

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Cat Island

*National Wildlife Refuge  
Bird List*



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*Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 530 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. The refuge is located about 5 miles west of St. Francisville, LA, in West Feliciana Parish. The refuge is primarily comprised of bottomland hardwood forest that is annually flooded by the Mississippi River. Several habitat types including overcup oak-bitter pecan, hackberry-elm-ash, nuttall oak-ash-sweetgum, and shrub-scrub swamp occur on the refuge. While baldcypress trees are found throughout the area, there are stands of old growth cypress-tupelo present.*

The river can flood the refuge for up to 6 months each year, primarily between January and June. At that time, access is limited to boats only. In winter, a variety of waterfowl species are present throughout the refuge. Songbirds and hawks that are associated with the mid-story and canopy are there, while ground- and shrub-nesting birds are usually not present. Once the river drops and floodwaters recede from the refuge, many birds return to the refuge. Wading birds, including wood storks, feed in pools of water left behind by the river in summer. The extent of flooding by the Mississippi River varies year to year, which provides a variety of birdwatching opportunities on the refuge.

Sp= March - May

S = June-August

F= September - November

W= December-February

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)



	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b><i>Grebes</i></b>				
___Pied-billed Grebe	O		O	U
<b><i>Pelicans</i></b>				
___American White Pelican	O		U	U
<b><i>Cormorants</i></b>				
___Double-crested Cormorant	U		U	C
<b><i>Anhingas</i></b>				
___Anhinga	U	O	R	R
<b><i>Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets</i></b>				
___Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___Great Egret	C	C	C	C
___Snowy Egret	C	C	C	U
___Little Blue Heron	U	U	U	U
___Tricolored Heron	R	O	R	R
___Cattle Egret	O	O	O	O
___Green Heron	U	U	U	U
___Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	U	O	
___Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	U	U	U	
<b><i>Ibises and Spoonbills</i></b>				
___White Ibis	C	C	U	
___Roseate Spoonbill		O	R	
<b><i>Storks</i></b>				
___Wood Stork		U	O	
<b><i>Vultures</i></b>				
___Black Vulture	C	C	C	C
___Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
<b><i>Ducks, Geese, and Swans</i></b>				
___Greater White-fronted Goose			U	U
___Snow Goose			U	U
___Ross's Goose			R	R
___Canada Goose			R	R
___Wood Duck	C	C	C	C
___Green-winged Teal	U		U	C
___Mottled Duck		O	U	
___Mallard	U	O	C	C
___Northern Pintail	R		R	R
___Blue-winged Teal	C		U	O
___Northern Shoveler	U		U	U
___Gadwall	U		U	C
___American Wigeon	U		U	C
___Ring-necked Duck	U		U	U
___Hooded Merganser	U	U	U	C

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b><i>Kites, Hawks, and Eagles</i></b>				
___ Osprey	U	U	U	U
___ Swallow-tailed Kite	O	O		
___ Mississippi Kite	C	C	U	
___ Bald Eagle				R
___ Northern Harrier				R
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk	U	U	C	C
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	U	C	C
<b><i>Caracaras and Falcons</i></b>				
___ American Kestrel	R		R	U
___ Merlin	R		R	R
___ Peregrine Falcon				R
<b><i>Turkey</i></b>				
___ Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
<b><i>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</i></b>				
___ American Coot	U		U	U
<b><i>Lapwings and Plovers</i></b>				
___ Killdeer	U	U	U	U
<b><i>Silts and Avocets</i></b>				
___ Black-necked Stilt	O	U	O	R
<b><i>Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies</i></b>				
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U		U	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U		U	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	U		U	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U		U	
___ American Woodcock	U		U	U
<b><i>Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers</i></b>				
___ Laughing Gull	O	O	O	O
___ Ring-billed Gull	U		O	U
___ Forster's Tern	O	O	O	
___ Least Tern	O	O	O	
<b><i>Pigeons and Doves</i></b>				
___ Mourning Dove	C	U	U	U
<b><i>Cuckoos</i></b>				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	O		O	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C	

SP S F W

**Typical Owls**

\_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl

U U U U

\_\_\_ Great Horned Owl

U U U U

\_\_\_ Barred Owl

C C C C

**Goatsuckers**

\_\_\_ Common Nighthawk

U O O

**Swifts**

\_\_\_ Chimney Swift

C C C

**Hummingbirds**

\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

C C C

**Kingfishers**

\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher

U O U U

**Woodpeckers**

\_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker

C C C C

\_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker

C C C C

\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

U C C C

\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker

C C C C

\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker

C C C C

\_\_\_ Northern Flicker

C U C C

\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker

C C C C

**Tyrant Flycatchers**

\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher

R C R

\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee

C C U

\_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher

C C C

\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe

U C C

\_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher

C C U

\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird

U U U

**Shrikes**

\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike

O O

**Vireos**

\_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo

C C C U

\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo

C C C

\_\_\_ Blue-headed Vireo

U U U

\_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo

C C C

**Jays and Crows**

\_\_\_ Blue Jay

C C C C

\_\_\_ American Crow

C C C C

\_\_\_ Fish Crow

C C C C

**Swallows**

\_\_\_ Purple Martin

C U U

\_\_\_ Tree Swallow

C C O

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	C	U	
___Barn Swallow	U	C	R	
<b><i>Chickadees and Titmice</i></b>				
___Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C
___Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C
<b><i>Creepers</i></b>				
___Brown Creeper	R		U	U
<b><i>Wrens</i></b>				
___Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C
___House Wren	U		U	C
___Winter Wren	U		U	U
___Sedge Wren	U		U	U
<b><i>Kinglets</i></b>				
___Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		R	U
___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
<b><i>Gnatcatchers</i></b>				
___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C	C
<b><i>Thrushes</i></b>				
___Eastern Bluebird	O	R	O	O
___Veery	U		U	
___Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	
___Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
___Hermit Thrush	U		U	C
___Wood Thrush	C	C	C	
___American Robin	U	R	C	C
<b><i>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</i></b>				
___Gray Catbird	U	O	U	U
___Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	U
<b><i>Waxwings</i></b>				
___Cedar Waxwing	C		U	U
<b><i>Wood Warblers</i></b>				
___Blue-winged Warbler	U		U	
___Golden-winged Warbler	R		R	
___Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
___Orange-crowned Warbler	U		C	C
___Nashville Warbler	U		U	
___Northern Parula	C	C	C	
___Yellow Warbler	C		C	
___Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U	
___Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
___Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C
___Black-throated Blue Warbler	R			
___Black-throated Green Warbler	U		C	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Blackburnian Warbler	R		R	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	U	U	U	
___ Prairie Warbler	R		R	
___ Palm Warbler	U		U	U
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	R		R	
___ Cerulean Warbler	R		R	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	U		U	R
___ American Redstart	U	U	C	
___ Prothonotary Warbler	C	C	C	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	U	R	U	
___ Swainson's Warbler	U	U	U	
___ Ovenbird	U		U	
___ Northern Waterthrush	U		U	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	R		R	
___ Kentucky Warbler	U	U	U	
___ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C
___ Hooded Warbler	C	C	C	
___ Wilson's Warbler	U		U	U
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	C	C	C	
<b><i>Tanagers</i></b>				
___ Summer Tanager	C	C	C	
___ Scarlet Tanager	O		O	
<b><i>Emberizids</i></b>				
___ Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	C
___ Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Song Sparrow	U		U	U
___ Swamp Sparrow	C		C	C
___ White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Dark-eyed Junco	U		U	U
<b><i>Cardinals, Saltators and Allies</i></b>				
___ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		U	
___ Blue Grosbeak	C		C	
___ Indigo Bunting	C	C	C	
___ Painted Bunting	C	C	C	
<b><i>Blackbirds</i></b>				
___ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
___ Common Grackle	C	C	C	C
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	C
___ Orchard Oriole	C	C	U	
___ Baltimore Oriole	U		U	
<b><i>Finches</i></b>				
___ American Goldfinch	C		U	C





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