

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 of Mexico 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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Grebes									
___ 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	
Pelicans and Allies									
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	c	c	c	o	___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ American White Pelican	u	u	u	u	___ Red-tailed Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___ Double-crested Cormorant*	a	a	a	a	___ American Kestrel*	u	u	u	u
___ Anhinga*	c	c	c	c	___ Merlin	r		o	r
___ Brown Pelican*	a	a	a	a	___ Peregrine Falcon	o		o	o
Herons, Egrets and Allies					Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)				
___ American Bittern	u	u	u	u	___ Wild Turkey*	u	u	u	u
___ Least Bittern*	u	u	u	u	___ Northern Bobwhite*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c	Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
___ Great Egret*	c	c	c	c	___ King Rail	u	u	u	u
___ Snowy Egret*	c	c	c	c	___ Clapper Rail*	c	c	c	c
___ Little Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c	___ Yellow Rail				r
___ Tricolored Heron*	c	c	c	c	___ Sora	u		u	u
___ Cattle Egret*	c	c	c	c	___ Purple Gallinule	u	u	u	r
___ Green Heron*	c	c	c	u	___ Common Moorhen*	c	c	c	c
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	c	c	___ American Coot	u	r	u	u
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	c	c	u	u	___ Limpkin*	u	u	u	u
Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork									
___ White Ibis*	a	a	a	a	___ Virginia Rail	u		u	u
___ Wood Stork	u	u	u	o	___ Black Rail*	u	u		r
___ Roseate Spoonbill		u		r	Shorebirds				
Waterfowl					___ Black-bellied Plover	c	u	c	c
___ Tundra Swan			r	r	___ Snowy Plover				r
___ Snow Goose			r	r	___ Semipalmated Plover	c		c	c
___ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	c	___ Piping Plover	r		r	r
___ Green-winged Teal	u		u	u	___ Killdeer*	c	u	c	c
___ American Black Duck	o		o	o	___ Black-necked Stilt	r			r
___ Mottled Duck	r	r	r	r	___ American Avocet	u			u
___ Mallard	u		u	u	___ Greater Yellowlegs	c		c	c
___ Northern Pintail	u		u	u	___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	u
___ Blue-winged Teal	u		u	u	___ Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	
___ Northern Shoveler	u		u	u	___ Willet	c	c	c	c
___ Gadwall	u		u	u	___ Spotted Sandpiper	c	o	c	c
___ American Wigeon	u		u	u	___ Whimbrel	u		u	u
___ Canvasback	u		u	u	___ Long-billed Curlew				o
___ Redhead	u		u	u	___ Marbled Godwit	u		u	u
___ Ring-necked Duck	u		u	u	___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	u	c	c
___ Greater Scaup	r		r	r	___ Red Knot	u		u	u
___ Lesser Scaup	o		o	o	___ Sanderling	c		c	c
___ Common Goldeneye	o		o	o	___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	
___ Bufflehead	u		u	c	___ Western Sandpiper	c		c	c
___ Hooded Merganser	c	u	u	c	___ Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	c
___ Common Merganser	r		r	r	___ Pectoral Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Ruddy Duck	u		o	u	___ Dunlin	c	o	c	c
___ Red-breasted Merganser	c		c	c	___ Stilt Sandpiper			o	
Vultures, Hawks and Allies					___ Short-billed Dowitcher	c	u	c	c
___ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c	___ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	o	u	u
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c	___ Common Snipe	c		c	c
___ Osprey*	c	c	c	c	___ American Woodcock	o		o	o
___ American Swallow-tailed Kite*	c	c	u		___ American Oystercatcher	u	u	c	c
___ Bald Eagle*	u	u	u	u	Gulls and Terns				
___ Northern Harrier	u	o	u	u	___ Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	u	___ Bonaparte's Gull	o		o	u
					___ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	c
					___ Great Black-backed Gull				r
					___ Herring Gull	c	o	c	c

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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	Jays and Crows				
___ 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
Doves					Chickadees and Titmice				
___ 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	Nuthatches				
___ Eurasian Collard Dove	u	u	u	u	___ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	o	o	o	o
Cuckoos					___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o		o	o
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r		Creepers				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u		___ Brown Creeper	r		r	r
Owls					Wrens				
___ 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	Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
Nightjars					___ 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	Thrushes				
Swifts, Hummingbirds					___ 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	
Kingfishers					___ Swainson's Thrush	u		u	
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	o	c	c	___ Wood Thrush	u		u	
Woodpeckers					___ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	___ American Robin	c		c	a
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	Thrashers				
___ 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	Pipits				
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	___ American Pipit	u		u	u
Flycatchers					Waxwings				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u		___ Cedar Waxwing	c		u	c
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	o	u			Shrike				
___ Eastern Phoebe	u		u	c	___ Loggerhead Shrike*	o	o	o	o
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c		Vireos				
___ 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	
Martins and Swallows					___ 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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Warblers									
___ 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					
Tanagers									
___ Summer Tanager*	u	c	u						
___ Scarlet Tanager	o		o						
New World Finches									
___ 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						
Sparrows									
___ 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					
Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles									
___ 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					
Old World Finches									
___ Purple Finch	o			o					
___ American Goldfinch	c			c			u		c
___ Pine Siskin									r
Introduced non-native species									
___ 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									
Field Notes:									