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Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee

*National Wildlife Refuge
Bird List*



Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge includes 143,874 acres of Everglades habitat in Palm Beach County, Florida. Tree islands interspersed with stands of sawgrass, wet prairies and sloughs cover most of the refuge. The headquarters entrance, located 12 miles west of Boynton Beach, has a combined management and wildlife viewing area that is an excellent vantage point for watching waders, waterfowl and other birds. The Marsh Trail is located here. The Cypress Swamp Boardwalk offers an opportunity to see woodpeckers, owls, and songbirds. The 5.5 mile canoe trail provides a closer look at the Everglades and its wildlife. For further information contact the Visitor Center at 561/734 8303.

How to use your checklist



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The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

Seasonal Appearance

W Winter••• December - February

Sp Spring••• March - May

S Summer••• June - August

F Fall••• September - November

Seasonal abundance

- 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)
- x accidental (out of normal species range)
- * nests on the refuge.

This checklist includes 250 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and local bird authorities. If you should find an



Photo: Willocks

unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records.

| | <i>W</i> | <i>Sp</i> | <i>S</i> | <i>F</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Loons and Grebes | | | | |
| ___ Common Loon | | r | | r |
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe* | c | c | u | c |
| ___ Horned Grebe | x | | | |
| ___ Eared Grebe | x | | | |
| Pelicans and Their Allies | | | | |
| ___ American White Pelican | r | r | | |
| ___ Brown Pelican | | | | x |
| ___ Double-crested Cormorant* | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Anhinga* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Magnificent Frigatebird | | | | x |
| Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns | | | | |
| ___ American Bittern | u | u | o | u |
| ___ Least Bittern* | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Great Blue Heron* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Great Egret* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Snowy Egret* | c | c | u | c |
| ___ Little Blue Heron* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Tricolored Heron* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Cattle Egret* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Green Heron* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron* | u | u | u | u |
| Ibises, Spoonbills, and Storks | | | | |
| ___ White Ibis* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Scarlet Ibis | x | | | |
| ___ Glossy Ibis | c | u | u | c |
| ___ Roseate Spoonbill | o | o | o | o |
| ___ Wood Stork* | c | c | u | c |
| Waterfowl | | | | |
| ___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck | c | u | u | c |
| ___ Tundra Swan | x | | | |
| ___ Snow Goose | x | | | |
| ___ Wood Duck* | c | u | u | c |
| ___ Green-winged Teal | c | | | c |
| ___ American Black Duck | r | r | | |
| ___ Mottled Duck* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Mallard | r | r | | r |
| ___ White-cheeked Pintail | x | | | |
| ___ Northern Pintail | u | u | | u |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal | a | o | o | a |
| ___ Cinnamon Teal | x | | | |
| ___ Northern Shoveler | u | | | u |
| ___ Gadwell | o | | | o |
| ___ American Wigeon | u | | | u |
| ___ Canvasback | r | | | r |
| ___ Redhead | r | r | | r |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck | a | u | | a |

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|----------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| ___ Greater Scaup | r | | r | |
| ___ Lesser Scaup | o | | | o |
| ___ Common Goldeneye | x | | | |
| ___ Bufflehead | r | r | | r |
| ___ Hooded Merganser | u | r | | u |
| ___ Common Merganser | x | | | |
| ___ Red-breasted Merganser | o | o | | o |
| ___ Ruddy Duck | o | r | | o |
| ___ Masked Duck | x | | | x |

Vultures, Hawks, Falcons, and Allies

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black Vulture* | a | a | c | a |
| ___ Turkey Vulture* | a | a | c | a |
| ___ Osprey* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Swallow-tailed Kite | | | u | r |
| ___ White-tailed Kite | r | | | |
| ___ Snail Kite* | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Bald Eagle | o | o | r | o |
| ___ Northern Harrier | c | c | | c |
| ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk | c | c | | |
| ___ Cooper's Hawk | o | o | o | o |
| ___ Red-shouldered Hawk* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Broad-winged Hawk | o | | | o |
| ___ Short-tailed Hawk | o | | | o |
| ___ Swainson's Hawk | | | | x |
| ___ Red-tailed Hawk | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Crested Caracara | | | | x |
| ___ American Kestrel | c | c | | c |
| ___ Merlin | u | u | | u |
| ___ Peregrine Falcon | r | r | | r |

Turkeys and Quail

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Wild Turkey | | | | x |
| ___ Northern Bobwhite | u | u | u | u |

Rails, Gallinules, Coots, and Cranes

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Yellow Rail | r | | | r |
| ___ Black Rail | r | | | r |
| ___ King Rail* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Virginia Rail | o | o | | o |
| ___ Sora | u | u | | u |
| ___ Purple Gallinule* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Common Moorhean* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ American Coot* | a | a | r | a |
| ___ Limpkin* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Sandhill Crane | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Whooping Crane | r | r | r | r |

Shorebirds

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black-bellied Plover | u | u | o | u |
| ___ Semipalmated Plover | r | u | u | u |
| ___ Killdeer* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Black-necked Stilt* | | c | c | c |

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| ___ American Avocet | | o | | o |
| ___ Greater Yellowlegs | u | c | u | c |
| ___ Lesser Yellowlegs | u | c | u | c |
| ___ Solitary Sandpiper | r | u | u | u |
| ___ Willet | r | | | r |
| ___ Spotted Sandpiper | u | c | o | c |
| ___ Marbled Godwit | | | | x |
| ___ Red Knot | | | | x |
| ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper | | c | c | c |
| ___ Western Sandpiper | u | c | c | c |
| ___ Least Sandpiper | u | a | c | a |
| ___ White-rumped Sandpiper | | | u | r |
| ___ Pectoral Sandpiper | | u | u | u |
| ___ Dunlin | | | | r |
| ___ Stilt Sandpiper | | u | | u |
| ___ Short-billed Dowitcher | | o | u | c |
| ___ Long-billed Dowitcher | o | u | | u |
| ___ Common Snipe | c | c | | c |
| ___ American Woodcock | r | | | r |

Gulls and Terns

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Laughing Gull | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Bonaparte's Gull | x | | | |
| ___ Ring-billed Gull | u | u | | u |
| ___ Herring Gull | o | o | o | |
| ___ Gull-billed Tern | r | o | o | o |
| ___ Caspian Tern | u | u | | u |
| ___ Forster's Tern | o | o | o | o |
| ___ Least Tern | | u | u | o |
| ___ Black Tern | | | u | u |
| ___ Black Skimmer | u | u | u | u |

Doves

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Rock Dove | o | | | |
| ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove | x | | | |
| ___ White-winged Dove | r | r | r | r |
| ___ Mourning Dove* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Common Ground-Dove* | c | c | c | c |

Cuckoos

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Black-billed Cuckoo | | | | x |
| ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo* | | c | c | c |
| ___ Smooth-billed Ani* | c | c | c | c |

Owls

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ___ Barn Owl | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Eastern Screech-Owl* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Great Horned Owl* | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Burrowing Owl | x | | | x |
| ___ Barred Owl* | o | o | o | o |
| ___ Short-eared Owl | r | r | | r |

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| Goatsuckers | | | | |
| ___ Lesser Nighthawk | x | | | |
| ___ Common Nighthawk* | | c | c | c |
| ___ Chuck-will's-widow* | u | c | c | c |
| ___ Whip-poor-will | u | u | | u |
| Swifts and Hummingbirds | | | | |
| ___ Chimney Swift | | r | o | o |
| ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird | u | u | u | |
| Kingfishers | | | | |
| ___ Belted Kingfisher | a | c | r | a |
| Woodpeckers | | | | |
| ___ Red-headed Woodpecker | | | | x |
| ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | u | u | | u |
| ___ Downy Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Hairy Woodpecker | r | | | |
| ___ Northern Flicker* | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Pileated Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c |
| Flycatchers | | | | |
| ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee | | | | u |
| ___ Acadian Flycatcher | | | | o |
| ___ Willow Flycatcher | | | | x |
| ___ Least Flycatcher | u | | | u |
| ___ Eastern Phoebe | a | c | | a |
| ___ Great-crested Flycatcher* | r | c | u | c |
| ___ Couch's Kingbird | x | | | |
| ___ Cassin's Kingbird | x | x | | |
| ___ Western Kingbird | r | | | r |
| ___ Eastern Kingbird* | | c | u | a |
| ___ Gray Kingbird | | r | u | u |
| ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | r | | | r |
| ___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher | | | | x |
| Larks | | | | |
| ___ Horned Lark | | x | | |
| Swallows | | | | |
| ___ Purple Martin | | u | u | u |
| ___ Tree Swallow | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow | c | c | | c |
| ___ Bank Swallow | | u | u | u |
| ___ Cliff Swallow | | | | o |
| ___ Barn Swallow | r | a | a | a |

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| Jays and Crows | | | | |
| ___ Blue Jay* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Fish Crow | c | c | c | c |
| Wrens | | | | |
| ___ Carolina Wren* | c | c | c | c |
| ___ House Wren | c | c | | c |
| ___ Sedge Wren | r | r | | r |
| ___ Marsh Wren | c | c | | c |
| Kinglets and Gnatcatchers | | | | |
| ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet | o | o | | o |
| ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | a | c | o | a |
| Bluebirds, Thrushes, and Robins | | | | |
| ___ Eastern Bluebird | x | | | |
| ___ Veery | | u | | u |
| ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush | | r | | u |
| ___ Swainson's Thrush | | r | | u |
| ___ Hermit Thrush | r | r | | r |
| ___ American Robin | a | c | | u |
| Thrashers | | | | |
| ___ Gray Catbird | a | a | | a |
| ___ Northern Mockingbird* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Brown Thrasher* | u | u | u | u |
| Pipits | | | | |
| ___ American Pipit | r | | r | r |
| Waxwings | | | | |
| ___ Cedar Waxwing | c | c | | u |
| Shrikes | | | | |
| ___ Loggerhead Shirke | c | c | c | c |
| Starlings | | | | |
| ___ European Starling | c | c | c | c |
| Vireos | | | | |
| ___ White-eyed Vireo | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Bell's Vireo | x | | | x |
| ___ Blue-headed Vireo | u | u | | u |
| ___ Yellow-throated Vireo | r | r | | u |
| ___ Philadelphia Vireo | | | | r |
| ___ Red-eyed Vireo | | u | | c |
| ___ Black-whiskered Vireo | | r | r | r |
| Warblers | | | | |
| ___ Blue-winged Warbler | | | | x |
| ___ Golden-winged Warbler | | | | r |
| ___ Tennessee Warbler | | | | u |

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| ___ Orange-crowned Warbler | c | | | c |
| ___ Nashville Warbler | r | o | | o |
| ___ Northern Parula | u | a | o | a |
| ___ Yellow Warbler | r | u | | u |
| ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler | | | | u |
| ___ Magnolia Warbler | r | u | | c |
| ___ Cape May Warbler | | c | | c |
| ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler | r | c | | c |
| ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler | a | a | | a |
| ___ Black-throated Green Warbler | r | | | o |
| ___ Blackburnian Warbler | | | | o |
| ___ Yellow-throated Warbler | u | u | u | c |
| ___ Pine Warbler | u | r | | u |
| ___ Prairie Warbler | c | c | u | a |
| ___ Palm Warbler | a | a | | a |
| ___ Bay-breasted Warbler | | | | o |
| ___ Blackpoll Warbler | | u | | c |
| ___ Black-and-white Warbler | c | c | | c |
| ___ American Redstart | u | a | u | a |
| ___ Prothonotary Warbler | | o | | u |
| ___ Worm-eating Warbler | | u | | u |
| ___ Swainson's Warbler | | r | | r |
| ___ Ovenbird | c | a | | a |
| ___ Northern Waterthrush | u | c | | a |
| ___ Louisiana Waterthrush | | o | o | |
| ___ Kentucky Warbler | | | | r |
| ___ Common Yellowthroat* | a | a | c | a |
| ___ Hooded Warbler | | u | | u |
| ___ Wilson's Warbler | r | r | | o |
| ___ Canada Warbler | | | | x |
| ___ Yellow-breasted Chat | o | o | | u |
| Tanagers | | | | |
| ___ Summer Tanager | r | u | | u |
| ___ Scarlet Tanager | | | | u |
| Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies | | | | |
| ___ Northern Cardinal* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | o | | u |
| ___ Blue Grosbeak | r | r | | r |
| ___ Indigo Bunting | c | c | | c |
| ___ Painted Bunting | c | c | | c |
| ___ Dickcissel | x | | | |
| Sparrows | | | | |
| ___ Eastern Towhee | c | c | c | c |
| ___ Chipping Sparrow | r | r | | r |
| ___ Clay-colored Sparrow | x | | | |
| ___ Vesper Sparrow | | | | x |
| ___ Lark Sparrow | | | | x |
| ___ Savannah Sparrow | a | c | | a |

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| ___ Grasshopper Sparrow | u | u | | u |
| ___ Lincoln's Sparrow | o | | | |
| ___ Swamp Sparrow | a | a | | a |
| Blackbirds and Allies | | | | |
| ___ Bobolink | | c | | a |
| ___ Red-winged Blackbird* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Eastern Meadowlark* | u | u | u | u |
| ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird | o | | | |
| ___ Rusty Blackbird | r | | | |
| ___ Boat-tailed Grackle* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Common Grackle* | a | a | a | a |
| ___ Brown-headed Cowbird | u | u | | u |
| ___ Orchard Oriole | | r | r | |
| ___ Spot-breasted Oriole | | x | | |
| ___ Baltimore Oriole | r | u | | u |
| Finches | | | | |
| ___ Pine Siskin | r | | | |
| ___ American Goldfinch | u | | | |
| Old-World Sparrows | | | | |
| House Sparrow* | u | u | u | u |

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation. Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

Do not Litter. Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

For further information contact:

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Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

No. of species

Route or area

Observers

Remarks



*The Blue Goose
is the symbol of
the National
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System.*



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