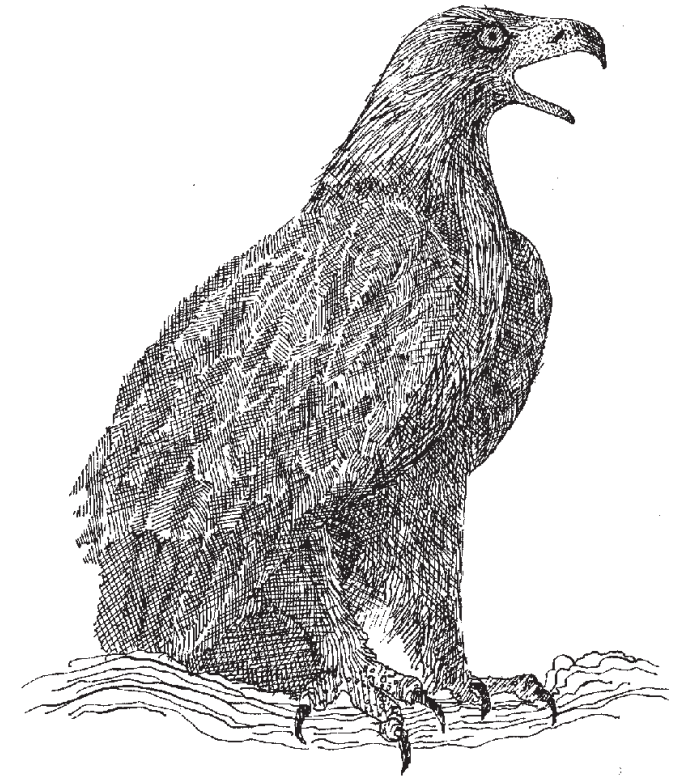


Species	Most Likely Season(s) Of Occurance			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Songbirds (cont.)				
Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	X
Lapland Longspur	X		X	X
Chestnut-collared Longspur	X		X	X
Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	X
Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	
Bullock's Oriole	X	X		
Pine Siskin	X		X	X
American Goldfinch	X		X	X
House Finch	X	X	X	X
Willow Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Vermillion Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Cassin's Kingbird	X	X	X	
Western Kingbird	X	X	X	
Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	
Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	
Say's Phoebe	X	X	X	
Horned Lark	X	X	X	X
Barn Swallow	X	X		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	X	X	
Cliff Swallow	X	X	X	
Plain Titmouse	X	X	X	X
Bushtit	X	X	X	X
Red-breasted Nuthatch	X		X	X
White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
Brown Creeper	X		X	X
Common Nighthawk	X	X	X	
Common Poorwill	X	X	X	
Lewis' Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X		X	X
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X

Species	Most Likely Season(s) Of Occurance			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Jays and Crows				
Steller's Jay	X		X	X
Scrub Jay	X	X	X	X
Pinyon Jay	X	X	X	X
Black-billed Magpie	X	X	X	X
Chihuahuan Raven	X	X	X	X
Common Raven	X	X	X	X
Upland Birds and Game Birds				
Wild Turkey	X	X	X	X
Bobwhite Quail	X	X	X	X
Scaled Quail	X	X	X	X
Lesser Prairie-Chicken	X	X	X	X
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
Greater Roadrunner	X	X	X	X
Raptors				
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X
Ferruginous Hawk				X
Northern Harrier	X		X	X
Sharp-shinned Hawk	X		X	
Cooper's Hawk	X	X	X	
Swainson's Hawk	X	X	X	
American Kestrel	X	X	X	X
Prairie Falcon	X	X	X	X
Golden Eagle	X	X	X	X
Mississippi Kite	X	X	X	
Great Horned Owl	X	X	X	X
Western Screech Owl	X	X	X	X
Burrowing Owl	X	X	X	X
Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
Wading Birds/Shore Birds				
Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	X
Killdeer	X	X	X	
Upland Sandpiper	X	X		

Black Mesa State Park Birding Guide



Welcome to Black Mesa State Park and Nature Preserve

Black Mesa State Park offers outstanding opportunities to observe bird life. Within this state park are prairie and riparian habitats that attract many kinds of birds. The Black Mesa Nature Preserve, located north of the community of Kenton, contains four distinct plant communities. Within the Preserve, wildlife of the shortgrass prairie blend with species which are typical of the foothills of the southern Rocky Mountains.

Black Mesa State Park's campground, picnic areas and nature trail offer easy ways to see bird life. In contrast, bird watching at the Black Mesa Nature Preserve can



be more rigorous. A four-mile hiking trail leads to Oklahoma's high point monument, located on top of the Black Mesa. Portions of this trail cross steep terrain. You should be in reasonably good physical condition if you wish to hike to the top of the Mesa. Allow about 4 hours to complete the hike to the high point monument and back to the trailhead.

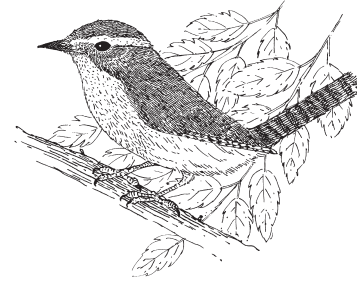
The Preserve is about fifteen miles from Black Mesa State Park. There are no park staff at Black Mesa Nature Preserve, nor are there restroom or camping facilities.

If you plan on hiking to the top of the Black Mesa, you are asked to follow these safety guidelines:

- 1) Before traveling to the Preserve, stop by the state park office to let someone know of your itinerary. Give them a call once you have completed your hike.

safety guidelines (cont.)

- 2) Take plenty of drinking water; there is no drinking water provided at the Preserve.



- 3) Take a compass and map.

- 4) Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

- 5) Be aware of pending changes in the weather. If you are caught in a lightning storm, move downhill, below the top of the Mesa. Avoid exposed, solitary trees or large rocks. Find a protected spot and wait for the storm to pass before returning to your vehicle.

The Black Mesa Nature Preserve is rugged and remote, however, it offers superb opportunities to view wildlife. A visit to the Preserve is well worth the effort.

Things That You Need For Birdwatching

- 1) A field guide to birds.
- 2) A pair of binoculars.
- 3) Patience. Stop, look and listen for birds as you walk.

Things That State Parks Do Not Need

- 1) Litter. Please help to keep state parks free of litter.
- 2) Unhappy wildlife. Please don't chase, catch or harm wildlife. Keep pets on a leash. Don't remove wildflowers and other plants; leave them for others to enjoy.

Additional Opportunities for Bird Watching

The Great Plains Trail Guide contains information about many other wildlife viewing areas that are located in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

We hope that you have a most enjoyable visit to Black Mesa State Park and Nature Preserve.

Species	Most Likely Season(s) of Occurrence			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Songbirds				
Northern Mockingbird	X	X	X	X
Sage Thrasher	X	X	X	X
Curve-billed Thrasher	X	X	X	X
Rock Wren	X	X	X	X
Canyon Wren	X	X	X	X
Bewick's Wren	X	X	X	X
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X	X	X	
Mountain Bluebird	X	X	X	X
American Robin	X	X	X	
Cedar Waxwing	X		X	X
Loggerhead Shrike	X	X	X	X
Yellow Warbler	X	X	X	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
Common Yellowthroat	X		X	
Wilson's Warbler	X		X	
Yellow-breasted Chat	X	X		
Black-headed Grosbeak	X		X	
Blue Grosbeak	X	X	X	
Dickcissel	X	X	X	
Brown Towhee	X	X	X	X
Cassin's Sparrow	X	X	X	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	X	X	X	X
American Tree Sparrow	X		X	X
Chipping Sparrow	X		X	
Brewer's Sparrow	X			
Field Sparrow	X		X	X
Vesper Sparrow	X		X	
Lark Sparrow	X	X	X	
Black-throated Sparrow	X	X	X	
Lark Bunting	X	X	X	
Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X	X	
Song Sparrow	X		X	X
Lincoln's Sparrow	X		X	
White-throated Sparrow	X		X	
White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	