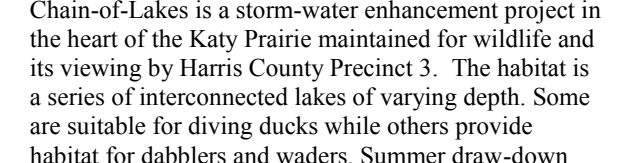




Bird Checklist Of Paul Rushing Park

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Commissioner Steve Radack welcomes you to Paul Rushing Park. The park has restrooms and drinking fountains in the adjacent ball field club houses available to park visitors.

Chain-of-Lakes is a storm-water enhancement project in the heart of the Katy Prairie maintained for wildlife and its viewing by Harris County Precinct 3. The habitat is a series of interconnected lakes of varying depth. Some are suitable for diving ducks while others provide habitat for dabblers and waders. Summer draw-down provides abundant shorebird habitat in two of the lakes. There are two miles of trails in this 100-plus acre area with a quarter mile of boardwalk and six observation blinds.

Summer birds include Black-bellied Whistling-ducks, Mottled Ducks and Black-necked Stilts. Fall is good for shorebirds and returning waterfowl, hawks, pipits and sparrows. Winter provides opportunities for waterfowl, Sprague's Pipits, LeConte's and Grasshopper Sparrows as well as Bald Eagles and Crested Caracaras. Horned Larks are year-round residents and Long-billed Curlews are present in most months except June. The open cricket field and other open ball field areas on the north side of the lakes are good places to find American Golden Plovers and Upland Sandpipers in spring.

The information for this checklist is gleaned from Cornell University's eBird database. As of August 2011, the park had recorded 202 species of birds.

Key: Abundant Common Rare

*Checklist reflects eBird data through 08/03/11
<http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/paulrushing.aspx>

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Song Sparrow												
Lincoln's Sparrow												
Swamp Sparrow												
Wht-throated Sparrow												
Harris's Sparrow												
Wht-crowned Sparrow												
CARDINALIDAE												
Summer Tanager												
Northern Cardinal												
Dickcissel												
ICTERIDAE												
Red-winged Blackbird												
Eastern Meadowlark												
Western Meadowlark												
Ylw-headed Blackbird												
Brewer's Blackbird												
Common Grackle												
Great-tailed Grackle												
Brwn-headed Cowbird												
Orchard Oriole												
FRINGILLIDAE												
House Finch												
American Goldfinch												
PASSERIDAE												
House Sparrow												

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Northern Mockingbird												
Brown Thrasher												
STURNIDAE												
European Starling												
MOTACILLIDAE												
American Pipit												
Sprague's Pipit												
BOMBYCILLIDAE												
Cedar Waxwing												
CALCARIIDAE												
Lapland Longspur												
PARULIDAE												
Orange-crown Warb.												
Common Yellowthroat												
Pine Warbler												
Ylw-rumped Warbler												
EMBERIZIDAE												
Cassin's Sparrow												
Chipping Sparrow												
Field Sparrow												
Vesper Sparrow												
Lark Sparrow												
Savannah Sparrow												
Grasshopper Sparrow												
Le Conte's Sparrow												
Fox Sparrow												

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Western Kingbird												
Eastern Kingbird												
Scissor-tail. Flycatch.												
LANIIDAE												
Loggerhead Shrike												
VIREONIDAE												
White-eyed Vireo												
Blue-headed Vireo												
CORVIDAE												
Blue Jay												
American Crow												
ALAUDIDAE												
Horned Lark												
HIRUNDINIDAE												
Purple Martin												
Tree Swallow												
N. Rough-wing Swal.												
Bank Swallow												
Cliff Swallow												
Cave Swallow												
Barn Swallow												
PARIDAE												
Carolina Chickadee												
Tufted Titmouse												
TROGLODYTIDAE												
Carolina Wren												
Bewick's Wren												
House Wren												
Sedge Wren												
Marsh Wren												
POLIOPTILIDAE												
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher												
REGULIDAE												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet												
TURDIDAE												
Eastern Bluebird												
Hermit Thrush												
American Robin												
MIMIDAE												
Gray Catbird												

