
The Birds

Thirteen federally threatened or endangered bird species have been recorded from South Florida. Some of these species, like the Cape Sable seaside sparrow, only occur in South Florida. Other species, like the bald eagle and the red-cockaded woodpecker, occur in South Florida but are also more widely distributed throughout the United States. A third category consists of species like the Kirtland's warbler and piping plover, which are winter residents or migrants. The final category consists of species like the ivory-billed woodpecker, which once occurred in South Florida, but have not been seen for many years and may no longer exist in South Florida.

This section of the Multi-Species Recovery Plan contains accounts of the threatened and endangered bird species of South Florida. These accounts detail the biology, ecology, status and trends, and management for each of these bird species. Each account is followed by a summary of the recovery needs of the species which consists of the recovery objective, criteria that will be used to determine when the objective has been achieved (called recovery criteria), and the tasks that will be necessary to achieve the objective (called recovery actions). The recovery tasks are divided into species-level recovery actions that address species-specific conservation and biology, and habitat-level recovery actions that address habitat management, conservation, and restoration needs for the species. The habitat-level recovery actions form the basis for the multi-species/community-level restoration actions that are provided in the community accounts. For species that have distributions outside of South Florida, there are two sections to the recovery objective: the first is the recovery objective for the species throughout its range; the second section identifies how South Florida will contribute to the species' recovery throughout its range.

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