

APALACHICOLA RIVER BIRD LIST

Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area



Florida's Wildlife Management Areas and Environmental Areas are home to an incredible diversity of birds. A continuous turnover of species in response to migratory movements ensures birders ever-changing experiences matched to the seasons.

We have prepared this checklist of birds to help you keep track of our spectacular and precious birdlife.

You may also consult on-line with FWC's Breeding Bird atlas data (MyFWC.com/bba).

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Symbols Used in This Checklist

Type

- species confirmed on this site
- species probably occurs on this site, based on habitat, range and (usually) confirmed occurrence in nearby regions.
- exotic (non-native) species

Seasons

Spring	March-May
Summer	June-August
Fall	September-November
Winter	December-February

Breeding

- ▲ Species is known to breed in the area
- △ Species probably breeds in the area

Birds occurring near the WMA/WEA, but not actually recorded within its borders, are counted on the list if suitable habitat exists and if reasonable probability exists that the bird will occur there in the future. Thus, very rare birds recorded outside the WMA are not included on the list, but common birds are.

How you can help

This checklist is just a starting point. We are counting on you and other birders to let us know if you note additions or changes in status to species on this list. Please send corrections to:

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	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
LOONS					
___ Common Loon		●		●	●

GREBES					
___ Pied-billed Grebe	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Horned Grebe		○		○	○

BOOBIES AND GANNETS					
___ Northern Gannet		○		○	○

PELICANS					
___ American White Pelican		○		○	○
___ Brown Pelican		●	●	●	●

CORMORANTS					
___ Double-crested Cormorant		●	●	●	●

ANHINGA					
___ Anhinga		●	●	●	●

BITTERNS, HERONS AND EGRETS					
___ American Bittern		●		●	●
___ Least Bittern	△	●	●	●	
___ Great Blue Heron	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Great Egret		●	●	●	●
___ Snowy Egret	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Little Blue Heron	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Tricolored Heron		●	●	●	●
___ Cattle Egret	▲	●	●	●	
___ Green Heron	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron		●	●	●	●
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	▲	●	●	●	●

IBISES					
___ White Ibis	▲	●	●	●	●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Glossy Ibis	△	○	○	○	○

STORK					
___ Wood Stork		●	●	●	●

NEW WORLD VULTURES					
___ Black Vulture		●	●	●	●
___ Turkey Vulture	△	●	●	●	●

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS					
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck		●			
___ Snow Goose		●		●	●
___ Wood Duck	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Gadwall		●		●	●
___ American Wigeon		●		●	●
___ American Black Duck		●		●	●
___ Mallard	△	●	●	●	●
___ Mottled Duck	△	●	●	●	●
___ Blue-winged Teal		●		●	●
___ Northern Shoveler		●		●	●
___ Northern Pintail		●			●
___ Green-winged Teal		●		●	●
___ Canvasback		●		●	●
___ Redhead		●		●	●
___ Ring-necked Duck		●		●	●
___ Greater Scaup		●		●	●
___ Lesser Scaup		●		●	●
___ Bufflehead		●		●	●
___ Common Goldeneye		●		●	●
___ Hooded Merganser		●		●	●
___ Red-breasted Merganser		●		●	●
___ Ruddy Duck		●		●	●

OSPREY, KITES, HAWKS AND EAGLES					
___ Osprey	▲	●	●	●	●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Swallow-tailed Kite	△	●	●	●	
___ Mississippi Kite	△	●	●	●	
___ Bald Eagle	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Northern Harrier		●		●	●
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk		●		●	●
___ Cooper's Hawk	△	●	●	●	●
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Broad-winged Hawk	▲	●	●	●	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	▲	●	●	●	●

CARACARAS AND FALCONS

___ American Kestrel		●		●	●
___ Merlin		●		●	●
___ Peregrine Falcon				●	

TURKEY

___ Wild Turkey	▲	●	●	●	●
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QUAIL

___ Northern Bobwhite	▲	●	●	●	●
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RAILS, GALLINULE, MOORHEN AND COOTS

___ Black Rail	△		●		
___ Clapper Rail	▲	●	●	●	●
___ King Rail			●		
___ Virginia Rail				●	●
___ Sora		●		●	●
___ Purple Gallinule		●	●	●	
___ Common Moorhen	▲	●	●	●	●
___ American Coot		●		●	●

LIMPKINS

___ Limpkin		○	○	○	○
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	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS					
___ Black-bellied Plover		●	●	●	●
___ American Golden-Plover		●		●	●
___ Snowy Plover		●	●	●	●
___ Wilson's Plover		●	●	●	
___ Semipalmated Plover		●	●	●	●
___ Piping Plover		●	●	●	●
___ Killdeer		●		●	●

OYSTERCATCHER

___ American Oystercatcher	△	●	●	●	●
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STILT AND AVOCET

___ Black-necked Stilt		●	●		
___ American Avocet			●	●	

SANDPIPERS

___ Greater Yellowlegs		●		●	●
___ Lesser Yellowlegs		●		●	●
___ Solitary Sandpiper		●			
___ Willet		●	●	●	●
___ Spotted Sandpiper		●		●	●
___ Whimbrel		●		●	
___ Long-billed Curlew					●
___ Marbled Godwit				●	
___ Ruddy Turnstone		●	●	●	●
___ Red Knot		●	●	●	●
___ Sanderling		●	●	●	●
___ Western Sandpiper		●		●	●
___ Least Sandpiper		●	●	●	●
___ Baird's Sandpiper				●	
___ Dunlin		●		●	●
___ Short-billed Dowitcher		●	●	●	●
___ Long-billed Dowitcher					●
___ Common Snipe		●		●	●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ American Woodcock		●	●	●	●

GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMERS

___ Laughing Gull		●	●	●	●
___ Bonaparte's Gull					○
___ Ring-billed Gull		●	●	●	●
___ Herring Gull		●	●	●	●
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull					●
___ Gull-billed Tern			●		
___ Caspian Tern		●	●	●	●
___ Royal Tern		●	●	●	●
___ Sandwich Tern		●	●	●	●
___ Forster's Tern		●	●	●	●
___ Least Tern			●	●	
___ Black Tern			●	●	
___ Black Skimmer		●	●	●	●

PIGEONS AND DOVES

___ Rock Dove		■	■	■	■
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	△	■	■	■	■
___ White-winged Dove		●		●	●
___ Mourning Dove	△	●	●	●	●
___ Common Ground-Dove	△	●	●	●	●

CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS AND ANIS

___ Black-billed Cuckoo		●		●	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	▲	●	●	●	

BARN OWL

___ Barn Owl		●	●	●	●
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OWLS

___ Eastern Screech-Owl	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Great Horned Owl	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Barred Owl	▲	●	●	●	●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Short-eared Owl					○

GOAT SUCKERS

___ Common Nighthawk	△	●	●	●	
___ Chuck-will's-widow	△	●	●	●	
___ Whip-poor-will		●		●	●

SWIFTS

___ Chimney Swift	△	●	●	●	
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HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	▲	●	●	●	
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KINGFISHER

___ Belted Kingfisher		●	●	●	●
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WOODPECKERS

___ Red-headed Woodpecker		●	●	●	●
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		●		●	●
___ Downy Woodpecker	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Hairy Woodpecker	△	●	●	●	●
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Northern Flicker	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Pileated Woodpecker	▲	●	●	●	●

FLYCATCHERS

___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		●	●	●	
___ Acadian Flycatcher	△	●	●	●	
___ Willow Flycatcher				●	
___ Least Flycatcher		●		●	
___ Eastern Phoebe		●	●	●	
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher		●		●	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	▲	●	●	●	
___ Western Kingbird		●			

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Eastern Kingbird	▲	●	●	●	
___ Gray Kingbird		●	●	●	

SHRIKES

___ Loggerhead Shrike		●	●	●	●
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VIREOS

___ White-eyed Vireo	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Yellow-throated Vireo		●	●	●	
___ Blue-headed Vireo		●		●	●
___ Red-eyed Vireo	▲	●	●	●	●

JAYS AND CROWS

___ Blue Jay	▲	●	●	●	●
___ American Crow	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Fish Crow	▲	●	●	●	●

MARTINS AND SWALLOWS

___ Purple Martin	▲	●	●	●	
___ Tree Swallow		●	●	●	●
___ N Rough-winged Swallow	△	●	●	●	
___ Bank Swallow		●		●	
___ Cliff Swallow		●		●	
___ Barn Swallow	▲	●	●	●	

CHICKADEES AND TITMICE

___ Carolina Chickadee	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Tufted Titmouse	▲	●	●	●	●

NUTHATCHES

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch		●		●	●
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	▲	●	●	●	●

CREEPERS

___ Brown Creeper		●		●	●
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	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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WRENS

___ Carolina Wren	▲	●	●	●	●
___ House Wren		●		●	●
___ Winter Wren					○
___ Sedge Wren		●		●	●
___ Marsh Wren	△	●	●	●	●

KINGLETS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet		●		●	●
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet		●		●	●

GNATCATCHERS

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	▲	●	●	●	●
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THRUSHES

___ Eastern Bluebird	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Veery		●		●	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush		●		●	
___ Swainson's Thrush		●		●	
___ Hermit Thrush		●		●	●
___ Wood Thrush	▲	●	○	●	
___ American Robin		●		●	●

CATBIRDS, MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

___ Gray Catbird		●		●	●
___ Northern Mockingbird	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Brown Thrasher	▲	●	●	●	●

STARLINGS

___ European Starling	▲	◼	◼	◼	◼
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PIPITS

___ American Pipit		●		●	●
___ Sprague's Pipit		●		●	●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
WAXWINGS					
___ Cedar Waxwing		●		●	●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
WOOD-WARBLERS					
___ Blue-winged Warbler		●		●	
___ Golden-winged Warbler		●		●	
___ Tennessee Warbler		●		●	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler		●		●	●
___ Northern Parula	▲	●	●	●	
___ Yellow Warbler		●		●	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler		●		●	
___ Magnolia Warbler		●		●	
___ Cape May Warbler		●		●	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler		●		●	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler		●		●	●
___ Black-throated Green Warbler		●		●	
___ Blackburnian Warbler		●		●	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Pine Warbler	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Prairie Warbler		●		●	
___ Palm Warbler		●		●	●
___ Bay-breasted Warbler		●		●	
___ Blackpoll Warbler		●		●	
___ Cerulean Warbler		●		●	
___ Black-and-white Warbler		●		●	●
___ American Redstart		●		●	
___ Prothonotary Warbler	▲	●	●	●	
___ Worm-eating Warbler		●		●	
___ Swainson's Warbler	△	●	●	●	
___ Ovenbird		●		●	●
___ Northern Waterthrush		●		●	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush		●		●	
___ Kentucky Warbler		●	○	●	
___ Connecticut Warbler		●			
___ Common Yellowthroat	▲	●	●	●	●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Hooded Warbler	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Wilson's Warbler		●	○	●	
___ Canada Warbler		●		●	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	△	●	●	●	

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
TANAGERS					
___ Summer Tanager	▲	●	●	●	
___ Scarlet Tanager		●		●	
___ Western Tanager		●		●	

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
TOWHEE, SPARROWS AND JUNCO					
___ Eastern Towhee	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Bachman's Sparrow	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Chipping Sparrow		●		●	●
___ Clay-colored Sparrow				●	
___ Field Sparrow		●		●	●
___ Vesper Sparrow		●		●	●
___ Savannah Sparrow		●		●	●
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		●		●	●
___ Henslow's Sparrow		○		○	○
___ Le Conte's Sparrow		○		○	○
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow		●		●	●
___ Seaside Sparrow	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Fox Sparrow					○
___ Song Sparrow		●		●	●
___ Lincoln's Sparrow					○
___ Swamp Sparrow		●		●	●
___ White-throated Sparrow		●		●	●
___ White-crowned Sparrow					●

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
CARDINAL, GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS					
___ Northern Cardinal	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		●		●	
___ Blue Grosbeak	△	●	●	●	
___ Indigo Bunting	▲	●	●	●	

NOTES

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Painted Bunting			●	●	
___ Dickcissel		●			

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES AND ORIOLES

___ Bobolink		○		○	
___ Red-winged Blackbird	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Eastern Meadowlark	△	●	●	●	●
___ Rusty Blackbird		●		●	●
___ Brewer's Blackbird					○
___ Common Grackle	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Orchard Oriole	▲	●	●	●	
___ Baltimore Oriole		●		●	

FINCHES AND ALLIES

___ Purple Finch					●
___ Pine Siskin					●
___ American Goldfinch		●		●	●

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

___ House Sparrow	▲	◐	◑	◒	◓
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