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Big Cypress National Preserve Florida

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 207 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 Attention: Wildlife Biologist 33100 Tamiami Trail East Ochopee, FL 34141 Please be as specific as possible. 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 National Scenic Trail are ideal birding areas. See the Big Cypress National Preserve brochure for locations.

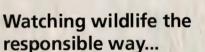
Birding Ethics

- 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 2,000-mile, self-guided highway trail is designed to conserve and enhance Florida's bird habitat by promoting birdwatching activities, conservation education and economic opportunity.

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



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:

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

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How You Behave Can Save Do Not Feed or Harass Wildlife

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Date:	Time:
Location:	
Weather:	
Observer(s):	

KEY: **SEASON**

- SP Spring (March-May) Summer (June-August) S
- F (September-November) Fall
- W Winter (December-February)

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 National Preserve

Top Row -- limpkin, red-cockaded woodpecker, eastern bluebird Bottom Row -- black-necked stilt, sandhill crane, anhinga

	SP	S	F	W	
VULTURES					
Turkey vulture +	С	С	С	с	
Black vulture +	С	С	С	с	
GREBES					
Pied-billed grebe +	f	f	f	f	
Horned grebe					
PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ETC.					
American white pelican	u	u	u		1
Brown pelican	u	u	u	u	
Magnificent frigatebird	r				
Double-crested cormorant +	с	с	с	с	
Anhinga +	с	с	с	с	
HERONS, EGRETS, ETC					
American bittern	f	r	f	f	
Least bittern +	f	f	f	f	
Great blue heron +	С	С	С	С	
Great egret +	С	С	С	с	
Snowy egret +	с	с	с	с	
Little blue heron +	С	С	С	с	
Tricolored heron +	с	С	с	с	
Reddish egret	r	r	r	r	
Cattle egret +	f	f	f	f	
Green heron +	с	с	с	с	
Black-crowned night-heron +	f	u	f	f	
Yellow-crowned night-heron +	u	u	u	u	

SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
				IBISES, SPOONBILLS, & STORKS				
С	С	С	с	White ibis +	с	С	С	С
с	С	С	с	Glossy ibis +	u	u	u	u
				Roseate spoonbill ?	u	u	u	u
f	f	f	f	Wood stork +	с	С	С	С
				Loons				
				Common loon				
u	u	u		WATERFOWL				
u	u	u	u	Fulvous whistling-duck	r		r	r
r				Black-bellied whistling-duck	r	r	r	r
С	С	с	С	Snow goose			r	
С	с	с	с	Canada goose			r	
				Egyptian goose	r	r	r	r
f	r	f	f	Wood duck +	u	u	u	u
f	f	f	f	Green-winged teal	u		u	u
С	с	с	С	Mottled duck +	f	f	f	f
С	с	с	С	Mallard			r	
С	с	с	С	Northern pintail	r		r	r
С	с	с	С	Blue-winged teal	f	r	f	f
С	с	с	С	Northern shoveler				r
r	r	r	r	Gadwall				
f	f	f	f	American wigeon				r
с	С	С	с	Canvasback				
f	u	f	f	Redhead				
u	u	u	u	Ring-necked duck	r		r	f



	SP	S	F	W
WATERFOWL, cont				
Lesser scaup				r
Common goldeneye+	r		r	r
Bufflehead				
Hooded merganser	u		u	u
Common merganser Red-breasted merganser	u		u	u
Ruddy duck	u		u	u
*Muscovy duck	r	r	r	r
HAWKS & ALLIES	-	-	-	-
Osprey +	с	с	с	с
Swallow-tailed kite +	f	f	u	r
White-tailed kite +	r	r	r	r
Snail kite +	u	u	u	u
Mississippi kite				
Bald eagle +	u	u	u	u
Golden eagle				r
Northern harrier	u		u	u
Sharp-shinned hawk	u		u	u
Cooper's hawk	r		r	r
Red-shouldered hawk +	С	С	с	С
Broad-winged hawk	r		r	r
Short-tailed hawk +	u	u	u	u
Red-tailed hawk +	u r	u	u	u
Rough-legged hawk Crested caracara	r r			r
American kestrel	f		f	r c
Merlin	r		r	r
Peregrine falcon	r		r	r
TURKEY & QUAIL	-		-	-
Wild turkey +	f	f	f	f
Northern bobwhite +	f	f	f	f
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS, ET	'С			
Yellow rail				
Black rail	r		r	r
King rail +	f	f	f	f
Virginia rail	r		r	r
Sora rail	u		u	f
Purple gallinule +	u	u	u	u
Common gallinule +	С	С	С	С
American coot ?	C £	r r	C f	C £
Limpkin +	f	f	f	f
CRANES Sandhill crane +	12	11	11	11
PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS, & ALLI	u FS	u	u	u
revens, saudrirens, & Alli	23			

	SP	S	F	W	
Black-bellied plover					
Wilson's plover ?	u	u	u	u	
Semipalmated plover	u		u	u	
Piping plover	r		r	r	
Killdeer +	с	с	с	с	
Black-necked stilt +	u	u	u	u	
American avocet					
Greater yellowlegs	f		f	f	
Lesser yellowlegs	u		u	u	
Solitary sandpiper	r	r	r	r	
Willet					
Spotted sandpiper	u		u	u	
Whimbrel					
Marbled godwit					
Semipalmated sandpiper					
Western sandpiper	u		u	u	
Least sandpiper	u		u	u	
White-rumped sandpiper					
Dunlin					
Short-billed dowitcher					
Long-billed dowitcher	f		f	f	
Wilson's snipe American woodcock	-		1		
Wilson's phalarope	r			r	
GULLS, TERNS, ETC					
Laughing gull	r	r	r	r	
Ring-billed gull	-	-	-	r	
Herring gull				-	
Gull-billed tern					
Caspian tern	r		r	r	
Royal tern	r	r	r	r	
Least tern +	u	f	f		
Black skimmer	r	r	r	r	
PIGEONS & DOVES					
White-crowned pigeon	r	r	r	r	
* Rock pigeon	r	r	r	r	
White-winged dove	r	r	r	r	
* Eurasian collared dove	r	r	r	r	
Mourning dove +	f	f	f	f	
Common ground-dove +	f	f	f	f	
СИСКООЅ					
Yellow-billed cuckoo +	u		u	u	
Mangrove cuckoo	r	r	r	r	
OWLS					
Barn owl +	u £	u £	u r	u r	
Eastern screech owl +	f	f	f	f	

Least sanupiper	u		u	u		u		u	u
White-rumped sandpiper					Downy woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
Dunlin					Hairy woodpecker +	r	r	r	r
Short-billed dowitcher						f	f	f	f
					Red-cockaded woodpecker +				
Long-billed dowitcher			_		Northern flicker +	С	С	С	С
Wilson's snipe	f		f	f	Pileated woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
American woodcock	r			r	FLYCATCHERS				
Wilson's phalarope					Eastern wood-pewee				
GULLS, TERNS, ETC					Yellow-bellied flycatcher				
Laughing gull	r	r	r	r	Acadian flycatcher				
Ring-billed gull	T	1	T		Alder flycatcher				
0 0				r					
Herring gull					Willow flycatcher				
Gull-billed tern					Least flycatcher				
Caspian tern	r		r	r	Eastern phoebe	f	f	f	f
Royal tern	r	r	r	r	Great crested flycatcher +	с	С	с	С
Least tern +	u	f	f		Eastern kingbird +	с	с	с	
Black skimmer	r	r	r	r	Gray kingbird ?				
PIGEONS & DOVES	-	-	-	-	Western kingbird				r
White-crowned pigeon	r	r	r	r		r		r	
	r	r	r	r		r		r	r
* Rock pigeon	r	r	r	r	Fork-tailed flycatcher	r		r	r
White-winged dove	r	r	r	r	SHRIKES				
* Eurasian collared dove	r	r	r	r	Loggerhead shrike +	f	f	f	f
Mourning dove +	f	f	f	f	VIREOS				
Common ground-dove +	f	f	f	f	White-eyed vireo +	С	С	с	С
CUCKOOS					Blue-headed vireo	u		u	u
Yellow-billed cuckoo +	u		u	u	Yellow-throated vireo				
Mangrove cuckoo	r	r	r	r	Warbling vireo				
OWLS	-	-	-	-	Philadelphia vireo				
Barn owl +					Red-eyed vireo ?	f		f	f
	u f	u f	u f	u f				T	1
Eastern screech owl +	1	1	1	1	Black-whiskered vireo	r			
	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
					Blue grosbeak	r			
WARBLERS					Indigo bunting	u		u	u
Blue-winged warbler	r		r		Painted bunting	r		r	r
Golden-winged warbler	-		-		SPARROWS, TOWHEES, ETC	-		-	-
Tennessee warbler					Dickcissel				
						_	_	_	_
Orange-crowned warbler				r	Eastern towhee +	С	С	С	С
Nashville warbler					Bachman's sparrow				
Northern parula ?	С	f	С	С	Chipping sparrow	r		r	r
Yellow warbler					Clay-colored sparrow			r	
Chestnut-sided warbler					Field sparrow				
Magnolia warbler	r		r		Vesper sparrow				r
Cape may warbler	r		r		Lark sparrow				r
Black-throated blue warbler	f		f	r	Savannah sparrow	f		f	f
	1		1	r		1		1	1

JAYS & CROWS				
Blue jay +	f	f	f	f
American crow +	c	c	с	c
Fish crow	r			r
MARTINS & SWALLOWS				
Purple martin +	f	f		u
Tree swallow	с		с	с
N. rough-winged swallow	r		r	
Bank swallow	r		r	
Cliff swallow	r		r	
Barn swallow ?	с	r	с	r
TITMICE				
Tufted titmouse +	f	f	f	f
NUTHATCHES				
Brown-headed nuthatch +	f	f	f	f
CREEPERS				
Brown creeper			r	
WRENS				
Carolina wren +	С	С	с	С
House wren	f		f	f
Sedge wren	u		u	u
Marsh wren	u		u	u
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS				
Ruby-crowned kinglet				r
Blue-gray gnatcatcher +	С	С	с	С
THRUSHES				
THRUSHES Eastern bluebird +	c f	c f	c f	c f
THRUSHES Eastern bluebird + Veery				
THRUSHES Eastern bluebird + Veery Gray-cheeked thrush				
THRUSHES Eastern bluebird + Veery Gray-cheeked thrush Swainson's thrush				
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blue grosbeak	r			
Indigo bunting	u		u	u
Painted bunting	r		r	r
SPARROWS, TOWHEES, ETC				
Dickcissel				
Eastern towhee +	с	с	с	с
Bachman's sparrow				
Chipping sparrow	r		r	r
Clay-colored sparrow			r	
Field sparrow				
Vesper sparrow				r
Lark sparrow				r
Savannah sparrow	f		f	f
Grasshopper sparrow	u		u	U
Henslow's sparrow	u		u	C
Le Conte's sparrow				
Salt marsh sharp-tailed sparrow				
Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow				
Cape sable seaside sparrow +	u	u	u	υ
Fox sparrow	u	u	u	ι
Song sparrow	f		f	f
Swamp sparrow	u		u	ι υ
White-throated sparrow	u		u	ι
White crowned sparrow				
White-crowned sparrow				
Dark-eyed junco	RIRF	5	Q.	
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___Great horned owl +

___Common nighthawk +

_Chuck-will's-widow +

___Ruby-throated hummingbird +

____Ivory-billed woodpecker E ____Red-headed woodpecker

____Red-bellied woodpecker +

____Yellow-bellied sapsucker

_Barred owl +

____Whip-poor-will

__Chimney swift +

HUMMINGBIRDS

KINGFISHERS __Belted kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

GOATSUCKERS

SWIFTS

Bay-breasted warbler			r
Blackpoll warbler	r		
Cerulean warbler			
Black-and-white warbler	f		f
American redstart	f		f
Prothonotary warbler +	u	u	u
Worm-eating warbler	r		
Swainson's warbler			
Ovenbird	f		f
Northern waterthrush	u		u
Louisiana waterthrush	r		r
Kentucky warbler			
Connecticut warbler			
Mourning warbler			
Common yellowthroat +	с	С	с
Hooded warbler			
Wilson's warbler			
Canada warbler			
Yellow-breasted chat			
TANAGERS			
Summer tanager ?	u	r	u
Western tanager			r
Scarlet tanager	r		r
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, & E	BUNTIN	IGS	5
Northern cardinal +	с	С	с
Rose-breasted grosbeak			

Yellow-rumped warbler

Blackburnian warbler _Yellow-throated warbler

Pine warbler +

_Palm warbler

Prairie warbler +

Black-throated green warbler

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