ann Lemon, and Bill and Rosita Shane. A large part of this list is based on an earlier checklist of Kimble County birds compiled by Nick and Debbie Jackson.

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$\checkmark$	SPECIES	Ν	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
	GREBES													
	Pied-billed Grebe													
	Horned Grebe										•			
	Eared Grebe													
	PELICANS													
	American White Pelican													
	CORMORANTS													
	Double-crested Cormorant													
	<b>BITTERNS, HERONS &amp; EGRETS</b>													
	Great Blue Heron	*										1		
	Great Egret													
	Snowy Egret		•										•	
	Cattle Egret													
	Green Heron	*												
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron									_				
	IBISES													
	White-faced Ibis													
	AMERICAN VULTURES													
	Black Vulture	*										1		
	Turkey Vulture	* .												
	GEESE & DUCKS													
	Greater White-fronted Goose													
	Snow Goose													
	Ross's Goose				•	•						•	•	
	Canada Goose													
	Wood Duck	*											1	
	Gadwall													
	American Widgeon													
	Mallard				-									
	Blue-winged Teal													
	Cinnamon Teal													
	Northern Shoveler													
	Northern Pintail													
	Green-winged Teal													
	Canvasback													

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	Redhead													
	Ring-necked Duck													
	Greater Scaup			•										
	Lesser Scaup													i T
	Surf Scoter													
	Bufflehead													
	Ruddy Duck													
	HAWKS, KITES & EAGLES													
	Osprey							•						
	White-tailed Kite													
	Mississippi Kite							<u> </u>						
	Bald Eagle													
	Northern Harrier					-								
	Sharp-shinned Hawk													
	Cooper's Hawk	*												
	Common Black-Hawk													
	Harris's Hawk								•					•
	Red-shouldered Hawk	*												
	Broad-winged Hawk													
	Swainson's Hawk				_									
	Zone-tailed Hawk													
	Red-tailed Hawk	*					1			1	1	1		i I
	Ferruginous Hawk										•			
	Golden Eagle													
	CARACARA'S & FALCONS	1												
	Crested Caracara					—								
	American Kestrel											1	1	
	Merlin				<u> </u>									
	Peregrine Falcon													
	Prairie Falcon													
	TURKEY & QUAIL					1								
	Wild Turkey	*			i I		i I			i I	i I	i I		i I
	Northern Bobwhite	*												
	RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS													
	Sora					•				•				
	Common Moorhen													

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	American Coot													
	CRANES													
	Sandhill Crane					-								-
	PLOVERS, STILTS & AVOCETS													
	American Golden-Plover					•	•							
	Snowy Plover								<u> </u>					
	Killdeer	*							1					
	Black-necked Stilt					•	•							
	American Avocet								_					
	SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES													
	Greater Yellowlegs								•			•		
	Lesser Yellowlegs													
	Solitary Sandpiper													
	Spotted Sandpiper	i							- 1					
	Upland Sandpiper													
	Long-billed Curlew													
	Sanderling										•			
	Semipalmated Sandpiper										_			
	Western Sandpiper					-			-					
	Least Sandpiper						-		_					
	White-rumped Sandpiper													
	Baird's Sandpiper			-				_						
	Pectoral Sandpiper				—			_						
	Stilt Sandpiper								—			1		
	Short-billed Dowitcher					-	_				•			
	Long-billed Dowitcher											—		
	Wilson's Snipe													
	Wilson's Phalarope													
	GULLS & TERNS	İ							l			İ		
	Franklin's Gull	İ						_	l			•		
	Ring-billed Gull	İ							l			İ	•	
	Forster's Tern					•	•		•					
	Black Tern				•			•						
	DOVES & PIGEONS													
	Rock Dove	*		1				1						
	Eurasian Collared-Dove				-							<u> </u>		

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	White-winged Dove	*										1		
	Mourning Dove	*												
	Inca Dove	*												
	Common Ground-Dove													
	CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS & ANI	S												
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	*				_			I					
	Greater Roadrunner	*			1	1	1		-		1	1	1	
	OWLS													
	Common Barn Owl													
	Western Screech-Owl													
	Eastern Screech-Owl	*												
	Great Horned Owl	*												
	NIGHTJARS													
	Lesser Nighthawk						•							
	Common Nighthawk	*							1					
	Common Poorwill	*					ı 1					_		
	Chuck-will's-widow	*							_					
	Whip-poor-will													
	SWIFTS													
	Black Swift										•			
	Chimney Swift	*												
	HUMMINGBIRDS													
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird													
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	*												
	Calliope Hummingbird									_		_		
	Broad-tailed Hummingbird					•					•			
	Rufous Hummingbird								_					
	KINGFISHERS													
	Ringed Kingfisher			•									•	
	Belted Kingfisher	*												
	Green Kingfisher	*												
	WOODPECKERS													
	Lewis's Woodpecker													
	Red-headed Woodpecker			•			•	•						
	Golden-fronted Woodpecker	*												
	Red-bellied Woodpecker						<u> </u>							

 SPECIES	N	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Williamson's Sapsucker		•											
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1										_		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	*												
Downy Woodpecker	*												
Hairy Woodpecker	-												
Northern Flicker													
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS													
Olive-sided Flycatcher													
Eastern Wood-Pewee	*												
Acadian Flycatcher	*												
Willow Flycatcher													
Least Flycatcher									_				
Hammond's Flycatcher													
Cordilleran Flycatcher										•			
Black Phoebe									_				
Eastern Phoebe	*				1					1			
Say's Phoebe													
Vermilion Flycatcher	*												
Ash-throated Flycatcher	*												
Great-crested Flycatcher	*												
Couch's Kingbird													
Cassin's Kingbird										•			
Western Kingbird	*												
Eastern Kingbird								-					
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	*			_						i T			
SHRIKES													
Loggerhead Shrike													
VIREOS													
White-eyed Vireo	*			T	) I	-				) I			
Bell's Vireo	*									<u> </u>			
Black-capped Vireo	*												
Yellow-throated Vireo	*		_										
Blue-headed Vireo													
Warbling Vireo													
Red-eyed Vireo	*												
CROWS, JAYS & RAVENS													1

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	Blue Jay	*												
	Western Scrub-Jay	*												
	American Crow													
	Chihuahuan Raven					•				•				
	Common Raven	*												
	LARKS													
	Horned Lark		•											
	SWALLOWS													
	Purple Martin	*												
	Tree Swallow													
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	*						1	1					
	Bank Swallow													
	Cliff Swallow	*												
	Cave Swallow	*												
	Barn Swallow	*												
	CHICKADEES & TITMICE													
	Carolina Chickadee	*												
	Black-crested Titmouse	*												
	VERDIN & BUSHTIT													
	Verdin	*												
	Bushtit	*												
	NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS													
	Red-breasted Nuthatch													
	Brown Creeper													
	WRENS													
	Cactus Wren	*						1			l I			
	Rock Wren	*												
	Canyon Wren	*												
	Carolina Wren	*												
	Bewick's Wren	*												
	House Wren													
	Winter Wren													
	Sedge Wren													
	Marsh Wren													
	KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS													
	Golden-crowned Kinglet													

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	Ruby-crowned Kinglet						_							
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	*												
	THRUSHES & ROBINS													
	Eastern Bluebird	*						1						
	Western Bluebird			•									•	
	Mountain Bluebird		•	•										
	Swainson's Thrush										•			
	Hermit Thrush													
	American Robin	*												
	MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS													
	Gray Catbird													
	Northern Mockingbird	*												
	Sage Thrasher											-		
	Brown Thrasher						•							
	Long-billed Thrasher		•											
	Curve-billed Thrasher	*												
	STARLINGS													
	European Starling	*			1		1			1	1	1	1	
	PIPITS													
	American Pipit													
	WAXWINGS													
	Cedar Waxwing											-		
	WOOD-WARBLERS													
	Orange-crowned Warbler					_								
	Nashville Warbler												—	
	Virginia's Warbler						•							
	Yellow Warbler													
	Chestnut-sided Warbler					•						•		
	Black-throated Blue Warbler											•		
	Yellow-rumped Warbler												1	
	Golden-cheeked Warbler	*												
	Black-throated Green Warbler													
	Blackburnian Warbler													
	Yellow-throated Warbler													
	Pine Warbler													
	Prairie Warbler					•								

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	Palm Warbler									•			•	
	Black-and-White Warbler	*			=		1							
	American Redstart													
	Prothonotary Warbler													
	Northern Waterthrush				_		_							
	Mourning Warbler				•									
	MacGillivray's Warbler					-								
	Common Yellowthroat				—						-			
	Wilson's Warbler				_									
	Canada Warbler						•							
	Yellow-breasted Chat	*						1						
	TANAGERS													
	Hepatic Tanager						•							
	Summer Tanager	*						1						
	Scarlet Tanager											•		
	Western Tanager													
	TOWHEES, SPARROWS & LONGSF	PURS												
	Green-tailed Towhee													
	Spotted Towhee			1	1		—					Τ		
	Canyon Towhee	*		1				1			1			
	Cassin's Sparrow	*												
	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	*									-			
	Chipping Sparrow	*					1							
	Clay-colored Sparrow						<b>—</b> —			l				
	Brewer's Sparrow				_	_								
	Field Sparrow	*												
	Vesper Sparrow		•											•
	Lark Sparrow	*												
	Black-throated Sparrow	*		1			1	1			1			
	Lark Bunting				•		•							
	Savannah Sparrow													
	Grasshopper Sparrow			•				•						
1	Fox Sparrow											-		
	Song Sparrow													
	Lincoln's Sparrow			и — <sup>2</sup>	1		ŧ—				_			
	Swamp Sparrow				-								_	

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	White-throated Sparrow				1									≢
	Harris's Sparrow													
	White-crowned Sparrow													
	Dark-eyed Junco													
	Chestnut-collared Longspur													
	CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & BUN	TINGS												
	Northern Cardinal	*												
	Pyrrhuloxia	*											<u> </u>	<b></b>
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak						_							
	Black-headed Grosbeak													
	Blue Grosbeak	*					·	·		·				
	Lazuli Bunting													
	Indigo Bunting	*												
	Varied Bunting	*												
	Painted Bunting	*					1	1	1					
	Dickcissel	*												
	BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES													
	Red-winged Blackbird	*											┢━━─	
	Eastern Meadowlark													
	Western Meadowlark											-	ļ	
	Yellow-headed Blackbird							_		_			<b>—</b>	
	Brewer's Blackbird												1	
	Common Grackle													-
	Great-tailed Grackle	*												
	Bronzed Cowbird	*											1	
	Brown-headed Cowbird	*												
	Orchard Oriole	*									<u> </u>			
	Hooded Oriole	*												
	Bullock's Oriole	*												
	Baltimore Oriole	*				_								
	Scott's Oriole	*						• I						
	FINCHES													
	Cassin's Finch													E
ſ	House Finch	*		_										
ſ	Pine Siskin											-		
	Lesser Goldfinch	*								1	1		F	

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	American Goldfinch													
	OLD WORLD SPARROWS													
	House Sparrow	*												

Abundant	Normally present & easy to find in proper habitat, often in large numbers.
Common	Normally present, should be found in proper habitat & season, numbers vary
Uncommon	Usually present in proper habitat & season; may be overlooked, small #'s.
Occasional	Normally encountered a few times in season indicated.
Rare ———	Seldom observed and rarely found in season indicated.
Accidental	• Generally, 1-3 records within the region.
*	Nesting Species