



Birds of the Swamp...

Bird watching is one of the Preserve's principal attractions. Vegetation types such as cypress strands, hardwood hammocks, old-growth pinelands, sawgrass prairies, and mangrove forests support a wonderful array of bird diversity. This is illustrated by the 276 species of birds observed within the Preserve boundaries.

If you see any unusual birds (those listed as rare or not listed at all), please advise Preserve staff at the visitor center or write to:

Big Cypress National Preserve
Attention: Wildlife Biologist
33100 Tamiami Trail East
Ochopee, FL 34141

Please be as specific as possible. Your reported observations are important and appreciated.

Recommended Birding Sites

Within the Preserve Loop Road, Kirby Storter Trail, Turner River Road, Wagonwheel Road, Birdon Road, and the Florida National Scenic Trail are ideal birding areas. See the Big Cypress National Preserve brochure for locations.

Birding Ethics

- Be careful not to disturb nesting birds. Eggs or chicks left unattended are vulnerable to extreme temperatures or predators.
- Avoid disrupting the natural behavior of birds. Although an isolated disturbance may not be harmful to an individual's survival, cumulative incidents from other visitors may be detrimental.
- Be extremely cautious and courteous when roadside birding; be sure to pull entirely off the road when observing wildlife and to always be

Great Florida Birding Trail...

The Great Florida Birding Trail is a collection of more than 500 sites throughout Florida selected for their excellent birdwatching or bird education opportunities. This 2,000-mile, self-guided highway trail is designed to conserve and enhance Florida's bird habitat by promoting birdwatching activities, conservation education and economic opportunity.

Look for signs along roadways with this symbol that identifies the trail.

Learn more at:

www.floridabirdingtrail.com



Watching wildlife the responsible way...

The thrill of watching a wild animal in its native surroundings is spectacular and awe inspiring. While visiting Big Cypress National Preserve, or any other natural area, remember:

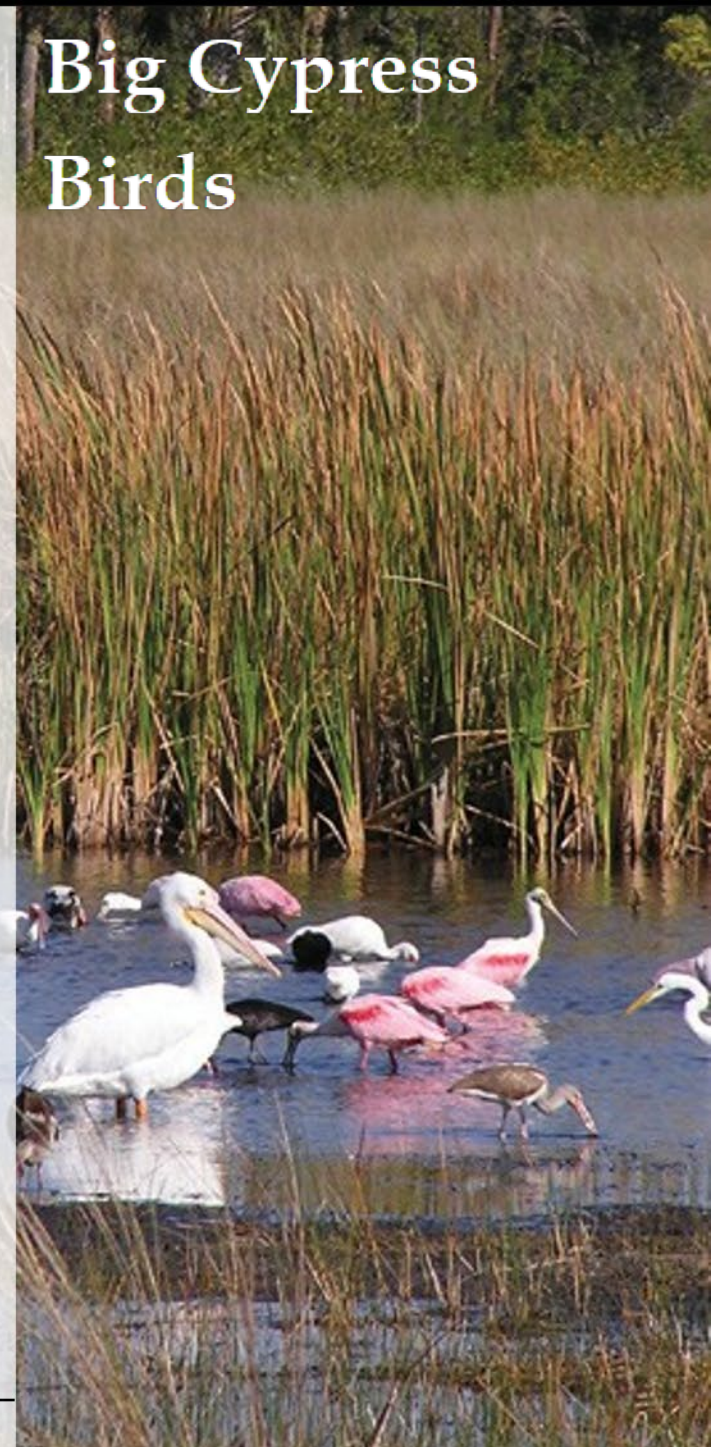
- Never feed wildlife.
- View wildlife with respect.
- All wildlife is wild and unpredictable. Stay a safe distance from any wild animal — 15 feet is recommended.
- All plants and animals within national park are as are protected, it is illegal to collect any wildlife without special permits.

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Big Cypress Birds



Common Name	Scientific Name	Abundance
WATERFOWL		
Wood Duck ?	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Uncommon
Egyptian Goose*	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	Rare
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Rare
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Uncommon
Mottled Duck +	<i>Anas fulvigula</i>	Common
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Rare
Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Rare
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Uncommon
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	Rare
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Common
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Rare
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Rare
Muscovy Duck*	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	Uncommon
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck +	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	Uncommon
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	Rare
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Uncommon
American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>	Uncommon
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Uncommon
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	Rare
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Rare
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Rare
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Common
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	Common

QUAIL AND TURKEYS		
Northern Bobwhite +	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Uncommon
Wild Turkey +	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Common

FLAMINGOES AND GREBES		
American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Rare
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Rare
Pied-billed Grebe +	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Common

DOVES, PIGEONS, CUCKOOS, AND ANIS		
Rock Pigeon*	<i>Columba livia</i>	Uncommon
Common Ground Dove +	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	Common
White-crowned Pigeon ?	<i>Patagioenas leucocephala</i>	Uncommon
Eurasian Collared-Dove* +	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Common
White-winged Dove +	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	Uncommon
Mourning Dove +	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Common
Yellow-billed Cuckoo +	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Common
Mangrove Cuckoo +	<i>Coccyzus minor</i>	Rare
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	Rare

Common Name	Scientific Name	Abundance
RAILS, LIMPKINS, AND CRANES		
Yellow Rail	<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>	Rare
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	Common
Common Gallinule +	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	Common
Black Rail +	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	Rare
Purple Gallinule +	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	Uncommon
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	Common
Clapper Rail	<i>Rallus crepitans</i>	Uncommon
King Rail +	<i>Rallus elegans</i>	Common
Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	Uncommon
Limpkin +	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	Common
Sandhill Crane +	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	Uncommon

NIGHT JARS		
Chuck-will's-widow +	<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	Common
Eastern Whip-poor-will	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	Uncommon
Common Nighthawk +	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Common

HUMMINGBIRDS AND SWIFTS		
Chimney Swift ?	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Uncommon
Ruby-throated Hummingbird +	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Uncommon

SHOREBIRDS		
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	Common
Killdeer +	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Common
Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	Rare
American Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Rare
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Rare
Black-necked Stilt +	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Common
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Rare
American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	Uncommon
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Common
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Rare
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Rare
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Rare
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Rare
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	Rare
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	Rare
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	Uncommon
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Rare
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	Common
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Uncommon
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	Common
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limodromus griseus</i>	Rare

	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	Uncommon
	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Rare
	American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	Rare
	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Common
	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Common
	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	Rare
	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	Common

GULLS AND TERNS

	Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	Rare
	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Rare
	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Uncommon
	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Rare
	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Rare
	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Rare
	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Rare
	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	Uncommon
	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	Rare
	Least Tern	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	Uncommon
	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Uncommon
	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Rare
	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Rare

LOONS, STORKS, FRIGATEBIRDS, CORMORANTS, DARTERS, AND PELICANS

	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Rare
	Wood Stork +	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Common
	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	Rare
	Double-crested Cormorant ?	<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>	Common
	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum brasilianum</i>	Rare
	Anhinga +	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Common
	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Common
	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	Common

WADING BIRDS

	Great Egret +	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Common
	Great Blue Heron ?	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Common
	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	Common
	Western Cattle Egret ?	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Common
	Green Heron +	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Common
	Little Blue Heron ?	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Common
	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	Rare
	Snowy Egret ?	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Common
	Tricolored Heron ?	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	Common
	Least Bittern +	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Common
	Yellow-crowned Night Heron ?	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Uncommon

	Black-crowned Night Heron +	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Common
	White Ibis ?	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	Common
	Roseate Spoonbill ?	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	Common
	Glossy Ibis ?	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Common

VULTURES

	Turkey Vulture +	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Common
	Black Vulture +	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Common

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES

	Osprey +	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Common
	Cooper's Hawk ?	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Uncommon
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Common
	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Rare
	Short-tailed Hawk ?	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	Uncommon
	Red-tailed Hawk +	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Uncommon
	Red-shouldered Hawk +	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Common
	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Uncommon
	Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Rare
	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Common
	Swallow-tailed Kite +	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	Common
	White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	Rare
	Bald Eagle +	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Common
	Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	Rare
	Snail Kite ?	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	Uncommon

OWLS

	Barn Owl +	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Common
	Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Rare
	Great Horned Owl +	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Common
	Eastern Screech-Owl +	<i>Megascops asio</i>	Common
	Barred Owl +	<i>Strix varia</i>	Common

KINGFISHERS

	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	Common
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WOODPECKERS

	Northern Flicker +	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Common
	Red-cockaded Woodpecker +	<i>Dryobates borealis</i>	Uncommon
	Downy Woodpecker +	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	Common
	Hairy Woodpecker +	<i>Dryobates villosus</i>	Uncommon
	Pileated Woodpecker +	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Common
	Red-bellied Woodpecker +	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	Common
	Red-headed Woodpecker ?	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Rare
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Common

FALCONS

	Crested Caracara ?	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	Uncommon
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	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Uncommon
	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Common
	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Common
PARAKEETS			
	Monk Parakeet*	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	Rare
FLYCATCHERS			
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Rare
	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Rare
	Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	Rare
	Great Crested Flycatcher +	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	Common
	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	Rare
	Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	Common
	Gray Kingbird ?	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	Uncommon
	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	Rare
	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	Rare
	Eastern Kingbird +	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Common
	Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	Rare
SHRIKES AND VIREOS			
	Loggerhead Shrike +	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Common
	Black-whiskered Vireo ?	<i>Vireo altiloquus</i>	Rare
	Bell's Vireo	<i>Vireo bellii</i>	Rare
	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	Rare
	White-eyed Vireo +	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	Common
	Red-eyed Vireo ?	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Uncommon
	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	Rare
	Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	Common
CORVIDS			
	American Crow +	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Common
	Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	Uncommon
	Blue Jay +	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Common
SWALLOWS			
	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common
	Cave Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>	Rare
	Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	Uncommon
	Purple Martin +	<i>Progne subis</i>	Common
	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Uncommon
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Uncommon
	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Common
TITMICE AND NUTHATCHES			
	Tufted Titmouse +	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	Common
	Brown-headed Nuthatch +	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	Common
WRENS, GNATCATCHERS, AND KINGLETS			

	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Common
	Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus stellaris</i>	Common
	Carolina Wren +	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	Common
	Northern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Common
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher +	<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	Common
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Corthylio calendula</i>	Rare
THRUSHES AND BLUEBIRDS			
	Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Rare
	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Uncommon
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	Rare
	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Uncommon
	Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Rare
	Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	Rare
	Eastern Bluebird +	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	Common
	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Uncommon
MIMICS AND WAXWINGS			
	Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Common
	Northern Mockingbird +	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Common
	Brown Thrasher +	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Uncommon
	Common Myna*	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Rare
	European Starling* +	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common
	Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombicilla cedrorum</i>	Uncommon
FINCHES, PIPITS, AND LONGSPURS			
	House Sparrow*	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Rare
	American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	Rare
	House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	Rare
	American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	Rare
	Lapland Longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Rare
SPARROWS			
	Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Uncommon
	Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow +	<i>Ammodramus maritima</i>	Rare
	Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	Rare
	Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Common
	Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Rare
	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Common
	Eastern Towhee +	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	Common
	Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	Rare
	Clay-colored Sparrow	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	Rare
	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Rare
	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	Rare
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, COWBIRDS, GRACKLES, AND MEADOWLARKS			
	Red-winged Blackbird +	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Common

	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	Rare
	Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	Rare
	Yellow-rumped Cacique*	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	Rare
	Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Uncommon
	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Rare
	Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Rare
	Bronzed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>	Rare
	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Rare
	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	Rare
	Boat-tailed Grackle +	<i>Quiscalus major</i>	Common
	Common Grackle +	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Common
	Eastern Meadowlark +	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Common

WARBLERS

	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	Rare
	Kentucky Warbler	<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	Rare
	Common Yellowthroat +	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Common
	Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	Rare
	Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	Rare
	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	Rare
	Nashville Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	Rare
	Swainson's Warbler	<i>Limothlypis swainsonii</i>	Rare
	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Common
	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	Uncommon
	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	Common
	Prothonotary Warbler ?	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Uncommon
	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Common
	Northern Parula +	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	Common
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	Uncommon
	Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	Uncommon
	Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	Rare
	Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	Rare
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	Common
	Prairie Warbler +	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	Common
	Yellow-throated Warbler ?	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	Uncommon
	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	Rare
	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	Rare
	Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	Common
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	Rare
	Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	Uncommon
	Pine Warbler +	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	Common
	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	Common
	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	Uncommon

	Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	Uncommon
	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	Uncommon
	Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Rare
	Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	Rare
	Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	Rare

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS, AND TANAGERS

	Northern Cardinal +	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Common
	Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	Rare
	Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	Uncommon
	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Uncommon
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Rare
	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Rare
	Summer Tanager ?	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	Uncommon
	Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>	Rare
	Saffron Finch*	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	Rare

KEY:

* Non-native species

+ Known to breed in the Preserve

? Breeding status unknown



Top Row: Limpkin, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird

Bottom Row: Black-necked Stilt, Sandhill Crane, Anhinga