



Bird Check List

The diversity of wildlife habitats including beaches, dunes, freshwater marshes, maritime forests, and salt marshes has attracted 345 species of birds. This list reflects information gathered inside park boundaries and in neighboring areas by park staff and local observers since 1965. Please report unusual or new sightings to the Division of Interpretation, 1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 or 3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. This list contains all 345 species known to occur in the seashore and nearby, including those that are accidental.

Seasonal Occurrences				Abundance			
SP	Spring, March-May			c	Common, usually found in proper habitat/season after reasonable effort		
S	Summer, June-July			u	Uncommon, sometimes found in proper habitat/season after reasonable effort		
F	Fall, August -November			r	Rare, usually occurs once or a few times a season, alone or in small numbers		
W	Winter, December-February			ca	Casual, less than one recorded per season, but more than 5 records since 1965		
				a	Accidental, five or fewer records since 1965		

Species		SP	S	F	W	Species		SP	S	F	W	Species		SP	S	F	W
Geese, Swans & Ducks						Boobies & Gannets						Cranes					
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	FL	a	a	a	-	___ Masked Booby	r	r	r	-		___ Sandhill Crane	-	-	a	a	
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	FL	ca	-	ca	ca	___ Brown Booby	ca	ca	ca	-		Plovers					
___ Snow Goose		ca	-	u	r	___ Northern Gannet	c	u	u	c		___ Black-bellied Plover	c	u	c	c	
___ Brant	MS	-	a	-	-	Cormorants						___ American Golden-Plover	ca	-	ca	-	
___ Canada Goose		u	u	u	u	___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	c		___ Snowy Plover	u	u	u	u	
___ Wood Duck		u	u	u	u	Anhinga						___ Wilson's Plover	u	c	u	ca	
___ Gadwall		ca	-	ca	ca	___ Anhinga	ca	ca	ca	-		___ Semipalmated Plover	u	u	c	u	
___ American Wigeon		ca	-	ca	ca	Pelicans						___ Piping Plover	c	u	c	c	
___ American Black Duck	MS	ca	-	-	ca	___ American White Pelican	u	u	u	u		___ Killdeer	c	u	c	c	
___ Mallard		u	u	u	u	___ Brown Pelican	c	c	c	c		Oystercatchers					
___ Mottled Duck		r	u	u	r	Bitterns & Herons						___ American Oystercatcher	r	ca	ca	ca	
___ Blue-winged Teal		c	ca	c	r	___ American Bittern	u	-	u	u		Stilts & Avocets					
___ Northern Shoveler		ca	-	ca	ca	___ Least Bittern	u	u	u	ca		___ Black-necked Stilt	ca	ca	ca	ca	
___ Northern Pintail		ca	-	ca	ca	___ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c		___ American Avocet	r	r	r	-	
___ Green-winged Teal		u	-	u	u	___ Great Egret	u	u	u	u		Sandpipers, Phalaropes & Allies					
___ Canvasback		ca	-	ca	ca	___ Snowy Egret	u	u	c	u		___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	u	c	u	
___ Redhead		c	-	c	c	___ Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	u		___ Solitary Sandpiper	u	r	u	-	
___ Ring-necked Duck		ca	ca	ca	ca	___ Tricolored Heron	u	u	u	u		___ Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	c	u	
___ Greater Scaup		u	-	-	u	___ Reddish Egret	u	u	r	r		___ Willet	c	c	c	c	
___ Lesser Scaup		c	ca	u	c	___ Cattle Egret	c	c	c	ca		___ Lesser Yellowlegs	c	u	c	r	
___ Surf Scoter	MS	u	-	u	u	___ Green Heron	c	c	c	ca		___ Upland Sandpiper	r	r	r	-	
___ White-winged Scoter		ca	-	ca	ca	___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	ca	-	ca	u		___ Whimbrel	r	r	r	-	
___ Black Scoter		ca	-	ca	r	___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	c	c	ca		___ Long-billed Curlew	ca	-	ca	-	
___ Harlequin Duck	FL	a	-	-	-	Ibises & Spoonbills						___ Marbled Godwit	u	r	u	u	
___ Long-tailed Duck		ca	-	-	ca	___ White Ibis	r	r	u	ca		___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	r	c	c	
___ Bufflehead		c	-	u	c	___ Glossy Ibis	ca	ca	ca	-		___ Red Knot	u	u	c	u	
___ Common Goldeneye		u	-	u	c	___ Roseate Spoonbill	-	-	a	-		___ Sanderling	c	c	c	c	
___ Hooded Merganser		r	-	u	c	New World Vultures						___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	u	c	-	
___ Common Merganser		ca	-	-	ca	___ Black Vulture	MS	u	u	u	u	___ Western Sandpiper	u	u	c	u	
___ Red-breasted Merganser		c	r	u	c	___ Turkey Vulture		ca	ca	u	ca	___ Least Sandpiper	c	r	c	c	
___ Ruddy Duck		ca	-	r	r	Osprey						___ White-rumped Sandpiper	u	ca	ca	-	
Loons						___ Osprey		u	u	u	u	___ Baird's Sandpiper	r	-	r	-	
___ Red-throated Loon		ca	-	-	r	Kites, Eagles & Hawks						___ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	ca	u	-	
___ Pacific Loon		r	-	-	r	___ Swallow-tailed Kite		u	ca	u	-	___ Dunlin	c	ca	c	c	
___ Common Loon		c	r	u	c	___ Mississippi Kite		u	r	u	-	___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	r	r	-	
Grebes						___ Bald Eagle		u	r	u	u	___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	FL	r	-	r	-
___ Pied-billed Grebe		c	r	u	c	___ Northern Harrier		u	ca	u	u	___ Short-billed Dowitcher		u	r	u	ca
___ Horned Grebe		c	ca	u	c	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk		r	-	c	u	___ Long-billed Dowitcher		ca	-	ca	ca
___ Eared Grebe		r	-	ca	ca	___ Cooper's Hawk		u	u	u	u	___ Wilson's Snipe		c	-	u	r
___ Red-necked Grebe	FL	a	-	-	a	___ Red-shouldered Hawk		u	u	u	u	___ American Woodcock	MS	ca	-	-	ca
Flamingos						___ Broad-winged Hawk		u	r	c	-	___ Wilson's Phalarope		ca	ca	r	-
___ American Flamingo		-	-	a	-	___ Swainson's Hawk		ca	-	ca	-	___ Red-necked Phalarope	FL	a	-	-	-
Petrels & Shearwaters						___ Red-tailed Hawk		u	ca	u	c	___ Red Phalarope	FL	a	-	a	-
___ Cory's Shearwater	FL	ca	ca	ca	-	___ Rough-legged Hawk	FL	-	-	a	-	Gulls, Terns & Skimmers					
___ Great Shearwater	FL	ca	ca	ca	-	Falcons						___ Black-legged Kittiwake	FL	ca	-	-	ca
___ Sooty Shearwater	FL	ca	ca	ca	ca	___ American Kestrel		u	u	c	c	___ Bonaparte's Gull		c	-	-	c
___ Manx Shearwater	FL	-	a	-	a	___ Merlin		u	-	u	u	___ Laughing Gull		c	c	c	c
___ Audubon's Shearwater	FL	ca	-	ca	-	___ Peregrine Falcon		u	-	u	u	___ Franklin's Gull		ca	-	r	-
___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel	FL	r	r	r	-	Rails, Gallinules & Coots						___ Ring-billed Gull		c	u	u	c
___ Leach's Storm-Petrel	FL	-	a	-	-	___ Yellow Rail		ca	-	ca	-	___ Herring Gull		c	c	u	c
___ Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	FL	ca	ca	ca	-	___ Black Rail	FL	ca	-	ca	ca	___ Lesser Black-backed Gull		r	-	r	r
Storks						___ Clapper Rail		c	c	c	c	___ Glaucous Gull		ca	-	-	ca
___ Wood Stork		ca	ca	ca	ca	___ King Rail		ca	ca	ca	ca	___ Great Black-backed Gull		ca	-	r	r
Frigatebird						___ Virginia Rail		u	-	u	u	___ Brown Noddy		-	a	a	-
___ Magnificent Frigatebird		u	u	r	ca	___ Sora		c	-	c	u	___ Sooty Tern		a	ca	r	-
						___ Purple Gallinule		ca	ca	ca	-	___ Bridled Tern		-	ca	ca	-
						___ Common Gallinule		u	u	u	ca	___ Least Tern		c	c	u	-
						___ American Coot		c	ca	c	c						

Species	SP	S	F	W
___ Gull-billed Tern	u	u	ca	-
___ Caspian Tern	u	u	u	u
___ Black Tern	u	c	c	ca
___ Roseate Tern	-	a	-	-
___ Common Tern	r	u	u	r
___ Arctic Tern	FL	-	a	-
___ Forster's Tern	c	c	c	c
___ Royal Tern	c	c	c	c
___ Sandwich Tern	c	u	c	r
___ Black Skimmer	c	c	c	r
Jaegers				
___ Pomarine Jaeger	FL	-	a	-
___ Parasitic Jaeger		ca	ca	ca
___ Long-tailed Jaeger	FL	a	-	a
Doves & Pigeons				
___ Rock Pigeon	u	u	u	u
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	u	u	u	u
___ White-winged Dove	u	u	u	u
___ Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
___ Common Ground-Dove	u	u	u	u
Cuckoos & Anis				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	c	u	c	-
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r	-	r	-
___ Groove-billed Ani	ca	-	r	r
Owls				
___ Barn Owl	r	r	r	r
___ Eastern Screech-Owl	c	c	c	c
___ Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
___ Burrowing Owl	ca	-	ca	ca
___ Barred Owl	ca	ca	ca	ca
___ Short-eared Owl	-	-	ca	ca
Goatsuckers				
___ Lesser Nighthawk	FL	ca	-	a
___ Common Nighthawk		c	c	u
___ Chuck-will's-widow		c	c	u
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will		u	-	u
Swifts				
___ Chimney Swift		c	c	c
Hummingbirds				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		c	r	c
Kingfishers				
___ Belted Kingfisher		u	ca	c
Woodpeckers				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker		u	u	u
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker		c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		u	-	c
___ Downy Woodpecker		c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker		ca	ca	ca
___ Northern Flicker		c	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker		u	u	u
Flycatchers				
___ <i>Elaenia species</i>	FL	a	-	-
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher		-	-	ca
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		u	u	c
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		-	-	r
___ Acadian Flycatcher		u	u	u
___ Alder Flycatcher		ca	-	u
___ Willow Flycatcher		ca	-	u
___ Least Flycatcher		ca	-	u
___ Eastern Phoebe		u	-	c
___ Say's Phoebe		-	-	a
___ Vermilion Flycatcher		ca	-	ca
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher		a	-	ca
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		c	c	c
___ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher		-	-	a
___ Western Kingbird		r	-	r
___ Eastern Kingbird		c	c	c
___ Gray Kingbird		r	r	r
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		r	-	r
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	FL	-	-	a
Shrikes				
___ Loggerhead Shrike		u	u	u
Vireos				
___ White-eyed Vireo		c	c	c
___ Bell's Vireo		-	-	ca
___ Yellow-throated Vireo		u	u	u
___ Blue-headed Vireo		u	-	u

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___ Warbling Vireo	r	-	ca	-
___ Philadelphia Vireo	r	-	r	-
___ Red-eyed Vireo	c	u	c	-
___ Black-whiskered Vireo	r	r	-	-
Jays & Crows				
___ Blue Jay		c	c	c
___ American Crow	MS	ca	ca	ca
___ Fish Crow		u	u	u
Swallows				
___ Purple Martin		c	c	r
___ Tree Swallow		c	-	c
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		c	c	u
___ Bank Swallow		u	r	c
___ Cliff Swallow		u	-	c
___ Cave Swallow		r	-	ca
___ Barn Swallow		c	c	c
Chickadees & Titmice				
___ Carolina Chickadee		c	c	c
___ Tufted Titmouse		c	c	c
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch		r	-	r
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch		c	c	c
Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper		r	-	r
Wrens				
___ Carolina Wren		c	c	c
___ Bewick's Wren		ca	-	ca
___ House Wren		c	-	c
___ Winter Wren		a	-	ca
___ Sedge Wren		r	-	r
___ Marsh Wren		c	c	c
Gnatcatcher				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		c	u	c
Kinglets				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet		u	-	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet		c	-	c
Thrushes				
___ Eastern Bluebird		c	c	c
___ Veery		u	-	u
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush		u	-	u
___ Swainson's Thrush		u	-	u
___ Hermit Thrush		u	-	u
___ Wood Thrush		u	u	u
___ American Robin		u	-	c
___ Varied Thrush		-	-	a
Mockingbird & Thrashers				
___ Gray Catbird		c	-	c
___ Northern Mockingbird		c	c	c
___ Sage Thrasher		a	-	-
___ Brown Thrasher		c	c	c
Starlings				
___ European Starling		c	c	c
Waxwings				
___ Cedar Waxwing		c	-	u
Longspurs				
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	FL	-	-	a
Warblers				
___ Ovenbird		u	-	u
___ Worm-eating Warbler		u	-	r
___ Louisiana Waterthrush		r	-	r
___ Northern Waterthrush		u	-	u
___ Golden-winged Warbler		r	-	r
___ Blue-winged Warbler		r	-	r
___ Black-and-white Warbler		c	-	c
___ Prothonotary Warbler		c	u	c
___ Swainson's Warbler		r	-	ca
___ Tennessee Warbler		u	-	c
___ Orange-crowned Warbler		u	-	u
___ Nashville Warbler		ca	-	r
___ Connecticut Warbler	FL	ca	-	ca
___ Mourning Warbler		a	-	ca
___ Kentucky Warbler		u	ca	r
___ Common Yellowthroat		c	c	c
___ Hooded Warbler		c	u	c
___ American Redstart		u	-	c
___ Cape May Warbler		u	-	ca

Species	SP	S	F	W
___ Cerulean Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Northern Parula	c	c	c	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	u	-	c	-
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Blackburnian Warbler	r	-	u	-
___ Yellow Warbler	c	c	c	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r	-	u	-
___ Blackpoll Warbler	c	-	ca	-
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Palm Warbler	c	-	c	c
___ Pine Warbler	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	c
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	u	u	u	ca
___ Prairie Warbler		c	ca	c
___ Townsend's Warbler	FL	a	-	-
___ Black-throated Green Warbler		u	-	u
___ Canada Warbler		ca	-	r
___ Wilson's Warbler		ca	-	r
___ Yellow-breasted Chat		c	ca	u
Towhees & Sparrows				
___ Green-tailed Towhee		a	-	a
___ Eastern Towhee		c	c	c
___ American Tree Sparrow	FL	-	-	a
___ Chipping Sparrow		u	-	u
___ Clay-colored Sparrow		a	-	r
___ Field Sparrow		c	-	c
___ Vesper Sparrow		r	-	r
___ Lark Sparrow		ca	-	r
___ Savannah Sparrow		c	-	c
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		ca	-	ca
___ Le Conte's Sparrow		a	-	-
___ Nelson's Sparrow		u	-	u
___ Seaside Sparrow	MS	u	-	u
___ Fox Sparrow		-	-	ca
___ Song Sparrow		c	-	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow		ca	-	ca
___ Swamp Sparrow		c	-	c
___ White-throated Sparrow		c	-	u
___ Harris's Sparrow	FL	-	-	a
___ White-crowned Sparrow		u	-	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco		ca	-	ca
Cardinals, Tanagers & Allies				
___ Summer Tanager		c	u	c
___ Scarlet Tanager		c	-	u
___ Western Tanager		ca	-	ca
___ Northern Cardinal		c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		c	-	c
___ Black-headed Grosbeak		ca	-	ca
___ Blue Grosbeak		c	u	c
___ Indigo Bunting		c	u	c
___ Painted Bunting		u	ca	ca
___ Dickcissel		r	-	r
Blackbirds & Orioles				
___ Bobolink		c	-	ca
___ Red-winged Blackbird		c	c	c
___ Eastern Meadowlark		u	u	u
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird		ca	-	ca
___ Brewer's Blackbird		a	-	a
___ Common Grackle		c	c	c
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	MS	u	u	u
___ Shiny Cowbird		ca	ca	ca
___ Bronzed Cowbird	FL	-	-	a
___ Brown-headed Cowbird		c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole		c	c	c
___ Altamira Oriole	MS	-	-	-
___ Baltimore Oriole		u	-	c
Finches				
___ Purple Finch	MS	r	-	r
___ House Finch		c	c	c
___ Pine Siskin		r	-	-
___ American Goldfinch		c	-	u
___ Evening Grosbeak	MS	-	-	-
Old World Sparrows				
___ House Sparrow		c	c	c

