

2013 Checklist of Florida's Birds

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Florida's wild places are home to an incredible diversity of birds. More than 70 natural community types support this diversity from the pine flatwoods of Apalachicola National Forest, to the scrub communities of the Lake Wales Ridge, and the vast sawgrass marshes and mangrove swamps of Everglades National Park. Our natural areas harbor many bird species seen nowhere else in the United States including the Florida Scrub-Jay, Mangrove Cuckoo and Snail Kite, to name just a few. In addition, Florida's birdlife is ever changing with the cycle of the seasons. A constant turnover of breeding, wintering and migratory species provides new birding experiences throughout the year.

To help you keep track of the spectacular range of birdlife the state has to offer, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has published this checklist of Florida's birds. This booklet is the official checklist of the Wings Over Florida birding certificate program. Wings Over Florida awards full-color certificates at five different achievement levels to birders who report their Florida life lists to the FWC. This program is a free service; however, tax-deductible donations to support the Wings Over Florida program may be sent to: Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Attn: GFBWT/WOF, PO Box 6181, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6181 (checks or money orders, in U.S. funds only, can be made payable to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, with GFBWT in the memo line).

For more information, visit floridabirdingtrail.com/index.php/resources/wings or write to Wings Over Florida Certificate Program, Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL, 32399-1600, and ask for an application packet. If you wish to receive only the *Checklist of Florida's Birds*, write to "Bird Checklist" at the same address.

The *Checklist of Florida's Birds* was first prepared by Dr. Henry M. Stevenson in 1986. During his lifetime, Dr. Stevenson made many invaluable contributions to the field of ornithology, culminating with his writing *The Birdlife of Florida* with Bruce H. Anderson (1994). This book offers the most comprehensive information published on the lives of Florida's birds.

This current checklist is based on "verified" records of native birds and established non-natives (exotics) from the book, *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List*, published by the Florida Ornithological Society (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992). Verified species are defined as those whose presence can be confirmed by reference to specimens, photographs or voice recordings. In addition, more recently verified species were added from the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth reports of the Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee (Kratte 2010a; Kratte 2010b; Kratte 2012). Recent taxonomic changes were included from the seventh edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-list of North American Birds* (1983) and supplements to the checklist, including the most current, the *Fifty-second Supplement to the AOU*

Check-list (Chesser et al. 2011). At the publishing of this checklist, 517 verified species have been documented within the state of Florida in historical time (i.e., since European discovery). This total includes 13 established exotics and 4 species now considered extinct in Florida. In addition, one *Elaenia* species record (identified only to genus) has been accepted.

Symbols used in the checklist are as follows:

B — A species that is (or formerly was) a breeder in Florida; this designation is given to a species with at least one documented breeding record in Florida.

BI — Species for which breeding is limited to introduced components of the population. For example, Mallards winter in Florida in low numbers, but the only Mallards breeding here are introduced birds that are permanent residents in the state. It is not known whether Whooping Cranes ever bred in Florida historically. Breeding today is limited to individuals introduced to create a non-migratory population.

E — Established exotic — non-native birds with stable or increasing breeding populations in Florida. [**NOTE: Exotics, including escapees from captivity, are not countable towards Wings Over Florida certificates.**]

† — Extinct

R — Rare birds (review species) that should be documented and reported to the Florida Ornithological Society. Send records to Jon Greenlaw, FOSRC Secretary, 10503 Mistflower Ln., Tampa, FL 33647. In addition to the 100-plus review species, there are three subspecies that are also under review: Common Teal (Green-winged Teal subspecies), Vega Gull (Herring Gull subspecies) and Audubon's Warbler (Yellow-rumped Warbler subspecies). [**NOTE: Review species are so rare that they need proper documentation to be accepted by the Florida Ornithological Society; you should be prepared to provide documentation for any review species to be counted towards your Wings Over Florida certificate.**]

Birding is always more enjoyable when you have information on where to go and what species to look for. The FWC developed the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail to help you find Florida's birding hot spots. To download or request copies of these trail guides, visit floridabirdingtrail.com. Another source of information on the regional status and seasonal occurrence of Florida's birds (and where to find them) is Bill Pranty's *A Birder's Guide to Florida* published by the American Birding Association (2005).

Good luck and good birding!

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2013 CHECKLIST OF FLORIDA'S BIRDS

ANATIDAE — DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck B
- Fulvous Whistling-Duck B
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Brant
- Cackling Goose R
- Canada Goose Bl
- Tundra Swan
- Muscovy Duck E, B
- Wood Duck B
- Gadwall
- Eurasian Wigeon
- American Wigeon
- American Black Duck
- Mallard Bl
- Mottled Duck B
- Blue-winged Teal B
- Cinnamon Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- White-cheeked Pintail R
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck B
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup B
- King Eider R
- Common Eider
- Harlequin Duck
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser B
- Common Merganser R
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Masked Duck R
- Ruddy Duck B

ODONTOPHORIDAE — NEW WORLD QUAIL

- Northern Bobwhite B

PHASIANIDAE — GROUSE, TURKEYS & OLD WORLD QUAIL

- Wild Turkey B

GAVIIDAE — LOONS

- Red-throated Loon
- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon

PODICIPEDIDAE — GREBES

- Least Grebe R, B
- Pied-billed Grebe B
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe R
- Eared Grebe
- Western Grebe R

PHOENICOPTERIDAE — FLAMINGOS

- American Flamingo

DIOMEDEIDAE — ALBATROSSES

- Yellow-nosed Albatross R

PROCELLARIIDAE — PETRELS & SHEARWATERS

- Northern Fulmar R
- Black-capped Petrel
- Fea's Petrel R
- Cory's Shearwater
- Great Shearwater
- Sooty Shearwater
- Short-tailed Shearwater R
- Manx Shearwater R
- Audubon's Shearwater

HYDROBATIDAE — STORM-PETRELS

- Wilson's Storm-Petrel
- Leach's Storm-Petrel
- Band-rumped Storm-Petrel

PHAETHONTIDAE — TROPICBIRDS

- White-tailed Tropicbird
- Red-billed Tropicbird R

CICONIIDAE — STORKS

- Wood Stork B

FREGATIDAE — FRIGATEBIRDS

- Magnificent Frigatebird B

SULIDAE — BOOBIES & GANNETS

- Masked Booby B
- Brown Booby
- Red-footed Booby
- Northern Gannet

PHALACROCORACIDAE — CORMORANTS

- Neotropic Cormorant R
- Double-crested Cormorant B
- Great Cormorant

ANHINGIDAE — ANHINGAS & DARTERS

- Anhinga B

PELECANIDAE — PELICANS

- American White Pelican
- Brown Pelican B

ARDEIDAE — HERONS, BITTERN & ALLIES

- American Bittern
- Least Bittern B
- Great Blue Heron B
- Great Egret B
- Snowy Egret B
- Little Blue Heron B
- Tricolored Heron B
- Reddish Egret B
- Cattle Egret B
- Green Heron B
- Black-crowned Night-Heron B
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron B

THRESKIORNITHIDAE — IBISES & SPOONBILLS

- White Ibis B
- Scarlet Ibis R, B
- Glossy Ibis B
- White-faced Ibis B
- Roseate Spoonbill B

CATHARTIDAE — NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Black Vulture B
- Turkey Vulture B

PANDIONIDAE — OSPREYS

- Osprey B

ACCIPITRIDAE — HAWKS, KITES, & EAGLES

- Swallow-tailed Kite B
- White-tailed Kite B
- Snail Kite B
- Mississippi Kite B
- Bald Eagle B
- Northern Harrier B
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk B
- Northern Goshawk R
- Red-shouldered Hawk B
- Broad-winged Hawk B
- Short-tailed Hawk B
- Swainson's Hawk
- Zone-tailed Hawk R
- Red-tailed Hawk B
- Ferruginous Hawk R
- Rough-legged Hawk R
- Golden Eagle

FALCONIDAE — CARACARAS & FALCONS

- Crested Caracara B

- Eurasian Kestrel R
- American Kestrel B
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon

RALLIDAE — RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

- Yellow Rail
- Black Rail B
- Clapper Rail B
- King Rail B
- Virginia Rail B
- Sora
- Purple Swampphen E
- Purple Gallinule B
- Common Gallinule B
- American Coot B

ARAMIDAE — LIMPKINS

- Limpkin B

GRUIDAE — CRANES

- Sandhill Crane B
- Whooping Crane BI

CHARADRIIDAE — LAPWINGS & PLOVERS

- Northern Lapwing R
- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Lesser Sand-Plover R
- Greater Sand-Plover R
- Snowy Plover B
- Wilson's Plover B
- Semipalmated Plover
- Piping Plover
- Killdeer B
- Mountain Plover R

HAEMATOPODIDAE — OSYTERCATCHERS

- American Oystercatcher B

RECURVIROSTRIDAE — STILTS & AVOCETS

- Black-necked Stilt B
- American Avocet

SCOLOPACIDAE — SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES & ALLIES

- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Common Greenshank R
- Willet B
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Upland Sandpiper
- Whimbrel
- Long-billed Curlew

- Black-tailed Godwit R
- Hudsonian Godwit
- Bar-tailed Godwit R
- Marbled Godwit
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Surfbird R
- Red Knot
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper R
- Purple Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- Ruff
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe
- American Woodcock B
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Red-necked Phalarope
- Red Phalarope

LARIDAE— GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

- Black-legged Kittiwake
- Sabine's Gull
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Gray-hooded Gull R
- Black-headed Gull R
- Little Gull R
- Laughing Gull B
- Franklin's Gull
- Belcher's Gull R
- Heermann's Gull R
- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull R
- Herring Gull
- Thayer's Gull R
- Iceland Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Slaty-backed Gull R
- Glaucous Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Kelp Gull R
- Brown Noddy B
- Black Noddy
- Sooty Tern B
- Bridled Tern B
- Least Tern B

- Gull-billed Tern B
- Caspian Tern B
- Black Tern
- Roseate Tern B
- Common Tern B
- Arctic Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Royal Tern B
- Sandwich Tern B
- Elegant Tern R
- Black Skimmer B

STERCORARIIDAE — SKUAS & JAEGERS

- South Polar Skua R
- Pomarine Jaeger
- Parasitic Jaeger
- Long-tailed Jaeger

ALCIDAE — AUKS, MURRES & PUFFINS

- Dovekie
- Thick-billed Murre R
- Razorbill R
- Long-billed Murrelet R
- Ancient Murrelet R
- Atlantic Puffin R

COLUMBIDAE — PIGEONS & DOVES

- Rock Pigeon E, B
- Scaly-naped Pigeon R
- White-crowned Pigeon B
- Band-tailed Pigeon R
- European Turtle-Dove R
- Eurasian Collared-Dove E, B
- White-winged Dove B
- Zenaida Dove R, B
- Mourning Dove B
- Passenger Pigeon †
- Inca Dove R
- Common Ground-Dove B
- White-tipped Dove R
- Key West Quail-Dove B
- Ruddy Quail-Dove R

PSITTACIDAE — PARAKEETS & PARROTS

- Budgerigar E, B
- Nanday Parakeet E, B
- Monk Parakeet E, B
- Carolina Parakeet †, B
- White-winged Parakeet E, B

CUCULIDAE — CUCKOOS & ANIS

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo B
- Mangrove Cuckoo B
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Smooth-billed Ani B

- Groove-billed Ani

TYTONIDAE — BARN OWLS

- Barn Owl B

STRIGIDAE — TYPICAL OWLS

- Flammulated Owl R
- Eastern Screech-Owl B
- Great Horned Owl B
- Snowy Owl R
- Burrowing Owl B
- Barred Owl B
- Long-eared Owl R
- Short-eared Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl R

CAPRIMULGIDAE — NIGHTJARS

- Lesser Nighthawk
- Common Nighthawk B
- Antillean Nighthawk B
- Chuck-will's-widow B
- Eastern Whip-poor-will

APODIDAE — SWIFTS

- White-collared Swift R
- Chimney Swift B
- Vaux's Swift R
- White-throated Swift R
- Antillean Palm-Swift R

TROCHILIDAE — HUMMINGBIRDS

- Broad-billed Hummingbird R
- White-eared Hummingbird R
- Buff-bellied Hummingbird
- Bahama Woodstar R
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird B
- Black-chinned Hummingbird
- Anna's Hummingbird R
- Costa's Hummingbird R
- Calliope Hummingbird
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird R
- Rufous Hummingbird
- Allen's Hummingbird R

ALCEDINIDAE — KINGFISHERS

- Belted Kingfisher B

PICIDAE — WOODPECKERS & ALLIES

- Red-headed Woodpecker B
- Golden-fronted Woodpecker R
- Red-bellied Woodpecker B
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker B
- Hairy Woodpecker B
- Red-cockaded Woodpecker B

- Northern Flicker B
- Pileated Woodpecker B
- Ivory-billed Woodpecker †, B

TYRANNIDAE — TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Elaenia species R
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Western Wood-Pewee R
- Eastern Wood-Pewee B
- Cuban Pewee R
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Acadian Flycatcher B
- Alder Flycatcher R
- Willow Flycatcher R
- Least Flycatcher
- Hammond's Flycatcher R
- Black Phoebe R
- Eastern Phoebe B
- Say's Phoebe R
- Vermilion Flycatcher
- Ash-throated Flycatcher
- Great Crested Flycatcher B
- Brown-crested Flycatcher
- La Sagra's Flycatcher
- Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher R
- Piratic Flycatcher R
- Variegated Flycatcher R
- Tropical Kingbird R
- Cassin's Kingbird R
- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird B
- Gray Kingbird B
- Loggerhead Kingbird R
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- Fork-tailed Flycatcher

LANIIDAE — SHRIKES

- Loggerhead Shrike B

VIREONIDAE — VIREOS

- White-eyed Vireo B
- Thick-billed Vireo R
- Bell's Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo B
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo B
- Yellow-green Vireo R
- Black-whiskered Vireo B

CORVIDAE — CROWS & JAYS

- Blue Jay B
- Florida Scrub-Jay B
- American Crow B

- Fish Crow B

ALAUDIDAE — LARKS

- Horned Lark

HIRUNDINIDAE — SWALLOWS

- Purple Martin B
- Cuban Martin R
- Southern Martin R
- Tree Swallow
- Mangrove Swallow R
- Bahama Swallow R
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow B
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow B
- Cave Swallow B
- Barn Swallow B

PARIDAE — CHICKADEES & TITMICE

- Carolina Chickadee B
- Tufted Titmouse B

SITTIDAE — NUTHATCHES

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch B
- Brown-headed Nuthatch B

CERTHIIDAE — CREEPERS

- Brown Creeper

TROGLODYTIDAE — WRENS

- Rock Wren R
- Carolina Wren B
- Bewick's Wren R
- House Wren
- Winter Wren
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren B

POLIOPTILIDAE — GNATCATCHERS

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher B

PYCNONOTIDAE — BULBULS

- Red-whiskered Bulbul E, B

REGULIDAE — KINGLETS

- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MUSCICAPIDAE — OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS

- Northern Wheatear R

TURDIDAE — THRUSHES

- Eastern Bluebird B

- Mountain Bluebird R
- Townsend's Solitaire R
- Veery
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Bicknell's Thrush R
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- Wood Thrush B
- American Robin B
- Red-legged Thrush R
- Varied Thrush R

MIMIDAE — MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

- Gray Catbird B
- Northern Mockingbird B
- Bahama Mockingbird
- Sage Thrasher R
- Brown Thrasher B
- Curve-billed Thrasher R

STURNIDAE — STARLINGS

- European Starling E, B
- Common Myna E, B

MOTACILLIDAE — WAGTAILS & PIPITS

- White Wagtail R
- American Pipit
- Sprague's Pipit

BOMBYCILLIDAE — WAXWINGS

- Cedar Waxwing

CALCARIIDAE — LONGSPURS & ALLIES

- Lapland Longspur
- Chestnut-collared Longspur R
- Snow Bunting

PARULIDAE — WOOD-WARBLERS

- Ovenbird
- Worm-eating Warbler B
- Louisiana Waterthrush B
- Northern Waterthrush
- Bachman's Warbler †
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler B
- Swainson's Warbler B
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Connecticut Warbler
- MacGillivray's Warbler R
- Mourning Warbler
- Kentucky Warbler B

- Common Yellowthroat B
- Hooded Warbler B
- American Redstart B
- Kirtland's Warbler R
- Cape May Warbler
- Cerulean Warbler
- Northern Parula B
- Magnolia Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Yellow Warbler B
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Pine Warbler B
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler B
- Prairie Warbler B
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Golden-cheeked Warbler R
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat B

FAMILY *INCERTAE SEDIS* — BANANAQUITS

- Bananaquit

THRAUPIDAE — TANAGERS & ALLIES

- Western Spindalis B

EMBERIZIDAE — EMBERIZIDS

- Yellow-faced Grassquit R
- Black-faced Grassquit R
- Green-tailed Towhee R
- Spotted Towhee R
- Eastern Towhee B
- Bachman's Sparrow B
- American Tree Sparrow R
- Chipping Sparrow B
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Field Sparrow B
- Vesper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Black-throated Sparrow R
- Lark Bunting R
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow B
- Henslow's Sparrow
- Le Conte's Sparrow
- Nelson's Sparrow
- Saltmarsh Sparrow
- Seaside Sparrow B

- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Harris's Sparrow R
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow R
- Dark-eyed Junco

CARDINALIDAE — CARDINALS & ALLIES

- Summer Tanager B
- Scarlet Tanager
- Western Tanager
- Northern Cardinal B
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak B
- Lazuli Bunting R
- Indigo Bunting B
- Varied Bunting R
- Painted Bunting B
- Dickcissel

ICTERIDAE — BLACKBIRDS

- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird B
- Tawny-shouldered Blackbird R
- Eastern Meadowlark B
- Western Meadowlark R
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Rusty Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle B
- Boat-tailed Grackle B
- Shiny Cowbird
- Bronzed Cowbird
- Brown-headed Cowbird B
- Orchard Oriole B
- Hooded Oriole R
- Bullock's Oriole R
- Spot-breasted Oriole E, B
- Baltimore Oriole B

FRINGILLIDAE — FINCHES & ALLIES

- Purple Finch
- House Finch E, B
- Red Crossbill R
- Common Redpoll R
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- Evening Grosbeak

PASSERIDAE — OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- House Sparrow E, B

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