

# Lower Suwannee

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

### *Bird List*



*Indigo Bunting* courtesy of Jeff Lewis  
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Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge was established on July 16, 1929. It is located in the Gulf Coast near the town of Cedar Key, Florida. The islands that comprise the refuge range in size from 1 to 165 acres. Its founding purpose was “as a refuge and breeding ground for birds...” Cedar Keys Refuge supports one of the largest colonial bird nesting sites in north Florida.

Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1979 with the objective of preserving the Suwannee River delta and estuary ecosystem. This 53,000-acre refuge is located in Levy and Dixie Counties, Florida and serves as an important feeding area for the nesting birds of the Cedar Keys Refuge

- Sp- Spring, March - May  
S- Summer, June - August  
F- Fall, September - November  
W- Winter, December - February
- 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)  
\* nests on the refuge.

This checklist includes 255 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records. On the back page, an additional 25 species are listed which are considered accidental occurrence to the refuge. Grebes



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	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
<b>Grebes</b>									
___ Common Loon	c	r	c	c	___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___ Horned Grebe	u		u	u	___ Short-tailed Hawk	o	o	o	
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	c	c	___ Broad-winged Hawk	u	u	u	
					___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
					___ Red-tailed Hawk*	u	u	u	u
					___ American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
					___ Merlin	r		o	r
					___ Peregrine Falcon	o		o	o
<b>Pelicans and Allies</b>					<b>Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)</b>				
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	c	c	c	o	___ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
___ American White Pelican	u	u	u	u	___ Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c
___ Double-crested Cormorant*	a	a	a	a					
___ Anhinga*	c	c	c	c					
___ Brown Pelican*	a	a	a	a					
<b>Herons, Egrets and Allies</b>					<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</b>				
___ American Bittern	u	u	u	u	___ King Rail	u	u	u	u
___ Least Bittern*	u	u	u	u	___ Clapper Rail*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c	___ Yellow Rail				r
___ Great Egret*	c	c	c	c	___ Sora	u		u	u
___ Snowy Egret*	c	c	c	c	___ Purple Gallinule	u	u	u	r
___ Little Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c	___ Common Moorhen*	c	c	c	c
___ Tricolored Heron*	c	c	c	c	___ American Coot	u	r	u	u
___ Cattle Egret*	c	c	c	c	___ Limpkin*	u	u	u	u
___ Green Heron*	c	c	c	u	___ Virginia Rail	u		u	u
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	c	c	___ Black Rail*	u	u		r
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	u	u					
<b>Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork</b>					<b>Shorebirds</b>				
___ White Ibis*	a	a	a	a	___ Black-bellied Plover	c	u	c	c
___ Wood Stork	u	u	u	o	___ Snowy Plover				r
___ Roseate Spoonbill		u		r	___ Semipalmated Plover	c		c	c
					___ Piping Plover	r		r	r
					___ Killdeer*	c	u	c	c
					___ Black-necked Stilt	r			r
					___ American Avocet	u			u
					___ Greater Yellowlegs	c		c	c
					___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	u
					___ Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	
					___ Willet	c	c	c	c
					___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	o	c	c
					___ Whimbrel	u		u	u
					___ Long-billed Curlew				o
					___ Marbled Godwit	u		u	u
					___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	u	c	c
					___ Red Knot	u		u	u
					___ Sanderling	c		c	c
					___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	
					___ Western Sandpiper	c		c	c
					___ Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	c
					___ Pectoral Sandpiper	r		r	
					___ Dunlin	c	o	c	c
					___ Stilt Sandpiper			o	
					___ Short-billed Dowitcher	c	u	c	c
					___ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	o	u	u
					___ Common Snipe	c		c	c
					___ American Woodcock	o		o	o
					___ American Oystercatcher	u	u	c	c
<b>Vultures, Hawks and Allies</b>					<b>Gulls and Terns</b>				
___ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c	___ Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c	___ Bonaparte's Gull	o		o	u
___ Osprey*	c	c	c	c	___ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	c
___ American Swallow-tailed Kite*	c	c	u		___ Great Black-backed Gull				r
___ Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u	___ Herring Gull	c	o	c	c
___ Northern Harrier	u	o	u	u					
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u					

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___ Caspian Tern	u	u	u	u	___ Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
___ Black Skimmer	c	c	c	c	___ Bank Swallow	o		o	
___ Common Tern	o		o	o					
___ Forster's Tern	c		c	c	<b>Jays and Crows</b>				
___ Least Tern	c	c	c	u	___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ Royal Tern	c	c	c	c	___ Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c
___ Sandwich Tern	u	u	u	u	___ Scrub Jay	u	u	u	u
___ Black Tern	o		o		___ American Crow*	c	c	c	c
<b>Doves</b>					<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>				
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	___ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___ Common Ground-Dove*	c	c	c	c	___ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
___ White-winged Dove			o	o	<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___ Eurasian Collard Dove	u	u	u	u	___ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	o	o	o	o
<b>Cuckoos</b>					___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o		o	o
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r		<b>Creepers</b>				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u		___ Brown Creeper	r		r	r
<b>Owls</b>					<b>Wrens</b>				
___ Common Barn Owl	o	o	o	o	___ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c	___ House Wren	c		c	c
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	___ Winter Wren	r	r		r
___ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c	___ Sedge Wren	c		c	c
___ Burrowing Owl	r		r		___ Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	c
___ Short-eared Owl				o	<b>Kinglets and Gnatcatchers</b>				
<b>Nightjars</b>					___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	r		o	o
___ Common Nighthawk*	c	c	c		___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
___ Chuck-will's-widow*	c	c	c	r	___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	c
___ Whip-poor-will			u	r	<b>Thrushes</b>				
<b>Swifts, Hummingbirds</b>					___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
___ Chimney Swift	c	c	c		___ Veery	u		u	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u		___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o		o	
<b>Kingfishers</b>					___ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	o	c	c	___ Wood Thrush	u		u	
<b>Woodpeckers</b>					___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	___ American Robin	c		c	a
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	<b>Thrashers</b>				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u	___ Gray Catbird	c	r	c	c
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Flicker*	c	u	c	c	<b>Pipits</b>				
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	___ American Pipit	u		u	u
<b>Flycatchers</b>					<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u		___ Cedar Waxwing	c		u	c
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	o	u			<b>Shrike</b>				
___ Eastern Phoebe	u		u	c	___ Loggerhead Shrike*	o	o	o	o
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c		<b>Vireos</b>				
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	c	c		___ White-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	c
___ Western Kingbird	o		o	o	___ Yellow-throated Vireo	u	u	u	
___ Gray Kingbird*	u	u	u		___ Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	
<b>Martins and Swallows</b>					___ Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	u
___ Purple Martin	u	u	u						
___ Tree Swallow	c		c	c					
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	u						

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<b>Warblers</b>									
___ Blue-winged Warbler	o		o						
___ Golden-winged Warbler	r								
___ Tennessee Warbler	u		u						
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	u					
___ Northern Parula*	c	c	c	r					
___ Yellow Warbler	o	u	u						
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r		o						
___ Magnolia Warbler	u		u						
___ Cape May Warbler	u		u						
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	a					
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u						
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	o		o						
___ Blackburnian Warbler	o		o						
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	c	c	c	c					
___ Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c					
___ Prairie Warbler*	u	o	u	o					
___ Palm Warbler	c		c	c					
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o						
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u		o						
___ Cerulean Warbler	o		o						
___ Black-and-white Warbler	c	r	c	u					
___ American Redstart	u		u						
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	u	c						
___ Worm-eating Warbler	u		u						
___ Swainson's Warbler	r	r	r						
___ Ovenbird	c		c	u					
___ Northern Waterthrush	u	r	u						
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	u	r	u						
___ Kentucky Warbler	u		u						
___ Connecticut Warbler	r		r						
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	c					
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u	u	r					
___ Hooded Warbler*	c	c	c						
___ Wilson's Warbler	o		o	o					
<b>Tanagers</b>									
___ Summer Tanager*	u	c	u						
___ Scarlet Tanager	o		o						
<b>New World Finches</b>									
___ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a					
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u						
___ Blue Grosbeak	u	u	u						
___ Indigo Bunting	u	o	u						
___ Painted Bunting	o	r	o						
<b>Sparrows</b>									
___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	c	c	c	c					
___ Bachman's Sparrow*	u	u	u	u					
___ Chipping Sparrow	u		u	u					
___ Field Sparrow	u		u	u					
___ Vesper Sparrow	u		u	u					
___ Savannah Sparrow	c		c	c					
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	r			o					
___ Henslow's Sparrow				o					
___ LeConte's Sparrow				o					
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow	o		o	u					
___ Song Sparrow	c		c	c					
___ Seaside Sparrow*	c	c	c	c					
___ Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c					
___ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c					
___ Dark-eyed Junco	o		o	o					
<b>Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles</b>									
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a					
___ Bobolink	r			u					
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	c					
___ Rusty Blackbird				u					
___ Common Grackle*	u	u	u	u					
___ Boat-tailed Grackle*	a	a	a	a					
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c					
___ Orchard Oriole	u	u	u						
___ Northern Oriole	o		o	u					
<b>Old World Finches</b>									
___ Purple Finch	o			o					
___ American Goldfinch	c		u	c					
___ Pine Siskin				r					
<b>Introduced non-native species</b>									
___ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c					
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	c					
These additional species are of rare or accidental occurrence, in most instances substantiated by only one or two records:									
Red-throated Loon					White-rumped Sandpiper				
Red-necked Grebe					Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
Brown Booby					Common Black-headed Gull				
Northern Gannet					Sooty Tern				
Oldsquaw					Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
Black Scoter					Surf Scoter		Bewick's Wren		
White-winged Scoter					Warbling Vireo		Reddish Egret		
Black-whiskered Vireo					Glossy Ibis				
Fox Sparrow					Canada Goose		White-crowned		
Sparrow					Sandhill Crane		Shiny Cowbird		
Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher									
Philadelphia Vireo									
<b>Field Notes:</b>									