



Birds of the Swamp...

Bird-watching is one of the Preserve's principal attractions. Vegetation types such as cypress strands, hardwood hammocks, old-growth pinelands, sawgrass prairies, and mangrove forests support a wonderful array of bird diversity. This is illustrated by the 185 species of birds observed within the Preserve boundaries.

The Big Cypress bird checklist has two primary functions: 1) to inform visitors of the presence and abundance of bird species in the Preserve and 2) to assist the wildlife team in updating the list through visitor observations. Therefore, if you see any unusual birds (those listed as rare or not listed at all), please advise Preserve staff at the Visitor Center and fill out a wildlife observation card or write to: Big Cypress National Preserve, Attn: Wildlife Biologist, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141. Please be as specific as possible and remember that your reported observations are important and appreciated.

Recommended Birding Sites

Within the Preserve Loop Road, Kirby Storter Trail, Turner River Road, Wagonwheel Road, Birdon Road, and the Florida Trail are ideal birding areas. See the Big Cypress National Preserve brochure for locations.

Birding Ethics

- Be careful not to disturb nesting birds. Eggs or chicks left unattended are vulnerable to extreme temperatures or predators.
- Avoid disrupting the natural behavior of birds. Although an isolated disturbance may not be harmful to an individual's survival, cumulative incidents from other visitors may be detrimental.
- Be extremely cautious and courteous when roadside birding; be sure to pull entirely off the road when observing wildlife and to always be aware of other motorists.

Great Florida Birding Trail...

The Great Florida Birding Trail is a collection of 445 sites throughout Florida selected for their excellent birdwatching or bird education opportunities. This 2000-mile, self-guided highway trail is designed to conserve and enhance Florida's bird habitat by promoting birdwatching activities, conservation education and economic opportunity.

Learn more at www.floridabirdingtrail.com. Look for signs along roadways with this symbol that identify sites.



Watching wildlife the responsible way...

The thrill of watching a wild animal in its native surroundings is spectacular and awe inspiring. While visiting Big Cypress National Preserve, or any other natural area, remember:

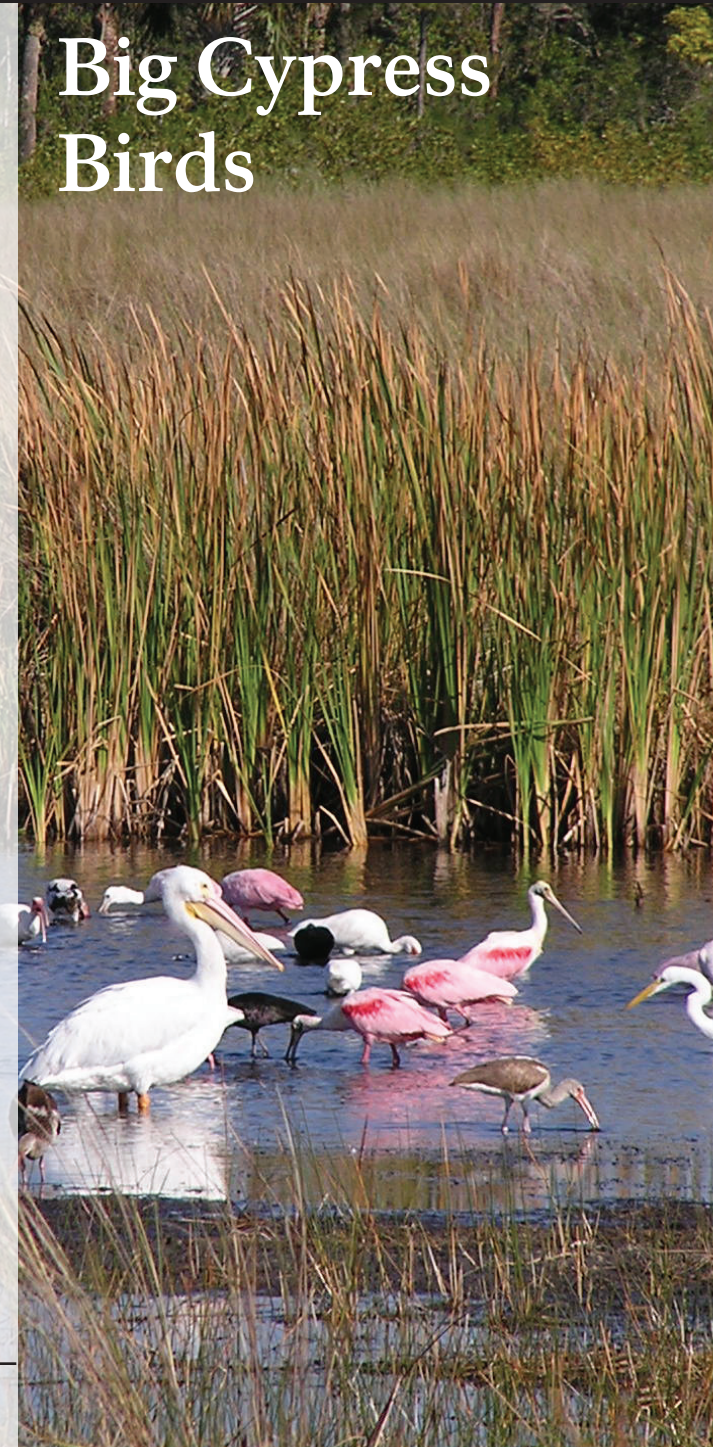
- All wildlife is wild and unpredictable. Stay a safe distance from any wild animal —15 feet is recommended.
- View wildlife with respect.
- Never feed wildlife.
- All plants and animals within national park areas are protected, it is illegal to collect any wildlife without special permits.

How You Behave Can Save Do Not Feed or Harass Wildlife



EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA!

Big Cypress Birds



Date: _____ Time: _____
 Location: _____
 Weather: _____
 Observers: _____

KEY:

SEASON

- SP -Spring (Mar - May)
- S -Summer (June - Aug)
- F -Fall (Sept - Nov)
- W -Winter (Dec - Feb)

INDEX

- c -Common (Present in the proper habitat and season)
- f -Fairly common (Often present in the proper habitat and season)
- u -Uncommon (occasionally present in proper habitat and season)
- r -Rare (seldom present in suitable habitat; few records)

Each species was indexed according to its abundance in the Preserve, not on its likelihood of being observed. The species having no information in the index have never been documented (confirmed) in the Preserve, although suitable habitat is present and Big Cypress lies within their range.

BREEDING STATUS

- + -Known to breed in the Preserve
- ? -Breeding status unknown
- E -Extinct
- * -Exotic species

Birds of Big Cypress...

Top Row -

Limpkin, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird

Bottom Row -

Black-necked Stilt, Sandhill Crane, Anhinga

	SP	S	F	W
LOONS				
___ Common Loon				
GREBES				
___ Pied-billed Grebe +	f	f	f	f
___ Horned Grebe				
PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ETC...				
___ American White Pelican	u	u	u	
___ Brown Pelican	u	u	u	u
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	r			
___ Double-crested Cormorant +	c	c	c	c
___ Anhinga +	c	c	c	c
HERONS, EGRETS, ETC...				
___ American Bittern	f	r	f	f
___ Least Bittern +	f	f	f	f
___ Great Blue Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Great Blue Heron (white form)?	u	u	u	u
___ Great Egret +	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Egret +	c	c	c	c
___ Little Blue Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Tricolored Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Reddish Egret	r	r	r	r
___ Cattle Egret +	f	f	f	f
___ Green Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron +	f	u	f	f
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron +	u	u	u	u

	SP	S	F	W
IBISES, SPOONBILLS, & STORKS				
___ White Ibis +	c	c	c	c
___ Glossy Ibis +	u	u	u	u
___ Roseate Spoonbill ?	u	u	u	u
___ Wood Stork +	c	c	c	c
VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture +	c	c	c	c
___ Black Vulture +	c	c	c	c
WATERFOWL				
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	r		r	r
___ Snow Goose			r	
___ Canada Goose			r	
___ Wood Duck +	u	u	u	u
___ Green-winged Teal	u		u	u
___ Mottled Duck +	f	f	f	f
___ Mallard			r	
___ Northern Pintail	r		r	r
___ Blue-winged Teal	f	r	f	f
___ Northern Shoveler				r
___ Gadwall				
___ American Wigeon				r
___ Canvasback				
___ Redhead				
___ Ring-necked Duck	r		r	f



	SP	S	F	W
___ Red-eyed Vireo ?	f		f	f
___ Black-whiskered Vireo	r			
JAYS & CROWS				
___ Blue Jay +	f	f	f	f
___ American Crow +	c	c	c	c
___ Fish Crow				
MARTINS & SWALLOWS				
___ Purple Martin +	f	f		u
___ Tree Swallow	c		c	c
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow				
___ Bank Swallow	r		r	
___ Cliff Swallow	r		r	
___ Barn Swallow ?	c	r	c	r
TITMICE				
___ Tufted Titmouse +	f	f	f	f
NUTHATCHES				
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch +	f	f	f	f
CREEPERS				
___ Brown Creeper			r	
WRENS				
___ Carolina Wren +	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren	f		f	f
___ Sedge Wren	u		u	u
___ Marsh Wren	u		u	u
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet				r
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher +	c	c	c	c
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird +	f	f	f	f
___ Veery				
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush				
___ Swainson's Thrush				
___ Hermit Thrush				
___ Wood Thrush				
___ American Robin	u		f	c
MIMIC THRUSHES				
___ Gray Catbird	f		f	c
___ Northern Mockingbird +	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher +	f	f	f	f
PIPITS				
___ American Pipit	r		r	r
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing	f		f	f
STARLINGS, ETC...				
___ * Common Myna +	r	r	r	r
___ * European Starling +	f	f	f	f

WARBLERS

	SP	S	F	W
___ Blue-winged Warbler	r		r	
___ Golden-winged Warbler				
___ Tennessee Warbler				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler				r
___ Nashville Warbler				
___ Northern Parula ?	c	f	c	c
___ Yellow Warbler				
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler				
___ Magnolia Warbler	r		r	
___ Cape May Warbler	r		r	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	f		f	r
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	f		f	c
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	r
___ Blackburnian Warbler				
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	f	r	f	f
___ Pine Warbler +	c	c	c	c
___ Prairie Warbler +	f	u	f	f
___ Palm Warbler	c		c	c
___ Bay-breasted Warbler			r	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	r			
___ Cerulean Warbler				
___ Black-and-white Warbler	f		f	f
___ American Redstart	f		f	r
___ Prothonotary Warbler +	u	u	u	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	r			r
___ Swainson's Warbler				
___ Ovenbird	f		f	f
___ Northern Waterthrush	u		u	u
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	r		r	
___ Kentucky Warbler				
___ Connecticut Warbler				
___ Mourning Warbler				
___ Common Yellowthroat +	c	c	c	c
___ Hooded Warbler				r
___ Wilson's Warbler				r
___ Canada Warbler				
___ Yellow-breasted Chat				
TANAGERS				
___ Summer Tanager ?	u	r	u	
___ Western Tanager			r	
___ Scarlet Tanager	r		r	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, & BUNTINGS				
___ Northern Cardinal +	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
___ Blue Grosbeak	r			

	SP	S	F	W
___ Indigo Bunting		u		u
___ Painted Bunting	r		r	r
SPARROWS, TOWHEES, ETC...				
___ Dickcissel				
___ Eastern Towhee +	c	c	c	c
___ Bachman's Sparrow				
___ Chipping Sparrow	r		r	r
___ Clay-colored Sparrow				r
___ Field Sparrow				
___ Vesper Sparrow				
___ Savannah Sparrow	f		f	f
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Henslow's Sparrow				
___ Le Conte's Sparrow				
___ Salt Marsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
___ Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow +	u	u	u	u
___ Fox Sparrow				
___ Song Sparrow	f		f	f
___ Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
___ White-throated Sparrow				
___ White-crowned Sparrow				
___ Dark-eyed Junco				
BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, COWBIRDS, & ORIOLES				
___ Bobolink		u		u
___ Red-winged Blackbird +	c	c	c	c
___ Eastern Meadowlark +	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	r		r	r
___ Rusty Blackbird	r		r	r
___ Brewer's Blackbird				
___ Common Grackle +	c	c	c	c
___ Boat-tailed Grackle +	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	u	u	u	u
___ Shiny Cowbird				
___ Orchard Oriole				
___ * Spot-breasted Oriole				
___ Northern Oriole	r		r	
NORTHERN FINCHES				
___ Purple Finch				
___ American Goldfinch	f		f	f
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
___ * House Sparrow +	r	r	r	r

	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
WATERFOWL, cont...					___ Wilson's Plover ?	u	u	u	u	___ Barred Owl +	c	c	c	c
___ Lesser Scaup				r	___ Semipalmated Plover	u		u	u	GOATSUCKERS				
___ Common Goldeneye+	r		r	r	___ Piping Plover	r		r	r	___ Common Nighthawk +	c	c	c	
___ Bufflehead					___ Killdeer +	c	c	c	c	___ Whip-poor-will	u		u	u
___ Hooded Merganser	u		u	u	___ Black-necked Stilt +	u	u	u	u	___ Chuck-will's-widow +	c	c	c	r
___ Common Merganser					___ American Avocet					SWIFTS				
___ Red-breasted Merganser	u		u	u	___ Greater Yellowlegs	f		f	f	___ Chimney Swift +	r	r	r	
___ Ruddy Duck					___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	u	HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ *Muscovy Duck	r	r	r	r	___ Solitary Sandpiper	r	r	r	r	___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird +	u	r	u	r
HAWKS & ALLIES					___ Willet					KINGFISHERS				
___ Osprey +	c	c	c	c	___ Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	u	___ Belted Kingfisher	c	r	c	c
___ Swallow-tailed Kite +	f	f	u	r	___ Whimbrel					WOODPECKERS				
___ White-tailed Kite +	r	r	r	r	___ Marbled Godwit					___ Ivory-billed Woodpecker E				
___ Snail Kite +	u	u	u	u	___ Semipalmated Sandpiper					___ Red-headed Woodpecker	r			
___ Mississippi Kite					___ Western Sandpiper	u		u	u	___ Red-bellied Woodpecker +	c	c	c	c
___ Bald Eagle +	u	u	u	u	___ Least Sandpiper	u		u	u	___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
___ Golden Eagle				r	___ White-rumped Sandpiper					___ Downy Woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
___ Northern Harrier	u		u	u	___ Dunlin					___ Hairy Woodpecker +	r	r	r	r
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u	___ Short-billed Dowitcher					___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
___ Cooper's Hawk	r		r	r	___ Long-billed Dowitcher					___ Northern Flicker +	c	c	c	c
___ Red-shouldered Hawk +	c	c	c	c	___ Common Snipe	f		f	f	___ Pileated Woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
___ Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	r	___ American Woodcock	r			r	FLYCATCHERS				
___ Short-tailed Hawk +	u	u	u	u	___ Wilson's Phalarope					___ Olive-sided Flycatcher				
___ Red-tailed Hawk +	u	u	u	u	GULLS, TERNS, ETC...					___ Eastern Wood-Pewee				
___ Rough-legged Hawk	r				___ Laughing Gull	r	r	r	r	___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
___ Crested Caracara	r			r	___ Ring-billed Gull				r	___ Acadian Flycatcher				
___ American Kestrel	f		f	c	___ Herring Gull					___ Alder Flycatcher				
___ Merlin	r		r	r	___ Gull-billed Tern					___ Willow Flycatcher				
___ Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r	___ Caspian Tern	r		r	r	___ Least Flycatcher				
TURKEY & QUAIL					___ Royal Tern	r	r	r	r	___ Eastern Phoebe	f	f	f	f
___ Wild Turkey +	f	f	f	f	___ Least Tern +	u	f	f		___ Great Crested Flycatcher +	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Bobwhite +	f	f	f	f	___ Black Skimmed	r	r	r	r	___ Western Flycatcher				
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS, ETC...					PIGEONS & DOVES					___ Eastern Kingbird +	c	c	c	
___ Yellow Rail					___ White-crowned Pigeon	r	r	r	r	___ Gray Kingbird ?				
___ Black Rail	r		r	r	___ * Rock Dove	r	r	r	r	___ Western Kingbird				
___ King Rail +	f	f	f	f	___ White-winged Dove					___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	r		r	r
___ Virginia Rail	r		r	r	___ * Eurasian Collared Dove	r	r	r	r	___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	r		r	r
___ Sora Rail	u		u	f	___ Mourning Dove +	f	f	f	f	SHRIKES				
___ Purple Gallinule +	u	u	u	u	___ Common Ground-Dove +	f	f	f	f	___ Loggerhead Shrike +	f	f	f	f
___ Common Moorhen +	c	c	c	c	CUCKOOS					VIREOS				
___ American Coot ?	c	r	c	c	___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo +	u		u	u	___ White-eyed Vireo +	c	c	c	c
___ Limpkin +	f	f	f	f	___ Mangrove Cuckoo					___ Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	u
CRANES					OWLS					___ Yellow-throated Vireo				
___ Sandhill Crane +	u	u	u	u	___ Barn Owl +	u	u	u	u	___ Warbling Vireo				
PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS, & ALLIES					___ Eastern Screech-Owl +	f	f	f	f	___ Philadelphia Vireo				
___ Black-bellied Plover					___ Great Horned Owl +	u	u	u	u					