# Ife Above the Ponds

## 9 mportant Resting Spot

Fischer Park provides a rich and diverse habitat for many species of birds. In addition to common backyard birds, several birds that are unusual for the habitat and climate in this part of Texas have been observed here. This makes Fischer Park a valuable area for nesting birds and an important resting spot for migrating birds. You may see Belted Kingfishers, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Northern Cardinals, or even a Painted Bunting. Keep your eyes open as you walk around and listen for songbirds.





IMAGE SOURCE: Kelly Colgan Azar

### Worthern Mockingbirds

Northern Mockingbirds are songbirds known for their mimicking abilities and often imitate other sounds and birds. The Northern Mockingbird is the state bird of Texas.

# Red-shouldered Hawks

Red-shouldered Hawks return to the same nest year after year. In southern California, one pair of hawks returned to the same nest for 16 consecutive years.

# Painted Buntings

Although common to much of Texas,
Painted Buntings are rarely seen and
enjoy hiding in heavy cover. At first
glance, these brightly colored birds
might be mistaken for something
tropical.



"A bird is three things:

song, and feathers are

-Marjorie Allen Seiffert

Feathers, flight and

the least of these."

IMAGE SOURCE: Dominic Sherony

**IMAGE SOURCE: Silviu Cucerzan** 

#### Scissor-tailed Flycatchers

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers are easily spotted by their long, forked tail and are often seen sitting on fence posts and wires. These birds eat several insects that are harmful to agriculture.



IMAGE SOURCE: Robert Nunnally

