

Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys

National Wildlife Refuges Bird List



Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge was established on July 16, 1929. It is located in the Gulf of Mexico near the town of Cedar Key, Florida. The islands that comprise the refuge range in size from 1 to 120 acres. Its founding purpose was “as a refuge and breeding ground for birds...” Cedar Keys Refuge supports one of the largest colonial bird nesting sites in north Florida.

Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1979 with the objective of preserving the Suwannee River delta and estuary ecosystem. This 51,000-acre refuge is located in Levy and Dixie Counties, Florida and serves as an important feeding area for the nesting birds of the Cedar Keys Refuge.

*Seasonal
appearance*

Sp Spring, March - May
S Summer, June - August
F Fall, September - November
W Winter, December - February

*Seasonal
abundance*

- a. abundant (a common species which is very numerous)
- c. common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
- u. uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)
- o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
- r. rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)
- * nests on the refuge.

This checklist includes 254 species of birds and is based on observations

by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists.

If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We

appreciate your help in updating our records. On the back page, an additional 25 species are listed which are considered accidental occurrence to the refuge.



Grebes

___ Common Loon	c	r	c	c
___ Horned Grebe	u		u	u
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	c

Pelicans and Allies

___ Magnificent Frigatebird	c	c	c	o
___ American White Pelican	u		u	u
___ Double-crested Cormorant*	a	a	a	a
___ Anhinga*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Pelican*	a	a	a	a

Hérons, Egrets and Allies

___ American Bittern	u	u	u	u
___ Least Bittern*	u	u	u	
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ 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
___ Cattle Egret*	c	c	c	c
___ Green-backed Heron*	c	c	c	u
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	u	u

Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork

___ White Ibis*	a	a	a	a
___ Wood Stork	u	u	u	o
___ Roseate Spoonbill		u		r

Waterfowl

___ Tundra Swan			r	r
___ Snow Goose			r	r
___ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	c
___ Green-winged Teal	u		u	u
___ American Black Duck	o		o	o
___ Mottled Duck	r	r	r	r
___ Mallard	u		u	u
___ Northern Pintail	u		u	u
___ Blue-winged Teal	u		u	u
___ Northern Shoveler	u		u	u
___ Gadwall	u		u	u
___ American Wigeon	u		u	u
___ Canvasback	u		u	u
___ Redhead	u		u	u
___ Ring-necked Duck	u		u	u
___ Greater Scaup	r		r	r
___ Lesser Scaup	o		o	o
___ Common Goldeneye	o		o	o

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___Bufflehead	u		u	c
___Hooded Merganser	c	u	u	c
___Common Merganser	r		r	r
___Ruddy Duck	u		o	u
___Red-breasted Merganser	c		c	c

Vultures, Hawks and Allies

___Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c
___Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c
___Osprey*	c	c	c	c
___American Swallow-tailed Kite*	c	c	u	
___Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u
___Northern Harrier	u	o	u	u
___Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u
___Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___Broad-winged Hawk	u	u	u	
___Red-tailed Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
___Merlin	r		u	r
___Peregrine Falcon	o		o	o

Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)

___Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
___Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

___King Rail	u	u	u	u
___Clapper Rail*	c	c	c	c
___Yellow Rail				r
___Sora	u		u	u
___Purple Gallinule	u	u	u	r
___Common Moorhen*	c	c	c	c
___American Coot	u	r	u	u
___Limpkin*	u	u	u	u
___Virginia Rail	u		u	u
___Black Rail*	u	u		r

Shorebirds

___Black-bellied Plover	c	u	c	c
___Snowy Plover				r
___Semipalmated Plover	c		c	c
___Piping Plover	o		o	r
___Killdeer*	c	u	c	c
___Black-necked Stilt	r			r
___American Avocet	r			r
___Greater Yellowlegs	c		c	c
___Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	u
___Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Willet	c	c	c	c
___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	o	c	c
___ Whimbrel	u		u	u
___ Marbled Godwit	u		u	u
___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	u	c	c
___ Red Knot	u		u	u
___ Sanderling	c		c	c
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	
___ Western Sandpiper	c		c	c
___ Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	c
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Dunlin	c	o	c	c
___ Stilt Sandpiper			o	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	c	u	c	c
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	o	u	u
___ Common Snipe	c		c	c
___ American Woodcock	o		o	o
___ American Oystercatcher	u		c	c
___ Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c
___ Bonaparte's Gull	o		o	u
___ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	c
___ Great Black-backed Gull				r
___ Herring Gull	c	o	c	c
___ Caspian Tern	u	u	u	u
___ Black Skimmer	c	c	c	c
___ Common Tern	u		u	o
___ Forster's Tern	c		c	c
___ Least Tern	c	c	c	o
___ Royal Tern	c	c	c	c
___ Sandwich Tern	u	u	u	u
___ Black Tern	o		o	
Doves				
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
___ Common Ground-Dove*	c	c	c	c
___ White-winged Dove			o	
Cuckoos				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	
Owls				
___ Common Barn Owl	o	o	o	o
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Burrowing Owl	o		o	
___ Short-eared Owl				u

SP *S* *F* *W*

Nightjars

___ Common Nighthawk*

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___ Chuck-will's-widow*

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___ Whip-poor-will

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Swifts, Hummingbirds

___ Chimney Swift

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___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*

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Kingfishers

___ Belted Kingfisher*

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Woodpeckers

___ 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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Flycatchers

___ Eastern Wood-Pewee

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___ Acadian Flycatcher*

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___ Eastern Phoebe

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___ Great Crested Flycatcher*

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___ Eastern Kingbird*

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___ Gray Kingbird*

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Martins and Swallows

___ Purple Martin

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___ Tree Swallow

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___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*

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___ Barn Swallow

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___ Bank Swallow

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Jays and Crows

___ Blue Jay*

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___ Fish Crow*

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___ Scrub Jay

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___ American Crow*

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Chickadees and Titmice

___ Carolina Chickadee*

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___ Tufted Titmouse*

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	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Nuthatches				
___Brown-headed Nuthatch*	o	o	o	o
___Red-breasted Nuthatch	o		o	o
Creepers				
___Brown Creeper	u		u	u
Wrens				
___Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
___House Wren	u		u	u
___Winter Wren	r	r		r
___Sedge Wren	c		c	c
___Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	c
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
___Golden-crowned Kinglet	r		o	o
___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	c
Thrushes				
___Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
___Veery	u		u	
___Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
___Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
___Wood Thrush	u		u	
___Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___American Robin	c		c	a
Thrashers				
___Gray Catbird	c	r	c	c
___Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	c
Pipits				
___American Pipit	u		u	u
Waxwings				
___Cedar Waxwing	c		u	c
Shrike				
___Loggerhead Shrike*	c	c	c	c
___European Starling*	c	c	c	c
Vireos				
___White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	c
___Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	u	
___Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
___Solitary Vireo	u		u	u

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Warblers				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	r			o
___ Golden-winged Warbler			r	
___ Tennessee Warbler	o		o	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	u
___ Northern Parula*	c	c	c	r
___ Yellow Warbler	u	u	u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r		o	
___ Magnolia Warbler	u		u	
___ Cape May Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	a
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	o		o	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	o		o	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	c	c	c	c
___ Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c
___ Prairie Warbler*	u	u	u	r
___ Palm Warbler	c		c	c
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u		o	
___ Cerulean Warbler	o		o	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	c	r	c	u
___ American Redstart	u		u	
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	u	c	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	u		u	
___ Swainson's Warbler	r	r	r	
___ Ovenbird	c		c	u
___ Northern Waterthrush	u	r	u	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	u	r	u	
___ Kentucky Warbler	u		u	
___ Connecticut Warbler	r		r	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u	u	r
___ Hooded Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Wilson's Warbler	o		o	o
Tanagers				
___ Summer Tanager*	u	c	u	
___ Scarlet Tanager	o		o	
New World Finches				
___ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
___ Blue Grosbeak	u	u		
___ Indigo Bunting	u	o	u	
___ Painted Bunting	o	r	o	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Sparrows				
___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	c	c	c	c
___ Bachman's Sparrow*	u	u	u	u
___ Chipping Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Field Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Vesper Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Savannah Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	r			o
___ Henslow's Sparrow				o
___ LeConte's Sparrow				o
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow	o		o	u
___ Song Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Seaside Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Dark-eyed Junco	o		o	o

Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles

___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
___ Bobolink	r	u		u
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c
___ Rusty Blackbird				u
___ Common Grackle*	u	u	u	u
___ Boat-tailed Grackle*	a	a	a	a
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Orchard Oriole	u	c	u	
___ Northern Oriole	o		o	u

Old World Finches

___ Purple Finch	o			o
___ American Goldfinch	c		u	c
___ Pine Siskin				r

Introduced non-native species

___ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
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These additional species are of rare or accidental occurrence, in most instances substantiated by only one or two records:

Red-throated Loon	White-rumped Sandpiper
Red-necked Grebe	Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Brown Booby	Common Black-headed Gull
Northern Gannet	Sooty Tern
Oldsquaw	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Black Scoter	Western Kingbird
Surf Scoter	Bewick's Wren
White-winged Scoter	Warbling Vireo
Reddish Egret	Black-whiskered Vireo
Glossy Ibis	Fox Sparrow
Canada Goose	White-crowned Sparrow
Sandhill Crane	Shiny Cowbird
Long-billed Curlew	

Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

No. of species

Route or area

Observers

Remarks



*The Blue Goose
is the symbol of
the National
Wildlife Refuge
System.*

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