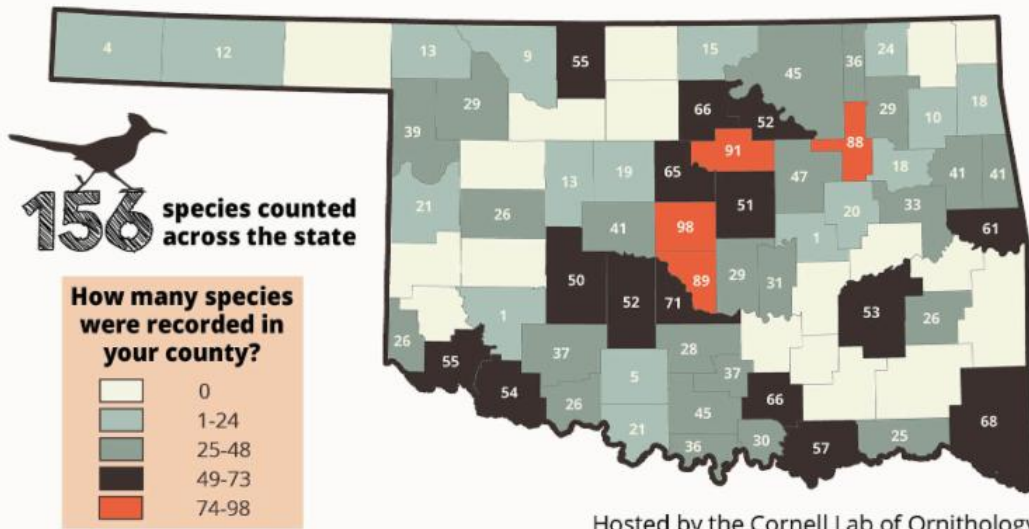


The Wild Side!

The Great Backyard Bird Count in Oklahoma



Hosted by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society Feb. 16-20, 2017

Oklahoma Well Represented in Global Bird Count

Bird watchers from across the state reported 156 species in 59 counties during the Great Backyard Bird Count in late February. The four-day survey, hosted by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, allows citizen scientists to share their data and contribute to a state, national, and global look at our bird populations.

[See how your county stacked up, which species had the largest reported flocks, and get ideas for your next bird watching trip](#)

Species Spotlight: Western Sandpiper

Oklahoma's wetlands will soon be flooded with migrating shorebirds. Try to spot the small western sandpiper at a nearby reservoir or one of our Wildlife Management Areas as it fuels up for the next leg of its trip to the Arctic.

[Learn more in the Wildlife Department's Field Guide](#)



New Certified Wildscape

Dave Seat from Oklahoma County knows the value of planting masses of nectar-producing flowers for butterflies! His backyard wildscape was just certified as the 474th for the Wildlife Department's citizen science program.

[Get tips from the Oklahoma Native Plant Society for native gardening, including a partial list of plant and seed sources](#)



Siren Song of the Slough

For avid wildlife watchers, the swampy habitat and opportunity for adventure are reasons enough to visit Red Slough Wildlife Management Area. The chance to see salamanders, including the fully aquatic, eel-like, western lesser siren, is just an icing topper for the trip.

[Learn more about Oklahoma's salamanders and see which can be found at Red Slough WMA](#)



Calendar of Events

Virtual Spring BioBlitz! Oklahoma

April 1 - 30, 2017

Report your statewide plant and wildlife observations for the month with [iNaturalist](#)

Bat Wing-Ding

April 7-8, 2017

Alabaster Caverns State Park
Freedom, Oklahoma

Tulsa Audubon Society - Saturday Morning Birders

April 8, 2017

8 - 10 a.m.

Mohawk Park
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Hackberry Flat Day

April 15, 2017

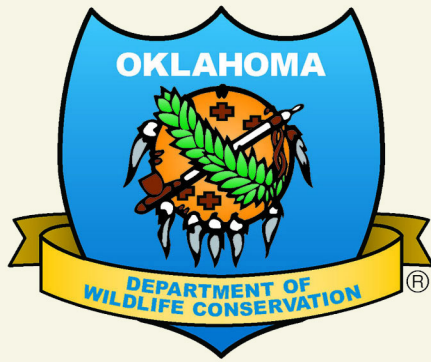
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Hackberry Flat WMA
Frederick, Oklahoma

Red Slough Birding Convention

May 6-9, 2017

Idabel, Oklahoma



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