

# Lake Wales Ridge Bird List

## Lake Wales Ridge Wildlife Management 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](http://MyFWC.com/bba)).

## 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

<b>Spring</b>	March-May
<b>Summer</b>	June-August
<b>Fall</b>	September-November
<b>Winter</b>	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
<b>Ducks, geese and swans</b>					
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	△	•	•	•	•
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck		•	•	•	•
___ Wood Duck	▲	•	•	•	•
___ American Wigeon		•		•	•
___ Mallard	△	•	◻	•	•
___ Mottled Duck	▲	•	•	•	•
___ Blue-winged Teal		•		•	•
___ Northern Shoveler		•			•
___ Green-winged Teal		•		•	•
___ Ring-necked Duck		•		•	•
___ Lesser Scaup		•		•	•
___ Hooded Merganser		•		•	•
___ Red-breasted Merganser		•		•	•
<b>New World quail</b>					
___ Northern Bobwhite	▲	•	•	•	•
<b>Grouse, turkeys and Old World quail</b>					
___ Wild Turkey	▲	•	•	•	•
<b>Loons</b>					
___ Common Loon					•
<b>Grebes</b>					
___ Pied-billed Grebe		•	•	•	•
___ Horned Grebe		•		•	•
<b>Pelicans</b>					
___ American White Pelican		○		○	○
___ Brown Pelican		•	•	•	•
<b>Cormorants</b>					
___ Double-crested Cormorant	△	•	•	•	•
<b>Anhingas and darters</b>					
___ Anhinga	△	•	•	•	•
<b>Frigatebirds</b>					
___ Magnificent Frigatebird			•	•	
<b>Herons, bitterns and allies</b>					
___ American Bittern		•		•	•
___ Least Bittern		○	•	○	○
___ Great Blue Heron	△	•	•	•	•
___ Great Egret	△	•	•	•	•
___ Snowy Egret		•	•	•	•

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___ Little Blue Heron		•	•	•	•
___ Tricolored Heron	△	•	•	•	•
___ Cattle Egret		•	•	•	•
___ Green Heron	△	•		•	•
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron		•	•	•	•
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		•	•	•	•
<b>Ibises and spoonbills</b>					
___ White Ibis		•	•	•	•
___ Glossy Ibis		•	•	•	•
<b>Storks</b>					
___ Wood Stork		•	•	•	•
<b>New World vultures</b>					
___ Black Vulture	△	•	•	•	•
___ Turkey Vulture	△	•	•	•	•
<b>Hawks, kites and eagles</b>					
___ Osprey	▲	•	•	•	•
___ Swallow-tailed Kite		•	•		
___ White-tailed Kite		•	•	•	•
___ Bald Eagle	▲	•	•	•	•
___ Northern Harrier		•		•	•
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk		•		•	•
___ Cooper's Hawk	△	•	•	•	•
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	▲	•	•	•	•
___ Broad-winged Hawk		○		○	
___ Short-tailed Hawk		○	○	•	○
___ Red-tailed Hawk	▲	•	•	•	•
<b>Caracaras and falcons</b>					
___ Crested Caracara		•	•	•	•
___ American Kestrel	△	•	•	•	•
___ Merlin		•		•	•
<b>Rails, gallinules and coots</b>					
___ King Rail		•	•	•	•
___ Virginia Rail		○		○	○
___ Sora		•		•	•
___ Purple Gallinule	△	•	•	•	•
___ Common Moorhen	△	•	•	•	•
___ American Coot		○	○	○	○

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### Limpkins

___ Limpkin	△	•	•	•	•
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### Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane	▲	•	•	•	•
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### Lapwings and plovers

___ Killdeer		•	•	•	•
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### Stilts and avocets

___ Black-necked Stilt		•	•	•	•
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### Sandpipers, phalaropes and allies

___ Spotted Sandpiper		•		•	•
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___ Solitary Sandpiper		•		•	•
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___ Greater Yellowlegs		•		•	•
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___ Lesser Yellowlegs		•		•	•
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___ Least Sandpiper		•		•	•
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___ White-rumped Sandpiper		•		•	
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___ Wilson's Snipe		•		•	•
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___ American Woodcock		•		•	•
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### Gulls, terns and skimmers

___ Bonaparte's Gull		•		•	•
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___ Laughing Gull		•	•	•	•
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___ Ring-billed Gull		•		•	•
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___ Sooty Tern			•		
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___ Caspian Tern		•		•	•
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___ Forster's Tern		•		•	•
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___ Royal Tern		•		•	•
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### Pigeons and doves

___ Rock Pigeon		◻	◻	◻	◻
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___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	△	◻	◻	◻	◻
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___ White-winged Dove	△	•	•	•	•
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___ Mourning Dove	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Common Ground-Dove	▲	•	•	•	•
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### Cuckoos and anis

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	△	•		•	
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### Barn owls

___ Barn Owl	△	•	•	•	•
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### Typical owls

___ Eastern Screech-Owl		•	•	•	•
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___ Great Horned Owl	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Barred Owl	▲	•	•	•	•
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	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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### Nightjars

___ Common Nighthawk	▲	•	•	•	
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___ Chuck-will's-widow	▲	•	•	•	
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___ Whip-poor-will		•		•	•
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### Swifts

___ Chimney Swift	▲	•	•	•	
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### Hummingbirds

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		•	•	•	
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### Kingfishers

___ Belted Kingfisher		•	•	•	•
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### Woodpeckers and allies

___ Red-headed Woodpecker	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		•		•	•
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___ Downy Woodpecker	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Hairy Woodpecker	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Northern Flicker	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Pileated Woodpecker	▲	•	•	•	•
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### Tyrant flycatchers

___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		○		○	
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___ Eastern Phoebe		•		•	•
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___ Great Crested Flycatcher	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Eastern Kingbird	▲	•	•	•	
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### Shrikes

___ Loggerhead Shrike	▲	•	•	•	•
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### Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Yellow-throated Vireo		•		•	
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___ Blue-headed Vireo		•		•	•
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___ Red-eyed Vireo		•	•	•	
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### Crows and jays

___ Blue Jay	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ Florida Scrub-Jay	▲	•	•	•	•
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___ American Crow	△	•	•	•	•
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___ Fish Crow	▲	•	•	•	•
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### Swallows

___ Purple Martin		•	•	•	•
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	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Tree Swallow		•		•	•
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		•		•	
___ Bank Swallow		•		•	
___ Cliff Swallow		•		•	
___ Barn Swallow		•	•	•	
<b>Chickadees and titmice</b>					
___ Tufted Titmouse	▲	•	•	•	•
<b>Wrens</b>					
___ Carolina Wren	▲	•	•	•	•
___ House Wren		•		•	•
___ Sedge Wren		•		•	•
___ Marsh Wren		•		•	•
<b>Kinglets</b>					
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet		•		•	•
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>					
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	▲	•	•	•	•
<b>Thrushes</b>					
___ Eastern Bluebird	▲	•	•	•	•
___ Veery		•		•	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush		•		•	
___ Swainson's Thrush		•		•	
___ Hermit Thrush		•		•	•
___ Wood Thrush		•		•	
___ American Robin		•		•	•
<b>Mockingbirds and thrashers</b>					
___ Gray Catbird		•		•	•
___ Northern Mockingbird	▲	•	•	•	•
___ Brown Thrasher	▲	•	•	•	•
<b>Starlings</b>					
___ European Starling	△	◻	◻	◻	◻
<b>Wagtails and pipits</b>					
___ American Pipit					•
<b>Waxwings</b>					
___ Cedar Waxwing		•		•	•
<b>Wood-Warblers</b>					
___ Golden-winged Warbler				•	
___ Tennessee Warbler				•	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler		•		•	•

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ 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		•		•	
___ Common Yellowthroat	▲	•		•	•
___ Hooded Warbler		•			
___ Yellow-breasted Chat		•		•	
<b>Emberizids</b>					
___ Eastern Towhee	▲	•	•	•	•
___ Bachman's Sparrow	△	•	•	•	•
___ Chipping Sparrow		•		•	•
___ Clay-colored Sparrow				•	•
___ Field Sparrow		•		•	
___ Vesper Sparrow		•		•	•
___ Lark Sparrow					•
___ Savannah Sparrow		•		•	•
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		•		•	•
___ Henslow's Sparrow					○

	Breeding	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
___ Song Sparrow					●
___ Swamp Sparrow		●		●	●
___ White-throated Sparrow		○			○
___ White-crowned Sparrow		○			○
<b>Cardinals and allies</b>					
___ Summer Tanager		○	○	○	
___ Scarlet Tanager		○		○	
___ Northern Cardinal	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		○		○	
___ Blue Grosbeak		○	○	○	
___ Indigo Bunting		○		○	○
___ Painted Bunting		○		○	
<b>Blackbirds</b>					
___ Bobolink		●		●	
___ Red-winged Blackbird	▲	●		●	●
___ Eastern Meadowlark	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Common Grackle	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	▲	●	●	●	●
___ Brown-headed Cowbird		●	●	●	●
___ Orchard Oriole		○		○	
___ Baltimore Oriole		○		○	
<b>Finches and allies</b>					
___ American Goldfinch		●		●	●
<b>Old World sparrows</b>					
___ House Sparrow		◻	◻	◻	◻

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