

3/17/2023 DRAFT TEMPLATE for Summary of Recent Weekly Wildlife Surveys – Wakulla Springs State Park

Weather and River Conditions on 3/5/23: Air Temp: 55° F, River Height at Boat Dock: 0.88, Weather: Clear, Water Transparency measured with a black-and-white 12-inch diameter Secchi disk on 3/2/23: ## feet. The disc was lowered in the spring basin until it could no longer be seen by an observer in a boat. [EXPLANATION FOR THE ## VALUE: Bob did not have access to the water quality monitoring group's Secchi disk result.]

	Abundance (# of Animals Observed) during the five most recent wildlife surveys				
	3/5/23	2/26/23	2/18/3	2/12/23	2/3/23
MAMMALS					
Manatee	0	0	15	20	0
REPTILES					
American Alligator	28	13	2	5	4
Cooter (sp.)	0	0	1	0	1
Florida Softshell Turtle	0	0	0	0	0
Snakes (any)	0	0	0	0	0
BIRDS					
American Bittern	0	0	0	0	0
American Coot	7	11	8	13	9
Anhinga	11	11	12	19	7
Bald Eagle	0	0	0	1	0
Barred Owl	0	0	0	0	0
Belted Kingfisher	1	2	2	1	1
Blue-winged Teal	0	0	0	0	0
Bufflehead	6	0	0	0	0
Cattle Egret	0	0	0	0	0
Common Gallinule	60	73	36	33	39
Double-Cr Cormorant	3	6	7	7	7
Great Blue Heron	2	1	3	1	4
Great Egret	1	2	8	3	1
Green Heron	0	0	0	1	0
Hooded Merganser	53	60	58	61	67
Least Bittern	0	0	0	0	0
Lesser Scaup	0	0	0	0	0
Limpkin	0	0	0	0	0
Little Blue Heron	1	2	2	2	3
Osprey	1	1	2	2	2
Pied-billed Grebe	6	7	3	6	5
Purple Gallinule	0	0	0	0	0
Red-shouldered Hawk	0	1	2	3	1
Snowy Egret	0	1	0	0	0
Spotted Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	0
Tri-colored Heron	2	1	1	2	4
White Ibis	35	66	73	59	58
Wood Duck	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	2	4	3	8	4

ANNUAL SUMMARY OF WILDLIFE MONITORING: Monitoring methods and results are summarized annually. The web address for the most recent summary is: http://wakullaspringsalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Upper-Wakulla-River-Wildlife-Abundance-Trends-1992-May-2021.final_.pdf. If you have questions concerning this wildlife monitoring, please email: friends XYZ@wakullasprings.org