

Santee

National Wildlife Refuge Bird List



*Santee National
Wildlife Refuge*



The Santee National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1942 as a refuge for migratory waterfowl, lies in the upper coastal plains of central South Carolina in Clarendon County, approximately seven miles south of Summerton on Highway 301.

The refuge is comprised of 15, 095 acres of mixed hardwoods, mixed pine-hardwoods, pine plantations, marsh, croplands, old fields, ponds, impoundments, and open waters located in four separate management units along Lake Marion, a hydroelectric reservoir. This diversity of habitats on Santee supports a wide variety of birds.

This list of 296 species is based on records and observations by refuge personnel, state biologists, and visiting birders and on a literature search of appropriate publications. Person having information regarding species not listed are urged to contact the Refuge Manager, Santee National Wildlife Refuge, Route 2, Box 370, Summerton, South Carolina 29148, phone 803/478 2217.



Since most birds are migratory, species use of the refuge is indicated by the following code:



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)

* - Breeds on refuge

*Seasonal
Appearance*

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

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Loons				
_____ Red-throated Loon	ac		ac	
_____ Common Loon				u
Grebes				
_____ Pied-billed Grebe*	u	o	c	a
_____ Horned Grebe				u
_____ Red-necked Grebe				ac
_____ Eared Grebe				ac
Pelicans, Cormorants & Darters				
_____ American White Pelican				ac
_____ Double-crested Cormorant	c	u	c	a
_____ Anhinga*	c	a	c	u
Bitterns, Herons, & Egrets				
_____ American Bittern	r			u
_____ Least Bittern*	u	u	u	
_____ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	a	c
_____ Great Egret	c	c	a	c
_____ Snowy Egret	o	u	u	r
_____ Little Blue Heron	o	u	u	r
_____ Tricolored Heron	u	u	u	
_____ Cattle Egret	a	a	a	r
_____ Green Heron*	a	a	a	r
_____ Black-crowned Night Heron	r	r	r	r
_____ Yellow-crowned Night Heron	c	c	c	
Ibises				
_____ White Ibis	o	o	o	r
_____ Glossy Ibis	ac		ac	
Storks				
_____ Wood Stork	r	r	o	
New World Vultures				
_____ Black Vulture	u	u	u	u
_____ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c
Waterfowl				
_____ Fulvous Whistling-Duck				ac
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose				u
_____ Snow Goose				u
_____ Ross's Goose				ac
_____ Canada Goose				c
_____ Barnacle Goose				ac

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
_____ Mute Swan				ac
_____ Tundra Swan				u
_____ Wood Duck*	a	a	a	a
_____ Gadwall				c
_____ Eurasian Wigeon				ac
_____ American Wigeon				c
_____ American Black Duck	r			o
_____ Mallard	o	o	u	a
_____ Blue-winged Teal	o		c	o
_____ Cinnamon Teal				ac
_____ Northern Shoveler	r			c
_____ Northern Pintail				o
_____ Green-winged Teal	r			a
_____ Canvasback				u
_____ Redhead				u
_____ Ring-necked Duck	r			c
_____ Greater Scaup				r
_____ Lesser Scaup				o
_____ White-winged Scoter				ac
_____ Bufflehead				c
_____ Common Goldeneye				r
_____ Hooded Merganser				c
_____ Common Merganser				ac
_____ Red-breasted Merganser				o
_____ Ruddy Duck				u

Hawks, Eagles and Kites

_____ Osprey*	c	c	c	u
_____ Swallow-tailed Kite	ac		ac	
_____ Mississippi Kite	o	o		
_____ Bald Eagle*	c	u	u	c
_____ Northern Harrier	o		o	c
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	o		o	u
_____ Cooper's Hawk	r	r	r	u
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
_____ Broad-winged Hawk	o		o	ac
_____ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
_____ Rough-legged Hawk				ac
_____ Golden Eagle				ac

True Falcons

_____ American Kestrel	r		o	c
_____ Merlin	r		r	ac
_____ Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r

Turkey and New World Quail

_____ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Bobwhite*	u	u	u	u

Rails, Gallinues, Coots & Cranes

_____ Yellow Rail	ac			ac
_____ Black Rail	ac			ac

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
King Rail*	o	o	o	o
Virginia Rail	r			o
Sora	r			o
Purple Gallinule*	u	u		
Common Moorhen*	a	a	a	c
American Coot	u	o	o	a
Sandhill Crane				ac

Plovers

Black-bellied Plover	r		r	
American Golden-Plover	ac		ac	
Wilson's Plover	ac		ac	
Semipalmated Plover	u		u	
Piping Plover	ac		ac	
Killdeer*	c	c	c	c

Avocets and Sandpipers

American Avocet				ac
Greater Yellowlegs	o		o	o
Lesser Yellowlegs	r		r	r
Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	
Willet	r		r	
Spotted Sandpiper	o		o	r
Upland Sandpiper	ac		ac	
Whimbrel	ac		ac	
Marbled Godwhit	ac		ac	
Ruddy Turnstone	ac		ac	
Red Knot	ac		ac	
Sanderling	ac		ac	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	r		r	
Western Sandpiper	r			
Least Sandpiper	u		u	r
White-rumped Sandpiper	r		r	
Baird's Sandpiper	ac		ac	
Pectoral Sandpiper	o		u	
Dunlin	r		r	ac
Stilt Sandpiper	r		r	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	ac		ac	
Ruff	ac		ac	
Short-billed Dowitcher	u		u	
Long-billed Dowitcher				ac
Common Snipe	o		r	c
American Woodcock*	o	o	o	u
Wilson's Phalarope	ac		ac	

Gulls, Terns, & Skimmers

Laughing Gull	o	o	u	r
Franklin's Gull				ac
Bonaparte's Gull	r			u
Ring-billed Gull	c	r	c	c
Herring Gull	u	r	u	u
Caspian Tern	o		o	r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
_____ Royal Tern	r		r	
_____ Common Tern	ac		ac	ac
_____ Forster's Tern	r		o	u
_____ Least Tern	o	r	o	
_____ Black Tern	r		r	
_____ Black Skimmer			ac	

Pigeons, Doves & Cuckoos

_____ Rock Dove*	c	c	c	c
_____ Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	a
_____ Common Ground-Dove	ac	ac	ac	ac
_____ Black-billed Cuckoo	ac		ac	
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	

Owls

_____ Barn Owl*	o	o	o	o
_____ Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c
_____ Great Horned Owl*	c	c	c	c
_____ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
_____ Long-eared Owl				ac
_____ Short-eared Owl	ac			ac
_____ Northern Saw-whet Owl				ac

Nightjars

_____ Common Nighthawk*	u	o	u	
_____ Chuck-will's Widow*	c	c	u	
_____ Whip-poor-will*	c	c	u	ac

Swifts, Hummingbirds & Kingfishers

_____ Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	u	c	
_____ Belted Kingfisher*	u	o	u	c

Woodpeckers

_____ Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o		r	c
_____ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
_____ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
_____ Red-cockaded Woodpecker	ac	ac	ac	ac
_____ Northern Flicker*	c	u	c	a
_____ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c

Tyrant Flycatchers

_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher	ac		ac	
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	
_____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	ac		ac	
_____ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
_____ Willow Flycatcher	r		r	
_____ Least Flycatcher	ac		ac	
_____ Eastern Phoebe	o		o	c
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c	
_____ Western Kingbird			ac	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
_____ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	
_____ Gray Kingbird			ac	
_____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			ac	
Shrikes				
_____ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
Vireos				
_____ White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	u
_____ Bell's Vireo			ac	
_____ Blue-headed Vireo	o		o	c
_____ Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	c	
_____ Warbling Vireo*	o	o	o	
_____ Philadelphia Vireo			ac	
_____ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
Jays & Crows				
_____ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
_____ American Crow*	a	a	a	a
_____ Fish Crow*	a	a	c	r
Larks & Swallows				
_____ Horned Lark				ac
_____ Purple Martin*	c	c	u	
_____ Tree Swallow	a	ac	a	r
_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	u	
_____ Bank Swallow	o	u	o	
_____ Barn Swallow*	a	a	a	
_____ Cliff Swallow	o	u	o	
Titmice, Nuthatches & Creepers				
_____ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
_____ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch*				r
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
_____ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
_____ Brown Creeper				u
Wrens				
_____ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
_____ Bewick's Wren			ac	
_____ House Wren	o			c
_____ Winter Wren				u
_____ Sedge Wren	o			u
_____ Marsh Wren*	u	u	u	u
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers				
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet			o	u
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		o	a
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	u

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Thrushes				
_____ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
_____ Veery	u		u	
_____ Gray-cheeked Thrush	r		r	
_____ Bicknell's Thrush	r		r	
_____ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
_____ Hermit Thrush	u		o	c
_____ Wood Thrush*	u	u	u	
_____ American Robin	u	u	c	c
Mockingbirds & Thrashers				
_____ Gray Catbird	u	o	u	u
_____ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
_____ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	c
Starling				
_____ European Starling*	c	c	a	a
Pipits				
_____ American Pipit	r		o	u
_____ Sprague's Pipit			ac	
Waxwings				
_____ Cedar Waxwing	o		r	c
Wood Warblers				
_____ Blue-winged Warbler	r		r	
_____ Golden-winged Warbler	r		r	
_____ Tennessee Warbler	o		u	
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler	o		r	u
_____ Nashville Warbler	r		r	
_____ Northern Parula*	c	c	c	
_____ Yellow Warbler	c		c	ac
_____ Chestnut-sided Warbler	o		u	
_____ Magnolia Warbler	o		u	
_____ Cape May Warbler	u		u	
_____ Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u	
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	o		o	a
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler	o		u	
_____ Blackburnian Warbler	o		u	
_____ Yellow-throated Warbler*	c	c	c	r
_____ Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c
_____ Kirkland's Warbler	ac		ac	
_____ Prairie Warbler*	c	u	u	r
_____ Palm Warbler	o		o	u
_____ Bay-breasted Warbler	o		u	
_____ Blackpoll Warbler	u		r	
_____ Cerulean Warbler	r		r	
_____ Black-and-white Warbler	u	o	u	o
_____ American Redstart	u	r	u	
_____ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	c	
_____ Worm-eating Warbler	u		u	

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_____ Swainson's Warbler*	u	u	o	
_____ Ovenbird	u		u	
_____ Northern Waterthrush	u		u	
_____ Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u	u	
_____ Kentucky Warbler*	u	u	u	
_____ Connecticut Warbler			r	
_____ Mourning Warbler	r		r	
_____ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	c
_____ Hooded Warbler*	c	c	c	
_____ Wilson's Warbler	o		o	r
_____ Canada Warbler	u		u	
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	u	

Tanagers

_____ Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	
_____ Scarlet Tanager	o		u	
_____ Western Tanager				ac

Emberizids

_____ Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	c
_____ Bachman's Sparrow*	r	r	r	ac
_____ Chipping Sparrow*	c	u	c	c
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow			ac	
_____ Field Sparrow*	c	u	c	c
_____ Vesper Sparrow				o
_____ Lark Sparrow			ac	
_____ Savannah Sparrow	u		u	c
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow	ac			ac
_____ Henslow's Sparrow	ac			ac
_____ LeConte's Sparrow	r			r
_____ Fox Sparrow			r	u
_____ Song Sparrow	o		o	c
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow				r
_____ Swamp Sparrow	o		o	c
_____ White-throated Sparrow	o		o	c
_____ White-crowned Sparrow				r
_____ Dark-eyed Junco	o		r	c

Cardinals & Allies

_____ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
_____ Blue Grosbeak*	c	c	c	
_____ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
_____ Painted Bunting*	u	u	o	
_____ Dickcissel*	r	r	r	

Blackbirds

_____ Bobolink	u		u	
_____ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	u
_____ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	u
_____ Western Meadowlark			ac	
_____ Yellow-headed Blackbird			ac	
_____ Rusty Blackbird	o			u
_____ Brewer's Blackbird				ac

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
_____ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	a
_____ Boat-tailed Grackle	r	r	r	ac
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	a
_____ Orchard Oriole*	c	c	c	
_____ Baltimore Oriole	o		o	

Carduline Finches

_____ Purple Sparrow				o
_____ House Finch*	u	u	u	u
_____ Pine Siskin	r			o
_____ American Goldfinch	r	r	r	c
_____ Evening Grosbeak				r

Old World Sparrows

_____ House Sparrow	o	o	o	o
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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.



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