

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# St. Vincent

## *National Wildlife Refuge Bird List*



*photo: Monica Harris  
Great Egret*

St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge includes the 12,300 acre, undeveloped, St. Vincent Island and an 86 acre mainland tract in Franklin County, Florida, as well as the 45 acre Pig Island in St. Joe Bay, Gulf County, Florida. The diversity in habitats fosters a diversity of bird species. The triangular-shaped St. Vincent Island is wider (four miles) than most other barrier islands in the area. The nine miles of Gulf beaches are good for observation of shorebirds, gulls, terns, and fish eating raptors such as Bald Eagles and Ospreys.

Large expanses of both salt and fresh water marshes and bayous provide good viewing of many species of water birds, including divers, waders, shorebirds and ducks. The interior ridge and swale system provides habitat for a wide variety of passerines and raptors. The oak ridges along the Gulf provide excellent habitat for neotropical migrants. In addition, the refuge represents the western limit of breeding range for American Oystercatchers, Scott's Seaside Sparrows and Boat-tailed Grackles in Florida.

The seasons bring about marked changes in both species and abundance of birdlife. Best opportunities for observing the greatest variety and number of birds occur during the fall and spring. Waterfowl are most easily seen on the refuge from mid-November through late December. Shorebirds are most common during late spring and early fall.

Bald Eagle and shorebird nesting areas are posted and closed to the public. Please honor these signs. Enjoy your visit!



photo: Monica Harris

*Willet*



*Common Moorhen*

### **Seasonal appearance**

<b>SP</b> -Spring:	March - May
<b>S</b> -Summer:	June - August
<b>F</b> -Fall:	September - November
<b>W</b> -Winter:	December - February

### **Seasonal abundance**

<b>a</b> -abundant	A common species which is very numerous
<b>c</b> -common	Certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
<b>u</b> -uncommon	Present, but not certain to be seen
<b>o</b> -occasional	Seen only a few times during a season
<b>r</b> -rare	Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years
<b>x</b> -accidental	Generally considered out of species normal range
<b>*</b>	Has nested on refuge
<b>+</b>	No longer occur on refuge
<b>@</b>	Exotic species not native to the area

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Waterfowl</b>				
__ Snow Goose			u	o
__ Canada Goose	r		r	r
__ Wood Duck*	c	c	a	a
__ Gadwall	u		u	u
__ American Wigeon	u		u	u
__ American Black Duck	r		r	o
__ Mallard	o		o	u
__ Mottled Duck		r	r	r
__ Blue-winged Teal	c	u	c	u
__ Northern Shoveler	u		u	u
__ Northern Pintail	o		o	o
__ Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
__ Canvasback	o		o	o
__ Redhead	u		u	u
__ Ring-necked Duck	u		u	u
__ Greater Scaup	o	r	o	o
__ Lesser Scaup	c	o	c	c
__ Surf Scoter	u		o	u
__ White-winged Scoter	u		o	u
__ Black Scoter	u		o	u
__ Bufflehead	c		c	c
__ Common Goldeneye	u		u	u
__ Hooded Merganser	u		c	c
__ Red-breasted Merganser	c	o	c	c
__ Ruddy Duck	o		o	o
<b>Gallinaceous birds (Quails, Turkeys, and Allies)</b>				
__ Wild Turkey*	r	r	r	r
__ Northern Bobwhite*	r	r	r	r
<b>Loons</b>				
__ Red-Throated Loon				r
__ Common Loon	c	r	u	c
<b>Grebes</b>				
__ Pied-billed Grebe*	u	r	o	u
__ Horned Grebe	u	r	o	u
<b>Gannets, Pelicans, and Allies</b>				
__ Brown Booby		x		
__ Northern Gannet	u	r	o	u
__ American White Pelican	u	r	o	u
__ Brown Pelican	a	a	a	a
__ Double-crested Cormorant	a	c	a	a
__ Anhinga*	c	c	c	c
__ Magnificent Frigatebird	o	o	o	
<b>Hérons, Egrets, and Allies</b>				
__ American Bittern	o	r	o	o
__ Least Bittern*	c	c	u	r
__ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___Great White Heron		x		
___Great Egret*	a	a	a	a
___Snowy Egret*	a	a	a	a
___Little Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
___Tricolored Heron*	c	c	c	c
___Reddish Egret	o	u	u	o
___Cattle Egret*	c	c	c	r
___Green Heron*	c	c	u	u
___Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	u	u	c
___Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	r	r

### **Ibises, Spoonbills, and Storks**

___White Ibis	u	u	u	.u
___Glossy Ibis*	o	o	c	o
___Roseate Spoonbill	r	r	r	
___Wood Stork	u	u	u	o

### **Vultures, Hawks, and Allies**

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

### **Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes**

___Yellow Rail	r			
___Black Rail*	o	r	r	o
___Clapper Rail*	c	c	c	c
___King Rail	u	u	u	u
___Virginia Rail	u		u	u
___Sora	c	r	c	c
___Purple Gallinule*	o	u	o	r
___Common Moorhen*	c	a	a	o
___American Coot	c	o	c	c
___Sandhill Crane	r		o	o

### **Shorebirds**

___Black-bellied Plover	c	u	c	c
___American Golden Plover	r		r	
___Snowy Plover*	u	u	u	u
___Wilson's Plover*	o	o	o	r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
__Semipalmated Plover	c	u	c	c
__Piping Plover	o	r	o	o
__Killdeer	u	r	u	u
__American Oystercatcher*	u	u	u	u
__Black-necked Stilt*	o	o	o	
__American Avocet	o	o	o	o
__Greater Yellowlegs	u	o	u	o
__Lesser Yellowlegs	u	o	u	o
__Solitary Sandpiper	o	o	o	
__Willet*	c	c	a	a
__Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	o
__Whimbrel	o	o	o	r
__Long-billed Curlew	r		r	r
__Marbled Godwit	o	r	o	r
__Ruddy Turnstone	c	u	c	u
__Red Knot	u	u	u	u
__Sanderling	c	c	c	c
__Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	o	u	
__Western Sandpiper	u	o	c	o
__Least Sandpiper	c	c	c	c
__White-rumped Sandpiper	o	r	o	r
__Baird's Sandpiper	r			
__Pectoral Sandpiper	o	r	o	r
__Dunlin	c	r	u	c
__Stilt Sandpiper	o	o	o	r
__Buff-breasted Sandpiper	o	r	o	
__Short-billed Dowitcher	u	o	o	u
__Wilson's Snipe	o		u	o
__American Woodcock	o		o	o
__Wilson's Phalarope	r	r	r	

### **Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers**

__Laughing Gull	a	a	a	c
__Bonaparte's Gull	u		o	u
__Ring-billed Gull	c	o	c	c
__Herring Gull	u	o	u	u
__Great Black-backed Gull	r			r
__Gull-billed Tern*	o	o	o	
__Caspian Tern*	u	u	u	u
__Royal Tern	c	c	c	u
__Sandwich Tern	u	c	u	r
__Common Tern	u	u	u	r
__Forster's Tern	c	c	c	c
__Least Tern*	c	c	u	
__Sooty Tern		x	x	
__Black Tern	o	u	o	
__Black Skimmer	c	u	c	c

### **Pigeons and Doves**

__Rock Pigeon* @	r	r	r	r
__Eurasian Collared-Dove* @	o	o	o	o
__White-winged Dove	r	r	o	o

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
__Mourning Dove*	u	u	c	u
__Common Ground-Dove*	u	u	u	u
<b>Cuckoos</b>				
__Black-billed Cuckoo	r	r	r	
__Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	
__Groove-billed Ani			r	r
<b>Owls</b>				
__Barn Owl*	r	r	r	r
__Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
__Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
__Barred Owl	r	r	r	r
<b>Nightjars</b>				
__Lesser Nighthawk				r
__Common Nighthawk*	u	u	u	
__Chuck-will's-widow*	c	c	u	
__Whip-poor-will	o		o	u
<b>Swifts and Hummingbirds</b>				
__Chimney Swift*	u	u	u	
__Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	o	u	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
__Belted Kingfisher	c	u	c	c
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
__Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	o	o	o
__Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
__Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
__Downy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
__Hairy Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
__Red-cockaded Woodpecker	+	+	+	+
__Northern Flicker	u	o	u	u
__Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
<b>Flycatchers</b>				
__Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	
__Acadian Flycatcher	o	o	o	
__Willow Flycatcher	r			
__Eastern Phoebe	u		c	c
__Vermilion Flycatcher				r
__Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	o	
__Western Kingbird	r	r	r	r
__Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c	
__Gray Kingbird	r	r	r	
__Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			r	
<b>Shrikes</b>				
__Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Vireos</b>				
__ White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	u
__ Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	u
__ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	
__ Philadelphia Vireo	r			
__ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c	
__ Black-whiskered Vireo	r			
<b>Jays and Crows</b>				
__ Blue Jay*	u	u	u	u
__ American Crow	o	o	u	u
__ Fish Crow*	c	c	c	u
<b>Martins and Swallows</b>				
__ Purple Martin*	u	u	o	o
__ Tree Swallow	a	u	a	a
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	o	o	o	r
__ Bank Swallow	o	o	o	
__ Cliff Swallow*	r	r	r	
__ Cave Swallow	r			
__ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	r
<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>				
__ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
__ Tufted Titmouse*	u	u	u	u
<b>Nuthatchers</b>				
__ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
<b>Creepers</b>				
__ Brown Creeper				r
<b>Wrens</b>				
__ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
__ House Wren	o		u	u
__ Sedge Wren	u		u	u
__ Marsh Wren*	u	u	c	c
<b>Kinglets and Gnatcatchers</b>				
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	r		r	r
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	u
<b>Bluebirds, Thrashers, and Robins</b>				
__ Eastern Bluebird*	u	r	u	u
__ Veery	u		u	
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		u	
__ Swainson's Thrush	o		u	
__ Hermit Thrush	o		u	u
__ Wood Thrush	u	r	o	
__ American Robin	a		c	a



	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Mimicthrushes</b>				
__ Gray Catbird	c		a	c
__ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
__ Brown Thrasher*	u	u	c	u
<b>Starlings</b>				
__ European Starling* @	o	o	o	o
<b>Pipits</b>				
__ American Pipit			o	r
<b>Waxwings</b>				
__ Cedar Waxwing	u		u	u
<b>Warblers</b>				
__ Blue-winged Warbler	r	r	r	
__ Tennessee Warbler	r		u	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	u
__ Northern Parula*	a	a	a	o
__ Yellow Warbler	o	o	o	
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r		o	
__ Magnolia Warbler	r	r	u	
__ Cape May Warbler	u			
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	o		o	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a	a
__ Black-throated Green Warbler	o		o	
__ Blackburnian Warbler	r		o	.
__ Yellow-throated Warbler*	c	c	u	o
__ Pine Warbler*	a	a	a	a
__ Prairie Warbler	u	o	u	r
__ Palm Warbler	u		u	u
__ Bay-breasted Warbler	r		u	
__ Blackpoll Warbler	u		o	
__ Black-and-white Warbler	u	o	u	o
__ American Redstart	o	r	u	
__ Prothonotary Warbler*	u	u	o	
__ Worm-eating Warbler	o	r	u	
__ Ovenbird	o		u	r
__ Northern Waterthrush	u	r	u	
__ Louisiana Waterthrush	r	r	r	
__ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	c
__ Hooded Warbler	u	u	u	
__ Wilson's Warbler			r	r
__ Yellow-breasted Chat*	u	u	r	
<b>Tanagers</b>				
__ Summer Tanager*	c	c	c	
__ Scarlet Tanager	o		o	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>Sparrows</b>				
__ Eastern Towhee*	a	a	a	a
__ Bachman's Sparrow	u	u	o	o
__ Chipping Sparrow	u		u	u
__ Field Sparrow	u		u	u
__ Vesper Sparrow	r	r		r
__ Lark Sparrow	r		r	r
__ Savannah Sparrow	u		u	u
__ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	u		u	u
__ Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				r
__ Seaside Sparrow*	c	u	u	u
__ Song Sparrow	u		u	u
__ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c
__ White-throated Sparrow	u		u	u
__ White-crowned Sparrow	o		o	o
__ Dark-eyed Junco	r		o	o
<b>Cardinals and Grosbeaks</b>				
__ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	
__ Blue Grosbeak	c	u	u	
__ Indigo Bunting	c	o	u	
__ Painted Bunting	r		r	
<b>Blackbirds, Crackles, Cowbirds, and Orioles</b>				
__ Bobolink	u		o	
__ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
__ Eastern Meadowlark	u	o	u	u
__ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
__ Boat-tailed Grackle*	a	a	a	a
__ Shiny Cowbird	r	r		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	u	u	u
__ Orchard Oriole*	c	u	o	
__ Baltimore Oriole	r		u	
<b>Finches</b>				
__ Pine Siskin	r		r	r
__ American Goldfinch	o		o	o

### **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, six-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

## Sighting Notes

*Name of Observer:*

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*Species:*

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*Number:*

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*Location:*

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*Habitat:*

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*Distance to Bird(s):*

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*Date/Time Seen:*

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*Weather:*

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*Other Observers:*

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*Signature:*

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*Address:*

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**NOTES:** Description of bird, calls, behavior, optical equipment, experience, etc.

We appreciate your help in updating our records by reporting any rare, accidental, unlisted birds, or other notable observations to the refuge office.

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**We dedicate this brochure in memory of Jack Dozier, one of Florida's finest birders.**