A short list of fiddlers to check out and easy to find recorded examples, with recorded examples to \*search on Youtube for listening

Alexander Campbell "Eck" Robertson (born November 20, 1887 in Delaney, [Arkansas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arkansas), died February 15, 1975 in [Borger, Texas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borger%2C_Texas)) was an American [fiddle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiddle) player, known for commercially recording the first recorded examples of [country music](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country_music) songs in 1922 with Henry Gilliland. \*SALLY GOODIN’

Bob Wills was a frontier hoedown style fiddler, known as the King of Western Swing. Not a virtuoso fiddler, but a visionary bandleader and arranger - he hired the top musicians of the day and together with Milton Brown, developed a style of music primarily for dancing. Hiring the finest musicians of the day, virtuosic fiddlers, playing hot jazz and swing, breakdowns, dixieland, blues - complex arrangements rivaling that of the big bandleaders, he never forgot his Texas fiddle roots and always made the fiddle and fiddle tunes a centerpiece of his recording and performances. \*TIFFANY TRANSCRIPTIONS or the Grammy Award winning \*FOR THE LAST TIME

Kenny Baker - an American [fiddle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiddle) player best known for his 25-year tenure with [Bill Monroe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Monroe) and his group The Blue Grass Boys and considered to be one of the most influential of the genre. He learned the fiddle by accompanying his father, also a fiddler. Early on, he was influenced by the swing fiddler Marion Sumner, as well as [Django Reinhardt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Django_Reinhardt) and [Stéphane Grappelli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St%252525C3%252525A9phane_Grappelli). He composed many bluegrass instrumental classics and is a textbook example of control, technique and just enough grit to make every note have life and soul. \*FROSTY ON THE PUMPKIN -(or ANY of his early County Record label recordings)

Johnny Gimble - RED WING - THE TEXAS FIDDLE COLLECTION - one of the most important and influential fiddlers in all of jazz and swing fiddling, a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Major Franklin, Norman Solomon, Louis Franklin \*Texas Fiddle Favorites

Benny Thomasson - \*COUNTRY FIDDLING FROM THE BIG STATE

Jimmie Don Bates - \*Sally Goodin’ - a protege of Benny, he is the textbook example of Texas style fiddling.

Bobby Hicks & Joey McKenzie - \*ESTRELLITA

The Western Flyers -\*CARROLL COUNTY BLUES - Western swing trio featuring three time National Swing Fiddle Champion, Katie Glassman

Twin Fiddling - \*LEAH SAWYER RIDGE ROBERTS WEISER 2018 - National Twin Fiddle Swing Champions, students of champion fiddler and educator Joey McKenzie playing one of his arrangements

Terry Morris - you’ll find live jam sessions, most of them poorly recorded. Terry recorded albums but on on independent labels in Texas and not commercially available. His brother Dale has transferred some albums to cd, they can be found here. [www.texasfiddlemusic.com](http://www.texasfiddlemusic.com) They are all great, but if it is available, TOUCH OF TEXAS is the one to get.

Tommy Jackson - \*WAKE UP SUSAN - this is an example fo the square dance style fiddling he was famous for. He was a masterful recording session player and part of the Nashville A Team. Most any country music recording of the 1940-’s 1060’s has Tommy Jackson on fiddle and it is easier to name those he didn't record with than those he did.

Karl & Hugh Farr - 1227 FARR BROTHERS - SWINGIN’ THE BOW - legendary Western duo noted for their helping develop the cowboy and Western sound of ‘The Sons of the Pioneers’ -

Paul Anastasio \*PAUL ANASTASIO PLAYS BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT WEISER CONTEST - a great example of swing fiddle accompanied by guitar - Paul studied with Joe Venuti and Johnny Gimble among others.

Michael Cleveland - RED WING - MICHAEL CELVELAND & JOEY MCKENZIE

**Pete Martin -** a great resource for authnetic bluegrass transcriptions and bowings

A few names by genre

Bluegrass & Country fiddlers: Kenny Baker, Chubby Wise, Vassar Clements, Paul Warren, Howdy Forrester, Dale Potter, Benny Martin, Buddy Spicher, Tommy Jackson, Bobby Hicks.

Western Swing & Swing fiddlers: Bob Wills, Johnny Gimble, Keith Coleman, Louis Tierney, Hugh Farr, Cliff Bruner, Tiny Moore, Jesse Ashlock, Joe Holley, Cecil Brower.

Texas style fiddlers: Benny Thomasson, Eck Robertson, Major Franklin, Norman Solomon, Vernon Solomon, Terry Morris, Orville Burns, Jim Chancellor, Red Steeley, Jimmie Don Bates, Louis Franklin, Joey McKenzie, Dale Morris, Carl Hopkins.

A few Youtube channels

Fiddle Supporter - Lyle Dixon’s amazing archive of fiddle contest performances and jam sessions. Also Fiddles Are Good, Joy of Fiddling, Patti Kusturok 365 Days of Fiddle Tunes, Vi Wickam 365 Days of Fiddle Tunes, The Western Flyers, Take’s Bluegrass Album Channel …… to name but a few …..