



	SP	S	F	W
Black-necked stilt	r	r	r	r
Limpkin	r	r	r	r
Bluebird	r	r	r	r
Sandhill crane	r	r	r	r
Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
Cormorant	r	r	r	r
Heron	r	r	r	r
Night-heron	r	r	r	r
Yellow-crowned night-heron	r	r	r	r

Birds of Big Cypress National Preserve
Top Row -- limpkin, red-cockaded woodpecker, eastern bluebird
Bottom Row -- black-necked stilt, sandhill crane, anhinga

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

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.

- 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)

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

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Weather: _____

Observer(s): _____

VULTURES

- ___ Turkey vulture +
- ___ Black vulture +

GREBES

- ___ Pied-billed grebe +
- ___ Horned grebe

PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ETC....

- ___ American white pelican
- ___ Brown pelican
- ___ Magnificent frigatebird
- ___ Double-crested cormorant +
- ___ Anhinga +

HERONS, EGRETS, ETC....

- ___ American bittern
- ___ Least bittern +
- ___ Great blue heron +
- ___ Great egret +
- ___ Snowy egret +
- ___ Little blue heron +
- ___ Tricolored heron +
- ___ Reddish egret
- ___ Cattle egret +
- ___ Green heron +
- ___ Black-crowned night-heron +
- ___ Yellow-crowned night-heron +

IBISES, SPOONBILLS, & STORKS

- ___ White ibis +
- ___ Glossy ibis +
- ___ Roseate spoonbill ?
- ___ Wood stork +

Loons

- ___ Common loon
- ___ Common loon

WATERFOWL

- ___ Fulvous whistling-duck
- ___ Black-bellied whistling-duck
- ___ Snow goose
- ___ Canada goose
- ___ Egyptian goose
- ___ Wood duck +
- ___ Green-winged teal
- ___ Mottled duck +
- ___ Mallard
- ___ Northern pintail
- ___ Blue-winged teal
- ___ Northern shoveler
- ___ Gadwall
- ___ American wigeon
- ___ Canvasback
- ___ Redhead
- ___ Ring-necked duck

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

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

Big Cypress Birds



	SP	S	F	W
WATERFOWL, cont....				
Lesser scaup			r	
Common goldeneye+	r	r	r	r
Bufflehead				
Hooded merganser	u	u	u	u
Common merganser				
Red-breasted merganser	u	u	u	u
Ruddy duck				
*Muscovy duck	r	r	r	r
HAWKS & ALLIES				
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				
Bald eagle +	u	u	u	u
Golden eagle				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
American kestrel	f	f	f	c
Merlin	r	r	r	r
Peregrine falcon	r	r	r	r
TURKEY & QUAIL				
Wild turkey +	f	f	f	f
Northern bobwhite +	f	f	f	f
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS, ETC....				
Yellow rail				
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
CRANES				
Sandhill crane +	u	u	u	u
PELOVERS, SANDPIPERS, & ALLIES				

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

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

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

WARBLERS				
Blue-winged warbler	r	r	r	r
Golden-winged warbler				
Tennessee warbler				
Orange-crowned warbler				r
Nashville warbler				
Northern parula ?	c	f	c	c
Yellow warbler				
Chestnut-sided warbler				
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				
Yellow-throated warbler	f	r	f	f
Pine warbler +	c	c	c	c
Prairie warbler +	f	u	f	f
Palm warbler	c	c	c	c
Bay-breasted warbler				r
Blackpoll warbler	r			
Cerulean warbler				
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				
Ovenbird	f	f	f	f
Northern waterthrush	u	u	u	u
Louisiana waterthrush	r	r	r	r
Kentucky warbler				
Connecticut warbler				
Mourning warbler				
Common yellowthroat +	c	c	c	c
Hooded warbler				r
Wilson's warbler				
Canada warbler				
Yellow-breasted chat				
TANAGERS				
Summer tanager ?	u	r	u	
Western tanager	r	r	r	r
Scarlet tanager	r	r	r	r
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, & BUNTINGS				
Northern cardinal +	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted grosbeak				

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