# Birds of the Welder Wildlife Refuge
San Patricio County, Texas

Mark the birds you identify on the checklist below.

Date ______________
Time _____________
Weather ____________________________

___ Black Vulture ..................
___ Turkey Vulture ............
___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck
___ Crested Caracara ...........
___ Wild Turkey .................
___ White-winged Dove .......
___ Mourning Dove ............
___ Inca Dove .................
___ Common Ground Dove ...
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo ....
___ Greater Roadrunner ......
___ Buff-bellied Hummingbird
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
___ Green Kingfisher ..........
___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker
___ Eastern Phoebe ...........
___ Great Crested Flycatcher .
___ Brown-crested Flycatcher
___ Great Kiskadee ...........
___ Couch's Kingbird ........
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
___ White-eyed Vireo ..........
___ Green Jay ..................
___ Cliff Swallow ............
___ Barn Swallow ..............
___ Carolina Chickadee ........
___ Tufted Titmouse ...........
___ Black-crested Titmouse ..
___ Carolina Wren .............
___ Bewick's Wren .............
___ Gray Catbird ..............
___ Northern Mockingbird ...
___ Brown Thrasher ..........
___ Long-billed Thrasher ....
___ Summer Tanager ...........
___ Scarlet Tanager ...........
___ Northern Cardinal .......
___ Painted Bunting ...........
___ Common Grackle ...........
___ Great-tailed Grackle ....
___ Audubon's Oriole ........

Other birds
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**Nature Challenge Questions**

1. What bird was driven to extinction by humans 100 years ago? __________

2. Why do people bird? __________

3. Name three things that can help you identify a bird? ________________

4. Why do male and female birds look different? ________________

5. Historically, what did people used to collect from birds? ________________
Welder Wildlife Foundation 2014 Nature Challenge

Please join us at the Welder Wildlife Foundation for one of our TCiN Nature Challenge dates! Our Challenge will include a birding tour and activity on the Refuge and a lesson on the extinct Passenger Pigeon.

The story of the Passenger Pigeon is unlike that of any other bird. With a likely population between 3 and 5 billion, it was the most abundant bird in North America. Yet human exploitation and habitat loss drove this species to extinction. 2014 marks the centenary of this extraordinary extinction. The Welder Wildlife Foundation has developed Passenger Pigeon lessons that will mark this anniversary and promote the conservation of species and habitat. Our goal is to strengthen the relationship between people and nature, and foster the sustainable use of natural resources.

**WWF Nature Challenge Dates:**

- **Thursday, August 28**th 3:00-5:00pm
- **Thursday, September 4**th 3:00-5:00pm
- **Thursday, September 11**th 3:00-5:00pm
- **Saturday, September 13**th 1:00-4:00pm (**R.S.V.P. by September 10th and an adult entry fee of $5 required, children entry is FREE. This is a special WWF event (Passenger Pigeon Day) that is open to the public and limited to 40 guests**) 
- **Thursday, September 18**th 3:00-5:00pm
- **Thursday, September 25**th 3:00-5:00pm
- **Thursday, October 2**nd 3:00-5:00pm
- **Thursday, October 16**th 3:00-5:00pm
- **Thursday, October 30**th 3:00-5:00pm
- **Thursday, November 6**th 3:00-5:00pm

*For all Challenge dates please R.S.V.P. by the day prior to the Challenge! You can reach us at 361-364-2643 or conservationeducator@welderwildlife.org.*

*Please meet the WWF staff at the main entrance gate off of HWY 77 North at the Challenge start time (see attached map). Make sure to bring bottled water and wear close-toed shoes. Binoculars and field guides will be provided.*

**Good luck with your 2014 Nature Challenge!!**
DIRECTIONS TO THE WELDER WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Take Hwy 77 N. from Sinton towards Woodsboro/Victoria. Approximately 8 miles north of Sinton there will be a brown highway sign announcing the Rob & Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation. Exit immediately following the sign and you will see the Foundation’s gate house (white stucco with red tile roof) which is located on the east side of the highway. (If you cross the Aransas River Bridge you have traveled approximately 1.5 miles too far.) The headquarters is located 2 miles from the main gate at the highway. Do not exit off the main road. Phone number: 361-364-2643

Our physical address will take you to the main gate of the Refuge or you can enter “Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation” into Google Maps. After you reach the gate please follow the directions above. Physical address: 10429 Welder Wildlife, Sinton, TX 78387.