

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bond Swamp

*National Wildlife Refuge
Bird List*



Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is located along the Ocmulgee River in Bibb and Twiggs counties, approximately six miles south of Macon. The Refuge was established in 1989 to protect, maintain and enhance the ecosystem of the Ocmulgee River floodplain. The Refuge currently consists of 6,500 acres situated along the fall line separating the piedmont from the coastal plains region, and contains wetlands associated with the Ocmulgee River floodplain and some adjoining uplands. Please use caution as some roads may flood and become impassable to vehicles.

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*This blue goose,
designed by
J. N. "Ding"
Darling, has
become a symbol
of the
National
Wildlife
Refuge
System.*

A Bird Haven

In order to preserve and protect a diverse, threatened wetland ecosystem, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchased approximately 5,400 acres in 1989 to establish Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. The area is rich in wildlife diversity and provides optimal habitat for a large variety of nesting, migrating, and wintering birds. Many of these species are neotropical migrants whose populations have been declining due to the phenomenal loss of forested wetlands. Bond Swamp NWR's objectives are to preserve the wetlands which serve as habitat for endangered species, migratory birds, and native wildlife and to provide compatible, wildlife related educational and recreational opportunities for the general public.

Viewing Tips

The observation of birds in their natural habitat is becoming an increasingly popular recreational activity. Viewing entertainment can be greatly enhanced if binoculars or a spotting scope is used.

This equipment assists in bird identification and enables one to observe the birds from a distance, thus minimizing disturbance. Birds are most active during the early morning and late afternoon periods, so this is the best time to birdwatch.

photo: F. Eugene Hester





Except for a short time during managed deer and hog hunts, most of the refuge is open for bird watching. Please call for hunt dates.

Access to the refuge is accomplished by three hiking trails and a road system. Parking is available at the Stone Creek Kiosk and the Longleaf Pine Trail parking lots. During wet seasons of the year, accessibility may be limited or prohibited due to flooding.

Checklist Notes

The following list contains over 200 species of birds which have been noted on or adjacent to Bond Swamp NWR. Besides U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel, reliable volunteers in the field have contributed many of the observations. This list will be updated periodically to include new sightings or changes. Visitors making noteworthy observations are urged to inform the Refuge Manager of details; such as species seen, where it was seen, date it was seen, and who saw it.

Season Symbols

SP - Spring, March through May

S - Summer, June through August

F - Fall, September through November

W - Winter, December through February

Abundance Symbols

C - Common, certain to be seen in suitable habitat

O - Occasional, present but not certain to be seen

U - Uncommon, seen a few times during a season

R - Rare, known to be present but not every year

* - Birds known to nest locally

• - Endangered species

	SP	S	F	W
Grebes				
___ Horned Grebe				R
___ Pied-billed Grebe	0	0	0	0
Cormorants and Darters				
___ Double-crested Cormorant		R	0	0
___ *Anhinga	0	0		
Bitterns, Herons, Ibises and Storks				
___ American Bittern.....	0	0		
___ Least Bittern.....	0	0		
___ *Great Blue Heron.....	0	0	0	0
___ *Great Egret.....	0	0	0	0
___ Snowy Egret.....	R	R		
___ *Little Blue Heron.....	0	0	0	0
___ Tricolored Heron	R	R		
___ Cattle Egret.....		0		
___ *Green Heron.....	0	0	0	
___ Black-crowned Night Heron.....		0	0	
___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron.....		0	0	
___ White Ibis.....	U	U	0	
___ • Wood Stork.....	R			
Geese and Ducks				
___ Canada Goose.....				U
___ *Wood Duck.....	C	C	C	C
___ Green-winged Teal.....			0	0
___ American Black Duck.....			C	C
___ *Mallard.....	C	0	C	C
___ Northern Pintail.....			0	0
___ Blue-winged Teal.....			0	0
___ Northern Shoveler.....	U		0	0
___ Gadwall.....			0	0
___ American Wigeon.....	U		0	0
___ Canvasback.....	R		U	U
___ Redhead.....	R		U	U
___ Ring-necked Duck.....	C		C	C
___ Lesser Scaup.....	C		C	C
___ Common Goldeneye.....	R		R	R
___ Bufflehead.....	U		0	0
___ Hooded Merganser.....	U	R	0	C
___ Red-breasted Merganser.....	R		R	U
___ Ruddy Duck.....	U		0	0
Vultures, Kites, Hawks, Eagles and Falcons				
___ *Black Vulture.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Turkey Vulture.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Osprey.....	0	U	0	0
___ Swallow-tailed Kite.....	R	R		
___ *Mississippi Kite.....	U	U		
___ • *Bald Eagle.....	0	U	0	0
___ Northern Harrier.....	U		0	0
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	U		0	0

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ *Cooper's Hawk.....	U	R	U	U
___ *Red-shouldered Hawk.....	C	O	C	C
___ Broad-winged Hawk.....	R	U	R	
___ *Red-tailed Hawk.....	C	O	C	C
___ American Kestrel.....	C	R	O	C
___ Merlin.....				R
___ Peregrine Falcon.....				R

Turkeys and Quail

___ *Wild Turkey.....	O	O	O	O
___ *Northern Bobwhite.....	O	O	O	O

Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes

___ Black Rail.....		R		
___ King Rail.....	O	O		
___ Virginia Rail.....	O			O
___ Sora.....		U		
___ Common Moorhen.....				R
___ American Coot.....	O		C	C
___ Sandhill Crane.....	U		U	U

Plovers and Sandpipers

___ *Killdeer.....	O	O	O	O
___ Spotted Sandpiper.....	O	U	O	O
___ Common Snipe.....	U		U	U
___ *American Woodcock.....	O	O	O	O

Gulls and Terns

___ Ring-billed Gull.....	R		R	R
___ Herring Gull.....	R		R	
___ Black Tern.....			R	

Pigeons and Doves

___ *Rock Dove.....	O	O	O	O
___ *Mourning Dove.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Common Ground Dove.....	U	U	U	U

Cuckoos

___ Black-billed Cuckoo.....	R		R	
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	C	C	C	O

Owls

___ *Barn Owl.....	U	U	U	U
___ *Eastern Screech- Owl.....	O	O	O	O
___ *Great Horned Owl.....	O	O	O	O
___ *Barred Owl.....	O	O	O	C

Goatsuckers and Nightjars

___ *Common Nighthawk.....	O	C		
___ *Chuck-will's widow.....	O	C		
___ *Whip-poor will.....	O	C	O	

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Swifts				
___ *Chimney Swift.....	C	C	C	
Hummingbirds				
___ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	O	O	O	
Kingfishers				
___ *Belted Kingfisher.....	C	C	C	C
Woodpeckers				
___ *Red-headed Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	O		O	O
___ *Downy Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Hairy Woodpecker.....	O	O	O	O
___ *Northern Flicker.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Pileated Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
Tyrant Flycatchers				
___ *Eastern Wood pewee.....		C	C	C
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....		R		R
___ *Acadian Flycatcher.....	C	C	C	
___ Least Flycatcher.....	U		U	
___ *Eastern Phoebe.....	C		C	C
___ *Great Crested Flycatcher.....	C	C	C	
___ *Eastern Kingbird.....	C	C	C	
Shrikes				
___ *Loggerhead Shrike.....	U	U	U	U
Swallows				
___ *Purple Martin.....	O	O	O	
___ Tree Swallow.....	U	U	R	R
___ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow. ...	O	O	U	U
___ Bank Swallow.....	U		U	
___ Cliff Swallow.....	O	O	O	
___ *Barn Swallow.....	O	O	U	
Vireos				
___ *White-eyed Vireo.....	C	C	C	R
___ *Blue-headed Vireo.....	O	R	O	O
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo.....		C	C	C
___ Philadelphia Vireo.....	R		R	
___ *Red-eyed Vireo.....	C	C	C	
Jays and Crows				
___ *Blue Jay.....	C	C	C	C
___ *American Crow.....	C	C	C	C
___ Fish Crow.....	U	R	C	C
Chickadees and Titmice				
___ *Carolina Chickadee.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Tufted Titmouse.....	C	C	C	C

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Nuthatches and Creepers				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch.....			R	R
___ *White-breasted Nuthatch.....	O	O	O	O
___ *Brown-headed Nuthatch.....	C	C	C	C
___ Brown Creeper.....	U		U	U
Wrens				
___ *Carolina Wren.....	C	C	C	C
___ House Wren.....	R		U	U
___ Winter Wren.....				U
___ Sedge Wren.....				R
___ Marsh Wren.....				R
Gnatcatchers, Kinglets and Thrushes				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	U		U	C
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	O		O	C
___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	C	C	C	O
___ *Eastern Bluebird.....	C	C	C	C
___ Veery.....	O		O	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush.....	U		U	
___ Swainson's Thrush.....	O		O	
___ Hermit Thrush.....	U		U	C
___ *Wood Thrush.....	C	C	C	
___ *American Robin.....	C	C	C	C
Mockingbirds and Thrashers				
___ *Gray Catbird.....	O	O	O	U
___ *Northern Mockingbird.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Brown Thrasher.....	C	C	C	C
Pipits				
___ American Pipit.....	U		U	U
Waxwings				
___ Cedar Waxwing.....	U		U	O
Starlings				
___ *European Starling.....	C	C	C	C
Wood Warblers				
___ Blue-winged Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Golden-winged Warbler.....		U		U
___ Tennessee Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler.....			U	O
___ *Northern Parula.....	C	C	C	
___ Yellow Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler.....		U		U
___ Magnolia Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Cape May Warbler.....	R		R	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler.....		U		U
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	C		C	C
___ Black-throated Green Warbler.....	O		O	

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___ Blackburnian Warbler.....	U		U	
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler.....	O	O	O	U
___ *Pine Warbler.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Prairie Warbler.....	C	C	C	
___ Palm Warbler.....	O		O	U
___ Bay-breasted Warbler.....		R		R
___ Blackpoll Warbler.....	U			
___ Cerulean Warbler.....	R		R	
___ *Black-and-white Warbler.....	O	O	O	R
___ *American Redstart.....	C	U	C	
___ *Prothonotary Warbler.....	C	C	C	
___ Worm-eating Warbler.....	O		O	
___ *Swainson's Warbler	O	O	O	
___ Ovenbird	U		U	
___ Northern Waterthrush	U		U	
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush	O	U	O	
___ *Kentucky Warbler	C	C	C	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C
___ *Hooded Warbler	C	C	C	
___ Wilson's Warbler			R	
___ Canada Warbler			R	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat.....	O	O	O	

Tanagers

___ *Summer Tanager	C	C	C	
___ Scarlet Tanager.....	U		U	

Grosbeaks, Sparrows and Buntings

___ *Northern Cardinal.....	C	C	C	C
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	U		U	
___ *Blue Grosbeak.....	O	O	O	
___ *Indigo Bunting.....	C	C	C	
___ Painted Bunting.....	R	R	R	
___ *Dickcissel.....	R	R	R	
___ *Eastern Towhee.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Chipping Sparrow.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Field Sparrow.....	C	C	C	C
___ Vesper Sparrow.....				O
___ Savannah Sparrow.....	U		U	C
___ Fox Sparrow.....	U		U	U
___ Song Sparrow.....	C		C	C
___ Swamp Sparrow.....	C		C	C
___ White-throated Sparrow.....	C		C	C
___ White-crowned Sparrow.....	R		R	R
___ Dark-eyed Junco.....	C		C	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	R			

Blackbirds and Orioles

___ Bobolink.....	U		R	
___ *Red-winged Blackbird.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Eastern Meadowlark.....	C	C	C	C
___ Rusty Blackbird.....				O

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___ Brewer's Blackbird.....				R
___ *Common Grackle.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird.....	C	C	C	C
___ *Orchard Oriole.....	O	O	O	
___ Baltimore Oriole.....	U	R	U	R

Finches

___ Purple Finch.....	U		U	U
___ *House Finch.....	C	C	C	C
___ Pine Siskin.....	R			R
___ *American Goldfinch.....	C	U	U	C
___ Evening Grosbeak.....	R			R

Old World Sparrows

___ *House Sparrow.....	C	C	C	C
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Sighting Notes

Date _____ *Time* _____ *Weather* _____

No. of species _____

Route or area _____

Observers _____

Remarks _____



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