

## SAFE DATES FOR OKLAHOMA SPECIES

(To be used as an aid for assigning breeding status)

These dates represent the time frames within which a species can be considered a possible breeder (PO column, code “S,” on the Species List form) rather than potentially just a migrant, transient, winter resident, or non breeder, which would be recorded as an “O” in the Observed (OB) column. Using Safe Dates cannot upgrade a species beyond “Possible” status. Some species have no safe dates; for these species code “S” will not apply. When using the “S” code on the Species List form, record the date of your observation next to the species’ name. Any signs of breeding would, of course, upgrade the status from possible to probable or confirmed, rendering the use of the Safe Date code unnecessary. These dates do not represent early or late nesting dates; any evidence of breeding (regardless of date) supersedes the Safe Date code. Any summer observations (late May-July) of asterisked (\*) species or of species not on this list require completion of a Special Interest Species Form (even if the observation was not in an atlas block).

SPECIES	SAFE DATES
1. Pied-billed Grebe	None
2. Eared Grebe*	None
3. Anhinga*	None
4. Double-crested Cormorant	None
5. American Bittern*	June 1 - July 15
6. Least Bittern*	June 1 - July 15
7. Black-crowned Night-Heron	None
8. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	None
9. Green Heron	None
10. Little Blue Heron	None
11. Cattle Egret	None
12. Snowy Egret	None
13. Great Egret	None
14. Great Blue Heron	None
15. White-faced Ibis*	None
16. Canada Goose	None
17. Mallard	None
18. Northern Pintail*	None
19. Northern Shoveler*	None
20. Blue-winged Teal	None
21. Cinnamon Teal*	None
22. Wood Duck	None
23. Ruddy Duck*	None

24. Redhead*	None
25. Hooded Merganser*	None
26. King Rail*	June 1 - July 15
27. Purple Gallinule*	None
28. Common Moorhen*	June 1 - July 15
29. American Coot	None
30. Black-necked Stilt*	None
31. Snowy Plover*	None
32. Killdeer	None
33. Mountain Plover*	None
34. Long-billed Curlew*	None
35. Spotted Sandpiper	None
36. American Woodcock	None
37. Upland Sandpiper	June 1-25
38. Least Tern**	None
39. Turkey Vulture	None
40. Black Vulture	None
41. Golden Eagle*	None
42. Bald Eagle	None
43. Mississippi Kite	June 1- July 15
44. White-tailed Kite*	None
45. Northern Harrier	May 15 - July 15
46. Cooper’s Hawk*	May 15 - June 30
47. Red-shouldered Hawk	March 1 - June 30

48. Broad-winged Hawk	May 15 - July 15
49. Red-tailed Hawk	April 1 - June 15
50. Swainson's Hawk	June 1-30
51. Ferruginous Hawk	April 15 - June 15
52. Osprey*	None
53. American Kestrel	May 1 - July 15
54. Prairie Falcon	April 15 - June 15
55. Greater Prairie-Chicken	April 1 - June 15
56. Lesser Prairie-Chicken	April 15 - June 30
57. Northern Bobwhite	April 15 - July 15
58. Scaled Quail	April 15 - July 31
59. Ring-necked Pheasant	May 15 - July 15
60. Wild Turkey	May 1 - July 15
61. Rock Dove	March 1 - August 15
62. Mourning Dove	May 1 - July 31
63. Yellow-billed Cuckoo	June 15 - July 15
64. Black-billed Cuckoo	June 1-30
65. Greater Roadrunner	May 1 - June 30
66. Barn Owl	April 15 - June 30
67. Short-eared Owl*	May 10 - June 30
68. Long-eared Owl*	May 1 - June 30
69. Great Horned Owl	March 1 - July 15
70. Barred Owl	March 1 - July 15
71. Eastern Screech-Owl	March 1 - July 15
72. Western Screech-Owl*	March 15 - June 30
73. Burrowing Owl	May 1 - July 15
74. Chuck-will's-widow	May 20 - July 15
75. Whip-poor-will	May 25 - July 15
76. Common Poorwill	May 25 - July 15
77. Common Nighthawk	June 1 - July 15
78. Chimney Swift	May 15 - June 30
79. Ruby-throated Hummingbird	June 1-30
80. Black-chinned Hummingbird	June 1-30
81. Belted Kingfisher	May 15 - June 30

82. Golden-fronted Woodpecker	May 15 - June 30
83. Red-bellied Woodpecker	March 15 - July 15
84. Northern Flicker	May 1 - June 30
85. Red-headed Woodpecker	May 15 - June 30
86. Lewis' Woodpecker*	June 1-30
87. Downy Woodpecker	May 1 - July 15
88. Hairy Woodpecker	May 1 - July 15
89. Ladder-backed Woodpecker	May 1 - June 30
90. Pileated Woodpecker	March 15 - July 31
91. Eastern Kingbird	June 1 - July 31
92. Western Kingbird	May 15 - July 15
93. Cassin's Kingbird	June 15 - July 15
94. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	June 1 - July 15
95. Great Crested Flycatcher	June 1-30
96. Ash-throated Flycatcher	June 1 - July 15
97. Eastern Wood-Pewee	June 1 - July 15
98. Eastern Phoebe	April 15 - June 30
99. Say's Phoebe*	May 1 - June 30
100. Vermillion Flycatcher*	May 15 - June 15
101. Acadian Flycatcher	None
102. Willow Flycatcher	None
103. Horned Lark	April 15 - June 15
104. Tree Swallow*	None
105. Purple Martin	May 15 - June 15
106. Bank Swallow	None
107. N. Rough-winged Swallow	None
108. Cliff Swallow	None
109. Barn Swallow	None
110. Western Scrub-Jay	May 15 - June 15
111. Pinyon Jay*	May 1 - June 15
112. Blue Jay	May 15 - July 15
113. Black-billed Magpie	April 20 - June 15
114. American Crow	March 15 - July 15
115. Fish Crow	April 1 - June 15

116. Chihuahuan Raven	May 1 - June 30
117. Common Raven	May 1 - June 30
118. Tufted Titmouse	April 1 - July 15
119. Juniper Titmouse	May 1 - June 30
120. Carolina Chickadee	March 15 - July 15
121. Verdin*	June 1-30
122. Bushtit	May 15 - June 30
123. White-breasted Nuthatch	April 1 - May 31
124. Brown-headed Nuthatch	April 1 - May 15
125. House Wren	June 1- July 31
126. Carolina Wren	April 1 - July 31
127. Bewick's Wren	March 15 - July 15
128. Sedge Wren*	None
129. Canyon Wren	May 1 - June 30
130. Rock Wren	May 1 - June 30
131. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	May 20 - June 30
132. Eastern Bluebird	May 1 - June 15
133. Mountain Bluebird	May 1 - June 15
134. Wood Thrush	May 20 - July 31
135. American Robin	May 15 - July 31
136. Loggerhead Shrike	May 1 - June 30
137. Gray Catbird	June 10 - July 31
138. Northern Mockingbird	May 1 - July 31
139. Brown Thrasher	May 10 - July 15
140. Curve-billed Thrasher	May 1 - July 15
141. Cedar Waxwing*	None
142. European Starling	April 15 - June 15
143. Black-capped Vireo**	May 10 - July 15
144. White-eyed Vireo	May 20 - June 30
145. Yellow-throated Vireo	May 15 - June 30
146. Bell's Vireo	June 1 - July 15
147. Red-eyed Vireo	June 10 - July 15
148. Warbling Vireo	June 1-30
149. Prothonotary Warbler	May 20 - June 30

150. Northern Parula	June 10-30
151. Black-and-white Warbler	June 10-30
152. Cerulean Warbler*	June 1 - July 15
153. Yellow-throated Warbler	May 15 - June 30
154. Prairie Warbler	May 15 - July 15
155. Pine Warbler	May 1- June 30
156. Yellow Warbler	June 1-30
157. Kentucky Warbler	May 20 - July 15
158. Hooded Warbler	May 25 - June 30
159. Worm-eating Warbler	June 1 - July 15
160. Swainson's Warbler*	June 1 - July 15
161. Ovenbird	June 1-30
162. Louisiana Waterthrush	May 10 - June 30
163. Common Yellowthroat	May 15 - June 30
164. Yellow-breasted Chat	May 20 - July 15
165. American Redstart	June 5-30
166. Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	June 1-30
167. Northern Cardinal	March 15 - July 31
168. Blue Grosbeak	June 1 - July 15
169. Indigo Bunting	June 1- July 15
170. Lazuli Bunting	June 1-30
171. Painted Bunting	June 1- July 15
172. Eastern Towhee*	May 5 - June 15
173. Canyon Towhee	May 10 - July 15
174. Grasshopper Sparrow	May 10 - July 15
175. Henslow's Sparrow*	May 10 - July 10
176. Lark Sparrow	May 10 - July 15
177. Bachman's Sparrow*	May 1- July 15
178. Cassin's Sparrow	June 1- July 15
179. Rufous-crowned Sparrow	April 15 - June 15
180. Field Sparrow	May 1- July 15
181. Chipping Sparrow	May 1 - July 15
182. Dickcissel	June 1 - July 31
183. Lark Bunting	June 1 - July 15

184. Eastern Meadowlark	April 15 - July 15
185. Western Meadowlark	May 1- July 15
186. Yellow-headed Blackbird*	June 1-30
187. Red-winged Blackbird	May 15 - July 15
188. Brown-headed Cowbird	May 1 - June 30
189. Common Grackle	May 1 - June 30
190. Great-tailed Grackle	May 1 - June 30
191. Orchard Oriole	May 25 - June 30
192. Baltimore Oriole	May 25 - July 15
193. Bullock's Oriole	May 25 - July 15

194. Scarlet Tanager	June 1- July 15
195. Summer Tanager	June 1- July 15
196. House Sparrow	March 1 - July 31
197. American Goldfinch	July 1 - August 15
198. Lesser Goldfinch*	June 5 - July 15
199. House Finch	May 1 - June 15

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