

Check List of Birds Wakulla Springs State Park

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This is a list of the 184 birds that are observed one or more times per year at Wakulla Springs. Please refer to the key definitions below for seasonal abundance and nesting.

Enjoy your visit!

Key Definitions:

Seasons

Sp = Spring (March to May)

Su = Summer (June to August)

F = Fall (September to November)

W = Winter (December to February)

Abundance

A = Abundant: Observed daily or in great numbers

C = Common: Observed weekly or many times a season

U = Uncommon: Observed only a few times a season

R = Rare: Observed once or twice per year

Nesting

** = Nests within the park.*

Other Songbirds arranged by family.

DUCKS					BIRDS OF PREY cont...				MEDIUM-SIZED BIRDS								
	Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W			
___ American Black Duck	R	-	R	R	___ Cooper's Hawk	R	R	R	R	___ Belted Kingfisher	U	U	A	C			
___ American Wigeon	R	-	R	R	___ Eastern Screech-Owl *	C	C	C	C	___ Chuck-will's-widow *	C	A	-	-			
___ Blue-winged Teal	U	-	U	R	___ Great Horned Owl *	C	C	C	C	___ Common Ground-Dove *	U	U	U	U			
___ Bufflehead	U	-	U	C	___ Merlin	R	-	R	R	___ Common Nighthawk	C	C	-	-			
___ Common Goldeneye	R	-	R	R	___ Mississippi Kite *	C	C	-	-	___ Downy Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A			
___ Eurasian Wigeon	R	-	R	R	___ Northern Harrier	R	-	R	R	___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	-	-	R	-			
___ Gadwall	R	-	R	R	___ Osprey *	A	A	C	C	___ Hairy Woodpecker *	R	R	R	R			
___ Greater Scaup	R	-	R	R	___ Peregrine Falcon	R	-	R	R	___ Mourning Dove *	A	A	A	A			
___ Green-winged Teal	R	-	R	R	___ Red-shouldered Hawk *	A	A	C	C	___ Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C			
___ Hooded Merganser	C	-	C	A	___ Red-tailed Hawk *	C	C	C	C	___ Pileated Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A			
___ Lesser Scaup	R	-	R	U	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	-	C	C	___ Red-bellied Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A			
___ Mallard	R	-	R	R	___ Turkey Vulture	A	A	A	A	___ Red-headed Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A			
___ Northern Pintail	R	-	R	R	CHICKEN-LIKE BIRDS						___ Eastern Whip-poor-will	R	-	R	R		
___ Northern Shoveler	R	-	R	R	Sp	Su	F	W			___ White-winged Dove	-	-	R	-		
___ Red-breasted Merganser	R	-	-	R	___ Wild Turkey *	C	C	C	C		___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	-	C	A		
___ Ring-necked Duck	R	-	R	R	___ Northern Bobwhite *	R	R	R	R	WADING BIRDS							
___ Redhead	R	-	R	R	Sp	Su	F	W			___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	A	A	U	-		
___ Wood Duck *	U	U	U	U	___ American Bittern	R	-	R	R	SWIFTS, SWALLOWS				Sp	Su	F	W
OTHER SWIMMING BIRDS										___ Bank Swallow	R	-	R	-			
___ Anhinga *	A	A	A	A	___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	R	R	R	R	___ Barn Swallow *	C	C	C	-			
___ American Coot	A	R	A	A	___ Cattle Egret *	C	A	U	R	___ Chimney Swift	C	A	U	-			
___ Common Gallinule *	A	A	A	A	___ Glossy Ibis	-	-	R	-	___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	-	U	-			
___ Double-crested Cormorant *	A	A	A	A	___ Great Blue Heron *	C	C	C	C	___ Purple Martin	U	C	U	-			
___ Horned Grebe	R	-	R	R	___ Great Egret *	C	C	C	C	___ Tree Swallow	C	-	U	C			
___ Pied-billed Grebe *	A	A	A	A	___ Green Heron *	C	C	C	U	HUMMINGBIRDS				Sp	Su	F	W
___ Purple Gallinule *	R	R	R	R	___ Least Bittern *	C	C	U	A	___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	A	A	U	-			
AERIAL WATER BIRDS										FLYCATCHERS				Sp	Su	F	W
___ Brown Pelican	-	-	R	R	___ Limpkin	R	R	R	R	___ Acadian Flycatcher *	A	A	-	-			
___ Forster's Tern	R	-	R	U	___ Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	___ Eastern Kingbird	U	U	-	-			
___ Laughing Gull	U	U	U	U	___ Roseate Spoonbill	R	R	R	R	___ Eastern Phoebe	C	-	C	A			
___ Ring-billed Gull	R	-	R	R	___ Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	R	___ Eastern Wood-Pewee *	C	C	U	-			
BIRDS OF PREY										___ Great Crested Flycatcher *	A	A	U	-			
___ American Kestrel	R	R	R	R	___ Snowy Egret *	C	C	C	C	OTHER SONGBIRDS				Sp	Su	F	W
___ Swallow-tailed Kite *	C	C	-	-	___ Sora	R	-	R	U	___ Carolina Chickadee *	A	A	A	A			
___ Bald Eagle *	C	C	C	C	___ Tricolored Heron	C	C	C	C	___ Tufted Titmouse*	A	A	A	A			
___ Barn Owl	R	R	R	R	___ White Ibis	C	C	C	A	___ Brown-headed Nuthatch *	C	C	C	U			
___ Barred Owl *	A	A	A	A	___ Wood Stork	R	R	R	R	___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	R	R			
___ Black Vulture	A	A	A	A	___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *	A	A	C	C	___ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C			
___ Broad-winged Hawk *	C	C	R	-	SHOREBIRDS				Sp	Su	F	W	___ Brown Creeper	-	-	R	R
					___ American Woodcock	U	R	U	U	___ Carolina Wren*	A	A	A	A			
					___ Common Snipe	R	-	R	R	___ House Wren	C	-	C	C			
					___ Killdeer	U	R	U	U								
					___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	-	R	-								
					___ Spotted Sandpiper	C	-	U	U								

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Limpkin ... Gone Forever?

At one time the limpkin was abundant here, but lately this brown and white spangled bird has been scarce. Its departure is directly related to the disappearance of the apple snail, the limpkin's main source of food. Like the limpkin, apple snails were once abundant along the river, but are now nearly

Many believe that Hydrilla, a non-native invasive aquatic weed is to blame. First found in the river and spring in 1997, this fast growing weed had virtually taken over the river, crowding out native plants and wildlife. Or maybe apple snails are gone because of previous river flooding. Apple snails only live about one year. They lay their eggs above the water line to prevent embryos from drowning. But high flood waters may have drowned an entire breeding season of eggs.

Whatever the reason, until the apple snails return, the lonesome call of the limpkin will be sorely missed.



OTHER SONGBIRDS cont...

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Sedge Wren	R	-	R	R
___ Winter Wren	R	-	-	R
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	A	A	C	C
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	-	R	R
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	A	-	C	A
___ American Robin	C	-	A	A
___ Eastern Bluebird *	C	C	U	C
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	-	U	-
___ Hermit Thrush	C	-	U	A
___ Swainson's Thrush	C	-	C	-
___ Veery	U	-	U	-
___ Wood Thrush	U	U	U	U
___ Brown Thrasher*	C	A	C	C
___ Gray Catbird	C	-	C	A
___ Northern Mockingbird *	A	A	A	A
___ American Crow *	C	C	C	C
___ Blue Jay *	A	A	A	-
___ Fish Crow *	A	A	A	C
___ Loggerhead Shrike	R	R	R	R
___ Cedar Waxwing	C	-	U	A
___ Blue-headed Vireo	U	-	U	C
___ Red-eyed Vireo *	A	A	C	-
___ White-eyed Vireo *	A	A	C	C
___ Yellow-throated Vireo *	A	A	U	-

WARBLERS

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Redstart	U	R	U	-
___ Black-and-white Warbler	A	-	A	A
___ Blue-winged Warbler	-	R	R	-
___ Cerulean Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	R	-	U	-
___ Common Yellowthroat *	U	U	U	U
___ Golden-winged Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Hooded Warbler *	A	A	U	-
___ Kentucky Warbler*	R	R	U	-
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	R	R	R	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Northern Parula*	A	A	C	-
___ Northern Waterthrush	U	-	U	-
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U	-	U	C
___ Ovenbird	U	-	U	U

WARBLERS continued...

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Palm Warbler	C	-	C	U
___ Pine Warbler *	A	A	A	A
___ Prairie Warbler	U	-	U	U
___ Prothonotary Warbler *	A	A	U	-
___ Swainson's Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Tennessee Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Wilson's Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Worm-eating Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	A	-	A	A
___ Yellow-throated Warbler *	A	A	C	C

TANAGERS, BLACKBIRDS

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Baltimore Oriole	-	-	-	R
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	R	R	U	U
___ Brown-headed Cowbird *	A	A	U	U
___ Common Grackle *	C	C	C	A
___ Orchard Oriole	U	U	R	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	A	A
___ Rusty Blackbird	R	-	R	U
___ Scarlet Tanager *	U	-	U	-
___ Summer Tanager	A	A	U	-

SPARROWS

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Chipping Sparrow	C	-	A	A
___ Dark-eyed Junco	U	-	U	U
___ Eastern Towhee *	A	A	A	A
___ Field Sparrow	U	-	U	U
___ Fox Sparrow	R	-	R	R
___ House Sparrow	R	R	R	R
___ Song Sparrow	U	-	U	U
___ Swamp Sparrow	U	-	U	U
___ White-throated Sparrow	U	-	U	U

FINCHES, BUNTINGS

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Goldfinch	U	-	U	C
___ Blue Grosbeak *	R	-	-	-
___ House Finch	R	-	-	R
___ Indigo Bunting *	U	U	U	-
___ Northern Cardinal *	A	A	A	A
___ Pine Siskin	R	-	R	R
___ Purple Finch	R	-	-	R
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	-	U	-