



	SP	S	F	W
Common loon	r	r	r	r
<b>WATERFOWL</b>				
Fulvous whistling-duck	r	r	r	r
Black-bellied whistling-duck	r	r	r	r
Snow goose	r	r	r	r
Canada goose	r	r	r	r
Egyptian goose	r	r	r	r
Wood duck +	u	u	u	u
Green-winged teal	u	u	u	u
Mottled duck +	f	f	f	f
Mallard	r	r	r	r
Northern pintail	r	r	r	r
Blue-winged teal	f	f	f	f
Northern shoveler	r	r	r	r
Gadwall	r	r	r	r
American wigeon	r	r	r	r
Canvasback	r	r	r	r
Redhead	r	r	r	r
Ring-necked duck	r	r	r	r
Loons				
Common loon	r	r	r	r
<b>IBISES, SPOONBILLS, &amp; STORKS</b>				
White ibis +	c	c	c	c
Glossy ibis +	u	u	u	u
Roseate spoonbill ?	u	u	u	u
Wood stork +	c	c	c	c
<b>HERONS, EGRETS, ETC...</b>				
American bittern	f	r	f	f
Least bittern +	f	f	f	f
Great blue heron +	c	c	c	c
Great egret +	c	c	c	c
Snowy egret +	c	c	c	c
Little blue heron +	c	c	c	c
Tricolored heron +	c	c	c	c
Reddish egret	r	r	r	r
Cattle egret +	f	f	f	f
Green heron +	c	c	c	c
Black-crowned night-heron +	f	u	f	f
Yellow-crowned night-heron +	u	u	u	u
<b>GREBES</b>				
Pied-billed grebe +	f	f	f	f
Horned grebe	c	c	c	c
<b>PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ETC...</b>				
American white pelican	u	u	u	u
Brown pelican	u	u	u	u
Magnificent frigatebird	r	r	r	r
Double-crested cormorant +	c	c	c	c
Anhinga +	c	c	c	c
<b>VULTURES</b>				
Turkey vulture +	c	c	c	c
Black vulture +	c	c	c	c

### 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 207 species of birds observed within the Preserve boundaries.

The Big Cypress bird checklist has two primary functions: 1) to inform visitors of the presence and abundance of bird species in the Preserve and 2) to assist the wildlife team in updating the list through visitor observations. Therefore, if you see any unusual birds (those listed as rare or not listed at all), please advise Preserve staff at the visitor center and fill out a wildlife observation card, 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 aware of other motorists.

### Great Florida Birding Trail...

The Great Florida Birding Trail is a collection of 445 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 identify the trail. Learn more at: [www.floridabirdingtrail.com](http://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 areas are protected, it is illegal to collect any wildlife without special permits.

### How You Behave

**Can Save**  
**Do Not Feed or Harass Wildlife**



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National Park Service  
 U.S. Department of the Interior  
 Big Cypress National Preserve  
 Florida

# Big Cypress Birds



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weather: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### KEY:

#### SEASON

SP Spring (March-May)  
 S Summer (June-August)  
 F Fall (September-November)  
 W Winter (December-February)

### INDEX

c -- Common (present in the proper habitat and season)  
 f -- Fairly common (often present in the proper habitat and season)  
 u -- Uncommon (occasionally present in proper habitat and season)  
 r -- Rare (seldom present in suitable habitat; few records)

Each species was indexed according to its abundance in the Preserve, not on its likelihood of being observed. The species having no information in the index have never been documented (confirmed) in the Preserve, although suitable habitat is present and Big Cypress lies within their range.

### BREEDING STATUS

+ Known to breed in the Preserve  
 ? Breeding status unknown  
 E Extinct  
 \* Exotic species

### Birds of Big Cypress National Preserve

**Top Row** -- limpkin, red-cockaded woodpecker, eastern bluebird

**Bottom Row** -- black-necked stilt, sandhill crane, anhinga

	SP	S	F	W
<b>WATERFOWL, cont....</b>				
Lesser scaup	r	r	r	r
Common goldeneye+	r	r	r	r
Bufflehead	u	u	u	u
Hooded merganser	u	u	u	u
Common merganser	u	u	u	u
Red-breasted merganser	u	u	u	u
Ruddy duck	r	r	r	r
*Muscovy duck	r	r	r	r
<b>HAWKS &amp; ALLIES</b>				
Osprey +	c	c	c	c
Swallow-tailed kite +	f	f	u	r
White-tailed kite +	r	r	r	r
Snail kite +	u	u	u	u
Mississippi kite	u	u	u	u
Bald eagle +	u	u	u	u
Golden eagle	u	u	u	r
Northern harrier	u	u	u	u
Sharp-shinned hawk	u	u	u	u
Cooper's hawk	r	r	r	r
Red-shouldered hawk +	c	c	c	c
Broad-winged hawk	r	r	r	r
Short-tailed hawk +	u	u	u	u
Red-tailed hawk +	u	u	u	u
Rough-legged hawk	r	r	r	r
Crested caracara	r	r	r	r
American kestrel	f	f	f	c
Merlin	r	r	r	r
Peregrine falcon	r	r	r	r
<b>TURKEY &amp; QUAIL</b>				
Wild turkey +	f	f	f	f
Northern bobwhite +	f	f	f	f
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS, ETC....</b>				
Yellow rail	r	r	r	r
Black rail	r	r	r	r
King rail +	f	f	f	f
Virginia rail	r	r	r	r
Sora rail	u	u	u	f
Purple gallinule +	u	u	u	u
Common gallinule +	c	c	c	c
American coot ?	c	r	c	c
Limpkin +	f	f	f	f
<b>CRANES</b>				
Sandhill crane +	u	u	u	u
<b>PELOVICES, SANDPIPERS, &amp; ALLIES</b>				

Black-bellied plover	u	u	u	u
Wilson's plover ?	u	u	u	u
Semipalmated plover	r	r	r	r
Piping plover	c	c	c	c
Killdeer +	u	u	u	u
Black-necked stilt +	u	u	u	u
American avocet	f	f	f	f
Greater yellowlegs	u	u	u	u
Lesser yellowlegs	r	r	r	r
Solitary sandpiper	r	r	r	r
Willet	u	u	u	u
Spotted sandpiper	u	u	u	u
Whimbrel	u	u	u	u
Marbled godwit	u	u	u	u
Semipalmated sandpiper	u	u	u	u
Western sandpiper	u	u	u	u
Least sandpiper	u	u	u	u
White-rumped sandpiper	u	u	u	u
Dunlin	u	u	u	u
Short-billed dowitcher	u	u	u	u
Long-billed dowitcher	f	f	f	f
Wilson's snipe	r	r	r	r
American woodcock	r	r	r	r
Wilson's phalarope	u	u	u	u
<b>GULLS, TERNS, ETC....</b>				
Laughing gull	r	r	r	r
Ring-billed gull	r	r	r	r
Herring gull	u	u	u	u
Gull-billed tern	r	r	r	r
Caspian tern	r	r	r	r
Royal tern	r	r	r	r
Least tern +	u	f	f	f
Black skimmer	r	r	r	r
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>				
White-crowned pigeon	r	r	r	r
* Rock pigeon	r	r	r	r
White-winged dove	u	u	u	r
* Eurasian collared dove	r	r	r	r
Mourning dove +	f	f	f	f
Common ground-dove +	f	f	f	f
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
Yellow-billed cuckoo +	u	u	u	u
Mangrove cuckoo	r	r	r	r
<b>OWLS</b>				
Barn owl +	u	u	u	u
Eastern screech owl +	f	f	f	f

Great horned owl +	u	u	u	u
Barred owl +	c	c	c	c
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>				
Common nighthawk +	c	c	c	c
Whip-poor-will	u	u	u	u
Chuck-will's-widow +	c	c	c	r
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
Chimney swift +	r	r	r	r
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
Ruby-throated hummingbird +	u	r	u	r
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
Belted kingfisher	c	r	c	c
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
Ivory-billed woodpecker E	r			
Red-headed woodpecker	c	c	c	c
Red-bellied woodpecker +	u	u	u	u
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	f	f	f	f
Downy woodpecker +	r	r	r	r
Hairy woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
Red-cockaded woodpecker +	c	c	c	c
Northern flicker +	f	f	f	f
Pileated woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>				
Eastern wood-pewee	u	u	u	u
Yellow-bellied flycatcher	u	u	u	u
Acadian flycatcher	u	u	u	u
Alder flycatcher	u	u	u	u
Willow flycatcher	u	u	u	u
Least flycatcher	u	u	u	u
Eastern phoebe	f	f	f	f
Great crested flycatcher +	c	c	c	c
Eastern kingbird +	c	c	c	c
Gray kingbird ?	u	u	u	u
Western kingbird	u	u	u	u
Scissor-tailed flycatcher	r	r	r	r
Fork-tailed flycatcher	r	r	r	r
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
Loggerhead shrike +	f	f	f	f
<b>VIREOS</b>				
White-eyed vireo +	c	c	c	c
Blue-headed vireo	u	u	u	u
Yellow-throated vireo	u	u	u	u
Warbling vireo	u	u	u	u
Philadelphia vireo	u	u	u	u
Red-eyed vireo ?	f	f	f	f
Black-whiskered vireo	r	r	r	r

	SP	S	F	W
<b>JAYS &amp; CROWS</b>				
Blue jay +	f	f	f	f
American crow +	c	c	c	c
Fish crow	r	r	r	r
<b>MARTINS &amp; SWALLOWS</b>				
Purple martin +	f	f	f	u
Tree swallow	c	c	c	c
N. rough-winged swallow	r	r	r	r
Bank swallow	r	r	r	r
Cliff swallow	r	r	r	r
Barn swallow ?	c	r	c	r
<b>TITMICE</b>				
Tufted titmouse +	f	f	f	f
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
Brown-headed nuthatch +	f	f	f	f
<b>CREEPERS</b>				
Brown creeper	r	r	r	r
<b>WRENS</b>				
Carolina wren +	c	c	c	c
House wren	f	f	f	f
Sedge wren	u	u	u	u
Marsh wren	u	u	u	u
<b>KINGLETS &amp; GNAVCATCHERS</b>				
Ruby-crowned kinglet	r	r	r	r
Blue-gray gnatcatcher +	c	c	c	c
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
Eastern bluebird +	f	f	f	f
Veery	f	f	f	f
Gray-checked thrush	u	u	u	u
Swainson's thrush	u	u	u	u
Hermit thrush	u	u	u	u
Wood thrush	r	r	r	r
American robin	u	u	f	c
<b>MIMIC THRUSHES</b>				
Gray catbird	f	f	f	c
Northern mockingbird +	c	c	c	c
Brown thrasher +	f	f	f	f
<b>PIPITS</b>				
American pipit	r	r	r	r
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
Cedar waxwing	f	f	f	f
<b>STARLINGS, ETC....</b>				
* Common myna +	r	r	r	r
* European starling +	f	f	f	f

Blue-winged warbler	r	r	r	r
Golden-winged warbler	u	u	u	u
Tennessee warbler	u	u	u	u
Orange-crowned warbler	u	u	u	u
Nashville warbler	u	u	u	u
Northern parula ?	c	f	c	c
Yellow warbler	u	u	u	u
Chestnut-sided warbler	r	r	r	r
Magnolia warbler	r	r	r	r
Cape may warbler	r	r	r	r
Black-throated blue warbler	f	f	f	r
Yellow-rumped warbler	f	f	f	c
Black-throated green warbler	u	u	u	r
Blackburnian warbler	f	r	f	f
Yellow-throated warbler	f	c	c	c
Pine warbler +	c	c	c	c
Prairie warbler +	f	u	f	f
Palm warbler	c	c	c	c
Bay-breasted warbler	r	r	r	r
Blackpoll warbler	r	r	r	r
Cerulean warbler	u	u	u	u
Black-and-white warbler	f	f	f	f
American redstart	f	f	f	r
Prothonotary warbler +	u	u	u	u
Worm-eating warbler	r	r	r	r
Swainson's warbler	u	u	u	u
Ovenbird	f	f	f	f
Northern waterthrush	u	u	u	u
Louisiana waterthrush	r	r	r	r
Kentucky warbler	u	u	u	u
Connecticut warbler	u	u	u	u
Mourning warbler	u	u	u	u
Common yellowthroat +	c	c	c	c
Hooded warbler	u	u	u	u
Wilson's warbler	u	u	u	u
Canada warbler	u	u	u	u
Yellow-breasted chat	u	u	u	u
<b>TANAGERS</b>				
Summer tanager ?	u	r	u	u
Western tanager	r	r	r	r
Scarlet tanager	r	r	r	r
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, &amp; BUNTINGS</b>				
Northern cardinal +	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted grosbeak	u	u	u	u

Blue grosbeak	r			
Indigo bunting	u	u	u	u
Painted bunting	r	r	r	r
Dickcissel	u	u	u	u
Eastern towhee +	c	c	c	c
Bachman's sparrow	u	u	u	u
Chipping sparrow	r	r	r	r
Clay-colored sparrow	u	u	u	u
Field sparrow	r	r	r	r
Vesper sparrow	u	u	u	u
Lark sparrow	u	u	u	u
Savannah sparrow	f	f	f	f
Grasshopper sparrow	u	u	u	u
Henslow's sparrow	u	u	u	u
Le Conte's sparrow	u	u	u	u
Salt marsh sharp-tailed sparrow	u	u	u	u
Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow	u	u	u	u
Cape sable seaside sparrow +	u	u	u	u
Fox sparrow	u	u	u	u
Song sparrow	f	f	f	f
Swamp sparrow	u	u	u	u
White-throated sparrow	u	u	u	u
White-crowned sparrow	u	u	u	u
Dark-eyed junco	u	u	u	u
<b>BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, COWBIRDS, &amp; ORIOLES</b>				
Bobolink	u	u	u	u
Red-winged blackbird +	c	c	c	c
Eastern meadowlark +	c	c	c	c
Yellow-headed blackbird	r	r	r	r
Rusty blackbird	r	r	r	r
Brewer's blackbird	u	u	u	u
Common grackle +	c	c	c	c
Boat-tailed grackle +	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed cowbird	u	u	u	u
Shiny cowbird	u	u	u	u
Orchard oriole	u	u	u	u
* Spot-breasted oriole	u	u	u	u
Baltimore oriole	r	r	r	r
<b>NORTHERN FINCHES</b>				
American goldfinch	f	f	f	f
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
* House sparrow +	r	r	r	r