

seen on males throat patch: female throat mainly white: underparts are whitish
Food: nectar, insects
Habitat: forest edges; coniferous, deciduous, or mixed woodlands (prefers deciduous); gardens and parks. Nearby nectar plants are an essential habitat requirement.
Migration: Mexico & Central America

Painted Bunting

Size: 5 1/2 inches

Description: male has a blue head, green back, orange chest and belly, dark wings and tail

Food: seeds, insects, may visit seed feeder's

Habitat: woodland edges, grassy fields, roadside thickets. Prefers area with a few tall trees.

Migration: complete – Bahamas, Cuba, Mexico and Central America



Cliff Swallow

Size: 5 1/2 inches

Description: rust colored cheeks, forehead, chest and rump. Dark back, wings and cap

Food: insects

Habitat: nests under bridges

Migration: South America

Blue Grosbeak

Size: 6 3/4 inches

Description: head and body blue, chestnut wing bars and a large, thick gray or silver beak

Food: insects and seeds

Habitat: woodland edges, brushy fields and roadside thickets.

Migration: Mexico Central America and the Bahamas



Baltimore Oriole

Size: 8 3/4 inches

Description: male bright orange with a black cap, wings and tail; female pale yellow with orange tint; wings are gray/brown

Habitat: open woodlands

Food: insects, fruit and nectar

Migration: Mexico, Central & South America



Western Kingbird

Size: 9 inches

Description: yellow under wings on belly; gray head and chest often with white chin; wings and tail dark gray.

Food: insects and berries

Habitat: open areas with scattered trees, brushy fields, roadside; shrubby areas near streams, ponds and lakes

Migration: Central America



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Size: 10 inches

Description: pearl gray upper parts, under parts whitish with salmon pink sides. Wings lined pink below; black above

Food: insects

Habitat: open areas, meadows and pastures.

Migration: Central and South America

Mississippi Kite

Size: 14 1/2 inches; wingspan 2 1/2 ft.

Description: dark gray above, pearl gray below; tail is black and flared; long pointed wings

Food: insects, lizards, mice & frogs

Habitat: open areas, meadows, pastures or rangeland.

Migration: South America



Turkey Vulture

Size: 26–32 inches; wingspan 5 3/4 feet

Description: dark brown to black; from below wings are two-tone (silver near the edge black near body) neck seems non-existent; head is red and lacks feathers; flies with wings in a slight V shape

Food: carrion

Habitat: nests in cottonwoods along north-shore; many can be seen riding thermals over the mountain just before sunset

Migration: Mexico and Central America



Birds That Visit Quartz Mountain State Park

This brochure is designed as a brief introduction to a few of the many birds that visit Quartz Mountain for part of the year.

Quartz Mountain State Park is a unique setting where desert plants such as prickly pear, barrel cactus and yuccas coexist with willows, cottonwoods and cattails. Additionally “East meets West” within the Wichita Mountains with the Greater Roadrunner and Eastern Bluebird both common to Quartz Mountain State Park.

During winter most of the visiting birds can be spotted at various feeding locations, watchable wildlife areas or at the lake. During summer check out the meadows and the edge of the woods. Spring and fall are great times to spot migrating waterfowl at the lake as they pass through on their journey to or from Central and South America.

For more detailed information than what this brochure provides, be sure to check out a bird field guide.

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Winter Visitors

Cedar Waxwing

Size: 7 1/2 inches

Description: brown to grey sleek looking bird; pointed crest; black mask; tip of tail is bright yellow; wingtips look like they've been dipped in red wax.

Food: cedar cones, berries, fruit and insects

Habitat: forest edges, in cedar trees feasting on berries.

Migration: breeds in northern plains



Spotted Towhee

Size: 8 1/2 inches

Description: black head and back; sides reddish brown; belly is white; wings black with white spots

Food: insects, fruit and seeds

Habitat: brushy woodland edges, open woodlands with shrubby understory, and brushy clearings

Migration: breeds in northern plains



American Wigeon

Size: 13 1/2 inches

Description: male has large white forehead and cap; white belly and brownish chest

Food: seeds, leaves, stems and roots of aquatic vegetation

Habitat: found on lake and in the sloughs

Migration: breeds in Rocky Mountains and most of western Canada



Bufflehead

Size: 13 1/2 inches

Description: small duck with large head and steep forehead; bill is short; male is shiny black above and white below; female is duller in color and has small white patch on cheek

Food: aquatic insects, crustaceans and mollusks

Habitat: found on lake and in the sloughs

Migration: breeds in Canada



Prairie Falcon

Size: 15 - 19 1/2 inches, wingspan 36 inches

Description: creamy white and many spots below; pale brown above; crown is streaked

Food: birds and small mammals

Habitat: dry open country, prairies

Migration: breeds in the Rocky Mountains



Canvasback

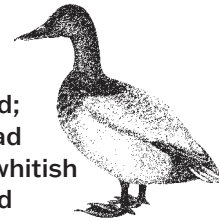
Size: 21 inches

Description: long black bill, sloping forehead; male's head and chest are chestnut colored; females have a pale brown head and neck, back and sides are whitish

Food: seeds, leaves, stems and roots of aquatic vegetation

Habitat: found on lake and in the sloughs

Migration: breeds in extreme northern plains and western Canada



Common Merganser

Size: 27 inches

Description: large duck with long slim neck and thin, hooked red bill; body mainly white; male has metallic green head; female has chestnut colored head

Food: fish

Habitat: on lake and in the sloughs

Migration: breeds in extreme northern plains and western Canada



Bald Eagle

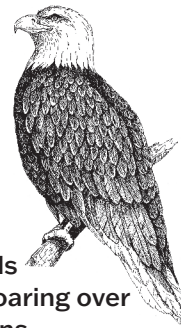
Size: 31 - 37 inches, wingspan up to 7 feet

Description: dark brown/black body and wings, pure white head and tail

Food: fish, carrion, ducks

Habitat: roosts in tall cottonwoods along Northshore. Can be seen soaring over mountains on warm late afternoons.

Migration: breeds in Rocky Mountains, northern plains, Canada and now Oklahoma



Double-crested Cormorant

Size: 33 inches

Description: all black bird; yellow orange bill with hooked tip

Food: small fish and aquatic insects

Habitat: found on lake

Migration: breeds in northern plains



American White Pelican

Size: 62 inch; wingspan up to 9 feet

Description: mainly white; black wingtips; crown is white or pale yellow; bill, legs and feet are bright yellow

Food: fish

Habitat: found on lake

Migration: most go north to breed; few stay in Oklahoma year-round



Summer Visitors

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Size: 3 - 3 1/2 inches

Description: iridescent green bird with black throat patch that shines ruby red in the sun

Food: nectar, insects

Habitat: forest edges; coniferous, deciduous, or mixed woodlands (prefers deciduous); gardens and parks. Nearby nectar plants are an essential habitat requirement.

Migration: Mexico and Central America



Rufous Hummingbird

Size: 3 3/4 inches

Description: green crown; reddish-brown back (male) gorget iridescent orange-red

Food: nectar, insects

Habitat: forest edges, coniferous, deciduous, or mixed woodlands (prefers deciduous); gardens and parks. Nearby nectar plants are an essential habitat requirement

Migration: Mexico and Central America

Black-chinned Hummingbird

Size: 3 1/2 inches

Description: metallic green bird with black throat patch: in sun a purple edge may be