

# Okefenokee

## *National Wildlife Refuge Bird List*



*How to use  
your checklist*

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

*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)
- \* known or suspected to have nested on refuge or known to nest locally.

This checklist includes 234 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.

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Loons</b>				
___ Common Loon	r		r	r
<b>Grebes</b>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe	c	r	c	c
___ Horned Grebe	o		o	o
<b>Pelicans and their Allies</b>				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	o	r	o	o
___ Anhinga*	c	c	c	c
<b>Hérons, Egrets and Allies</b>				
___ American Bittern	u	u	u	c
___ Least Bittern*	o	o	r	
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret*	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Egret*	u	u	u	o
___ Little Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ Tricolored Heron*	o	o	o	o
___ Cattle Egret*	c	c	c	
___ Green-backed Heron*	c	c	c	o
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	o	c	c
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	u
<b>Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork</b>				
___ White Ibis*	c	a	a	c
___ Glossy Ibis	r		r	r
___ Wood Stork*	o	c	c	o
<b>Waterfowl</b>				
___ Canada Goose	o		o	o
___ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	c
___ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
___ American Black Duck	o		o	o
___ Mallard	c		c	c
___ Northern Pintail	u		u	u
___ Blue-winged Teal	u	u	u	o
___ Northern Shoveler	u		u	u
___ Gadwall	o		o	o
___ American Wigeon	u		u	u
___ Canvasback	r		r	r
___ Redhead	o		o	o
___ Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
___ Lesser Scaup	u		u	u
___ Common Goldeneye	r		r	r
___ Bufflehead	r		r	r
___ Hooded Merganser*	c	r	c	c
___ Red-breasted Merganser	r		r	r
___ Ruddy Duck	o		o	o
<b>Vultures, Hawks and Allies</b>				
___ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Osprey*	u	u	r	r
___ American Swallow-tailed Kite	u	u	u	
___ Bald Eagle	o		o	o
___ Northern Harrier	u		u	u
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	o		o	o
___ Cooper's Hawk	o	r	o	o
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	u	r	u	u
___ Golden Eagle	r		r	r
___ American Kestrel*	c	o	c	c
___ Merlin	r		r	r
___ Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r

### Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)

___ Wild Turkey*	c	u	c	u
___ Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c

### Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes

___ King Rail*	r	r	r	r
___ Virginia Rail	r		r	
___ Sora	r		r	
___ Purple Gallinule*	u	u	u	u
___ Common Moorhen*	u	u	u	u
___ American Coot	u		u	u
___ Sandhill Crane*	c	c	c	c

### Shorebirds

___ Killdeer	c		c	c
___ Greater Yellowlegs	u		u	o
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	o
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	
___ Willet	r		r	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	o
___ Sanderling	o		o	o
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	o		o	o
___ Western Sandpiper	r		r	r
___ Dunlin	r		r	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	o		o	o
___ Common Snipe	c		c	c
___ American Woodcock	u	r	u	u
___ Herring Gull	r		r	r
___ Black Tern	r	r	r	

### Pigeons, Doves

___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
___ Common Ground-Dove*	c	c	c	c

**Cuckoos**

___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	c	

**Owls**

___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c

**Goatsuckers**

___ Common Nighthawk*	c	c	c	
___ Chuck-will's-widow*	c	c	c	
___ Whip-poor-will	o		o	r

**Swifts, Hummingbirds**

___ Chimney Swift	c	c	c	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u	

**Kingfishers**

___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	u	c	c
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**Woodpeckers**

___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	c	u	c	u
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c		c	c
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c

**Flycatchers**

___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	u	u	u	
___ Eastern Phoebe	c		c	c
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	

**Martins and Swallows**

___ Purple Martin*	r	u	c	o
___ Tree Swallow	c		a	c
___ Barn Swallow	c	u	c	

**Jays and Crows**

___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ American Crow*	u	u	u	u
___ Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c

**Chickadees and Titmice**

___ Carolina Chickadee*	u	u	u	u
___ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c

**Nuthatches**

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	r			r
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	r	r	r	r
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c

**Creepers**

___ Brown Creeper	o		o	o
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**Wrens**

___ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
___ Bewick's Wren	r		r	r
___ House Wren	u		u	u
___ Winter Wren	u		u	u
___ Sedge Wren	u		u	u
___ Marsh Wren	o		o	o

**Kinglets and Gnatcatchers**

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	a		a	a
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	u	u	u	o

**Bluebirds, Thrushes and Robin**

___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
___ Veery	u		u	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
___ Swainson's Thrush	r		r	
___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___ Wood Thrush*	u	u	u	
___ American Robin	c		a	a

**Thrashers**

___ Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	c

**Starling**

___ European Starling	o	o	o	o
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**Waxwings**

___ American Pipit	o		o	o
___ Cedar Waxwing	c		u	c

**Shrike**

___ Loggerhead Shrike*	c	c	c	c
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**Vireos**

___ White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	u
___ Solitary Vireo	u		u	u
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	r	r	r	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	u	u	u	

**Warblers**

___ Blue-winged Warbler	r		o	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	o		o	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	u
___ Northern Parula*	c	c	c	r
___ Yellow Warbler	u		u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler			r	
___ Magnolia Warbler	r		u	
___ Cape May Warbler	u		u	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a	a
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	r		r	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	c	c	c	c
___ Pine Warbler*	c	u	c	c
___ Prairie Warbler	u		u	o
___ Palm Warbler	c		c	c
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u		u	
___ Cerulean Warbler	r		r	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	u	o	u	o
___ American Redstart	c	r	c	
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	u		u	r
___ Swainson's Warbler*	r	r	r	
___ Ovenbird	u		u	
___ Northern Waterthrush	r		r	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	o	r	o	
___ Kentucky Warbler	o		o	
___ Connecticut Warbler	o		r	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	u	c	c
___ Hooded Warbler*	u	u	u	
___ Canada Warbler	r		r	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	r		r	

**Tanagers**

___ Summer Tanager*	u	u	u	
___ Scarlet Tanager	r	r		

**New World Finches**

___ Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r		r	
___ Blue Grosbeak	r	r	r	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Indigo Bunting	u	o	u	
___ Painted Bunting	o			

### Sparrows

___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	c	c	c	c
___ Bachman's Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
___ Chipping Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Field Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Vesper Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Savannah Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	o		o	o
___ Henslow's Sparrow	o		o	o
___ Fox Sparrow	u		u	u
___ Song Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
___ Dark-eyed Junco	r			r

### Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles

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

### Finches

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

### Weaver Finches

___ House Sparrow*	r	r	r	r
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*The following  
species are of  
very rare or  
accidental  
occurrence*

American White Pelican  
Laughing Gull  
Brown Pelican  
Arctic Tern  
Roseate Spoonbill  
Forster's Tern  
Tundra Swan  
Rock Dove  
Snow Goose



Common Barn Owl  
Eurasian Wigeon  
Ivory-billed Woodpecker (formerly)  
Greater Scaup  
Common Merganser  
Vermilion Flycatcher  
Mississippi Kite  
Western Kingbird  
Rough-Legged Hawk  
Gray Kingbird  
Yellow Rail  
Bachman's Warbler  
Clapper Rail  
American Tree Sparrow  
Limpkin  
Lark Sparrow  
Semipalmated Plover  
Le Conte's Sparrow  
Whimbrel  
House Finch

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*Ethics for  
Birdwatching*

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.

Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

*Do not litter*

Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

Sighting Notes

*Date*

*Time*

*Weather*

*No. of species*

*Route or area*

*Observers*





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